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St. Andrew Parish Church
Half-Way Tree, Kingston 10, Jamaica
Patron Saint Andrew The Apostle



**“Come, we must go straight to Bethlehem and see
this thing that has happened, which the Lord has
made known to us”**

**THE FEAST
OF
THE NATIVITY
2014**

The Rector's Christmas Message 2014

What is significant about Christmas? It is the recognition of God, dwelling among us, in the person of Jesus – the Emanuel. Such a proclamation by us, the people of faith, appears outrageous to the unbeliever. Despite their doubt, God's initiative to dwell among us is a divine decision which facilitates human participation. St John's Gospel, Chap. 1:1 & 14 gives the message; *"In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God...and the Word became flesh and dwelt among us"* This irreversible decision by God made from the beginning of time before creation, unfolds to us in the fullness of time and is called the Incarnation. *"The action of the Incarnation is the revelation of God's divine love for all people, a love which is self-giving, all embracing and which enables us to be truly human, as we realize in our lives the divine imperative to be god-like in our relating to each other."*

Let us remember, that the purposes of God have constantly faced opposition from the advent of creation, and God's redeeming grace and mercy remain forever present to guide, provide and guard His people for His glory. Thus the focus for the Nativity of our Lord must be centered on the One who "knows our needs and guardeth us from danger." This Christmas carol, O Holy Night can help us to see signs of the Lord's presence of grace and loving-mercy in the midst of financial distress and emotional anxiety.

God has revealed to us through the incarnation of His son Jesus, His desire for us to be reconciled and healed. Christmas is an opportune time for us to initiate and make renewed effort to bridge broken relationships in our families and in the many communities which have been scarred by violence. It is a time for us to re-connect with loved ones and friends whom we have not seen or heard from in a long time. These are god-like actions which make us truly human.

On behalf of Denise, Matthew, Timothy and Rachel; the Clergy, Staff, Church Committee and indeed the entire Parish Family, I thank you for your love and support and pray that you and your families may have a blessed Christmas, beautified by the indwelling of the Incarnate One in your lives always. God remains the only recipient of our worship and hope, our joy and peace. Thus the reason for the season is in the message, Immanuel, Christ was born to save, let there be peace on earth.

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**THE BLESSING OF THE MANGER &
FIRST MASS OF CHRISTMAS 11:00 p.m.**
(Mass Setting by David Thorne)

THE SOLEMN PROCESSION Organ Voluntary

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

Station in All Soul's Chapel at the Manger

HYMN: - Away in a Manger

1. Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
The little Lord Jesus, laid down his sweet head;
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay;
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.

All make the sign of the cross as the Celebrant says:

(+) 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 manifest 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.

Lord, bless all who look upon this manger;
may it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus,
and raise up our thoughts to him,
who is God-with-us and Saviour of all,
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Manger is incensed as the people sing

2. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask Thee to stay
Close by me for ever and love me, I pray,
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven to live with Thee there.

INTROIT HYMN: Angels from the realms of glory,

Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story,
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.

Refrain

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

Shepherds, in the fields abiding,
Watching o'er your flocks by night,
God with man is now residing,
Yonder shines the infant Light;

Refrain

Sages, leave your contemplations,
Brighter visions beam afar;
Seek the great desire of nations,
Ye have seen His natal star;

Refrain

Saints before the altar bending,
Watching long in hope and fear,
Suddenly the Lord, descending,
In His temple shall appear:

Refrain

Though an infant now we view him,
He shall fill his Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to him;
Every knee shall then bow do

Refrain

INTRODUCTION & GREETINGS

Celebrant:

Dear friends in Christ, on this most holy night we offer this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to God the almighty, for sending Jesus as Saviour to humankind. In particular, our special intention is for the Light of God to shine peace into our hearts, homes and communities by the power of the Holy Spirit. For “I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people : today in the town of David a Saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord” (Luke 2:10).

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

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**People: And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever.
Amen. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Canticle: Glory to God on High (Hymn 547)

1. Glory to God on high,
And peace to all on earth.
We worship you, we give you
thanks, our heavenly King.
We give you praise,
Almighty God and Father
blessed in glory bright.

2. Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
The Father's only Son,
The sacrificial lamb,
who saves the world from sin,
Have mercy Lord.
Beside the Father's hand
enthroned, now hear our prayer.

3. You only are the Lord.
You only are most high.
You only are the Holy one,
Lord Jesus Christ and now you
reign, with Father and with Spirit
One in glorious light. **Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord is here!

People: His Spirit is with us

Celebrant: Let us pray

The Collect of the Day BCP page 158

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (sit)

First Reading: Isaiah 62:1 - 5 Deryke Smith

Psalm 89: 20 - 30

Refrain: Forever will I sing the goodness of Lord.

Second Reading: Acts 13:16 - 26 Michelle Thompson

Sequence Hymn: Do you hear what I hear

1. All:

Said the night wind to the little
lamb “Do you see what I see?
Way up in the sky, little lamb
Do you see what I see?
A star, a star, dancing in the night
With a tail as big as a kite,
With a tail as big as a kite.”

2. Men:

Said the little lamb to the shepherd
boy, “Do you hear what I hear?
Ringing through the sky shepherd
boy, Do you hear what I hear?
A song, a song, high above the trees
With a voice as big as the sea,
With a voice as big as the sea.”

3. Ladies:

Said the shepherd boy to the mighty
king, “Do you know what I know?
In your palace warm, mighty king
Do you know what I know?
A child, a child, shivers in the cold
Let us bring him silver and gold,
Let us bring him silver and gold.”

4. All:

Said the king to the people every-
where, “Listen to what I say!
Pray for peace, people, everywhere
Listen to what I say! The child, the
child, sleeping in the night, He will
bring us goodness and light, He will
bring us goodness and light.”

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.

Gospel: Luke 1: 67 - 79

Sermon: Canon Sirrano Kitson

Remain seated for silent reflection

The Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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: 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 (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: Beloved, the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Anthem - Alleluia, Gloria in Excelsis Deo Choir

OFFERING OF THE EUCHARISTIC SACRIFICE

OFFERTORY HYMN: The First Noel

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| 1. The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds
in fields as they lay
In fields where they lay
keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night
that was so deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel! | 2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them
far
And to the earth it gave great
light
And so it continued both day
and night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel! |
| 3. And by the light of that same
star
Three Wise men came from
country far
To seek for a King
was their intent
And to follow the star
wherever it went.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel! | 4. This star drew nigh to the
northwest
O'er Bethlehem it took
its rest
And there it did both
Pause and stay
Right o'er the place
where Jesus lay.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel! |
| 5. Then entered in those Wise men three
Full reverently upon the knee
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frankincense.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel! | |

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heavenly Lord
That hath made Heaven and earth of nought
And with his blood mankind has bought.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

Remain Standing

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers in Christ, let us offer our
work and worship to our Heavenly Father, asking
for His grace to transform the world and our lives for
His Kingdom.

All: Father, we offer... BCP page 126

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Acclamations

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.**

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Hymns During Communion:
O Little town of Bethlehem

1. O Little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
Above thy deep and
dreamless sleep The silent
stars go by:
Yet in thy dark streets shineth
The everlasting Light;
The hopes and fears of all the
years Are met in thee
to-night.
2. For Christ is born of Mary;
And, gathered all above,
While mortals sleep, the angels
keep Their watch of wondering
love. O morning stars, together
Proclaim the holy birth,
And praises sing to God the
King, And peace to men on
Earth.
3. How silently, how silently,
The wondrous gift is given!
So God imparts to human
Hearts. The blessings of his
heaven.
No ear may hear his coming;
But in this world of sin,
Where meek souls will
receive him, still
The dear Christ enters in.
4. O holy Child of Bethlehem,
Descend to us, we pray;
Cast out our sin, and enter
in: Be born in us to-day.
We hear the Christmas angels
The great glad tidings tell:
O come to us, abide with us,
Our Lord Emmanuel.

