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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:
A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Sustained by the Holy Spirit**

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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

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 Jordan 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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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.**

The Service Continues with the Ministry of the Word

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, may your Church travel the road of holiness, may we grow in faith, grow in love, and grow in number. We pray for the Church to which we belong and for the Church in Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. May the good news be preached to the poor, may the gospel be proclaimed in all places. We pray for shepherds of your flock, for all ministers of your word and sacrament; for John, Archbishop; Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon Suffragan Bishops: for Sirrano, Olando, Andrea, and all other clergy and church workers. Lord, we need your help and your strength.

You come to rescue us.

All: Come, Lord our Saviour

Leader: Lord of the Nations, we pray for our nation and leaders; We pray for Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; Members of House of Representative, and the Judiciary that they may serve justice and protect and safe-guard our human rights.

You come to rescue us.

All: Come, Lord our Saviour

Leader: Come, Lord God, give strength to the hands that are tired and to the knees that tremble with weakness. You are the God who cares for all who are down, you come down to where we are to uplift us. We pray for he forlorn and distressed.

You come to rescue us.

All: Come, Lord our Saviour

Leader: We remember before you the discouraged and fearful, all whose freedom is limited by tyranny, all whose lives are restricted by poverty, all who are abused by those in power, all whose dreams are destroyed by mockery.

You come to rescue us.

All: Come, Lord our Saviour

Leader: We pray for the time when the lame will leap for joy,

when the deaf will hear, when the blind will be able to see, when the dumb will shout your praise, when the handicapped will find freedom, when sorrow and grief are done away and all will sing and jump for joy. We remember all who long for this time. We pray for friends and loved ones in sickness, we remember those who are terminally ill...

You come to rescue us.

All: Come, Lord our Saviour

Leader: You are the Lord and giver of life, you give life which is eternal. We give you thanks for the saints of glory. We remember before you all who have served this community in the past. We remember loved ones who departed this life...

Almighty God, who through the prophets promised that light would conquer the darkness, shine in our hearts and in our mind, and so use us that we may lead others to your splendour and the greatness of your power which is revealed in your Son Jesus Christ, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Lena McDonald

Eulah Stephenson

Fredrick Green

Joan Reader

Hillary McIntosh

Phyllis Brown

Heron Wright

Millicent Williams

Margaret Crosskerey

Ivy Walters

Tom Barrett

Evan Grant

Kindly inform the Church Office when you become aware of members who are ill at home, in hospital, or absent from Church for a while.

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

John the Baptist, who pointed the way to Jesus and baptized him, lived an ascetic life in the Judean wilderness near the Dead Sea. He survived on simple desert fare, eating whatever the desert provided. His dress was also rustic: He wore a tunic of camel's hair with a leather belt. (David Howard & Gary Burge, *Fascinating Bible Facts*, 1997).

Quote for Reflection

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an empowering for service that takes place in the life of the Christian. In it we are immersed in the Spirit's life and power. Just as the indwelling Spirit that Christians receive when they are saved reproduces the life of Jesus, so the outpoured, or baptizing, Spirit reproduces the ministry of Jesus... The baptism in the Holy Spirit cannot be earned. You cannot become "good enough" to receive it. It is a gift from God. It is not a "cure-all" for your problems. But the same wonderful power that enabled Jesus to open blind eyes, to command the elements of nature, and to live a life pleasing to the Father during His ministry on earth is also available to you. (*Christian Broadcasting Network*, 2017)

Question for Reflection

In what ways are you empowered by the Holy Spirit to prepare the way of the Lord in your life and others?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 10 - Dec. 16

The Church is open **Monday to Friday**
between **9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for prayer**

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	4:00 p.m.	Home for Girls
	5:30 p.m.	St. Andrew Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
	5:30 p.m.	Care Center
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: Aaron Casserly, Joy Patel and Hazel Bell 11/12, Maydene Dunn 12/12, Beverly Taylor 13/12, Vivienne Jones, Lisa Campbell and Robert Williams 14/12, Hyacinth Adams 16/12 and Edward Zacca and Ashley Johnson 17/12.

Congratulations to Delano and Juliet Fields who will celebrate 44 years of marriage on the 15th.

Condolence is extended to the families of Jemima Austin, Daphne Graham and Donald Lindo. To Winnifred Johnson and Georgia Hinds on the passing of their uncle Vincent Ellis in Port Antonio. The funeral service for Adlington Findlay will be on Friday 15th at 11:30 a.m.

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 17 - 21, 2017

The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday School's annual Christmas Cake & Pudding sale is still available.

The Altar Guild is asking those who wish to **donate Poinsettias** for the Christmas decorations or give contributions kindly contact the Church Office. They also have packets of notelets for only \$700.

This year's Carol Service will be held this evening December 10 at 6:00 p.m.

The Church's Annual Congregational meeting will be held on January 28, 2018, after the 8:00 a.m. service.

The Tuesday Charity Committee wishes to thank all those who contributed and assisted in the Christmas Treat for the indigent.

A congregational Nomination meeting to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held on Sunday, December 10, 2017. At this nomination meeting each eligible voter may nominate **not more than two persons** for election to the Church Committee.

Kingston College Chapel Choir presents their Christmas Concert on December 17, at University Chapel at 5:00 p.m. Contribution \$2,000.

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

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Sustained by the Holy Spirit

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Isaiah 40:1 - 11 Alfred McPherson
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Refrain: (All sit) <i>“Show us your mercy, O Lord, and grant us your salvation”</i>
BCP page 579	
Epistle	2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a Faith Harker
Gospel	Mark 1:1 - 8
Prayer of Intercession	page 4

8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	39 (Tune Truro)
Old Testament	Isaiah 40:1 - 11 Owen Streete
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	Chanted: (All stand) BCP page 579
Epistle	2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a Berl Francis
Gradual	40 (The children leave for Sunday School)
Gospel	Mark 1: 1 - 8
Sermon	Canon Siranno Kitson
Offertory Hymn	427
During Communion	571, 461, 540, [612]
Sunday School	668
Recessional	41

6:00 p.m. Carol Service

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2017 - 18

Dec. 17 - 21 Gift Days

Dec. 21	9:00 a.m.	Feast Day St. Thomas the Apostle
Dec. 24	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist and Sermon
	11:00 a.m.	Mass for homebound and elderly
		Please assist with invitations and transport
	11:00 p.m.	Carols/Blessing of Manger and First Mass of Christmas
Dec. 25	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist & Sermon
Dec. 26	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist St. Stephen’s Day
Dec. 27	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist St. John the Apostle’s Day
Dec. 28	9:00 a.m.	Holy Innocents
Dec. 31	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist- Bishop Howard Gregory
	11:00 p.m.	New Year’s Eve – Watch Night Service
Jan. 1	8:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist & Sermon