

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
*Living in the Spirit in a culture of diversity***

January 8, 2023 - Year A

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Reading Isaiah 42:1 - 9 Deryke Smith
Psalm 29 Refrain: (All sit) " Ascribe to the Lord the glory
BCP page 502 due to His name. "
Second Reading Acts 10:34 - 43 Phyll Williams
Gospel Matthew 3: 13 - 17

8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for The Mothers' Union)

Processional 103 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness
First Reading Isaiah 42:1 - 9 Barbara Williams
Psalm 29 Chanted **(All stand)** BCP page 502
Second Reading Acts 10:34 - 43 Abby-Gayle Myers
Gradual 270 Come down, O Love divine
(Children will leave for Sunday School)
Gospel Matthew 3: 13 - 17
Sermon Rev. Canon Serrano Kitson
Baptismal Renewal page 4
Offertory Hymn 98 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
During Communion 594, 852,
Recessional Another year is dawning - see pg 6

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.

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When Jesus was thirty years old, He was baptized
by John the Baptist.

INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

Living in the Spirit in a culture of diversity

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The scene shifts to another set of people, shepherds, who by virtue of their livelihood, were subject to discrimination among their own people and members of the same community of faith, as they were unable to observe the various religious rituals which characterized devout Jews in their time. It is to them that the divine message came by way of an angel, demonstrating that their humanity is not defined by the aspersions and labels placed upon them, but is bestowed by God who acts in liberating and transforming ways.

Let me suggest that for people who were without status and who may have internalized such a self-image, a direct encounter with a messenger from God was not perceived as something of which they were worthy. Yet, they were affirmed by the angel who brought a message that was contrary to their experience of life:

To you is born this day a Saviour, the Messiah, the Lord. This is news which declared that the hope and longing in their situation would be fulfilled, not in Emperor Augustus' power and decrees but, in the divine provision. The good news which they were privileged to hear was for "all people". In contrast to the images and symbols of the state, the instrument of their liberation was to be a baby. At the centre of the Christmas story stands the Incarnation which is a paradigm of power in **humility**, and which gives a new definition to power.

Divine Peace

The clear message is that **power and force are not the routes to peace in our world**, notwithstanding those displays in the international arena nor the reliance on police and military power and force in our troubled nation. Indeed, this focus on peace in the divine message delivered by the angel also points to God's concern for the vulnerable and hopeless who are the victims of military might and power.

If the world is to be changed, the promise of the Prince of Peace must be fulfilled by a new set of values which begin with a change in the hearts and lives of human beings in their relationship with each other and with God. We must see in this message of the Incarnation the imperative to affirm and announce the good news to the vulnerable and marginalized in our world, not just feed them a meal at Christmas or offer other patronizing gestures.

And if we as Christians are to truly grasp the significance of Christmas we must allow ourselves the opportunity to experience the peace of which the angel spoke even in the midst of the turmoil, despair and hopelessness which seem to surround us and our world at this time.

What does the angelic song of peace signify? It signifies that a new age was dawning in which there is the acknowledgement and affirmation of those who are treated as mere subjects and statistics and whose role is perceived to be that of obedience and compliance.

In this dispensation, there is mercy, justice, freedom and the end of war and oppression. As a nation, we may do well to see how this experience and understanding of peace may hold the key to ending the killing in our land. May you, your loved ones, and the people of our nation celebrate Christmas this year in a context in which peace reigns within our hearts, our life and the life of the community.

+ Howard Jamaica

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Chris Gordon 8/01, Revd. Leslie Hoo Sang 9/01, Desda Kerr 10/01, Jacinth Wright, Hope Hinds, Malik Thompson and Yolande Whitely-Guthrie 11/1, Anthony Grodger 12/01, Rev. Delroy Coley 13/01, Brian Shor, Jean Jones and Karen Fitz-Ritson 14/01.

Wedding Anniversary - To Rev. David and Mary Kuck who celebrated their 50th in December.

We welcome The Queen's School family who are worshipping with us.

The Marian Service with Holy Cross Church will be held here at St Andrew on Wednesday January 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Members are invited to join in this Ecumenical Service.

Jamaica Youth Chorale - Saxthorpe today, tickets are available at the gate.

Your 2023 envelopes can be collected from the Boardroom.

The Church's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 22, 2023, after the 8:00 a.m. service. Reports are due by the 13th.

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

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Beneficiary Name: St. Andrew Parish Church
Beneficiary Account #: **301045077**
Account Type: Current Account
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Bank Name: Bank of New York, New York
ABA Routing#: 021000018
SWIFT Code: IRVTUS3N
Account Name: National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited
A/C #: 8033407727 SWIFT Code: JNCBJMKX
For Further Credit to: St. Andrew Parish Church

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Jan. 8 - 14.

Jan. 10 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Jan. 11 Wednesday 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Jan. 13 Friday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Readings for Jan. 15, 2023: Isaiah 49:1 - 7, Psalm 40: 1 - 12, 1 Corinthians 1: 1 - 9, John 1: 29 - 42.

Did you know?

What happened at the moment when Jesus had himself baptized by John? In the face of this act of humble love by the Son of God, the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit showed himself in the form of a dove, while a voice from on high expressed the pleasure of the Father who acknowledged his Only-Begotten, his beloved Son. This was a real manifestation of the Blessed Trinity, that bears witness to the divinity of Jesus, of his being the promised Messiah, the One whom God sent to set his People free in order to save them (cf. Is 40:2).

