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

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THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

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

All: Amen, