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Celebrating Advent & Covenant Renewal

INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

God has called and equipped us for Ministry in His Kingdom

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The Rector's Message

Dec. 1, 2013

The first Sunday of Advent marks the beginning of the Church's year. Advent directs our attention to the "last things" (eschatology), that is, the Second Coming of Christ and the consummation of God's purposes in creation and the lives of human persons.

Salvation is central to eschatology (last things) and is the foundation on which the church proclaims God's action in the past, His activity in the present and His Sovereignty over the affairs of men and women in the future. Repentance is necessary for the forgiveness of sins and to obtain Salvation. This is the constant proclamation of the Church to disobedient sinners who need to acknowledge their disobedience to God's voice and unwillingness to act with compassion, to speak in love and to walk with humility.

Andrew was a missionary disciple who having met the Messiah went to share the Good News with his brother. "One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. he first found his brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus" (John 1:40-42a NRSV). This action of Andrew is a model of disciplining for us to pattern as we focus on our theme "***Know, Live and Share the Faith -My Responsibility.***" We have a duty to share the good news of our experience of Jesus Christ who died for our sins, and was raised by the power of God and now offers the forgiveness of sins and the liberating gift of the Holy Spirit to all who believe and repent. This is our commitment as disciples of Jesus.

Advent connects us in different ways to a fundamental element of the Christian life; the **in between time**. The **in between time** is that period between Christ's First Coming and His Second Coming at the end of the age. This is the time for us to witness to the Christ-event, which is all that God has done for us in and through the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, and the importance for us to be **prepared** for we do not know the day or the hour.

The final Advent of the Lord may be nearer now with the passing of time, than it was at the time of Saint Paul. This **in between time** requires us to live a life of holiness, and to share the faith and to be awake and ready for the unexpected coming of the Son of God. "Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. Keep awake therefore..." (Matthew 24:40-42a NSRV).

A warm welcome to all those who are visiting with us.

Introit As we are gathered

As we are gathered, Jesus is here:
One with each other, Jesus is here;
Joined by the Spirit, built up in love
Part of the body, the Church of God.
As we are gathered Jesus is here;
One with each other Jesus is here

Entrance : Organ Voluntary

The choir, servers and clergy process to the sanctuary

The Choir sings - Worship honour, glory, blessing ...
(during the censuring of the Altar)

Celebrant:

**May this incense, blessed by You, O Lord, ascend to You.
And may your mercy descend upon us in the name of the
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace

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

Processional Hymn 35 “Blest be the King whose coming is in
the name of God.”

Station at the North Door

Celebrant: I will exalt you, O God my King,

People: **and bless your name forever and ever.**

Celebrant: Let us pray...

Celebrant: We stand outside time, in a place not of earth. As our
ancestors before us bade, we join together and are One.
By blessed Mary and blessed apostle Andrew our Patron
Saint, by all Your holy angels, by all Powers of Light
and Shadow, we call You to guard and defend us from all
perils, O Most High.

All: Amen.

The Procession continues with Hymn 36 “Christ is surely coming”,
(repeat verse one)

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Celebrant: Jesus says, “Surely I am Coming Soon!”

All: **Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!**

Celebrant: Blessed be God Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: **Blessed be God’s Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**

Celebrant: Today is the First Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Hope.

Introduction to the observance of Advent - Sunday School

(All sit)

THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

(All stand)

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, now we stand in the house of the Lord,
at

the center of a universe which is not ours as we know it.
As we prepare to worship the living God, let us call to
mind in silence the divine Presence that surrounds our
lives. It is our Holy God who calls us by name and draws
us into the mystery of Christ Jesus who is alive and in our
midst.

Silence

Celebrant:

You are just, O Holy One, great and amazing are your
deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways,
King of the nations! As you reveal your majesty in your son
Jesus Christ at His first coming, so may this Advent
Wreath and Candles be to us a sign of your presence this
Advent tide Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The Candle of Hope

The Christian Hope is rooted in Christ risen and ascended, who will come again in glory and in power to judge. He will make all things new. “When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.” (Matthew 25:31-32) Our hope also is to live with confidence in newness and fullness of life, and to await the coming of Christ in glory, and the completion of God’s purpose in the world. (BCP pg.413)

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: O come, Emmanuel (first stanza only)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the son of God appear.

Refrain

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Celebrant: On this First Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Hope.
(First Candle is lit)

Celebrant: Hope is like a light shining in a dark place.

People: As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the hope
we

have in Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: let us pray:

All : God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and son of David. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word , and to do your will by sharing your hope with others. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen

THE TRISAGION

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

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Have mercy upon us.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

President: Let us pray.

Silence

The Collect:

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

Old Testament

Isaiah

2: 1 - 5 Vincent Lawrence

Jerusalem: pray for her peace;
“May all who love you find success;
Peace be to all within your walls.
An in your towers be quietness.”

Psalm 122 (Metric)
(*All Stand*)

Jerusalem: with what great joy
I heard them say, “Let us go there!”
And now at last we take our stand
Within her gates to make our prayer

Jerusalem: for comrades’ sake
My prayers for you will never cease;
Because God’s house is standing
here,
I pray forever for your peace.

Jerusalem: a city built
To be a place of unity;
The tribes go up, the tribes of God,
To praise God’s Name eternally.

All glory to the Father, Son,
And to the Holy Spirit be;
As from the first it was, is now,
And will be for eternity.

Jerusalem: within your walls
The thrones of justice serve God’s will;
The ancient thrones of David’s house

Stand and unite God's people still.

New Testament Romans 13:8 - 14 Jacqueline Mighty
Sequence Hymn 50

(Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel)

Gospel Matthew 24:37 - 44

Sermon

Pause for silent reflection

Celebrant: We pray for Christ's Catholic church and for the mission
and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church.

THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS *(All Stand)*

Celebrant: 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.

Celebrant: 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 world?

Answer: I believe and trust in Him.

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

Answer: I believe and trust in Him.

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

Answer: I believe and trust in Him.

Celebrant: This is the faith of the Church.

All: This is our faith. We believe and trust in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Celebrant: As we renew our commitment, let us engage our hearts to the Lord and resolve in His strength to be faithful to Him. We shall be sprinkled with Holy Water as a sign of the renewal of our Baptismal Covenant.

Refrain:

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

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

Wonderful grace

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.

Repeat verse 1.

Covenant Renewal

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

All: **With God's help, I will.**

Celebrant: 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.**

Celebrant: 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.**

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 my abilities to further its work and witness by telling others about Jesus. I will also, as an expression of my gratitude to you, support the work of your church by contributing funds from my earnings on a regular, systematic and proportionate basis. This is my solemn vow and promise.

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Greeting Of Peace:

Celebrant: A harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace and accept the peace that God gives.

All: Let us live in peace and share the peace that only God can give.

Celebrant: Shalom!! The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

Offertory Hymn: 439 “Stand up stand up for Jesus”

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The Invitation	
Agnus Dei	

Hymns during Communion: 755, Such Love, Lord teach us to pray, There is no love like the love of Jesus, Lord when the storms of life arise, & 621.

Such love,

Such love, pure as the whitest snow;
such love weeps for the shame I know;
such love, paying the debt I owe;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love, stilling my restlessness;
such love, filling my emptiness;
such love, showing me holiness;
O Jesus, such love.

Such love springs from eternity;
such love, streaming through history;
such love, fountain of life to me;
O Jesus, such love.

Lord, teach us to pray;

Lord, teach us to pray;
let us know Your will every day.
Give us the grace
to go on seeking Your face,
in obedience to all that You say,
in obedience to all that You say.

Lord, help us to see
with the eyes of faith, and believe.
Give us Your heart to care
for the world in our prayer,
and a vision of what it should be,
and a vision of what it should be

There is no love like the love of Jesus

There is no love like the love of Jesus,
Never to fade or fall,
Till into the fold of the peace of God
He has gathered us all.
Jesus' love, precious love,
Boundless, and pure, and free;

O, let us hark to the voice of Jesus!
O may we never roam;
till safe we rest on His loving breast,
in the dear heavenly home

Lord, When the Storms of Life Arise

Lord, when the storms of life arise
be near to keep me yet,
my chosen portion and my prize
in whom alone my refuge lies,
on on whom my hope is set.
whom my hope is set.

In God alone securely stand
his saints for ever blest,
who shelter safe beneath his hand
as in a fair and pleasant land,
and in his presence rest.
and in his presence rest.

Lord of our life, our strength and stay,
whom yet unseen we love,
uphold us in the narrow way
and guide our footsteps night and day
with wisdom from above.
with wisdom from above.

So shall the path of life be shown,
the prayers of faith ascend;
until we know as we are known,
and sing before the Father's throne
the songs that never end.
the songs that never end.

