

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



Excerpts from Archbishop's Christmas Message 2022

Power, Justice and Peace

Last Christmas, the major concern across the world was the Covid-19 pandemic. Today, the major global concern is the invasion of Ukraine by the superpower, Russia, with its devastating consequences and suffering for the people of Ukraine, and for the global community resulting from the disrupted supply chain, the high cost of fuel, and the threat of starvation for people unable to secure cereals and grains produced by Ukraine.

The Christmas story as told by St. Luke in chapter 2:1-14 is placed in a setting in which Emperor Augustus, who represents the power of an imperialist and colonizing state, issues a decree to the Jewish people whose land the Romans occupy.

We only have to look at today's international scene to see how imperial power operates as one nation can declare that its laws have international authority and application. This has serious economic and social consequences, especially for small nations who dare to challenge such power. Power can also be exercised in covert ways that are just as brutal and controlling.

At a national level, power is concentrated in the hands of a few who determine what happens in the life of the many. At the community and interpersonal levels, power is exercised through the prevailing social and economic inequalities. Consider also the display of power through abuse – gender, domestic, children, elderly, etc. In today's Jamaica, criminals and gangs are also wielding power which threatens the functioning of national institutions, and intimidates communities and individuals through the power of the gun.

God's Justice

There is however, another world, as portrayed by St. Luke, which is occupied by the powerless, marginalized and vulnerable whom God declared as the recipients and bearers of a message that has implications for the liberation and salvation of all nations and peoples.

The first set of players in this narrative are Joseph and Mary, a simple peasant couple who are expecting a child. In the midst of what should be a joyful experience, they are displaced, humiliated and scandalized by the indignity of their child being born among farm animals and placed in a manger, the feeding trough for the animals. Just ponder the conscious and unconscious message which this whole experience conveyed to the couple. Consider also the ways in which our society similarly negates the dignity and worth of its most vulnerable, marginalized and powerless citizens.

+ *Howard Jamaica*

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Revd. Ula Ruddock, Carol Logan and Natalie Smith 25/12, Victor Elliott 26/12, Ludlow Bowie 27/12, John McGarry, Everard Dixon and Kaylor Scott 28/12, Revd. Leroy Johnson and Ena-Mae Miller 29/12, Revd. Barrington Jones 30/12, Dana Harris 31/12, Rocheke Blake and Pauline Christie 01/01.

Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations to Brian and Jackie James who will celebrate their 30th W/A on the 28th. To Rohan and Kareen Scott who will celebrate their 17th on the 28th. Also to Paul and Jacinth Wright who will celebrate their 44th W/A on the 30th.

The Poinsettias at the foot of the Altar is in loving memory of Errol and Alice Alberga given by the family; At the Lectern, in loving memory of Ven. Egbert Robertson devoted husband, father and Priest.

Condolence to Rev. Claude Campbell and family on the passing of his uncle, Fitz McKenzie. Also to the family of Rev. Tanesha Ashbourne.

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SICK AND SHUT - IN

Alton Tulloch	Priest	Louisa Hanson	Norma Allen
Percival Lynch	Priest	Lois Owen	Frederick Green
George Thomas	Priest	Ilene Thomas	Hopeton Fraser
Douglas Folkes		Clover Chung	Neville Hendricks

Readings for January 1, 2023 : Numbers 6:22 - 27, Psalm 8, Galatians 4:4 - 7 or Philippians 2:5 - 11, Luke 2: 15 - 21.

Did you know?

The angel, Gabriel, is mentioned only four times in the Bible. Twice he appeared to Daniel to teach him things beyond his comprehension, and in the New Testament, Gabriel announced to Zechariah the priest the coming birth of his son, John the Baptist, as well as the coming birth of Jesus, the Son of God, to Mary. The name Gabriel means “God is mighty” or “mighty man of God”, and is also one of the two archangels mentioned in Holy Scripture.

Quote for Reflection

"The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an ‘advent,’ a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously." (*Prepare Our Hearts for Christmas*, Saint John Paul II, n.d.)

Question for Reflection

- What aspects of your life do you need to amend as you prepare your heart to receive the Christ Child who brings peace, love and joy in the world?

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022		
Dec. 28	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents
Dec. 30	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m.	Watch Night Service
Jan. 1	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Holy Name
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist - Holy Name
Jan. 6	9:00 a.m.	The Epiphany
Jan. 8	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
Jan. 22	8:00 a.m.	Congregational Meeting

THE SOLEMN PROCESSION

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

The Manger Scene

Hymn 84 : See Him on a bed of straw lying

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| 1. See Him lying on a bed of straw
A draughty stable with an open door
Mary cradling the babe she bore
The Prince of glory is His name | 2. Star of silver, sweep across the skies
Show where Jesus in the manger lies
Shepherds, swiftly from your stupor rise
To see the Saviour of the world |
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Refrain:
*O now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord appear to men
Just as poor as was the stable then
The Prince of glory when He came*

(+) Our help is in the name of the Lord.
All: Who made heaven and earth.

