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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2019



For an increasing number of persons in our contemporary world, the Christmas story of the birth of the Christ Child has become so commonplace that they have opted to focus, instead, on the tangential aspects of the celebration. These include, for example, Christmas music, rather than the traditional hymns and carols; the festivities and social gatherings; the politically correct form of greeting during the Season, namely, "Happy Holidays"; and the enjoyment of the vacation days.

For others, there is a spirit of cynicism which sees much of the Christian observance of the Season, with its charitable expressions, as a hypocritical once per year focus, and so, they move toward a position of disengagement.

And yet, like so much of the Judeo-Christian Scripture, the narrative which is at the heart of the Christian celebration of Christmas still has the power to engage, challenge, and confront those who would seek to give attention to the divine initiative and revelation of love, compassion, and hope which constitute the core of the Christmas story.

This Season calls us to perceive and to experience God in human form, as both his divinity and his humanity come together in the birth and life of Jesus.

The birth narrative in St. Luke 2:1-14 occurs in the midst of the rawness of human experience of marginalization, exclusion and vulnerability. For those in our world who have great regard for status, power and wealth, the birth of Jesus, affirmed by Christians as the manifestation of the initiative of God, in a Palestinian setting among a colonized people, has no appeal. By their standard, God should have chosen a more appealing channel to reveal Himself to be really credible.

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FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS 11:00 p.m.

THE SOLEMN PROCESSION Organ Voluntary

(This represents the journey of Joseph and Mary from Nazareth to Bethlehem where Mary gave birth to her firstborn Son.)

Station in All Soul's Chapel at the Manger

HYMN: 82 O Little Town of Bethlehem

1. O little town of Bethlehem, How still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep The silent stars go by; Yet in thy dark streets shineth The everlasting Light; The hopes and fears of all the years Are met in thee tonight.

(+) Our help is in the name of the Lord.

All: Who made heaven and earth.

Celebrant: Brothers and sisters, listen to the words of Holy Scriptures according to Matthew (1:18-25)

Celebrant:

God of every nation and people, from the very beginning of creation You have manifested your love:
When our need for a Saviour was great You sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy, and love.

All: Amen.

The Manger is incensed as the hymn continues

4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin and enter in,
Be born in us today.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
Oh, come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel!

Introit Hymn: 77 O come, all ye faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O come ye, O come ye, to Bethlehem.
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels.

Refrain

O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord.

- 2. God of God, Light of Light
 Lo, He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
 Very God, begotten, not created; R
- 3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation; Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above! Glory to God, in the highest; R
- **4.** Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to Thee be glory given; Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing. **R**

INTRODUCTION & GREETINGS

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to God the almighty, for sending Jesus as Saviour to humankind. In particular, our special intention is for the Light of God to shine peace into our hearts, homes and communities by the power of the Holy Spirit. For "I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people: today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord" (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!

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Canticle of Praise: Glory Be to God on high! (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: Let us pray...

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD (sit)

First Reading: Isaiah 9:2 - 7 Arna Brown-Morgan

Psalm 96: 1-4, 11, 12 Ref.: "Today is born our Saviour Christ our Lord".

Second Reading: Titus 2:11 - 14 Simone Foote

Sequence Hymn: 85 Sing de chorus, clap your hand

Refrain:

Sing de chorus, clap your hand Beat de Congo, pl ay de pan Spread de news to all the land That Jesus is born Jesus de 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. R

2. O great God above us
Truly, you do love us
Your cords of love around us no one can sever
May we always do your loving heart
Sing your praise and glorify you forever. R

3. 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. R

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.

Gospel: Luke 2: 1 - 14 (15-20)

Sermon Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for Christ Catholic and Apostolic Church ... Lord in your mercy.

All: Hear our prayer

Leader: In joy and humility let us pray to the Creator of the universe, saying.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the manifestation of the King of Glory to the shepherds and Magi, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: We pray for peace among nations and within our communities and for goodwill throughout the world, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: We remember families, relatives and friends and also those who would be alone this Christmas time, King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: At this time of joy and rejoicing, we pray for all who are sad, and the despondent all whose lives are full of sorrow, fear or anxiety. We remember those in need of care and love ones who are ill. King of Glory, come to earth.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: By the incarnation of the Son of God, grant us true repentance. Hear us O, Lord.

