

**Did you know ?**

“The celebration of Christmas in Jamaica dates back to the period of slavery in the 17th century....During that period, plantation work would cease from Christmas Eve until Boxing Day, every year, and plantation owners would give each of the slaves the annual gift of a piece of cloth and meat. For slaves, who usually had only the entrails and other leftover scraps of the animal, the treat of meat was a delight, but what triggered even more merriment was the rare gift of wine the slaves received. The plantations then had all-night dances that included masqueraders and plenty of drumming. It is from these all-night dances that one of Jamaica’s most enduring Christmas traditions emerged - Jonkunnu.”

*Jamaican Christmas Customs by the Jamaica Information Service*

**Quote for reflection**

“Stevie Wonder used to have a hit that said, ‘I just called to say I love you.’ In Jesus, in this birth it is as if God were saying to you, and to you, and to you, and to me, ‘I just called to say I love you....’ God through Jesus says to you, ‘...You are precious to me and help me to have a truly Anno Domino in 2000 – a new society, compassionate and gentle, caring and sharing – for I just called to say I love you.’”

*From Archbishop Desmond Tutu’s 1999 Christmas sermon at the Washington National Cathedral*

**Question for reflection.**

How, in this Christmas season, can I communicate to others God’s message of “I love you”?

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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR**

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,**

**We are Baptized to Walk by Faith and Proclaim the Good News.**

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2nd Excerpts from Archbishop’s Christmas Message 2022

“By virtue of their means of livelihood, these shepherds were not able to observe their faith with all of the strictures with which the religious leaders and hierarchy had surrounded it, and so they were regarded among those who were low on the religious totem pole. It is into the world of these men that the divine breaks in through the presence of the messenger of God – an angel. Clearly, the men are startled, as they were in the darkness, perhaps half asleep when there is this blinding light and this unsettling presence in their midst. The text expresses it well in saying that they were terrified. It may be that the shepherds are now aware that they are experiencing something which signifies the divine presence, and this kind of experience is not something which they would associate with people like themselves. It must be for the religious leaders or people who can be close to the Temple or the synagogues, but certainly not them. The angel takes the experience to another level with an announcement, not another decree by the powerful authorities of the state, but from God – “I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people”.

What could possibly be this impending source of joy, and that would be of significance for all people? So the angel spells it out further: “To you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord”. All their lives these shepherds have been hearing about a Messiah whom God would send to deliver them from oppression, which for them would mean deliverance from the oppressive power of Rome. Could it really be that this moment had come? But then, that which they could not contain within the limits of their worldview suddenly takes on heavenly dimensions, as they shared in a vision which few have ever experienced. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, [ b ] praising God and saying, 14 “Glory to God in the highest heaven and on earth peace among those whom he favors!” Through this experience, the celestial reach of the event in which they are privileged participants, and which has implications for all humanity, they are transfixed and transformed. New Era of Justice and Peace As we celebrate Christmas this year, we do so in a world that reflects humanity as it was when God became incarnate in Jesus Christ. The Message of Christmas, which still rings true today, is that God takes on the form of human flesh in a messy world in which those who wield power control the lives of others in oppressive ways, while at the same time entering into the sphere of humanity in its simplicity and among those on the margins of society. It is in this context that we have to proclaim the good news of the gospel.

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

**Birthdays for this week:** David Francis 02/1, Christene Johnson-Kelly and Khristian McKenzie-Marley 03/01, Beverley Evans, Polmae Thompson, Brandon Henry and Christine McDonald 05/01, Rev. Horace Richards and Paulette Thompson 06/01, Pauline Bryan and George Lowe 7/01 and Chris Gordon 8/01.

**Wedding Anniversary** - Robert and Sheila Martin congratulations on their 45th wedding anniversary today.

**Condolence is** extended to Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith on the passing of her grand-mother, Enid Royal. Also to Myrna Dixon and family on the passing of her brother, Joslyn. To Owen Streete and family on the passing of his uncle and aunt Linton Grodger and Sylvia Queenie Grodger. Also to Anthony Grodger on the passing of his father and aunt. To Evon Grant’s family and Rev. Horace Mellish’s family.

**The Church’s Annual Congregational meeting** will be held on January 23, 2022, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

**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.

**Freewill envelopes** for 2022 are now available.

Please note electronic transfer to the Church’s Account can be made through members banking facility. (St. Andrew Parish Church, NCB Half-Way-Tree A/C # 301045077).

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

**Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service**

<https://www.facebook.com/sapcjamaica>.

The 8 a.m. service can also be viewed on Youtube.

