

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: 65 Go tell it on the mountain

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Go in peace and serve the Lord

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2020**

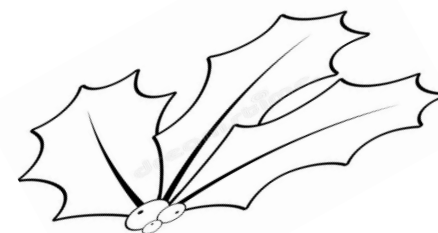
Dec. 27	6:30 a.m.	1st Sunday of Christmas -Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Sunday -Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 29	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist -Thomas Becket (Martyr)
Dec. 30	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Jan. 1	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist and Sermon
Jan. 3	6:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday after Christmas - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	2nd Sunday after Christmas - Solemn Eucharist

*Merry
Christmas*

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

CHRISTMAS SERVICES 2020

Loy to the *World*
the lord
has come



Celebrating the Incarnation

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel” is one of many a hymns that connects Advent with the celebration of the Incarnation. In this transition from the prophecies foretelling the coming of the Messiah to the events describing His birth we have the unfolding of the purposes of God. This indicates the nature of God who acts at the right time within human history. “But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children” (Gal.4:4-5)

At Christmas, the Christian community celebrates the nature of God who before the creation of the world decided to take on human flesh out of His love and to be incarnate in person of Jesus Christ. God, the eternal Lover, tabernacle with us in the person of Jesus Christ, for us to experience His unconditional and authentic love. This is the reason for the season and it demands a response from us which can only come from our hearts.

The celebration of the Incarnation, marks the capacity of the heart of God to embrace all aspects of our human nature, including those areas that resist his unconditional and eternal love. There is nothing in us or that we can do to repel this desire of God, who through the Incarnate One, Jesus Christ, has taken our self-centered human nature and transformed it through His selfless life and sacrificial death, in order for us to experience the abundance of His life. This means that we must not be distracted by the ‘bling and glitter’ and the commercialization, which is intended to make us feel, that it is in the material things and what is in our purse and pockets that makes Christmas real. For this reason many in the Christian community protest with the slogan, ‘Jesus is the reason for the season’ or ‘Put Christ back into Christmas.’ During these challenging times of a pandemic, the celebration of the Nativity of our Lord will help us to see the Christ born of Bethlehem.

Whatever maybe our situation during this Yuletide Season, may we be receptive to the message of the carols and our hearts be warmed by their meaning, so that we can be sensitive and responsive to those less fortunate than ourselves. As it is through such actions of compassion and kindness, that our hearts are able to express the true meaning of Christmas.

Special welcome to all persons worshipping with us here and those on-line.

Sirrano +

Hymns during Communion - 642, What child is this, 60, 88,

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?

2. Why lies He in such mean estate,
Where ox and donkeys are feeding?
Good Christians, fear, for sinners
here
The silent Word is pleading. **R**

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.*

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

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.

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

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.

Offertory Hymn: 92 Early Christmas Morning

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... BCP page 126

Sursum Corda (Lift up your hearts)

Sanctus & Benedictus BCP page 131

Eucharistic Rite 'A' BCP page 131

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

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread BCP page 144

Agnus Dei BCP page 147

The Invitation

CHRISTMAS DAY

December 25, 2020

Processional 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.

2. 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.

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

BCP page 101

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 world
Give glory to God **Repeat**
Proclaim Him the King, hosanna
Proclaim Him the King. **Repeat**

3. Give glory and honour
To Jesus our King. **Repeat**
We hail you our King, Alleluia!
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 for ever. Amen.

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All Sit)

First Reading Isaiah 9: 2 - 7 Owen Streete

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

Second Reading Titus 2: 11 - 14 Sonya Hamilton

Gradual Hymn 63 The Virgin Mary Had a baby boy

Gospel Luke 2: 1 - 14

Sermon: Revd. Canon Dr. Sirrano Kitson

The Nicene Creed BCP page 104

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 loved 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.

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)