All: Lord, have mercy.

All: We confess our transgressions, for grace to be cleansed of our sins, to amend our lives and to further the reign of God.

The Absolution:

Celebrant: Almighty God...

Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

All: Lord, grant us peace.

Celebrant: Lord Jesus Christ you said to your ... (B.C.P page 122)

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: 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: 61 Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn

- 1. Christians, awake! Salute the happy morn, whereon the Saviour of the world was born; rise to adore the mystery of love, which hosts of angels chanted from above: with them the joyful tidings first begun of God Incarnate and the Virgin's Son.
- 2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told, who heard the angelic herald's voice, 'Behold, I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth to you and all the nations upon earth: this day hath God fulfilled his promised word, this day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord.'
- 3. He spake; and straightway the celestial choir in hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire; the praises of redeeming love they sang, and heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang: God's highest glory was their anthem still, peace upon earth, and unto men good will.
- 4. To Bethlehem straight the enlightened shepherds ran, to see the wonder God had wrought for man, and found, with Joseph and the blessèd Maid, her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid: then to their flocks, still praising God, return, and their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.
- **5.** Then may we hope, the angelic hosts among, to sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song: he that was born upon this joyful day around us all his glory shall display; saved by his love, incessant we shall sing eternal praise to heaven's almighty King.

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: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and 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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Grant us peace.

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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: 62 Let us tell you about the story

- 1. Let us tell you about the story of the blessed Virgin Mary, she has a baby boy name of Jesus, born in Bethlehem of Judea, on the straw that was in the manger, and she rock the baby to sleep.
 - 2. Cow an' horse an' donkey and sheep see the pretty little boy sleep, make no sound nor do not a thing, for they know that it is the King, King and Saviour of the whole world, And she rock the baby to sleep.

3. Come, me pretty little baby, mek me rock you now to sleep, for the little Saviour baby looking down upon you from heaven on this Mother and on her baby, and she rock the baby to sleep.

4. So she rock the little King baby sleeping soundly and so serenely, she say nothing, she only sigh, for she know that soon he must die, for him come to save the whole world, and she rock the baby to sleep.

91 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

1. While shepherds watched their flocks by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

2. "Fear not," said he (for mighty dread
Had seized their troubled mind);
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring
To you and all mankind."

3. "To you in David's town this day Is born of David's line A Saviour, who is Christ the Lord; And this shall be the sign:

4. "The heavenly Babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands,

And in a manger laid."

5. Thus spake the seraph; and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song:

6. "All glory be to God on high, And to the earth be peace; Good will henceforth from heaven to men Begin and never cease."

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.

Silent night, holy night (All kneel)

1. Silent night, holy night!
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin, Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace
Sleep in heavenly peace

2. Silent night, holy night! Shepherds quake at the sight Glories stream from heaven afar Heavenly hosts sing 'Alleluia! Christ the Savior is born Christ the Savior is born 3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus Lord, at Thy birth

Celebrant: Behold this earth, O Lord, beloved world encircled

by your infinite Word.

People: From which a million voices rise to you in hope,

love, and joy.

Celebrant: The Word dwelt with God

People: The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

Celebrant: With Mary, Mother of Jesus, Michael and Gabriel the

archangel, Andrew our Patron Saint, and all the powers of

Heaven and all the saints,

People: Pray for us to our most holy and beloved Redeemer, and Saviour, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Let us pray

Pour your grace into our hearts Lord we pray; as we have known the incarnation of your Son through the message of an angel, so by His (+) Cross and passion, be brought to the glory of His resurrection, through the same Christ our Lord

The Blessing

Celebrant: Christ the Son of God, born of Mary, fill you with His grace to trust His promises and obey His will; And the blessing of God almighty, (+) the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you always. **Amen**.

Welcome & Notices

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 68 Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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 the angelic host proclaim, 'Christ is born in Bethlehem'.

