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**St. Thomas Mission - Majesty Gardens and St. Clement's Mission - Kencot**



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**

**Proclaiming and Sharing The Gospel In A Challenging Culture**

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**The Rector is out of office on Mondays.**

There is perhaps no other season as Christmas within the church's calendar and that of civil society that is approached with as much anticipation and treated as the marker for the entire year. The gospel narratives of the birth of the Christ-child indicate that he came into a world characterize by the same expressions of human fallenness as a Syrian child who, along with his family, had to deal with displacement as a result of the decree of Herod, resulting in the experience of rejection by his parents and his birth in a humble stable.

This latter situation is not unlike the conditions we have seen the migrant children Syria today, facing In their desperation attempt to flee disharmony, violence, discrimination, suffering and death and while the birth of the Christ-child brought joy and rejoicing to the shepherds and the Wise Men as captured in birth narrative of the New Testament there is another reality which the birth narratives reveal.

Following the star to the Christ-Child does not end in joy and celebration but a slaughter of the Innocence by Herald who felt his power threatened by what was being said about the future of this child.

The wise men point us to a pathway in face of the evil and the suffering which attend our children and people within our society across the world. Recognizing the evil intention of Herod who knew how to use the language of religion for his own purpose, they defied him by taking another route home, thereby affirming the life of the Christ-child, the gift of the Father. Theirs is a challenge for us to defy and not co-operate with those who perpetuate evil in our midst, whether against our children, adults, or the vulnerable.

The ultimate fate of the Christ-child is that of one crucified, risen, and coming again, and which will constitute the last word. This is good news without which there can be no Merry Christmas; and because it does not retreat in the face of apparent violence and hopelessness, it is in truth the merriest news of all.

*Howard J. +*

# THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

*(Corporate for Church Committee)*

## GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

**Processional**

Organ Voluntary

Clergy will go to the Manger at the All Soul's Chapel

### **Station in All Soul's Chapel at the Manger**

**Hymn: 82** (O Little town of Bethlehem. First two verses)

**Celebrant:** (+) The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**All:** And also with you.

**Celebrant:** Do I not fill heaven and earth? Says the Lord.

**All:** Now He is made flesh and laid in a narrow manger.

**Celebrant:** *Let us pray,*

We pray you, Lord, to purify our hearts  
That they may be worthy to become your dwelling place.  
Let us never fail to find room for you.  
But come and abide in us that we may also abide in you.  
For as at this time you were born into the world for us,  
And live and reign, King of kings and Lord of lords  
Now and forever .

**All: Amen**

The Manger is incensed as the people sing:

**Hymn: 82** (O Little town of Bethlehem. Verses 3 & 4)

**Celebrant:** From eternity to eternity you are God,

**All: and we behold you incarnate in Christ the Christ of Bethlehem.**

### **INTROIT HYMN: 265**

**Celebrant:** For the God who said, "Out of darkness light shall shine,"

**All: Has caused his light to shine in our hearts, the light which is**

**Celebrant:** Let us bless the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit Alleluia!

**All: Let us praise and exalt God forever. Amen Alleluia!**

**All: Almighty God to you all our thoughts are known, purify our desires and inspire us by your Holy presence, that we may praise you for all that you are in goodness, mercy and love, and magnify your Holy name with songs of thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Canticle of Praise:** Give Glory to God tune Vangelis

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

4. Give glory and honour  
to Jesus our King  
**Repeat**  
We hail You our King, hallelujah  
We hail You our King.  
**Repeat**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (*Sit*)

Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6, Vincent Lawrence

Psalms 72: Justice shall flourish in His days and peace shall last forever

Epistle: Ephesians 3: 1 - 12

Donna Evelyn

Gradual Hymn: 98

**Gospel:** Matthew 2: 1 - 12

**Sermon:** The Rt. Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory

## **Prayers of Intercession**

**Leader:** Great and wonderful God, we seek you. We look for you. We long for you. We come and offer our lives, our love, our hopes to you. God, richer than all we have to offer, we offer you our worship. We give thanks for the offering of frankincense and pray for all who give their lives in adoration. We pray for the congregation and church to which we belong. We pray for all

leaders of worship John Archbishop, Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragans, Serrano, Olando, Andrea, and all church workers. For all who bow in quiet adoration.

Lord by the light of your presence,

**All: fill us with your glory.**

**Leader:** We pray for the nations of the world and for righteous dealings. Give wisdom to those in authority in this land, for Patrick, Governor General; Portia, Prime Minister; Andrew, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, all members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. We pray also for members of the judiciary. Grant them wisdom and foresight to make wise decisions for the well-being of the people of Jamaica.

