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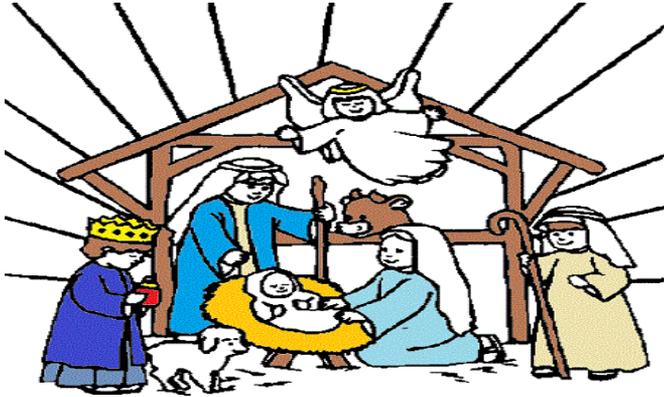
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**For God so Loved the World That He Gave His Only Begotten Son .
Peace and Goodwill to all men**

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Excerpts of the Lord Bishop's message

As we come to the observance of Christmas 2014, there is much in our world that points in a direction away from anything that smacks of a spirit of celebration.

This spirit is what is at the heart of Christmas, and which is manifested in God's gift of His son, born into a messy world to redeem those in this world. We must remind ourselves that it is about the birth of the Christ Child in a manger, a symbol of poverty and simplicity, to simple peasant parents and among a people of no note of distinction, and typified by the shepherds who received the good news, and were the gifts on the scene to acknowledge this gift from God.

This then must be the paradigm which informs our celebration. In this light, Christmas become not just an expression of a receptive, celebratory posture, but one of self giving in a world in which there are so many in poverty, afflicted, homeless, lonely, and with needs which are manifested or secretly endured.

May your celebration of Christmas this year, in a world characterised by much pain, suffering, and marginalization, find expression in a generosity of spirit which seeks to embrace, share, and include those who are most unfortunate and on the margins of life in our society, and may you take that spirit into the new year 2015.

Have a blessed and Holy Christmas.

Rt. Revd. Howard Gregory

Lord Bishop

ORDER OF SERVICE

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 8:00 a.m..

December 28, 2014

ENTRANCE HYMN: O Come All Ye Faithful

1. O, come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
Oh, come ye, oh come ye to
Bethlehem.
Come and behold him,
Born the King of angels;

Refrain:

Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him;
Oh, come, let us adore him,
Christ, the Lord.

3. Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation;
Sing, all ye citizens of heav'n
above!
Glory to God, in the highest;
Refrain:

2. God of God, Light of light,
Lo he abhors not the virgin's womb
Very God, Begotten not created.
Refrain

4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,
Born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be glory giv'n.
Son of the Father,
Now in flesh appearing;
Refrain

SEASONAL SENTENCE

The people who walked in darkness ... *Luke 2:10*

Celebrant: (+) Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

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Canticle: Glory to God on High (CPWI 547)
(All stand)

Glory to God on high,
And peace to all on earth.

We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King.

We give you praise, Almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
The Father's only Son,
The sacrificial lamb, who saves the world from sin, Have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the Holy one, Lord Jesus Christ and now you reign
With Father and with Spirit One in glorious light.

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His spirit is with us.

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS SUNDAY BCP page 158

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (*All Sit*)

First Reading Isaiah 61: 10 - 62:3

Psalm 147: 13 - 21

Second Reading Galatians 3: 23 - 25;4: 4 - 7

GRADUAL HYMN: The Virgin Mary had a baby boy

The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
The Virgin Mary had a baby boy
And they say that His name was
Jesus.

The angels sang when the babe was
born

The angels sang when the babe was
born

The angels sang when the babe was
born

And proclaimed Him the Savior, Jesus.

Refrain:

He come from the glory

He come from the glorious

kingdom x2

Oh yes, believer!

Oh yes, believer!

He come from the glory

He come from the glorious

The wise men saw where the babe was
born

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The wise men saw where the babe was
born

And they said that His name was Jesus

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel

Gospel John 1: 1 - 18

Sermon: Bishop Gregory

The Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Holy and lowly One, Jesus, Friend and brother, we rejoice in your coming among us. You come down to lift us up, You come as the light to our darkness; we welcome and adore you. We pray for your church throughout the world; may we reveal your saving power and abide in your love. We pray for the work of the church among the poor and the outcasts of our world. We pray for the clergy in this diocese; John Archbishop, Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragans, Sirrano, Larius, Andrea and all church workers.

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: Prince of peace, we pray for peace in the Middle East, for peace in the Holy Land; for peace among nations and goodwill throughout the world. Lord of the nations we pray for our nation and our leaders for Patrick, Governor General; Portia, Prime Minister; Andrew, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; Members of Parliament and Senate.

