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## Chapel of Ease:

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



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:  
A Call to Intentional Discipleship,  
Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith**

## **CLERGY**

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**The Rector is out of Office on Mondays**

Many people start the New Year with renewed hope and make New Year's resolutions. The number one resolution in America, according to a media poll is the reduction of stress. This is done in response to traffic congestion, credit card debt or taking care of a family. It can be debilitating when it is not acknowledged and managed, as it impacts our mental, emotional and spiritual health. There is a change in our personality, mood and temperament as we either explode or implode, become silently insolent or verbally aggressive, which can put us in a posture for fight or flight. One recommended approach to stress reduction is for us to know the tipping point within ourselves and also to be conscious of our identity. The Wise Men journeyed on the backs of camels, under the stress of heat, cold and personal discomfort yet they maintained their identity as they faced Herod in search of the Christ Child and was not deterred by his deception or pretense.

We celebrate the feast of the Epiphany on January 6th, which marks the visit of the Wise Men to the Christ child in the manger as they presented their gifts of Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh. The message of Matthew's gospel is that the Christ born of Bethlehem is revealed to the Gentiles. The link between Christmas Day, the Epiphany and the celebration of the Baptism of our Lord, is the church's emphasis on identifying the Christ Child, as the incarnate Son of God, who is the light, hope and peace for humanity and the world.

Let our New Year's resolution, as a community of baptized disciples of Jesus seek to be agents of God's transforming love and instruments of His healing presence to persons who are stressed and distressed, the brokenhearted, despondent souls and those with despairing hearts. Also children who have been traumatized by violence and exposed to inappropriate adult behaviour as we intentionally walk with Jesus and keep the faith for the purpose of participating in the saving and healing ministry of the Emmanuel of Bethlehem.

We extend a warm welcome to all our visitors worshipping with us today, especially our Diocesan Bishop, Howard Gregory and his wife Charmaine.

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## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

**THE SOLEMN PROCESSION**      Organ Voluntary

**Station in All Soul's Chapel at the Manger**  
*(during which the following carol is sung)*

**642 Away in a manger**

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head;  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus, asleep in the hay.

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

**All: Thanks be to God**

**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 carol continues:*

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.

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

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

**Processional: 97** As with gladness men of old

1. As with gladness men of old  
did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light,  
leading onward, beaming bright;  
so, most gracious Lord, may we  
evermore be led to thee.

2. As with joyful steps they sped,  
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before  
thee whom heaven and earth adore;  
so may we with willing feet  
ever seek thy mercy seat.

3. As they offered gifts most rare  
at thy cradle rude and bare;  
so may we with holy joy,  
pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring,  
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

4. Holy Jesus, every day  
keep us in the narrow way,  
and, when earthly things are past,  
bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide,  
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5. In the heavenly country bright  
need they no created light;  
thou its light, its joy, its crown,  
thou its sun which goes not down;  
there for ever may we sing  
alleluias to our King.

**SEASONAL SENTENCE**

President: For the God who said, "Out of darkness light shall shine..."

**All: The light which is knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

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

**All:** And blessed be God's Kingdom, now and forever.  
Amen.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The 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. 4. 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

**The Collect for The epiphany**

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD (*Sit*)

**First Reading** Isaiah 60: 1 - 6

**Psalm** 72: 1-7, 10- 14

**Refrain: "Justice shall flourish in His days and peace shall last for ever"**

- <sup>1</sup> Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;  
<sup>2</sup> That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;  
<sup>3</sup> That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.  
<sup>4</sup> He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor. **R**
- <sup>5</sup> He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.  
<sup>6</sup> He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.  
<sup>7</sup> In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall  
be no more.  
<sup>10</sup> The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute, \*  
and the kings of Arabia and Saba offer gifts. **R**

- <sup>11</sup> All kings shall bow down before him, \*  
and all the nations do him service.
- <sup>12</sup> For he shall deliver the poor who cries out in distress, \*  
and the oppressed who has no helper.
- <sup>13</sup> He shall have pity on the lowly and poor; \*  
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.
- <sup>14</sup> He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence, \*  
and dear shall their blood be in his sight. **R**