Refrain:

Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King."

- 2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ, the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come Offspring of the virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the God-head see, Hail the incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. R
- 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

ORDER OF SERVICE

ENTRANCE HYMN: 73 Joy to the world

- 1. 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..
- 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.
- 3. Come me pretty little baby
 Mek me rock you now to sleep
 For the little Saviour baby
 Looking down upon your from heaven
 On this Mother and her baby
 And she rock the baby to sleep
- 4. So she rock the little King baby Sleeping soundly and so serenely She say nothing, she only sigh For she know that soon he must die For him come to save the whole world And she rock the baby to sleep

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 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 Emmanuel Sing praise to His name

2. Give glory to God, man Give glory to God **Repeat** Sing praises to Him hallelujah Sing praises 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*

Celebrant: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

THE COLLECT FOR CHRISTMAS DAY

Almighty God, you have given your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon Him, and to be born (this day) of a pure virgin: Grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; through our Lord Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the same Spirit be honour and glory, now and fore ever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All Sit)

First Reading Isaiah 9:2 - 7 Yvonne Sterrett

Psalm 96: Refrain: Today is born our Saviour Christ our Lord

Second Reading Titus 2:11 - 14 Winnifred Johnson

GRADUAL HYMN 63 De Virgin Mary

1. The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, The Virgin Mary had a baby boy, And they said that his name was Jesus.

Refrain

He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom. He come from the glory, He come from the glorious kingdom. Oh yes, believer, oh yes, believer. He come from the glory,

He come from the glorious kingdom.

- 2. 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 Saviour Jesus. R
- **3.** The wise men saw where the babe was born, The wise men saw where the babe was born, The wise men saw where the babe was born, And they saw that his name was Jesus. **R**

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.

Gospel: Luke 2:1 - 14 (15-20)

Sermon:

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION See page 6

OFFERTORY HYMN: 91 While shepherds watched...

- 1. While shepherds watch'd their flocks by night,
 All seated on the ground,
 The angel of the Lord came down,
 And glory shone around.
- 2. "Fear not," said he, for mighty dread Had seized their troubled mind; "Glad tidings of great joy I bring To you and all mankind."
- 3. "To you, in David's town this day, Is born of David's line
 The Savior who is Christ the Lord,
 And this shall be the sign:

- **4.** The heav'nly Babe you there shall find To human view displayed, All meanly wrapped in swathing bands, And in a manger laid."
- **5.** Thus spake the seraph, and forthwith Appeared a shining throng Of angels praising God, who thus Addressed their joyful song:
- 6. "All glory be to God on high And on the earth be peace. Goodwill henceforth from heav'n to men Begin and never cease."

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... see page 8

Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts) see page 9

Sanctus & Benedictus see page 9

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Acclamations

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread see page 10

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us

The Invitation

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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 bright sky looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep in 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 nigh.
- **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.

What child is this, who, laid to rest,

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 guard and angels sing: Haste, haste to bring Him laud, 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. R.
- **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. **R**

Post Communion Prayer (See page 11)

The Blessing

Welcome & Notices

RECESSIONAL HYMN: 88 The first Noel

1. The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain: Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!

- 2. And by the light of that same star
 Three Wise men came from country far
 To seek for a King was their intent
 And to follow the star wherever it went. R
- 3. Then entered in those Wise men three Full reverently upon their knee And offered there in His presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. R
- **4.** Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord That hath made Heaven and earth of nought And with his blood mankind has bought. **R**

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2019 - 20

Dec. 24 11:00 p.m.		Carols
	11:30 p.m.	Blessing of Manger and First Mass of Christmas
Dec. 25	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist & Sermon
Dec. 26	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. Stephen's Day
Dec. 27	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. John the Apostle's Day
Dec. 28	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents
Dec. 29	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist and Sermon (Christmas Sunday)
	11:00 a.m.	Mass for the homebound and elderly
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve – Watch Night Service
Jan. 1	8:00 a.m.	The Naming of Jesus (Holy Name)
Jan. 5	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Jan. 6	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - The Epiphany