King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: Lord, born in Bethlehem, we pray for our families, for all with whom we share this Christmas time: we rejoice in their love and your love for us all. For the communities to which we belong and the places where we work that we may know the presence of your peace. We remember absent friends and loved ones, all who will be alone this Christmas time. King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: At this time of joy and rejoicing we remember all who are sad all whose lives are full of sorrow, fear or darkness. We pray for all who are in care, in hospital or in a hospice, we remember those

who have no home and will have restless sleep this night. We pray especially for friend and loved ones who are ill. King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: We rejoice with all who have entered into the fullness of your presence, all who are at peace in your kingdom. We pray for friends and loved ones departed... King of glory, come to earth

All: Lift us up into your kingdom

Leader: Lord our Redeemer we acknowledge that we have sinned and we pray for grace to be cleansed of our sins, to amend our lives and to further the reign of your Kingdom. We pray to you O Lord.

All: Lord hear our prayer.

Celebrant: The Absolution..... Almighty God

All: Almighty Father, we rejoice in the coming of Christ our Lord. We pray that as he has taken on our humanity, through your grace and goodness we may share in your divinity, and so partake in the radiance of your glory, through him who came down for us and is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God , now and forever. Amen

THE GREETING OF PEACE *(All stand)*

Celebrant: “Glory to God in the highest heaven,

People: and peace to all persons who enjoy God’s favour.”

Celebrant: Beloved the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: Shepherds in the field abiding

1. Shepherds in the field abiding,
tell us, when the seraph bright
greeted you with wondrous tiding
what you saw and heard that night.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. X2

2. We beheld it (it is no fable),
God incarnate, King of bliss,
swathed and cradled in a stable,
and the angel strain was this:
Gloria in excelsis Deo. X2

3. Choristers on high were singing,
Jesus and his Virgin birth
heavenly bells the while a-ring,
"Peace, good will to men on earth."
Gloria in excelsis Deo. x2

4. Thanks, good herdmen, true
your story,
have with you to Bethlehem;
angels hymn the King of glory,
carol we with you and them.
Gloria in excelsis Deo. x2

Remain Standing

All: Father, we offer... BCP page 126

Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts) page 126

Sanctus & Benedictus page 131

Eucharistic Rite 'A' page 135

Acclamations

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Celebrant: ...With Him and in Him and through Him,
...in songs of everlasting praise:

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer page 144

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread page 145

The Invitation

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts
And take our sin away
O Lamb of God, your grace impart
and let our guilty fear depart.
Have mercy, Lord, we pray
Have mercy, Lord, we pray.

O Lamb of God, our lives restore,
Our guilty souls release.
Into our lives your Spirit pour,
And let us live for evermore,
In perfect heav'nly peace
In perfect heav'nly peace

Hymns during Communion -

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, a sleep on the hay.

2. The Cattle are lowing the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is night.
3. Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Once in royal David's city

Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.
3. And, through all his wondrous childhood,
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.
4. For he is our childhood's pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew.
And he feeleth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.
5. And our eyes at last shall see him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that Child who seemed so helpless
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.
6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children
crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

What Child is this

1. What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap, is sleeping? Whom angels greet with anthems sweet, while shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain:

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds seek and
angels sing: haste, haste to
bring Him Praise,
the Babe, the Son of Mary.*

2. Why lies He in such mean estate, where ox and ass are feeding? Good Christians, fear; for sinners here, the silent Word is pleading.
3. So bring Him incense, gold, and myrrh, Come, peasant, king, to own Him: The King of Kings salvation brings; Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Welcome & Notices

RECESSIONAL HYMN: Joy To The World

Joy to the World, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven and nature sing,
And Heaven, and Heaven, and nature
sing.

Joy to the World, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills and
plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat, the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows
grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings
flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as, the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and
grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Verma Panton
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Violet Carson

Gwen Jones
Enid McDonald
Daphne Graham
Winsome Allison

Did You Know?

Did you know that Christmas extends beyond December 25? It lasts for twelve days, December 25 to January 5.

Schedule of Service

December 29 6:30 a.m. Mass of Christmas
8:00 a.m. Mass of Christmas
11:00 a.m. Mass for homebound and elderly
Please assist with invitations and transport
December 31 11:00 p.m. New Year's Eve – Watch Night Service
January 1 8:00 a.m. New Year's Day - Holy Eucharist Holy Name
January 5 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist /Preacher
10:30 a.m. **NO SERVICE**

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Ena-Mae Miller 29/12, Beverly Robinson-Muir 31/12, Pauline Christie 01/01, Marlene Campbell and David Francis 02/01, Christine Johnson-Kelly and Khristian Marley 03/01.

The Poinsettias around the manger are given in loving memory of Ezroy Millwood by his family.

The Church's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 25, 2015.

Deanery Day service will be on February 8, 2015.

Please support Kingston College Chapel Choir by purchasing their CD 'Sing De Chorus'. Contribution \$1,000. Also **souvenirs** for the 350th Anniversary are on sale. Also '**Our Hope and Expectation**' a daily reflection for Advent and Christmas 2014 published by St. Jude's Church Contribution \$300.

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“This is a book of poems written by one of your own.

Support her: Contact Jacinth Wright from the choir.

