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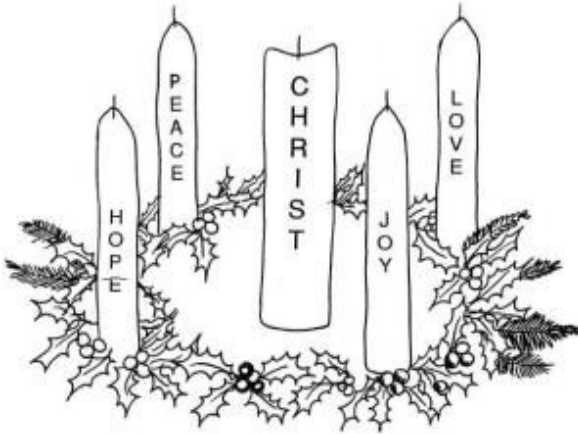
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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

Using Our Spiritual Gifts and Abilities to Evangelize

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The Rector is out of office on Mondays.

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THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

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

(+) Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ be with you.

All: Thanks be to God

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Celebrant: Today is the third Sunday of Advent and we will light
the

Candle of Joy.

Last Sunday we lit the Second Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our Hope in Christ, the Second Candle reminded us that love is the fulfillment of the law and through Christ we experience the love of God.

Today we light the third Candle of Advent, the Candle of **Joy**. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with **joy**. She sang a song that began with the words: My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour”. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great **joy** to his mother, so his presence in the world gave **joy** to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and love when they believed in him.

The Candle of Joy

Jesus taught his disciples to rejoice at His second coming as that meeting will bring eternal **joy**, for we will be with Him forever (John 16:22,

1 Thes. 4:17). **Joy** is a fruit of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit that grows from within us, and this **joy** is rooted in a personal

relationship with the God of love.

We light the Candle of Joy to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

(The Third Candle is lit)

The following is sung:

O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.

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

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

All: **As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy
we find in Christ.**

Celebrant: Let us pray:

**All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait
for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again
that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and
everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by
sharing your joy with each other. 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 up on us.

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Have mercy up on us.

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

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Third Sunday of Advent

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The Third Sunday of Advent

Leader: Holy and Mighty God, we long for you and your love. You loved us from the moment of our conception, as a mother/father loves her/his child before she/he ever sees it. Fill your Church with your grace and goodness, that we may grow in holiness, that we may reach out in mission and love, and reveal your light and your glory. Lord, make us active in service and joyful in praise. We pray for our clergy, John Archbishop, Howard Diocesan Bishop, Robert and Leon Suffragans, Sirrano, Olando, Andrea and all church workers. All thanks to you Holy God.

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: We pray for the nations of the world and for righteous dealings. Give wisdom to those in authority in this land, for Patrick, Governor General; Portia, Prime Minister; Andrew, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition, all members of the House of Representatives and the Senate. We pray also for members of the judiciary. Grant them wisdom and foresight to make wise decisions for the well-being of the people of Jamaica.

All thanks to you Holy God.

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our advent discipline preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus".

All thanks to you Holy God.

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others, that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory. We rejoice with those who have been restored and pray for the healing of our communities. We thank you God

for loving us when we are unloving, for caring for us when we are uncaring, and for calling us when we wonder from your path.

All thanks to you Holy God.

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: Lord Jesus, you are the master of life and death. Everything we have is yours. Just one touch from you restores the sick, heals the broken, and transforms the darkness. We pray especially for our sick and shut-in may they sense your presence, feel your power and know your love. May their body be overwhelmed with your healing and wellness which comes only through your anointing.

All thanks to you Holy God.

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

Leader: God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who are captives to sin, vice or addiction, all who are damaged by oppression, violence, or abuse. We pray for those who grieve for the lonely and the despondent. We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your kingdom. We remember especially We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love.

All thanks to you Holy God.

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

All: Loving and merciful God reject not our prayers, when amid our afflictions, we call on Your Name and seek with love and confidence Your adorable face. You are coming into our hearts to unite Yourself most intimately with us. You came into the world for love of humanity, but now You are coming from the altar for love of us. You are coming to fill our hearts with Your Holy love to abide with us always. Amen.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Hayden Johnson

Isoline Gayle

Carol Lawla

Gladys Carney

Myrtle Gordon

Beryl Smith

Madge Day

Merton Wright

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK - Dec. 13 - 19

- Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. St. Andrew Settlement
- Wednesday 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
5:30 p.m. Confirmation Class - Seniors and Juniors
- Thursday 5:30 p.m. SAPC Choir Rehearsal
- Friday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- Saturday 9:00 a.m. Little Brothers
2:00 a.m. Servers Guild
2:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
5:00 p.m. Youth Fellowship

Events & Activities for December

Sun. Dec. 13 - 20 Gift Days. **Credit/Debit Card facility is available**

Sun. Dec. 13 6:00 p.m. Carol Service

Mon. Dec. 21 9:00 a.m. Feast day - St. Thomas the Apostle

Thur. Dec. 24 11:00 p.m. First Mass of Christmas

Fri. Dec. 25 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Christmas Day.

Sat. Dec. 26 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - St. Stephen's Day.

Sun. Dec. 27 6:30 & 8:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
'Christmas Sunday'

Mon. Dec. 28 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents

Thur. Dec. 31 11:00 p.m. New Year's Eve - Watch Night Service

Fri. Jan. 1 8:00 a.m. New Year's Day - Holy Eucharist

PARISH NEWS

350th Anniversary Celebrations
Theme: Celebrating God's Love and Faithfulness

Birthdays for this week: Beverly Taylor 13/12, Vivienne Jones, Lisa Campbell and Robert Williams 14/12, Ilene Waite 15/12, Hyacinth Adams 16/12, Edward Zacca and Ashley Johnson 17/12, Enid McDonald and Johnathan Newman 18/12, and Mildred Johnson 9/12.

Congratulations to Delano and Juliet Fields who will be celebrating 42 years of marriage on December 15, 2015.

Condolence is extended to Charles Henry on the passing of his sister-in-law Elma Henry.

The funeral service for Marlene Excell will be on Tuesday 15th at 11:00 a.m., for Leroy Gibson on Wednesday 16th at 11:00 a.m. and for Julian Nosworthy on Tuesday 22nd, at 11:30 a.m.

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 13 - 20, 2015.
Credit/Debit Card facility is available.

Please remember to make your Harvest Supper returns.

The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday School's annual **Christmas Cake & Pudding sale** is on every Sunday from November 9 - December 21, 2015.

**This Evening we present 'A Carol Service with a difference',
at 6:00 p.m.**

Devotional books are available from the clergy. "Our Journey of Grace and Hope", Advent to Pentecost. Cost \$ 650

The Altar Guild is asking those who wish to donate Poinsettias for the Christmas decorations to contact the Office.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2015 - Year C

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament: Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20 Keith Robertson
Benedictus page 40
Epistle Philippians 4 : 4 - 7 June Rose
Gospel Luke 3:7 - 18
Prayers of Intercession

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Epistle Philippians 4 : 4 - 7 Lona Brown
Gradual 38
Gospel Luke 3:7 - 18
Sermon Sis. Andrea Taylor
Prayers of Intercession
Offertory 46
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Sunday School 447
Recessional 35

10:30 a.m.

Contemporary Service

6:00 p.m.

Carol Service