Post Communion Hymn 612

Post Communion Prayer BCP page 148

Hymn - Second Collection 245 “Jesus come today..”

Welcome & Notices

THE BLESSING

Recessional: Hymn 313 “God of grace and God of Glory”

Prayer for the Renewal of our Parish

God of the Church, in Jesus Christ you have formed us through Baptism to be a community of your transforming love. We have not loved as we are called by your Son to love as He loved us. Stir up your love within our hearts, that we may reorder our lives and priorities to seek first your honour and glory, and grant that we may be awakened to the Holy Spirit’s presence and give ourselves anew to you. Strengthen the faithful, arouse the careless, and restore the penitent. Give, we pray, all things necessary for our common life, and bring us all to be of one heart and mind within your holy Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Olive Lawrence
Muriel Smith
Cynthia Bonner
Enid Lawe

Gloria Davis
Jemima Austin
Marjory Reeson
Elaine Small

Did You Know?

Anglicans do not baptize the dead. The body or ashes is sprinkled with Holy Water to recall the persons baptism when they were alive. BCP page 361

QUOTE FOR REFLECTION

O Come, God of our Hope. We invite your word into our hearts. May we be awake and alert to our presence in our lives, to your hope for our world .Call us out of our apathy, and our own selfish desires. Help us to live as people who strive to unite, rather than divide, to build up, rather than destroy, to spread light, rather than darkness. Make your vision and hope for this world be our own vision, and grant us the wisdom, courage and strength to work toward it.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES 2013

December 1		Advent 1 and Covenant Renewal
December 15 - 20		Gift Days
December 15	6:00 p.m.	Concert and Carol Service
December 21	9:00 a.m.	Feast Day St. Thomas the Apostle
December 24	1:00 p.m.	Carols/Blessing of Manger and First Mass of Christmas
December 25	8:00 a.m.	Christmas Day Holy Eucharist and Sermon
December 26	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist St. Stephen's Day
December 27	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist St. John the Apostle's Day
December 28	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Innocents' Day
December 29	6:30 & 8:00 a.m.	Mass of Christmas
December	11:00 a.m.	Mass for homebound and elderly Please assist with invitations and transport
December 31	11:00 p.m.	New Year's eve – Watch Night Service
January 1	8:00 a.m.	New Year's Day Holy Eucharist Holy Name
January 5	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist
	6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

Monday	5:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:30 p.m.	Moreton Park
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	5:15 p.m.	Women's Auxiliary
	5:30 p.m.	Property & Building
	5:30 p.m.	Confirmation Class
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers of St. Andrew
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Jacqueline Mighty 01/12, Javan Patel 02/12, Gloria Laing, Minnette Mitchell and Michael Grant 03/12, John Lopez, Andrea Robins and John Levy 04/12, Marilyn Lawrence-Wright 05/12, Senga McDonald 06/12, and Calvin Murray 07/12.

Congratulations to Leonard & Stephanie Green who celebrated their 61st wedding anniversary on Friday last, the 29th of November.

The funeral service for Edna Strudwick will take place at Lyndhurst Methodist Church, on Wednesday December 4, at 1:30 p.m. Interment follows in the St. Andrew Parish Church Cemetery.

Next Sunday Dec. 8 will be our Annual meeting to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee.

The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday Schools annual Christmas Cake & Pudding sale is on every Sunday from November 3 - December 22, 2013. Please give your full support as the proceeds are in aid of the Sunday Schools of St. Andrew Parish Church, St. Clements' and St. Thomas' Missions - 1lb puddings -\$1,200; 2lb puddings - \$2,400 and 40 oz. cake -\$1,800. Place your orders early!

St. Clement's Mission, Kencot, presents **Jamaican Lunch "Eat What We Grow"** December 6, 2013, at St. Clement's. Contribution \$800.00.

Little Brother's Ministry - Volunteers are badly needed for this ministry . Kindly contact Minke Newman.

The Girls' Home is in need of mentors. Interested persons may contact the church office.

The church is seeking an **Event Planner** to undertake the fundraising activities of the church.

Diocese of Jamaica & The Cayman Islands Education & Youth Department Presents "**Advent & Christmas Carols**" featuring National Chorale of Jamaica conducted by Winston Ewart. Today Sunday December 1, at 4:00 p.m., Church of The Transfiguration, 1 Meadowbrook Main. Contribution

Young Adult Ministry: Ages 21 - 35yrs.
Using our Special Gifts and Abilities for Ministry to Evangelize.