**Second Reading** Ephesians 3: 1 - 12

**Sequence Hymn 100 Hail, Thou Source of every blessing**

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| 1. Hail, Thou Source of every blessing,<br>Sovereign Father of mankind!<br>Gentiles now, Thy grace possessing,<br>In Thy courts admission find. | 3. Now revealed to Eastern sages,<br>See the Star of Mercy shine;<br>Mystery hid in former ages,<br>Mystery great of love divine.                |
| 2. Once far off, but now invited,<br>We approach Thy sacred throne;<br>In Thy covenant united,<br>Reconciled, redeemed, made one.               | 4. Hail, Thou all-inviting Saviour!<br>Gentiles now their offerings bring;<br>In Thy temple seek Thy favour,<br>Jesus Christ, our Lord and King. |

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

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

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

**The Nicene Creed**

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**President:** We shall pray for Christ's Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church. Lord in your mercy:

**All:** Hear our prayer.

**President:** We pray for the clergy, the nation and our leaders.

## Covenant Renewal

Leader: Lord our Savior and Redeemer you are the source of the New Life that comes through Baptism. As the Body of Christ we now renew our covenant and promise to serve God faithfully in His Holy Catholic Church.

Leader: Will you live in obedience to God's laws, as a loyal member of His Church?

**All: With God's Help, I will.**

Leader: Will you support the Church, by coming together week by week for corporate worship; giving personal service and work and pray for the spread of the Kingdom of God?

**All: With God's Help, I will.**

Leader: Will your life be marked with self-denial and self-giving and permeated by love of God and our fellow human beings?

**All: With God's Help, I will.**

Leader: Let us in sincere dependence on God's grace, and trusting in God's promise, yield ourselves again to God.

**All: Almighty God and heavenly Father, as part of my personal response to You, I promise that I will more readily accept the guidance and direction of your indwelling Holy Spirit in every part of my life; that I will become more involved in the life of the Church and use more of my time and abilities to further its work and witness. I will also, as an expression of my gratitude to you, support the work of the Church by contributing funds from my earnings on a regular, systematic and proportionate basis through my tithes and offering. This is my solemn vow to further the mission of God.**

Leader: Almighty God who gives you the will to do these things, grant you grace and power to perform them, that God may complete the good work begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

Leader: Almighty God, whose Holy Spirit equips the Church with a rich variety of gifts, grant that we may use them to bear witness to Christ by lives built on faith and love. Make us ready to live His gospel and eager to do His will, that we may share with all your Church in the joys of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## 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.**

## PENITENTIAL RITE

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.

Silence may be kept

**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 have not loved ourselves as we ought, 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

Celebrant: Almighty God, have mercy on you...

## THE GREETING OF PEACE *(All stand)*

President: The light of Christ scatter the darkness from before you.

**All: The light of Christ guide us into the ways of peace.**

**President:** The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: and also with you.**

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

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

*Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love, blessings 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.*

**Anthem    Seek ye the Lord**

**J. V. Roberts**

**Choir**

### **OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE**

**Offertory Hymn:**    311    God is working His purpose out

God is working His purpose out as year succeeds to year,  
God is working His purpose out and the time is drawing near  
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west where'er man's foot hath trod,  
By the mouth of many messengers goes forth the voice of God,  
"Give ear to me, ye continents, ye isles, give ear to me,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea."

What can we do to work God's work, to prosper and increase  
The brotherhood of all mankind, the reign of the Prince of peace?  
What can we do to hasten the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea?

March we forth in the strength of God with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
That the light of the glorious Gospel of truth may shine throughout the  
world.

Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin, to set their captives free,  
That the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth unless God blesses the deed;  
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide till God gives life to the seed  
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
When the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

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, holy Lord  
Lord God of pow'r, pow'r and might  
Heav'n and earth are full, oh  
Of your glory  
Holy, holy, holy, holy Lord**

**Blessed is He who comes  
In the precious name of the Lord  
Hosanna upon high,  
oh Hosanna upon high  
Blessed is He who comes**

**PRESIDENT:** Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

### **The Acclamation**

**All: Christ has died Alleluia,  
Christ is risen Alleluia  
Christ will come again, Alleluia  
Amen, Amen, Amen.**

**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** (Arr. Fr. Richard HoLung)

Our Father who art in heaven,  
holy, holy, holy be Thy Name,  
Our Father who art in heaven,  
holy be Thy name Thy kingdom come on earth,  
Thy will be done on earth,  
Thy kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread (Rept.x3)  
And forgive us our trespasses (Rept)  
As we forgive those who trespass against us,  
Forgive us our trespasses.

