

*Diocese of Jamaica & the Cayman Islands*  
*St. Andrew Parish Church*



So as we celebrate Christmas 2018, let us consider the children of our nation and the world. In particular, let us remember children who suffer abuse and neglect; those who have been left without one or both parents as a result of criminal activities; children who have been traumatised by witnessing the violent death of a parent, or who have lost their childhood innocence by being exposed to experiences which are not befitting for children. Let us remember also, in our increasingly globalized world, the children whose emaciated bodies we see projected on television each night, as so-called "civilized societies" treat them as pawns and collateral damage in a war that is supposed to bring peace. Neither can we forget the children in the caravan on the border of the United States of America who are fleeing the violence and oppression of their native lands and who are being faced with hostility and violence. They yearn to experience a world of love and peace.

Equally, there are adults in our nation who are invisible, marginalized, forgotten and abandoned as we pursue an agenda of economic transformation and prosperity. The mentally ill continue to be the objects of abuse even as they roam our streets; the elderly and the destitute live under deplorable conditions and may only have their fortunes reversed if their story gets the attention of the media; human beings are trafficked as they seek the elusive path to a better life; and many go to bed hungry or just struggle to live below the poverty line. Across the world tens of millions of people are displaced or live as refugees as their lives have been uprooted because of war, natural disasters, poverty and the lack of opportunities for making a living.

While we may not be able to give material gifts to all who are in need, we can offer that more important gift of ourselves through the pursuit of peace, our presence, our prayers, our advocacy on their behalf, our friendship, our moral support and our protection. These are gifts which all of us can offer, not just at Christmas but throughout the calendar year. So, whether we are people blessed with material resources or not, may we all give this Christmas in the true spirit of the One who is at the heart of Christmas, and who declared in John 13:34-35

"A new command I give you: Love one another. **As I have loved** you, so you must love one another.<sup>35</sup>By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if **you** love one another."

May you and yours have a blessed and gift-filled Christmas.

+ *Howard Jamaica*

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**Christmas Sunday 8:00 a.m. December 30 2018**

**Entrance Hymn 77 O come, all ye faithful**

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| 1. O come, all ye faithful,<br>joyful and triumphant,<br>O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.<br>Come and behold Him,<br>born the King of angels;   | 3. Sing, choirs of angels,<br>sing in exultation;<br>Sing, all ye citizens of<br>heaven above!<br>Glory to God, in the highest;             |
| <p><i>Refrain</i><br/><b><i>O come, let us adore Him,</i></b><br/><b><i>O come, let us adore Him,</i></b><br/><b><i>O come, let us adore Him,</i></b><br/><b><i>Christ the Lord.</i></b></p> | 4. Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,<br>born this happy morning;<br>Jesu, to Thee be glory given;<br>Word of the Father, now<br>in flesh appearing. |
| 2. God of God, Light of Light<br>Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;<br>Very God, begotten, not created;  |   |

**SEASONAL SENTENCE**

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

Celebrant: (+) Grace mercy and peace from God our Father and the  
Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All: And also with you**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks for the Nativity of our Lord. Alleluia

**All: Through whose life salvation shines. Alleluia**

**COLLECT FOR PURITY**

**ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love  
you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our  
Lord. Amen.**

**Canticle of Praise:** Glory Be to God on high! (tune Gwalchmai)

1. Glory be to God on high, Alleluia!  
Let the whole creation cry, Alleluia!  
Peace and blessing He has given, Alleluia!  
Earth repeat the songs of heaven, Alleluia!

2. Creatures of the field and flood, Alleluia!  
Earth and sea cry "God is good," Alleluia!  
Toiling pilgrims raise the song, Alleluia!  
Saints in light the strain prolong, Alleluia!

