

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

360th Anniversary Celebration of the Mission and Ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church

January 5, 2025 - Lectionary Year C

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

O.T Lesson Jeremiah 31:7 - 14 Deryke Smith
Psalm 84:1 - 8 Refrain: (All sit) " Happy are they who dwell in your
BCP page 502 house. Alleluia. "
N. T Lesson Ephesians 1:3 - 6 & 15 - 19 Faith Harker
Gospel Matthew 2:1 - 12
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8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Church Committee)

Processional 97 As with gladness men of old
O. T. Lesson Jeremiah 31:7 - 14 Phillip Clarke
Psalm 84:1-8 **Chanted:** (All stand) BCP page 502
N. T. Lesson Ephesians 1:3 - 6 & 15 - 19 Lisa Campbell
Gradual 84 See him lying on a bed of straw
Gospel Matthew 2:1 - 12
Sermon Rev. Canon Serrano Kitson
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Offertory Hymn 98 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning
During Communion 602, Lord I lift your name on high, 462
Recessional 94 Father let me dedicate

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.

**Readings for Jan. 12, 2025: Isaiah 43:1 - 7, Psalm 29, Acts 8: 14 - 17,
Luke 3:15 - 17, 21 - 22.**

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360th Anniversary Celebration

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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Final Part of Arch Bishop’s Message

The Incarnation Brings Hope

Mary’s husband, Joseph, a carpenter, and the shepherds, were on the margins of society, but they were not violent. Nevertheless, they were all looking for the Messiah, making it clear that they were seeking relief from their condition under Roman colonial control.

At the heart of Christmas stands an infant born to parents who were just statistics in the power play of Herod, and who from his birth was treated as an outsider and excluded. In the narrative, God acts for the well-being of his people who were without power and social standing and who found little to celebrate, but who were able to discern and to respond to what he was doing to affirm their dignity and transform their experience as his beloved children. In the Incarnation, God is revealed as a God of the abandoned, the rejected, the downtrodden, and the despairing, and is present wherever men and women experience these conditions.

Christmas then, is not about laying everything aside and having a good time, but rather, the joyful declaration that, even in these circumstances, there is hope because of the Incarnation which occurred with the birth of Jesus.

Our challenge is to identify persons who are marginalized and powerless, caught up in suffering, sickness, pain, anxiety and violence; and to become advocates and agents of the good news and the hope which God brings to our world in the birth of his Son, Jesus Christ. So, when we celebrate Christmas this year, let us move beyond nostalgia and sentimentality, or sharing the sounds of Christmas music, and festivities in the present moment. In this world, with all that is wrong, may *“Peace on earth...”* be not just a song to sing, but a vision of the divine mission and purpose to be embraced by each of us, and shared with other persons around us.

+ *Howard Jamaica*

Birthdays for this week: Beverley Evans, Polmae Thompson, Brandon Henry, Dawn Fuller-Phillips and Christine McDonald 05/01, Rev. Horace Richards, Pauline Thompson and Paulette Thompson 06/01, Pauline Bryan and George Lowe 07/01, Chris Gordon 8/01, Caleb Ottey-Brown 09/01, Desda Kerr 10/01, Jacinth Wright, Hope Hinds, Malik Thompson, Michael Fennell and Yolande Whitely-Guthrie 11/1.

Condolence is extended to Canon Kitson and family on the passing of his sister, Patricia Kitson.

The Funeral Service for Angella Foster, Margaret Spooner’s sister, will be will at St. Mary, Southfield Anglican Church on Saturday, Jan. 11 at 11:00a.m.

The Marian Service with Holy Cross Church will be held here on Wednesday January 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. Members are invited to join in this Ecumenical Service.

Monday Bible Study. Bible Study will resumes on 8th. January 2025.

Your 2025 envelopes can be collected from the Conference room.

The Church’s Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 26, 2025, after the 8:00 a.m. service. Reports are due by the 21st.

