

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

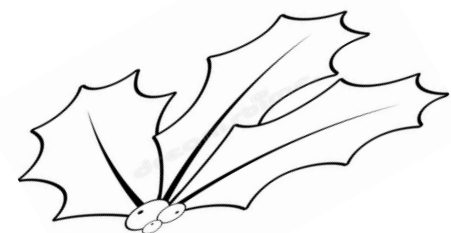
**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021**

- Dec. 25 8:00 a.m. **Christmas Day** - Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 26 6:30 a.m. 1st Sunday after Christmas Day -Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. **Christmas Sunday** -Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 28 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents
Dec. 29 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist -Thomas Becket (Martyr)
Dec. 31 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11:00 p.m. **Watch Night Service –New Year’s Eve**
Jan. 1 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Holy Name
Jan. 2 6:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day- Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas Day
- Solemn Eucharist
Jan. 6 9.00 a.m. **The Epiphany**
Jan. 9 6:00 a.m Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m Solemn Eucharist - The Baptism of our Lord

*Merry
Christmas*

CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE 2021

*JOY to the
World*
the lord
has come



Excerpts from Archbishop's Christmas Message:

The COVID-19 coronavirus pandemic has made us deeply aware of our connection as a common humanity across the world in a way in which, perhaps, no other experience has done. It has made us aware of the fact that if the people of every nation do not have access to vaccines, then no nation is safe, and in so doing, has cut across many of the commercial principles which have governed global relations through patents and other regulations which have placed small and developing nations at risk and in a state of underdevelopment and vulnerability. Another significant development which the pandemic has exposed is the way in which governance across nations determine the movement of people. It is a reality which has been used with impunity by rulers and nations with devastating consequences for millions of people, leading today to massive populations of displaced persons, refugees, and migrants. The introduction of travel bans against certain nations and their peoples, and the closure of national borders have left some citizens stranded outside of their native land, and others, within their own nation, confined to their homes by curfews and lockdowns. It is in a context in which there is a decree regarding the movement of a colonized people that we see the birth of Jesus as recorded by St. Luke in his second chapter being played out.

Emperor Augustus has decreed that a census is to be taken and citizens must move at his dictate. It is against that background that the light shines on a young peasant woman and her carpenter husband who have no standing or claim to fame. They encounter a world in which there is no space for them that would allow them the opportunity to affirm their dignity and that of the child to be born. Today, that there are countless children being born without citizenship as their parents are among the displaced or refugees of the world. How much more dehumanizing could the circumstance be when one is relegated to the space among the animals? And even as we may squirm at the thought, we must with shame acknowledge the number of occasions on which our own news media have carried stories of Jamaican citizens who have been relegated to life in a chicken coop, and only at which point there is some outpouring of concern across the society and something is done about the situation. God's Life-transforming Power And yet, in the midst of those whose power negatively impacts persons of lowly estate, there is another power at work creating a different kind of life transforming experience. So it was with the shepherds tending their sheep at night and sleeping with them in the fields.

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

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

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**

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: 91 While shepherds watched their flocks by night

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

Hymns during Communion - 82, 67

Processional Hymn: 61 Christians awake (1, 2, 4, 6)

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. To Bethlehem straight the enlightened shepherds ran,
to see the wonder God had wrought for man,
and found, with Joseph and the blessed Maid,
her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid:
then to their flocks, still praising God, re- turn,
and their glad hearts with holy rapture burn.

4. 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.

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: Glory in the highest

1. Glory in the highest!
Glory to His name!
Joy has come into our lives;
We'll never be the same.
Glory in the highest!
Worthy is our King!
Come let us adore Him,
And give Him everything.

2. Jesus, You have found us
When we wandered far
When we could not find ourselves
You came to where we are
Glory in the highest!
Is more than just a phrase
Lord, we fall before You now,
Your Holy name we praise.

3. Glory in the highest!
Let the song begin
Joy has come into the world;
Let us worship Him
Glory in the highest!

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Worthy is our King!
Come let us adore Him,
And bring Him everything

Repeat the first verse

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 Andrea Tinker

Psalms 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: The Very Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson D. Min.

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

We shall pray for the world, the nation and our leaders .. 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.

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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)

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