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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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At this time of the year, as we celebrate the Nativity of our Lord, we reflect on different aspects of God's expression of His tangible presence among us. "The Word became flesh and lived among us." (John 1:14) This is the permanent presence of divine love in facing vulnerability, mortality and the limitations of our human condition. This human condition although marked by free-will; to make choices, to create, to reason and live in harmony with the creation and God, has been impaired by self-preoccupation and a distorted perception of God. "Adam in the garden hiding..." God's enduring presence is mediated to us through the Emmanuel and therefore our human perplexities and problems are understood and addressed with divine compassion and patience, tempered with grace and goodness for our well-being and our soul's health.

Despite the economic climate and social condition of our situation, there is the message of God to us which says that, God's presence is steadfast and consistent with loving-kindness and hope, which is able to fill the void of our lives and our desire for fulfillment. The attractions and addictions of the culture of consumer goods, digital products and the material things of this world, distract our attention from God and what God has done for us and is doing through us and God's action in creation. Humanity is not devoid of meaning and hope because our human nature has been absorbed into the divine substance of God. This means that we are not children of hopelessness or despair, rather we are the offspring of this divine and human union. This has given us, if we are open to encounter God's love, the capacity to radiate God's nature of peace, mercy, forgiveness and reconciling love in a growing culture lacking sufficient expressions of politeness and civility. We are called Christians to be Christ-like in our relating to each other and in our relationships for the transformation of our hearts.

During the season of goodwill, let us acknowledge that something immaculate has taken place to transform us for eternal fellowship with God. This is the "**extravagance of God's love**" and generosity which is made flesh and the "**excessiveness of God's mercy**" are revealed in the person of Jesus, our Emmanuel, born of Bethlehem. "The Lord came and lived among us, that we might live forever with Him"

On behalf of Denise, Matthew, Timothy and Rachel, the church committee and indeed the parish family, I pray that you and your family may have a blessed and peaceful Christmas.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

CHRISTMAS SUNDAY 8:00 a.m..

December 27, 2015

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: Give Glory to God

(All stand)

1. Give glory to God church
Give glory to God
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Give glory to God
Sing praise to His name Emmanuel
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Sing praise to His name

2. Give glory to God, man

Give glory to God

Repeat

Sing praises to Him hallelujah

Sing praise to His Him

Repeat

3. Give glory to God world

Give glory to God

Repeat

Proclaim Him the King, hosanna

Proclaim Him the King

Repeat

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His spirit is with us.

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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

Chorus:

Sing di chorus, clap yu han'

Beat di Congo, play yu pan

Spread di news throughout de lan

That Jesus is born

Jesus da Saviour is born

1. Do you know de story

How de King of glory

Came to earth a Baby born in a

manger

But de worl' then did not know

That 'twas God on earth below

And treat the Son of God on earth

like a stranger.

Chorus

4. Give glory and honour
to Jesus our King

Repeat

We hail You our King, hallelujah

We hail You our King.

Repeat

O great God above us

Truly, you do love us

Your chords of love around us no

one can sever

May we always do our part

Show the world your loving heart

Sing your praise and glorify you for-
ever.

Chorus

GRADUAL HYMN: Sing di Chorus

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, Serrano, Olando, 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, all members of the House of Representative. We pray also for members of the judiciary that they may serve justice and protect and promote the welfare and dignity of every Jamaican. .

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

All: Lord our Redeemer we acknowledge that we have sinned in thought word and deed. 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.

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.

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: Shepherds in the field abiding
Remain Standing

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

Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts) page 126

Sanctus & Benedictus page 131

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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

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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

Basil Lawrence
Hayden Johnson
Isoline Gayle
Susan McKenzie

Jean Forbes
Fay Jenkinson
Olive Lawrence
Lena McDonald

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Ludlow Bowie 27/12, John McGarry, Everard Dixon and Kaylor Scott 28/12, Ena-Mae Miller 29/12, Beverly Robinson-Muir 31/12, Pauline Christie 01/01, and Marlene Campbell and David Francis 02/01.

The funeral service for the Rt. Rev. Neville deSouza will be on Tuesday 29, at 11:00 a.m. at St. Andrew Parish Church.

THERE WILL BE NO MASS AT 9:00 a.m. Tuesday the 29th.

Please remember to make your Harvest Supper returns.

There is a **vacancy** for the position of executive Director for Saint Andrew Settlement. Please contact the Church Office for a job profile and any other related details.

Devotional books are available from the clergy. "Our Journey of Grace and Hope", Advent to Pentecost. Cost \$ 650.

Annual **Congregational Meeting** will be on January 24, 2016. All reports are to be submitted by the 3rd.

Tickets for **KC Chapel Choir** concert are available after the service, also CD'S and DVD's.

SCHEDULE OF SPECIAL SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2015 - 16

Thur. Dec. 24 11:00 p.m. First Mass of Christmas

Fri. Dec. 25 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Christmas Day.

Sat. Dec. 26 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - St. Stephen's Day.

Sun. Dec. 27 6:30 & 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
'Christmas Sunday'

Mon. Dec. 28 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents

Thur. Dec. 31 11:00 p.m. New Year's Eve - Watch Night Service

Fri. Jan. 1 8:00 a.m. New Year's Day - Holy Eucharist