**You do not need a Facebook account to get on.**

**Youth Fellowship is on Christmas break and resumes on January 15, 2022.**

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.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Priest: Go in peace and serve the Lord

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

**SCHEDULE OF SUNDAY SERVICES: JANUARY 2022**

Jan. 2	6:30 a.m.	2nd Sunday in Christmas - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	2nd Sunday in Christmas - Solemn Eucharist
Jan. 6	9:00 a.m.	<b>The Epiphany</b>
Jan. 9	6:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist - The Baptism of our Lord
Jan. 16	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist & Sermon
Jan. 23	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist & Sermon
		Congregational Meeting after service
Jan.30	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Morning Prayer, Sung Eucharist & Sermon

Readings for Jan. 9, 2022 Year C: Isaiah 43: 1-7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14-17, Luke 3:15 - 17, 21 - 22.

Processional Hymn: 383 Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven

1. Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;  
To His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
Who like me His praise should sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise Him for His grace and favor  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise Him still the same as ever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glorious in His faithfulness.

**SEASONAL SENTENCE**

The people who walked in darkness ... *Luke 2:10*

Celebrant: (+) Let us Glorify the Lord, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All: **You are worthy of Glory and Praise forever. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Celebrant: Blessed is the One who was with God in the beginning. Alleluia

All: **The Word is revealed in creation. Alleluia**

Celebrant: Behold, the Grace of God has appeared to all people. Alleluia

All: **The Word was made flesh and lived among us. Alleluia**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks for the Nativity of our Lord. Alleluia

All: **Through whose life salvation shines. Alleluia, Alleluia**

**ALL:** O God, your glory fills the heavens and your Incarnate presence pervades the earth, we approach you with reverence and awe, illuminate our hearts through the indwelling of your Holy Spirit, that we may praise you with gratitude and magnify your holy name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS** (*Evans, Clarke Revival Mass*)

**Refrain:**

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

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

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

**The Collect For The Second Sunday After Christmas Day** BCP page 159

**MINISTRY OF THE WORD** (*All Sit*)

**First Reading** Jeremiah 31:7 - 14 Denise Kitson

**Psalm 84** **Chanted** (*All stand*)

**Second Reading** Ephesians 1:3 - 6, 15 - 19a Lona Brown

**Gradual Hymn:** 89 Unto us a boy is born

1. Unto Us A boy Is born,  
The King of all creation:  
Came He to a world forlorn  
The Lord of every nation,

3. Herod then with fear was filled:  
'A prince', he said, 'In Jewry!'  
All the little boys he killed  
At Bethl'em in his fury.

2. Cradled in a stall was he  
With sleepy cows and asses;  
But the very beasts could see  
That He all men surpasses.

4. Now may Mary's son, who came  
So long ago to love us,  
Lead us all with hearts a-flame  
Unto the joys above us.

5. Unto Us A boy Is born,  
The King of all creation:  
Came He to a world forlorn  
The Lord of every nation,

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

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

**Sermon:** The Most Revd. Howard Gregory S.T.D

**The Nicene Creed** BCP page 104

**Hymns During Communion:**

**What child is this,**

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 praise,  
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**

**Lord I lift your name on high**

Lord, I lift your name on high.  
Lord, I love to sing your praises.  
I'm so glad you're in my life.  
I'm so glad you came to save us.  
You came from heaven to earth to show the way.  
From the earth to the cross, my debt to pay.  
From the cross to the grave, from the grave to the sky;  
Lord, I lift your name on high.

**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.**

**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**

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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** *(Ashley mass)*

Lamb of God, Lamb of God	Lamb of God, Lamb of God
you take away the sin of the world:	you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us, have mercy on us,	grant us your peace, grant us your
have mercy Lord on us. <b>(Repeat)</b>	peace, grant us Lord, your 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 the Lord.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Priest: We pray for Christ's Catholic and Apostolic Church ...  
Lord in your mercy.

**All: Hear our prayer**

Priest: We shall pray for the world, the nation and our leaders ..  
Lord in your mercy

**All: Hear our prayer**

**The Litany of the Incarnation**

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: 469** He leadeth me! O blessed thought!

1. He leadeth me! O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,  
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,  
nor ever murmur nor repine,  
content, whatever lot I see,  
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. **R**

**Refrain:**  
***He leadeth me, he leadeth me.  
By his own hand, he leadeth me.  
His faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.***

4. And when my task on earth is done,  
when by thy grace the victory's won,  
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
since God through Jordan leadeth me. **R**

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,  
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
still 'tis his hand that leadeth me. **R**

**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.

**SANCTUS** *(Gibson mass)*

**Holy, holy, holy  
Lord, God of power and might;  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,  
Hosanna in the highest. *(organ interlude)*  
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 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.**