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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**Proclaiming and Sharing The Good News of Jesus Christ
In A Challenging Culture**

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The celebration of our Annual Patronal Festival is a landmark activity in the life of the Church, and our corporate witness. We gather week by week as a community of faith to perpetuate what God has done for us in Jesus Christ, individually and collectively. We therefore assemble primarily not to teach and learn about Christ Jesus but to meet the Lord and to be transformed by His Grace. Also, we come together not only to praise God but to hear, see, touch, taste and to be formed by the Word and in our participation in the Pascal Mystery of Christ; dying to self and rising to God's gift of New Life.

Since the Sunday assembly for the Holy Eucharist is as old as the church, our Patronal celebration indicates our continuity with those to whom the resurrected Christ appeared and commanded to "do this for the remembrance of me.". This provides the opportunity for continued formation in discipleship and our spiritual growth to produce the fruit of the Spirit according to Galatians 5:22 - 23. According to Mark W. Oldenburg (Worship in an age of Mission) "The Sunday assembly proclaims the presence of the crucified and resurrected One in the here and now, which makes disciple making possible." The Sunday celebration of the Lord's resurrection is integral to our identity as Christians and is part of our Baptismal identity.

We participate as a St. Andrew family in the Sunday worship of the Holy Eucharist, as a duty we **owe** to God and **time** for God to enlighten us to further participate in the growth of His Kingdom. Through this encounter we are infuse with the ever-presence support of the Holy Spirit so that we are renewed from the weariness of daily living and have joy restored to our hearts to witness to what we have experienced of God's love, forgiveness and peace.

Our rich heritage is rooted in the call of Jesus to Andrew, "Follow me," this is our mandate as a church. As we renew our Covenant this Advent Sunday, may we be mindful of our identity in Christ, and our commitment, to know Christ and make Christ known, for Christ is coming again in Glory. Are you ready and prepared to receive Him?

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors worshipping with us today, especially Sister Norma Thompson of the Church Army.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Organ Voluntary

AT THE ALTAR

The Celebrant Prays,

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.

People: Amen.

(During the incensing of the Altar)

The Choir Sings ***Behold he Lord will Come (Music Colin Mawby)***

Celebrant: *Let us go forth in peace*

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION: 35

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...*

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.

People: Amen.

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

President: 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

President: Today is the Second Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Love.

Last Sunday we lit the First Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs, this First Candle reminded us of our Hope in Christ.

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Love. In their old age God gave to Zechariah and Elizabeth a son called John. John spoke to the people bravely in the desert denying his own comforts and prepared to die for what he believed. John taught that we should share what we have with others, treat each other kindly and show God's love. He did this because he cared for people and wanted them to repent and find God's forgiveness.

The Candle of Love

In His teachings, Jesus said "I give you a New Commandment: **Love** one another. As I have loved you, so you are to **love** one another." (St. John 13:34). He demonstrated this **love** through forgiveness and laying down His life for humanity. "Greater **love** has no man than this that a man lay down his life for his friends" (St. John 15:13). Jesus taught that if there is **love** among us, then all will know we are His disciples. (St. John 13:34-35).

We light the candle of **Love** to remind us that love is the fulfillment of the law and through Christ we experience the **love** of God, which has been shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit which is given to us. (Romans 5:5).

**O come, Thou Wisdom from on high,
Who orderest all things mightily;
To us the path of knowledge show,
And teach us in her ways to go.**

Refrain

**Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emmanuel Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

Second Candle, the Candle of Love is lit.

Leader: Love is like a light shining in a dark place.

People: As we look at this candle we celebrate the love we find in Jesus Christ.

President: Let us pray:

All: Lord God, You witness John the Baptist grew up strong, and prepared people for the coming of the Lord. He loved your people and baptized them in the River Jordon to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love so that we would be witnesses and spread the good news of Your love, through the One who loved us and gave Himself for us; Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TRISAGION

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

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

President: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

President: Let us pray.

Silence

THE COLLECT

Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Saint Andrew the Apostle

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his

brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow Him without delay, and to bring those near to us into His gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

First Lesson: Isaiah 11: 1 - 10

Psalm : 72: 1 - 7, 18 - 19

Epistle: Romans 15: 4 - 13

Gradual Hymn 755

Gospel: Mathew 3: 1 - 22

Homily: Sister Norma Thompson

The Prayers of Intercession (*All Standing*)

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

Leader: Lord in your mercy

All: Hear our prayer

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 God.