Now yield we thanks and praise

Now yield we thanks and praise
to Christ enthroned in glory,
And on this day of days
tell out redemption's story,
Who truly have believed
that on this blessed morn,
In holiness conceived,
the Son of God was born.

What tribute shall we pay
to Him who came in weakness,
And in a manger lay
to teach His people meekness?
Let every house be bright;
let praises never cease;
With mercies infinite
our Christ hath brought us peace.

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?

CHORUS

*This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds seek 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.
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.

Post Communion Prayer All

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.**

Hymn: Her virgin eyes saw God incarnate born (All kneel)

1. Her virgin eyes saw God incarnate born,
when she to Bethl'em came that happy morn:
how high her raptures then began to swell,
none but her own omniscient Son can tell.

2. As Eve, when she her fontal sin reviewed,
wept for herself and all she should include,
blest Mary, with man's Saviour in embrace,
joyed for herself and for all human race.

3. All saints are by her Son's dear influence blest;
she kept the very fountain at her breast:
the Son adored and nursed by the sweet maid
a thousand fold of love for love repaid.

4. Heaven with transcendent joys her entrance graced,
near to his throne her Son his mother placed;
and here below, now she's of heaven possest
all generations are to call her blest.

Celebrant: Behold this earth, O Lord, beloved world encircled
by infinite Word.

**People: From which a million voices rise to thee 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 the archangel,
Andrew our Patron Saint, and 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.**

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

HYMN: Hark the Herald Angels Sing

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| 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.
<i>Hark! the herald angels sing .</i> |
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***Hark! the herald angels sing ,
"Glory to the new born King."***

3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings,
Risen 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.
Hark! The herald ...

ORDER OF SERVICE

CHRISTMAS DAY 8:00 a.m..

December 25, 2014

ENTRANCE HYMN: Angels we have heard on high

1. Angels we have heard on high, Singing sweetly through the night? And the mountains in reply Echoing their brave delight.
3. Come to Bethlehem and see Him whose birth the angels sing; Come adore on bended knee, Christ, the Lord, the newborn King.

*Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo,
Glo-ri-a in excelsis Deo.*

Glo-ri-a

2. Shepherds, why this jubilee? Why your joyous strains prolong, say what may the tidings be which inspire your heav'nly songs.

4. See him in a manger laid whom the angels praise above Mary, Joseph, lend your aid, While we raise our hearts in love.

Glo-ri-a

Glo-ri-a

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 His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Collect for Purity

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Canticle: Glory to God on High (CPWI 547)

Glory to God on high, And peace to all on earth. We worship you, we give you thanks, our heavenly King. We give you praise, Almighty God and Father blessed in glory bright.

Our Saviour, Jesus Christ, The Father's only Son,
The sacrificial lamb, who saves the world from sin, Have mercy
Lord. Beside the Father's hand enthroned, now hear our prayer.

You only are the Lord. You only are most high.
You only are the Holy one, Lord Jesus Christ and now you reign
With Father and with Spirit One in glorious light. **Amen**

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All Sit)

First Reading Isaiah 62: 6 - 7, 10 - 12 Yvonne Sterrett

Psalm 96: 1-4, 11-12

Refrain: To us a child is born; to us a Son is given.

Second Reading Titus 2: 11 - 14 Terry Stokes

GRADUAL HYMN: Long time ago in Bethlehem

1. Long time ago in Bethlehem
so the holy bible say
Mary's boy child Jesus Christ
was born on Christmas day.
Hark now hear the angels sing
a new king born today
and man will live forevermore
because of Christmas day
trumpets sound and angels sing
listen what they say
that man will live forevermore
because of Christmas day

2. While shepherds watch their
flock by night they see a bright
new shining star then hear a choir
sing the music seemed to come
from afar
Hark now hear the angels sing
a new king born today
and man will live forevermore
because of Christmas day
trumpets sound and angels sing
listen what they say
that man will live forevermore
because of Christmas day

3. Now Joseph and his wife
Mary, Came to Bethlehem that
night, They find no place to
born she child, Not a single
room was in sight. Hark now
hear the angels sing A new king
born today And man will live
forever more Because of
Christmas-day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing
listen what they say that man
will live forevermore because of
Christmas day

4. Bye and bye they find a little
nook In a stable all forlorn, And
in a manger cold and dark, Mary's
little boy child was born Hark
now hear the angels sing A new
king born today, And man will
live forever more Because of
Christmas-day.
Trumpets sound and angels sing
listen what they say that man will
live forevermore because of
Christmas day

The Alleluia is sung before and after the Gospel.