Lord by the light of your presence,

**All: fill us with your glory.**

**Leader:** We give thanks for the minerals of the earth . We pray for all who work in commerce, banking and technology. We remember before you the world's poor, the bankrupt, the unemployed, and the homeless. May all who have received of your bounty share generously for the ministry of the church and those in need.

Lord by the light of your presence,

**All: fill us with your glory.**

**Leader:** O God, whose Son was born into an earthly family, bless our homes and our loved ones. Reveal your presence in our homes and in our relationships. We pray for all who are born into sordid homes or into homelessness or poverty. We pray for children who suffer from violence or neglect.

Lord by the light of your presence,

**All: fill us with your glory.**

**Leader:** O God, you share in our sorrows, you enter into our darkness. You, Lord, come to redeem, release and restore us. We give thanks for the strange gift of myrrh. We pray for all who are in pain or in distress, all who are troubled or anxious. We pray for all who seek to relieve pain, for doctors, nurses and dentists. We pray for all who work for the redeeming of our world.

Lord by the light of your presence,

**All: fill us with your glory.**

**Leader:** As we rejoice in Christ the Light of the world, and know the darkness is conquered, we pray for friends and loved ones who have passed through the darkness to eternal light.

Lord by the light of your presence,

**All: fill us with your glory.**

**All: 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. Amen.**

Celebrant: The Absolution ..... Almighty God....

**The Greeting of Peace**

Celebrant: The Light of Christ scatter the darkness from before you.

**All: Let the light of Christ guide us into the way of peace.**

Celebrant: Beloved, the peace of the Lord be always with you,

**All: And also with you.**

**Offertory Hymn: 97**

**The Eucharist continues as in the Book of Common Prayer (page 126)**

**During Communion: 573,402, 553, Jesus, name above all names (842)**

**Second Collection: 253**

**Recessional: 94**

**SICK AND SHUT - IN**

**Isoline Gayle  
Jean Forbes  
Hazel Hyde  
Lloyd James**

**Lauriston Willington  
Victoria Mighty  
Evan Grant  
Stanley Thompson**

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK - Jan. 3 - Jan. 9, 2016**

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Moreton Park
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:15 p.m.	Women's Auxiliary
	5:15 p.m.	Property and Building Committee
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Birthdays for this week:** Christine Johnson-Kelly and Khristian Marley 03/01, Beverley Evans and Brandon Henry 05/01, Pauline Bryan 07/01, and Allan Kirton 09/01.

**Condolence** is extended to Dwayne and Dorothy McKenzie on the passing of his mother Susan McKenzie.

**Congratulations** to Cynthia Bonner who celebrated her 100th birthday on December 22.

**The Church Congregational** meeting will be held on January 24, immediately after the 8:00 a.m. Service.

**Deanery Day service** will be on February 14, at J.C Auditorium at 8:00 a.m.

**The envelopes** for 2016 are ready, please collect yours.

**Confirmation Classes** will resume on Wednesday Jan. 13, 2016 at 5:30 p.m.

This afternoon here at 5:30 p.m. **Kingston College Chapel Choir in concert**, tickets are available at the door. Cost \$1,500.

The General Meeting of **The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday Schools** will be held in the Old Court House on Sunday, January 10, 2013 immediately after the 8:00 AM service.

### **Did You Know**

Jesus, the divine Son became human, so that in Him human beings might be adapted as children of God, and be made heirs of God's Kingdom. "The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen His Glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. " (John 1:14)

## THE EPIPHANY

January 3, 2016

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**6:30 a.m.**

**HOLY EUCHARIST AND SERMON**

Old Testament: Isaiah 60: 1 - 6, 9 Nevin Woolcock

Psalms 72: 1&2, 8&10, 12&13 & 17 **Refrain:** *(All sit) "All kings shall bow down before him; all the nations shall do him service."*

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Epistle

Ephesians 3: 1 - 12 Jean King

Gospel

Matthew 2: 1 - 12

Prayers of Intercession

**10:30 a.m.**

**NO SERVICE**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Kingston College Chapel Choir in Concert**

### SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY SERVICES: JANUARY 2016

January 10 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (The Baptism of Our Lord)

8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Contemporary Morning Prayer

6:00 p.m. Evening Service - Fellowship Group

January 17 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

10:30 a.m. Morning Prayer

6:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

January 24 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist

**Congregational Meeting after the Service.**

6:00 p.m. Evening Prayer