Do not lead us into temptation (Rept)  
But deliver us from all evil, (Rept)

For the kingdom the power and the glory are yours  
now and forever and forever more. 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: 70, 553, 314.**

## **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.**

## **Welcome and Notices**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN: 94** Father, let me dedicate

1. Father, let me dedicate,  
all this year to Thee,  
In whatever worldly state  
Thou wilt have me be:  
Not from sorrow, pain or care,  
freedom dare I claim;  
This alone shall be my prayer,  
glorify Thy Name.

2. Can a child presume to choose  
where or how to live?  
Can a Father's love refuse  
all the best to give?  
More Thou givest every day  
than the best can claim  
Nor withholdest aught that may  
glorify Thy Name.

3. If in mercy Thou wilt spare  
joys that yet are mine;  
If on life, serene and fair,  
brighter rays may shine;  
Let my glad heart, while it sings,  
Thee in all proclaim,  
And, whate'er the future brings,  
glorify Thy Name.

4. If Thou callest to the cross,  
and its shadow come,  
Turning all my gain to loss,  
shrouding heart and home;  
Let me think how Thy dear Son  
to His glory came,  
And in deepest woe pray on,  
"Glorify Thy Name."

## Faith Formation and Christian Education

### Did you Know?

The Epiphany is an ancient church festival celebrating the magi's visit to the Christ Child (Matthew 2:1-12). It is also called "Three Kings' Day" and "Twelfth Day" the latter name because January 6 is twelve days after Christmas; the eve of Epiphany is called "Twelfth Night." It is celebrated mainly in Orthodox, Catholic, Anglican, and other liturgical churches. The word epiphany means "manifestation" or "revelation." Thus, the festival celebrates the manifestation of Christ to the Gentiles, as well as Christ's divinity to the world.

### Quote for Reflection

Every man and woman should still seek the One the Magi sought and, like them, surrender all to Him. That is the path to true freedom.

*Fr. James Farfaglia*

### Question for Reflection

Which verses of Judson Wheeler Van DeVenter's hymn: *All To Jesus* can you most identify with in your life at this time?

*(CPWI# 494)*

## SICK AND SHUT - IN

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

***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.***

## ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Jan. 6 - Jan. 12

The Church is open **Monday to Friday**  
between **9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for prayer**

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Home for Girls
	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Care Center
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
	5 :00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

### IMPORTANT DATES 2019

<b>Holy Baptism</b>	<b>Sunday January 20, 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>

### **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.

**Readings for Jan. 13, 2019 Year C: Isaiah 43: 1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8: 14-17, Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.**

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Birthdays for this week:** Paulette Thompson 06/01, Pauline Bryan 7/01, Chris Gordon 8/01, Allan Kirton 9/01, Desda Kerr 10/01, Jacinth Wright, Hope Hinds, Malik Thompson and Yolande Whitely-Guthrie 11/1 and Anthony Grodger 12/01.

**Condolence is** extended to Trevor Blake and family on the passing of his Brother Ses Blake in Toronto. To Rema Watt and family on the passing of her husband Hubert Watt.

**The funeral service** for Monica Brown Atkinson will be on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

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

**Sunday School** resumes on the 13<sup>th</sup> January.

**SAPC Legal Advisory** will meet on Saturday, January 12th in the Courthouse from 10:00 am until noon.

**The Church's Annual Congregational meeting** will be held on January 27, 2019, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

**"Laurice and Friends in Concert II"** under the patronage of the Lord Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory and Mrs. Charmaine Gregory. on Sunday January 20, 2019, at the Church of the Ascension, 1A Daisy Avenue, at 5pm. Tickets cost \$1,500 and proceeds are in aid of the church's Scholarship Fund and the Creative Arts Ministry.

**Jamaica Youth Chorale** in concert today January 6, at The Church of St. Margaret's Liguanea at 5:00 p.m. Contribution \$1,500