3. Stars that have no voice to sing Alleluia!  
Give their glory to our King, Alleluia!  
Silent powers and angels' song, Alleluia!  
All unto our God belong, Alleluia

**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

**Refrain:** "Praise the Lord, who heals the broken hearted"

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

**Sequence Hymn 76** **Cum dung to all a we**

1. Christ Jesus Lord from heaven above,  
Cum dung to all a we  
O fill us with your mighty love,  
Cum dung to all a we  
we be not worthy of your grace,  
Cum dung to all a we  
but help us, Lord, to see your face.  
Cum dung to all a we

**Refrain**

***Cum dung, Jesus, cum dung, cum dung,  
cum dung to all a we;***

***O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we,***

***O Lord Jesus, cum dung to all a we.***

2. You died on Calvary for our sake,  
Cum dung to all a we  
amendments for our sins you make,  
Cum dung to all a we  
shine down on us your radiant light,  
Cum dung to all a we  
enlighten our sins' darkest night.  
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

3. O rid us of all care and woe,  
Cum dung to all a we  
and put in place your heavenly glow,  
Cum dung to all a we  
come in all power and majesty,  
Cum dung to all a we  
Cum dung to all a we  
bring us salvation, make us free.  
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

4. Cum dung, Lord, an' go no more,  
Cum dung to all a we  
cum dung an' stay upon dis shore,  
Cum dung to all a we  
yes, cum dung, Lord, please go no more,  
Cum dung to all a we  
O cum dung, Lord, for evermore.  
Cum dung to all a we. **R.**

***The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.***

**Gospel:** John 1: 1 - 18

**Sermon:**

**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, Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragans; Sirrano, Mark, Craig, 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 Holy Land; for peace among nations and goodwill throughout the world. Lord of the nations we pray for our nation and our leaders. We pray for Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; Members of House of Representative, and the Judiciary, that they may serve justice, protect and safe-guard our human rights. 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 6.

**All: Lift us up into your kingdom**

Silence May Be Kept

## INTENTIONAL DISCIPLESHIP PRAYER

**All: Heavenly Father, we thank You that You have awakened Your church to hear again the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. Grant that as we say ‘yes’ to His call to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all the areas of our lives to His service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if He were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray.**

Celebrant: Create in us clean hearts O God and renew us with your Holy Spirit. In penitence and faith let us confess our sins to almighty God.

**All: Merciful God, our maker and our Redeemer we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed: we have not love you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as our selves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us. Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**THE ABSOLUTION: Almighty God , have mercy on you...**

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ, you said to your apostles...

**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 always with you.

**People: And also with you.**

*During the sharing of peace the following chorus is sung*

*Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love goodwill to all men*

*Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love, goodwill to all men*

*Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love,  
to all God’s children*

*For God sits on the throne,  
God sits on the throne.*

## OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

**Offertory Hymn:** Medley of car-  
ols

1. **Angels from the realms of glory,**  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story,  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

2. Shepherds in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night  
God with man is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light. **R**

### Refrain

*Come and worship, come and wor-  
ship  
Worship Christ, the new born King.*

3. **Angels we have heard on high**  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,  
And the mountains in reply  
Echoing their joyous strains.

4. Come to Bethlehem and see  
Him whose birth the angels sing;  
Come, adore on bended knee  
Christ the Lord, the newborn  
King. **R**

### Refrain

**Gloria in excelsis Deo.**  
**Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

1. **Hark! the herald angels sing,**  
"Glory to the newborn King!"  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
Join the triumph of the skies;  
With th' angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."

2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored:  
Christ, the everlasting Lord;  
Late in time behold him come,  
Offspring of the favored one.  
Veil'd in flesh, the Godhead see;  
Hail, the incarnate Deity:  
Pleased, as man, with men to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel! **R**

### Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
Glory to the newborn King!"*

3. Hail! the heav'n born Prince of peace!  
Hail! the Son of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
Risen with healing in his wings  
Mild he lays his glory by,

Born that man no more may die:

Born to raise the sons of earth,

Born to give them second birth. **R**

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers in Christ, let us offer our work and worship to our Heavenly Father, asking for His grace to transform the world and our lives for His Kingdom.

*All: Father, we offer you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.*

## **THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

PRESIDENT: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

PRESIDENT: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT:

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

**All: *Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might  
heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He who comes  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.***

**PRESIDENT:** Therefore, Father, according to the command of your  
dearly beloved Son

**All: We remember His death  
WE proclaim His resurrection**

## We await His coming in Glory

**PRESIDENT....** In songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour Alleluia!  
glory and power Alleluia!  
be yours for ever and ever. Alleluia  
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

### COMMUNION

#### Breaking of Bread

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President: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**All: Though we are many we are one body because we all share in one bread.**

#### Agnus Dei

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God  
You take away the sin of the world  
Have mercy pon wi soul *(Repeat)*

Oh Lamb of God, oh Lamb of God  
You take away the sin of the world  
Give us peace.

#### The Invitation Form B

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President: The gifts of God for the people of God

**All: Our souls will feast and be satisfied and we will sing glad songs of praise to him.**

#### Hymns During Communion:

**642 Away in a manger, no crib for a bed**

1. 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.

### **Child in the manger, infant of Mary;**

1. Child in the manger, infant of Mary;  
outcast and stranger, Lord of all;  
Child who inherits all our transgressions,  
all our demerits on Him fall.

2. Once the most holy Child of salvation  
gently and lowly lived below;  
now, as our glorious mighty Redeemer,  
see Him victorious o'er each foe.

3. Prophets foretold Him, infant of wonder;  
angels behold Him on His throne;  
worthy our Savior of all our praises;  
happy forever are His own.

### **Never a baby like Jesus**

#### **Refrain:**

*Never a baby like Jesus never, never  
Never a baby like Jesus never, never  
King Emmanuel, Wonderful Counsellor  
Never a baby like Jesus*

1. The little baby Jesus born in manger  
Jesus my Lord  
He came down to earth as a poor  
little stranger,  
Jesus my Lord. **R**

2. His birth was foretold by the Prophets and Sages

Jesus my Lord

And He is the King and the Lord of all ages

Jesus my Lord. **R**

3. All Princes and Kings cast your crown down before Him.

Jesus my Lord.

And let the whole world come kneel down and adore Him,

Jesus my Lord. **R**

**Meditation**      Baby in a manger      Douglas Nolan      Choir

### **Post Communion Prayer**

**All : Eternal God and Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you, and all persons in you, with gladness and singleness of heart. Through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **RECESSIONAL HYMN: Jesus my Lord and Saviour**

*(Folk tune: Nobody's Business)*

Long time ago the angel did fortell

That we would be saved from sin and hell

When Christ our Saviour came to earth

Of a virgin fair He would be born

God the father's sole-begotten Son

Help us proclaim our Saviour's birth. **R**

#### ***Refrain:***

***Jesus, my Lord and Saviour***

***Jesus, our one Deliverer***

***Jesus you are the Conqueror***

***My soul, take it and use it***

***My life to you I give it***

***My Lord, my Saviour and my God.***

Shepherds were the first to hear the strain

Glory in the highest, sweet refrain

Peace and goodwill toward all men

When the wise men saw the Eastern star

They journeyed from their country far

Bearing much rich and costly gem. **R**

Herod was not very pleased to hear

Tidings which these wise men now did bear

“King of Jews is born today”

So much so he ordered priests and scribes  
Old men, young men, husbands and their wives  
To seek out where the young child lay. **R**

### **Faith Formation and Christian Education**

#### **Did you Know?**

The gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh given to Jesus by the wise men according to Matthew 2:11 has special and symbolic meaning. The gift of **gold** was considered worthy of a king. **Frankincense** comes from tree resins. There are fifteen references to frankincense in the Bible. It was very expensive, has a wonderful fragrance and was used primarily for making the incense used in the act of worship. (Exodus 30:34 & Leviticus 2:1-2). **Myrrh** is extruded from the gum of the *Commiphora myrrh* plant. There are seventeen biblical references to myrrh which was used for a variety of purposes including as a perfume (Song of Solomon 3:6; 4:6), an anesthetic, as an ingredient in anointing oil, to deodorize clothes, as a cosmetic for women (according to Ester 2:12) and for burial embalming (John 19:39).

#### **"Quote for Reflection**

Since gold, frankincense and myrrh were highly prized by kings and emperors, these magi gave Jesus three very expensive gifts. The gift of gold was a king's gift and Christ is our King. Frankincense was a worthy gift for Christ since He was the anointed One who deserves our worship. Myrrh was a prophetic gift because Jesus would die for the sins of the world.

Dr. J. Vernon McGee; *Thru The Bible* (1983).

#### **Question for Reflection**

What aspects of your life do you need to amend as you prepare your heart to receive the Christ Child who brings peace, love and joy in the world?