Quote for reflection

“[In his baptism] Jesus shows his solidarity with us, with our efforts to convert and to be rid of our selfishness, to break away from our sins in order to tell us that if we accept him in our life he can uplift us and lead us to the heights of God the Father. And Jesus’ solidarity is not, as it were, a mere exercise of mind and will. Jesus truly immersed himself in our human condition, lived it to the end, in all things save sin, and was able to understand our weakness and frailty...This is God’s work which Jesus wanted to carry out: the divine mission to heal those who are wounded and give medicine to the sick, to take upon himself the sin of the world.” *Pope Benedict XVI, Homily on the Baptism of the Lord (2013)*

Question for reflection

- Which of my baptismal vows do I find most difficult?
- What will I do this week to build on my commitment to this vow?

Another Year Is Dawning -Aurelia

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| <p>1. Another year is dawning,
Dear Father, let it be
in working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee.
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.</p> | <p>2. Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.</p> |
| <p>3. Another year of service,
Of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning,
Dear Father, let it be
on earth, or else in Heaven,
Another year for Thee.</p> | |

SEASONAL SENTENCE

President: For the God who said...

President: (+) Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

People: And blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

President: O Christ, who has revealed yourself and enlightened
the world. Alleluia!

**All: We are baptized to proclaim your light of Salvation to all people.
Alleluia!**

President: Our Savior is made manifest for the redemption of the world.
Alleluia!

All: All nations you have made will come and worship you, Alleluia

The Collect for Purity

ALL: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open...

Gloria in Excelsis

Refrain:
*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth
Glory to God in the highest,
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. **R**

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

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

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

Celebrant: The Lord is here

All: His spirit is with us.

Celebrant: Let us pray... **Amen**

The Prayers of Intercession

President: We shall pray for Christ's Catholic and Apostolic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church. Lord in your mercy:

All: Hear our prayer

President: We pray for the clergy, the nation, our leaders and the family.

The Renewal of Baptismal Vows and Promises

Leader: In our baptism we died with Christ and were buried with Him, so that we might rise with Him to a new life within the family of His Church. We can never be baptized again, but we can, in response to a movement of God's Spirit, and after careful preparation, renew the promises made at our baptism.

As we look forward to the return of Christ as Lord and Judge, I invite you who are ready to do so to reaffirm your baptismal promises.

Question: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Saviour?

Answer: I turn and accept Him.

Question: Do you put your trust in His grace and love?

Answer: I so put my trust.

Question: Do you promise to love God and obey Him as your Lord?

Answer: I promise.

Question: Do you renounce Satan, and all the spiritual forces of wickedness?

Answer: I do.

Question: Do you renounce injustice and all the evil powers of this world?

Answer: I do.

Leader: Now in allegiance to Christ, you must declare before God and His Church that you accept the Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you will continue to live and grow.

Question: Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the Universe?

Answer: I believe and trust in God.

Question: Do you believe and trust in God's Son Jesus Christ in whom we have redemption?

Answer: I believe and trust in God

Question: Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

Answer: I believe and trust in God.

Leader: This is the faith of the Church.

People: This is our Faith. We believe and trust in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Alleluia, Alleluia

Leader: We shall be sprinkled with Holy Water as a sign of the renewal of our Baptismal Vows and promises.

The aspersion with Holy Water

During the sprinkling of the people with Holy Water the following shall be sung:

Wonderful Grace

1. Wonderful grace

That gives what I don't deserve,
Pays me what Christ has earned,
Then lets me go free.

Wonderful grace

That gives me the time to change,
Washes away the stains
That once covered me.

2. Wonderful love

That held in the face of death,
Breathed in its latest breath
Forgiveness for me.
Wonderful love,
Whose power can break every chain,
Giving us life again
And setting us free.

Refrain:

*And all that I have
I lay at the feet
Of the wonderful Saviour
Who loves me.*

All: Eternal God you have declared in Christ the completion of your purpose of love. May we live by faith, walk in hope and be renewed in love, until the world reflects your glory and you are all in all. Even so; come, Lord Jesus. Amen

The Greeting of Peace

SICK AND SHUT - IN

George Thomas	(Priest)	Myrtle White	Allune Mullings
Alton Tulloch	(Priest)	Jean King	Olive Lawrence
Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Rema Samuels	Ilene Henry
Aston Daley		Margaret Green	Myrtle Gordon

Hymns for Sunday

Hymn 103

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before Him, His glory proclaim;
With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His Name!

Low at His feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
High on His heart He will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
Guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.

Fear not to enter His courts in the slenderness
Of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
These are the offerings to lay on His shrine.

These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
He will accept for the Name that is dear;
Mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
Trust for our trembling and hope for our fear

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With gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
Kneel and adore Him: the Lord is His Name!

HYMN 270

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my path illuming.

Let holy charity
mine outward vesture be,
and lowliness become mine inner clothing:
true lowliness of heart,
which takes the humbler part,
and o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till he become the place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes his dwelling.

HYMN 98

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us thine aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Cold on His cradle the dewdrops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall.
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

Shall we not yield Him, In costly devotion
Odors of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest and gold from the mine?

Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure.
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

The first verse may be repeated at the end