Gospel Luke 2: 1 - 14

Sermon: Fr. Larius Lewis

The Nicene Creed

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSIONS (See pages 4 - 5)

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: Beloved, the peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

The First Nowell

1. The First Noel, the Angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in
fields as they lay
In fields where they lay keeping
their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so
deep.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the East beyond them
far
And to the earth it gave great
light
And so it continued both day and
night.
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel
Born is the King of Israel!

<p>3. And by the light of that same star Three Wise men came from country far To seek for a King was their intent And to follow the star wherever it went. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!</p> <p>5. Then entered in those Wise men three Full reverently upon their knee And offered there in His presence Their gold and myrrh and frankincense. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!</p>	<p>4. This star drew nigh to the northwest O'er Bethlehem it took its rest And there it did both Pause and stay Right o'er the place where Jesus lay. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!</p> <p>6. Then let us all with one accord Sing praises to our heavenly Lord That hath made Heaven and earth of nought And with his blood mankind has bought. Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel Born is the King of Israel!</p>
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Remain Standing

Celebrant: My sisters and brothers in Christ, let us offer our
work and worship to our Heavenly Father, asking for His
grace to transform the world and our lives for His Kingdom.

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Acclamations

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.**

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Hymns during Communion -

1. **Away in a manger, no crib for a bed**

The little Lord Jesus laid down His sweet head;
The stars in the sky looked down where He lay
The little Lord Jesus, a sleep on the hay.

2. The Cattle are lowing the Baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus no crying He makes,
I love Thee, Lord Jesus, look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle till morning is night.

3. Be near me Lord Jesus, I ask Thee to stay
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in Thy tender care,
And fit us for heaven, to live with Thee there.

Once in royal David's city

Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her baby
In a manger for his bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ her little child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And his shelter was a stable,
And his cradle was a stall;
With the poor, the scorned, the lowly,
Lived on earth our Savior holy.

3. And, through all his wondrous
childhood,
He would honor and obey,
Love and watch the lowly maiden
In whose gentle arms he lay:
Christian children all must be
Mild, obedient, good as he.

4. For he is our childhood's
pattern,
Day by day like us he grew;
He was little, weak and helpless,
Tears and smiles like us he knew.
And he feelth for our sadness,
And he shareth in our gladness.

5. And our eyes at last shall see
him,
Through his own redeeming love;
For that Child who seemed so
helpless
Is our Lord in heaven above;
And he leads his children on
to the place where he is gone.

6. Not in that poor lowly stable,
With the oxen standing round,
we shall see him; but in heaven,
Set at God's right hand on high;
When like stars his children crowned,
All in white shall wait around.

Never A Baby Like Jesus

1. The little baby Jesus born in manger
Jesus my Lord
He came down to earth as a poor
little stranger Jesus my lord.

Refrain:

*Never a baby like Jesus never, never
Never a baby like Jesus never, never
King Emmanuel, Wonderful Counsellor
Never a baby like Jesus*

2. His birth was foretold by the Prophets and Sages
Jesus my Lord
And He is the King and the Lord of all ages
Jesus my Lord
3. All Princes and Kings cast your crown down before Him.
Jesus my Lord.
And let the whole world come kneel down and adore Him,
Jesus my Lord.

Post Communion Prayer (See page 9)

The Blessing

Welcome & Notices

HYMN: Joy to the world

Antioch

1. Joy to the world! The Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King.
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth, the Saviour reigns!
Your sweetest songs employ
While fields and floods
Rocks, hills and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. 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, wonders of his love.