One of those present or the minister reads a text of sacred Scripture:

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

3. Angels, sing again the song you sang,
Sing the glory of God's gracious plan;
Sing that Bethlehem's little baby can
Be the Saviour of us all.

4. Mine are riches, from your poverty,
From your innocence eternity;
Mine forgiveness by your death for me,
Child of sorrow for my joy.

Refrain:

***O now carry me to Bethlehem
To see the Lord appear to men
Just as poor as was the stable then
The Prince of glory when He came***

Introit 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. O may we keep and ponder in our mind
God's wondrous love in saving lost mankind;
trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss,
from his poor manger to his bitter cross;
tread in his steps, assisted by his grace,
till man's first heavenly state again takes place.

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: 73 Joy to the world! The Lord has come

1. Joy to the world! The Lord has 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 Saviour reigns:
Let us our 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, and wonders of his love.

Refrain:
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for thee.

2. Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming thy royal degree;
But in lowly birth didst thou come to earth,
And in great humility: **Refrain**

3. The foxes found rest, and the bird had its nest
In the shade of the cedar tree;
But thy couch was the sod, O thou Son of God,
In the desert of Galilee: **Refrain**

4. Thou camest, O Lord, with the living word
That should set thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore thee to Calvary: **Refrain**

5. When the heavens shall ring, and the angels sing,
At thy coming to victory,
Let thy voice call me home, saying, "Yet there is room,
There is room at my side for thee:" **Refrain**

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 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
archangels, Andrew our Patron Saint, 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.

6. 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!

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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 in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth
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and peace to his people on earth

Lord God, heav'nly King; to you O God we sing.
We worship, thank and praise you for your glory. **Refrain**

Christ, the Father's Son, the lamb, God's chosen one.
You cleanse and take away our sin, have mercy. **Refrain**

At your Father's side, you sit with pow'r and might.
You take away our sin, receive our prayer. **Refrain**

Spirit, Father, Son all holy, you are One.
To You be all the glory, praise and honour. **Refrain**

Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect of the Day

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD (sit)

First Reading: Isaiah 62: 6 - 12 Rex James

Psalm 96 Page 594 (All sit)

Refrain: Today is born our Saviour Christ our Lord.

1. Sing to the Lord a new song;* sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
 2. Sing to the Lord and bless his name;* proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day. **Refrain**
 3. Declare his glory among the nations* and his wonders among all peoples.
 4. For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;* he is more to be feared than all gods. **Refrain**
11. Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea thunder and all that is in it;* let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
12. Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before the Lord when he comes,* when he comes to judge the earth. **Refrain**

Second Reading: Titus 3:4 - 7 Camille Isaacs-Morelle

Sequence Hymn: 63 The Virgin Mary Had a Baby Boy

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,
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. **Refrain**

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. **Refrain**

For thine the kingdom, the pow'r and 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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Agnus Dei

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

The Invitation Form B

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Hymns During Communion:

Hymn 91

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

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

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."

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

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:

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."

Hymn 507

1. Thou didst leave thy throne and thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me;
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For thy holy Nativity:

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... the glory of your name.

Sanctus

Refrain:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might; Repeat

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest. *Refrain*

PRESIDENT:

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

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

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

The Lord's Prayer (*Traditional Jamaican Revival Melody*)

Our father, who art in Zion

Hallowed, be thy name

Thy Kingdom come on earth, they 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

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.

Gospel Acclamation

Alle, alle, alle, alleluia!

Alle, alle, alle, alleluia!

Alle, alle, alle, alleluia!

Alle, alle, alle, alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 2: (1 - 7), 8 - 20

Sermon: Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson

The Nicene Creed BCP page 104

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION We pray for Christ Catholic Church ...

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

Lord, grant us peace.

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

Lord, grant us peace.

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

Lord, grant us peace.

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

Lord, grant us peace.

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

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.

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.

Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: We remember families, relatives and friends and also who

would be alone this Christmas time, King of Glory, come to earth.
Lord, grant us peace.

Leader: At this time of joy and rejoicing, we pray for all who are sad,
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

Lord, grant us peace.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Leader: We confess our transgressions, for grace to be cleansed of our sins,
to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, Hear us, O Lord.

Lord, have mercy

Celebrant: *The Absolution: Almighty God...*

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

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.

Anthem - Glorious is thy name. - Mozart's 12th Mass Choir

OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Offertory: A medley of hymns

1. Angels from the realms of glory, **2. Shepherds, in the fields abiding,**
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
Ye who sang creation's story,
God with man is now residing,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Yonder shines the infant Light; **R**

Refrain

*Come and worship,
Come and worship,
Worship Christ,
the newborn King!*

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3. Angles we have heard on high
Sweetly singing or the plains
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains

4. Come to Bethlem and see
Him whose birth the angles sing
come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new born King. **R**

Refrain

Gloria in excelsis Deo

Gloria in excelsis Deo

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'.

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**

Refrain:

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

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Ris'n 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**

Remain Standing

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE:

**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 live-
ly 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.**

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