Thanks to all who contributed to gift day this year.

Tuesday charity will be held on Tuesday 7th January. Non-perishable will be welcomed.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Jan. 5 - 11

Jan. 6	Monday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - The Epiphany
Jan. 7	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Jan. 8	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Jan. 10	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR...

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Donald Smalling	Winnifred Payne
Cynthia Stennett		Rema Watt	Federick Green
Trevor Blake		Lois Owen	Hopeton Fraser
Paul Bicknell		Norma Allen	Calvin Murray

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The Season of Epiphany begins on January 6 and continues through to the Tuesday before Ash Wednesday. The liturgical colour for the period between the Feast of the Epiphany and Ash Wednesday is green. This period centres on the revelation and manifestation of Jesus Christ, epitomized by the Magi's visit, symbolizing his recognition as the Saviour for all. Additionally, it emphasizes the symbolism of light, portraying Christ as the illuminating force, bringing enlightenment and hope to humanity. The season underlines the Church's mission, highlighting God's inclusive love and the call to spread the gospel universally. Moreover, it focuses on individuals' witness and testimony to Christ's significance in their lives, echoing the actions of those who acknowledged Jesus' presence. Lastly, it commemorates Jesus' Baptism, marking the beginning of his ministry and affirming his divine identity as the Son of God. These intertwined themes feature prominently in liturgical practices, encouraging contemplation on Christ's revelation and its universal implications.

Quote for reflection

“Epiphany is the day and season in the church year when we patiently watch and listen as God is quietly revealed before us once again. Sometimes, even when we try hard to do so, we just don’t see God in our everyday lives or in the events of our world. Epiphany gives us the time and the resources to watch, wait, listen, look, and anticipate the light, life, and truth of the Lord’s presence in our midst.” ~ *Norman Shawchuck & Ruben Job in A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God*

Question for reflection

- What practices or habits could I adopt to become more attentive to the quiet revelations of God in my surroundings?

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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

Celebrant: The word was made flesh. Alleluia.

All: The Lord has come to dwell among us. Alleluia

Celebrant: The word came from the mouth of God .Alleluia

All: Let the light of the incarnate word shine with righteousness. Alleluia

Celebrant: God’s word move through out the earth. Alleluia

All: It carries glad tiding of creation rebirth. Amen Alleluia, 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 See flysheet

Evans/Clarke

Celebrant: Let us pray...

All: **Amen**

The Collect of the day

The Nicene Creed

The Prayers of Intercession

Celebrant: 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

Celebrant: We pray for the clergy, the nation, our community and family.

Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

Covenant Renewal

Leader: Will you live in obedience to God's laws, as a loyal member of His Church?

All: With God's Help, I will.

Leader: Will you support the Church, by coming together week by week for corporate worship; giving personal service and work and pray for the spread of the Kingdom of God?

All: With God's Help, I will.

Leader: Will your life be marked with self-denial and self-giving and permeated by love of God and our fellow human beings?

All: With God's Help, I will.

Leader: Let us in sincere dependence on God's grace, and trusting in God's promise, yield ourselves again to God.

All: Almighty God and heavenly Father, as part of my personal response to You, I promise that I will more readily accept the guidance and direction of your indwelling Holy Spirit in every part of my life; that I will become more involved in the life of your Church and use more of my time and abilities for your work and witness by telling others about Jesus, like Saint Andrew our Patron Saint.

I will also, as an expression of my gratitude to you, support the work of our Church by contributing funds from my earnings on a regular, systematic and proportionate basis through my tithes and offering. This is my solemn vow to further the mission of God.

Leader: Almighty God who gives you the will to do these things, grant you grace and power to perform them, that God may complete the good work begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

Leader: We shall be sprinkled with Holy Water as a sign of our Covenant renewal.

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.*

Almighty God whose Holy spirit equips the church ...

The Greeting of Peace

President: We are the body of Christ...

All: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.

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.