(Repeat verse one)

Schedule of Special Services

- Wed. Dec. 24 11:00 p.m. Carols/Blessing of Manger and First
Mass of Christmas
- Thur.. Dec. 25 8:00 a.m. Christmas Day -Holy Eucharist and Sermon
- Fri. Dec. 26 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist St. Stephen's Day
- Sat. Dec. 27 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist St. John the Apostle's Day
- Sun. Dec. 28 6:30 a.m. Mass of Christmas
8:00 a.m. Mass of Christmas -
Bishop Howard Gregory
11:00 a.m. Mass for homebound and elderly
Please assist with invitations and transport.
- Mon. Dec. 29 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Thomas Becket
Arch Bishop of Canterbury
- Wed. Dec. 31 11:00 p.m. New Year's Eve - Watch Night Service
- Thur.. Jan. 1 8:00 a.m. New Year's Day - Holy Eucharist Holy
Name
- Sun. Jan. 5 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist
10:30 a.m. **NO SERVICE**

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PARISH NEWS

The Poinsettias around the manger are given in loving memory of Ezroy Millwood by his family.

The Church's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 25, 2015.

Deanery Day service will be on February 8, 2015.

Please support Kingston College Chapel Choir by purchasing their CD 'Sing De Chorus'. Contribution \$1,000. Also **souvenirs** for the 350th Anniversary are on sale. Also '**Our Hope and Expectation**' a daily reflection for Advent and Christmas 2014 published by St. Jude's Church Contribution \$300.

“ Feeling tired ? Grab “INSPIRED “ !

Buy a book , take a look ,

“This is a book of poems written by one of your own.

Support her: Contact Jacinth Wright from the choir.

"St. Clement's Mission is seeking an individual to carry out clerical duties. Please call 941-2050 or 924 2129.

<p>There will only be TWO (2) morning services on Sunday, January 1, 2014 - 6:30 a.m. and 8:00 a.m.</p>
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NOTES

The Vision Statement of St. Andrew Parish Church is:

“A church reconciled to God, aware of its identity and healing the community through the proclamation of the Good News of the Gospel of Christ.”

The Mission Statement reads:

The mission of the St. Andrew Parish Church is to proclaim the good news and inspire the parish family to unity with God and one another by:

- Ensuring that the church establishes programmes to maintain, engage and expand membership.
- Identifying and mobilizing the human and financial resources available to the church.
- Responding to human needs as we work for the transformation of unjust structures and the preservation of the integrity of the created order.
- Presenting the Biblical tithe as the standard of Christian giving and the shaping of the programmes of ministry that express the stewardship of God’s creation.
- Immersing our members in and expanding the knowledge of Christian identity in the context of our cultural experience and obligations they impose.

THE FIVE MARKS OF MISSION

To proclaim the good news of the Kingdom of God: manifested by the specific actions of joyful energetic discipleship of Clergy and Laity, creating opportunities and methods, to everywhere, proclaim the good news, and so, touch, move and inspire others into a relationship with God and his Church.

To teach, baptize and nurture new believers: manifested through specific actions of discipleship by all Clergy and Laity, to lovingly reach out, welcome and creatively and relevantly engage and nurture others into our loving and supportive community of believers.

To respond to human need by loving service: manifested through the specific and relevant actions, of loving collective and or individual mission and ministry of empowering service, in response to human needs in the wider community toward dignified, self sustaining living.

To Challenge violence, injustice, and oppression, and work for peace and reconciliation: manifested through actions of assertive and practical Christian thoughts, words and deeds of peace and reconciliation, to confront and challenge violence, injustice and oppression in the wider community,

To strive to safeguard the integrity of creation and to sustain and renew the life of the earth: manifested by specific actions, influenced and inspired by the theology of creation, establish programmes of conscientiousness raising education and public action, in Church, in schools, in the wider community, in collaboration whenever possible with Government agencies, civil society and community groups, and other NGOs in the wider community.