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

Answer: I believe and trust in Him.

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.

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:

Hymn: Wonderful Grace

1. Wonderful grace

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

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 to further its work and witness by telling others about Jesus, like Saint Andrew our Protector. 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.

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: 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 in our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

All: Amen.

THE PEACE

The Service Continues with the Offertory Hymn ... 351

During Communion: Such Love

1. 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

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

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

SICK AND SHUT - IN

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| Heron Wright | Grace Gowe |
| Hilary Phillips | Gwen Moncrieffe |
| Gwendolyn Saunders | Rema Watt |
| Mildred Johnson | Lucille Campbell |

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The 'X' seen on the Brotherhood of St. Andrew's Logo as well as on Church Buildings named of St. Andrew is an emblem of 'X'-shaped (saltire) cross on which it is believed that the apostle Andrew was crucified. It is for this reason that it is called the St. Andrew's Cross. It is said that he told his executioners that he was not worthy to be crucified on a cross that had the same style as the one on which Jesus died, and so he persuaded them to alter the shape. The resulting cross therefore happened to be 'X'-shaped, which happens also to be the first letter of Christ (Cho) in Greek.

Quote for reflection

God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which He has for us, (even when we were dead through our trespasses), made us alive together with Christ. It is by grace that we have been saved... through faith, and this is not our own doing; it is the gift of God - not the result of works, so that none of us may boast. For we are what God has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. (Ephesians 2:4-5 & 8-10)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 4 - Dec. 10

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Moreton Park
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	4:30 p.m.	Women Auxiliary
	5:30 p.m.	Property and Building
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal
	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Andrea Livingston-Prince, John Lopez, Andrea Robins and John Levy, 12/4, Marilyn Lawrence-Wright 12/05, Senga McDonald 12/06, Calvin Murray and Amanda Hutchinson 12/07, Stephanie Murdock 12/08, Minnette Brown, Hyacinth Chin and Anneke Newman 12/09 and Heather Goldson 12/10.

Condolence is extended to the family of Eric Gabbidon. His funeral service will be on Tuesday the 6th at 2 p.m. To Yvonne Hall and family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Professor Mervyn Alleyne. His funeral service will be at the University Chapel on Monday December 19, at 10 a.m.

The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday School's annual Christmas Cake & Pudding sale is on every Sunday until December 18, 2016.

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 11 - 18, 2016

This year's Carol Service will be held on December 11 at 6:00

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

A congregational meeting to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2016. At this nomination meeting each eligible voter may nominate **not more than two persons** for election to the Church Committee.

The Church's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 22, 2017, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

"Daily reflections for Advent and Christmas"; St. Jude's writers, are available at the church Office.

S.A.S is inviting applicants for the post of Executive Director. Interested persons please call 926-6692 or email saintandrewsettlement@gmail.com.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2016 - Year A

Stewardship of Creation and the Environment

7:30 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	35
Old Testament	Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 Douglas Folkes
Psalm 72:1 - 7, 18 - 19	(All stand)
BCP (page 558)	
Epistle	Romans 15: 4 - 13 Marilyn Lawrence-Wright
Gradual	755
Gospel	Matthew 3:1 - 12
Sermon	Sister Norma Thompson
Prayer of Intercession	page
Offertory Hymn	351
During Communion	754, Such Love, 525, 569, 507 [612]
Recessional	355

5:00 p.m.

RALLY AND INGATHERING SERVICE

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2016 - 17

Dec. 11 - 18	Gift Days
Dec. 11 6:00 p.m.	Carol Service
Dec. 21 9:00 a.m.	Feast Day St. Thomas the Apostle
Dec. 24 11:00 p.m.	Carols/Blessing of Manger and First Mass of Christmas
Dec. 25 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
6:00 p.m.	Evening Prayer
Dec. 26 9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist St. Stephen's Day
Dec. 27 9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist St. John the Apostle's Day
Dec. 28 9:00 a.m.	Holy Innocence
Dec. 31 11:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve – Watch Night Service
Jan. 1 6:30 a.m.	New Year's Day Holy Eucharist Holy Name
8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist & Sermon
6:00 p.m.	Holy Eucharist & Sermon