### **SICK AND SHUT - IN**

Dede Welsh	Heron Wright	Andrea Chin See
Ellonia Gordon	Helen Perkins	Dirvin Northover
Millicent Williams	Muriel Smith	Myrtle White
Marion Phillips	Jacqueline White	Rema Buckley

***Kindly inform the Church Office when you become aware of members who are ill at home, in hospital, or absent from Church for a while.***

## IMPORTANT DATES 2019

<b>Feast of the Epiphany</b>	<b>Sunday January 6, 2019</b>
<b>The Baptism of our Lord</b>	<b>Sunday January 13, 2019</b>
<b>Marian Service</b>	<b>Wednesday January 23, 2019</b>
<b>Congregational Meeting</b>	<b>Sunday January 27, 2019</b>
<b>Deanery Day</b>	<b>Sunday February 10, 2019</b>

## **SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2018 - 19**

Dec. 30	<b>6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist</b>
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
	5:30 p.m. Evening Prayer
Dec 31	11:00 p.m. New Year's Eve - Watch Night Service
Jan. 1	8:00 a.m. New Year's Day- (Holy Name) Holy Eucharist / Sermon
Jan. 2	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Jan. 4	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Jan. 6	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist (Feast of the Epiphany)
	<b>8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Sermon</b>
	5:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist
Jan. 13	6:30 & 8:00 a.m. The Baptism of our Lord (Renewal of Vows )

**Jamaica Youth Chorale** in concert on January 6, at The Church of St. Margaret's Liguanea at 5:00 p.m. Contribution \$1,500  
Tickets are available at the Church Office and Music Mart.

**Can you sing?** The Choir is in need of additional voices. Come and sing to the Lord, for January 2019. Please contact the Church Office.

**Readings for Jan. 6, 2019 Year C: Isaiah 60: 1-6, Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14, Ephesians 3: 1-12, Matthew 2:1-12.**

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Birthdays for this week:** Dana Harris and Beverly Robinson-Muir 31/12, Rocheke Blake and Pauline Christie 01/01, Marlene Campbell and David Francis 02/01, Christene Johnson-Kelly and Khristian McKenzie-Marley 03/01, Beverley Evans, Polmae Thompson, Brandon Henry and Christine McDonald 05/01.

**Congratulations to** Paul and Jacinth Wright who will celebrate 40 years of marriage today the 30<sup>th</sup>. To Robert and Sheila Martin who will celebrate 42 years of marriage on January 2.

**Condolence is** extended to Claudette Hossack and family on the passing of her husband Donald. To Conrad and Tricia Jackson on the passing of his brother Andrew in Florida.

**The Church's Annual Congregational meeting** will be held on January 28, 2018, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

**Gift Day** We express our thanks to the members for their sacrificial giving, which to-date total \$3.5m.

### **Intentional Discipleship: WALK WITH JESUS AND KEEP THE FAITH**

Ash Wednesday to Holy Week Personal Formation

- Week 1 - Discipleship in the Church
- Week 2 - Discipleship in the Work Place
- Week 3 - Discipleship in the home & to spouse/partner
- Week 4 - Discipleship to the youth and young adults
- Week 5 - Discipleship in the community
- Holy Week-Discipleship to the outsider.

The intention is to promote and encourage members to bring others to Christ.

# THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

December 30, 2018 Year C

## Intentional Discipleship: Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith

**6:30 a.m.**

### HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 Michael Fennell

Psalm 147: 13 - 21 *Refrain "Praise the Lord, who heals*

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Epistle Galatians 3:23 - 25; 4:4 - 7 Martine Geoghagen

Gospel John 1:1 - 18

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**8:00 a.m.**

### SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 77 O Come All Ye Faithful

Old Testament: Isaiah 61:10 - 62:3 Elesia Blackburn

Psalm 147: 13 - 21 *Refrain "Praise the Lord, who heals*

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During Communion Away in a Manger, Child in a Manger,  
Never a baby like Jesus.

Recessional Jesu my Lord and Saviour

**10:30 a.m.**

**NO SERVICE**

**5:30 p.m.**

**EVENING PRAYER AND SERMON**