

Faith Foundation And Christian Education

Did you know

The church is never left to reimagine itself or reshape itself according to its own priorities of the moment; for it to be itself, it has received those gifts that express and determine its essential self as a place where the eternal self-giving of Christ is happening in such a way as to heal and change lives.

The Christian Priest Today by Archbishop Rowan Williams.

Quote for Reflection

The message of the gospel is that if human beings have lost the capacity to humble themselves before their Creator, then the Creator will humble Himself towards His creatures. So the divine humility breaks upon the scene of human pride: Bethlehem, Calvary, the feet-washing at the Last Supper, all say that ‘he who humbles himself will be exalted’ (Luke 18.14) for divine humility is the power that comes to make the human race different (cf Philippians 2).

Glory Descending by Bishop Michael Ramsay

Question for reflection

- In what ways are you able to express humility and self-giving as you live the life of faith and follow Jesus?

SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY SERVICES: JANUARY 2021

January 1	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist & Sermon
January 3	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
January 6	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - The Epiphany
January 10	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - 1st Sunday after the Epiphany
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist (The Baptism of Our Lord)
January 17	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist & Sermon
January 24	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist & Sermon
		Congregational Meeting after the service
January 31	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist & Sermon

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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Living in the life of Faith in Challenging Times**

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Excerpts from Archbishop’s Christmas Message - **Be God’s Agents of Transformation for the Vulnerable**

This Christmas will be unlike any of recent memory and will find many in a state of nostalgia and grief because of the loss of what they have known and to which they have grown accustomed. It may be, however, that this Christmas will bring back a sense of reality to what Christmas is all about and our departure from its central focus. So what is our current reality? It is that of living in the context of the coronavirus pandemic.

This pandemic has brought about a level of global dislocation never before experienced in terms of infection, death, economic dislocation, job loss, disruption in global travel; lockdowns, curfews, and restrictive protocols; and even as it has exposed the social inequities which prevail in our world.

A closer examination which takes us beyond the statistics reveals its impact on the life of individuals, families and communities. It has led to confinement to home for those determined most vulnerable and afflicted by comorbidities; restrictions on public gatherings including worship and social events; and increasing loneliness and emotional distress, especially for those who live alone. There is increasing domestic violence and abuse of children; closure of schools and the transfer to online teaching which has placed many children at a disadvantage; and also prevented them from interacting with their peers at a time when the fostering of social relations is a vital part of their development.

The pandemic has also exposed the underlying value system of our society as those responsible for governance weigh the value of business versus human life in determining the opening of national boundaries and business enterprises.

A serious examination of the Christmas story reveals that, like all accounts of human experience in history, it has a striking similarity to the experience of people in today’s world.

- i) It was first a setting in which power and control over the lives of people did not reside in the hands of citizens but, was exercised by a privileged few, as Roman imperialism was the order of the day.
- ii) There was human dislocation, displacement and homelessness brought about by a Census decreed by the Roman authorities.
- iii) Mary and Joseph, the parents in the drama, experienced rejection and exclusion from community support. They were without the usual family presence and assistance to the new mother and baby.
- iv) The dehumanization and degradation of persons was obvious. Just imagine the indignity of having to give birth to one’s baby in a stable amongst animals.
- v) Other actors in the drama of the birth are simple people, shepherds, whose life was rough and who occupied the bottom rung of the social ladder, and yet, were among the first to learn of the birth of Jesus.
- vi) The later tradition celebrated at the Epiphany captures the visit of gentile strangers (outsiders) coming to acknowledge the divine action that was at work in the birth of the Christ child.

**The Most Rev. Dr. Howard Gregory, Bishop of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands
Archbishop of The West Indies, Primate and Metropolitan**

Birthdays for this week: Christene Johnson-Kelly and Khristian McKenzie-Marley 03/01, Beverley Evans, Polmae Thompson, Brandon Henry, Christine McDonald 05/01 Rev. Horace Richards and Paulette Thompson 06/01, Pauline Bryan 7/01, Chris Gordon 8/01, Revd. Leslie Hoo Sang and Allan Kirton 9/01.

Congratulations to Aston and Alcie Daley who celebrated their wedding anniversary on the 27th and to Rohan and Kareen Scott on December 28th.

Condolence is extended to Venerable Patrick Cunningham and family on the passing of his mother Olga Livingstone also to Glory Robertson and family on the passing of her sister, Margaret Jean Robertson in England and to Wendel Morris on the passing of his aunt Eileen Tyrell..

We express thanks to our members for your support for Gift Day. Your sacrificial giving is a reflection of your commitment to the ministry of Christ through our worship, witness and outreach ministries.

The Church’s Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 24, 2021, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be administered here at St. Andrew on Sunday, February 14, 2021 at 11:00 a.m.

The Altar Guild wishes to thank all those members who gave Poinsettias to the church.

Your Envelopes are now ready and can be collected from the Conference Room.

Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service
<https://www.facebook.com/sapcjamaica>.

1. Click on the link above
2. On the page that says St. Andrew Parish Church, scroll down until you see Live video.
3. Click on Live and you are on.
If you receive the link via WhatsApp follow the same as above.
You can also connect via computer.
You do not need a Facebook account to get on

Anthem Bless this house - Arr. by Carl Strommen 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: 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.

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.

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.

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."

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Egbert Robertson (Priest)	Nancy Baugh	Enid McFarlane
Alton Tulloch (Priest)	Heather Anglin	Denton Robinson
Charles Manderson (Priest)	Neville Dallen Sr	Lynford Collins
Heron Wright	Jean King	Muriel Smith

Readings for Jan. 10, 2021 Year B: Genesis 1: 1-5, Psalm 29, Acts 19:1-7, Mark 1:4-11.

Processional Hymn: 95 The year is gone, beyond recall, - St. Peter

1. The year is gone, beyond recall,
with all its hopes and fears,
with all its bright and gladdening smiles,
with all its mourners' tears;

4. Forgive this nation's many sins;
the growth of vice restrain;
and help us all with sin to strive,
and crowns of life to gain.

2. Thy thankful people praise thee, Lord,
for countless gifts received;
and pray for grace to keep the faith
which Saints of old believed.

5. From evil deeds that stain the past
we now desire to flee;
and pray that future years may all
be spent, good Lord, for thee.

3. To thee we come, O gracious Lord,
the new-born year to bless;
defend our land from pestilence;
give peace and plenteousness;

6. O Father, let thy watchful eye
still look on us in love,
that we may praise thee, year by year,
with angel-hosts above.

7. All glory to the Father be,
all glory to the Son,
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,
while endless ages run.

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.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Refrain:

*Glory to God on High (rpt.)
And peace to God's people,
God's people pon di earth
Glory to God on high*

2. Lord Jesus Christ
Son and Lamb of God
All sin you remove,
Have mercy and hear wi cry. **R**

1. Lord God heav'nly king
Mighty God and Father
We worship you
Praise and thanks to you. **R**

3. You are the Holy One
You are Lord, most High
With the Holy Spirit,
Glory be to you. **R**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD *(All Sit)*

First Reading Jeremiah 31:7 - 14 Alwyn Smith

Psalms 84: 1 - 8 Chanted **(All stand)**

Second Reading Ephesians 1:3 - 6, 15 - 19a Stacey James

Gradual 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.*

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

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Jamaican)

Our father, who art in Zion
Hallowed, be thy name

Thy Kingdom come on earth, thy will be done on earth
Hallowed, be thy name

Give us this day O Lord, Our daily Bread.
Hallowed, be thy name

Forgive our sins we pray, as we forgive others
Hallowed, be thy name

And lead us not O Lord, into temptation
Hallowed, be thy name

Deliver us O Lord, from every evil
Hallowed, be thy name

For thine the kingdom, the power glory
Hallowed, be thy name

Amen, amen, amen; amen it shall be so
Hallowed, be thy name

COMMUNION

Breaking of Bread page145

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

O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God O Lamb of God, O Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy pon wi soul **(Repeat)** Give us peace.

The Invitation Form B page 146

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 the Lord.

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.

Blessed is He who comes
in the precious name of the Lord
Hosanna upon high,
Oh Hosanna upon high
Blessed is He who comes.

SANCTUS

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.

PRESIDENT: Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith

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

PRESIDENT.... In songs of everlasting praise:

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
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: Luke 2:41 - 52

Sermon: The Most Revd. Dr. Howard Gregory

The Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

We pray for Christ's 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...

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: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Offertory Hymn: 88 The first Noel .

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

*Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,
Born is the King of Israel.*

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east, beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light,
And so it continued both day and night. **R**

3. 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**

4. This star drew nigh to the northwest,
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay,
Right over the place where Jesus lay. **R**

5. Then entered in those Wise Men three,
Full reverently upon the knee,
And offered there, in his presence,
Gold and myrrh, and frankincense. **R**

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praise to our heavenly Lord;
That hath made heaven and earth of nought,
And with His blood our life hath bought. **R**