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ST. ANDREW PARISH CHURCH

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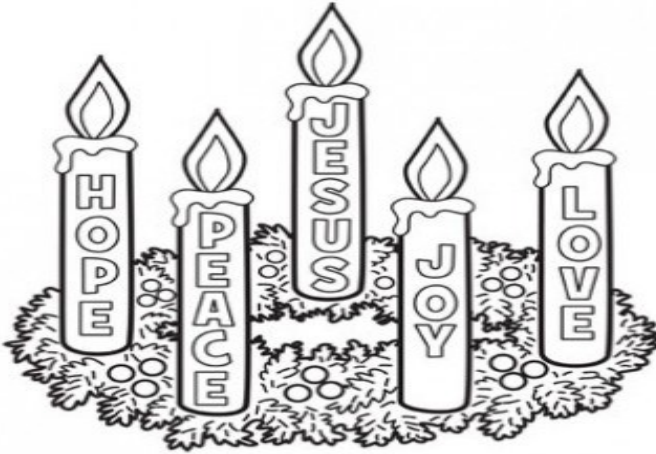
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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

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

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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

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: Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent and we will light

the Candle of Peace.

Last Sunday we lit the third Candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs. The 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. The third candle of Joy reminded us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting joy on earth.

The Candle of Peace

Today we light the fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

When Jesus came He taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make peace shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us he brings us peace and He will bring everlasting peace when He comes again. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

(Fourth Candle, the Candle of Peace is lit)

The following is sung:

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.

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

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

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and rescue your people from sin and death. Deliver us from conflict and strife, give peace in our hearts at Christmastide.

We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Enable us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in your name 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.

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

BCP page 158

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

Sunday School Creed

I believe in Jesus
I believe He is the Son of God
I believe He died and rose again
I believe He paid for us all

And I believe He is here now
Standing in our midst
Here With the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive

Creed Cont'd

I believe in You, Lord
I believe You are the Son of God
I believe You died and rose again
I believe You paid for us all.

And I believe You're here now
Standing in our midst
Here With the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive.

Offertory Hymn: Days of Elijah

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the word of the Lord, yeah
And these are the days of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
These are the days of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice in the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord!

Refrain: Say, behold He comes, riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun at the trumpet's call
Lift your voice, year of Jubilee
Out of Zion's hill, salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming flesh
And these are the days of Your servant, David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are all white in the world
And we are the laborers that are in Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Refrain

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The hope of all Christians is to live our lives here on earth to the fullest, in confidence with renewed hearts and minds, as we await Christ's coming in glory and great power. At Christ's coming, we believe that He will make all things new.

(Book of Common Prayer, 1993)

Quote for reflection

The purpose of earthly life is not to avoid sin, nor to endure suffering, here on earth to gain access to the joy of heaven. Christian life is to be one of joyful service here on earth to enrich God's kingdom, which then blossoms into eternal life. Christianity is about life enriched here and here after, thus demonstrating that eternal life does not come to its fullness only in the next life, but it begins in the here and now. (Earl Meyer, 2016)

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 18 - Dec. 24

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. Thomas the Apostle
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
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
	11:00 p.m.	Carols/Blessing of Manger and First Mass of Christmas

Readings for Christmas Day 2016

Old Testament	Isaiah 9: 2 - 7
Psalm	96
Epistle	Titus 2: 11 - 14
Gospel	Luke 2: 1 - 14 (15 - 20)

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Enid McDonald and Johnathan Newman 18/12, Mildred Johnson and Audrey Chin 19/12, Delano Fields, Sylvia Bennett and Kristen Raymore 20/12, Juliet McKenzie 21/12, Lorna White 22/12, Nicola Elliott 23/12, Iris Bentley, Toni Dilworth and Annette Webb-Samuels 24/12.

Condolence is extended to Donna Dias on the passing of her mother Judith Dias.

The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday School's annual Christmas Cake & Pudding sale! final day, **today** December 18, 2016.

Today December 18, 2016 **is our Annual Gift Day.** Debit/credit card machine facility is available.

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

St. Clement's will be having their Carol Service this evening. Also this evening as well St. Thomas Mission (SAS) will be having their carol service at 4:00 p.m.

"Daily reflections for Advent and Christmas"; St. Jude's writers, are

INFORMATION FOR THE CHURCH

Name: _____ M () F () Visitor

Address: _____

Email: _____

Phone numbers: (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

Date of Birth: Day _____ Month _____

Occupation: _____ Ministry Interest: _____

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 18, 2016 - Year A

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament Isaiah 7:10 - 16 Fontain Jones
Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 16 - 18 **Refrain:** (All sit) *“Restore us, O lord of host. Let your light shine on us and we shall be saved”*
BCP (page 573)
Epistle Romans 1: 1 - 7 Lia James
Gospel Matthew 1: 18 - 25
Prayer of Intercession Form H BCP page 120

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 48
Old Testament Isaiah 7:10 - 16 Shannalee Sewell
Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 16 - 18 Refrain: *“Restore us, O lord of host. Let your light shine on us and we shall be saved”*
BCP (page 573)
Epistle Romans 1: 1 - 7 Josh Pratt
Gradual 34
Gospel Matthew 1: 18 - 25
Sermon Sunday School
Prayer of Intercession Form H BCP page 120 Shanalee Cawley
Offertory Hymn Days of Elijah
During Communion 463, 602, 552, 245 [612]
Recessional 36

10:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Processional 48
Jubilate BCP page 37
Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 16 - 18 **Refrain:** (All sit) *“Restore us, O lord of host. Let your light shine on us and we shall be saved”*
BCP (page 573)
Old Testament Isaiah 7:10 - 16
Benedictus BCP page 40
Second Reading Matthew 1: 18 - 25
Hymn 34
Sermon
Hymn Days of Elijah
Recessional 36

6:00 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST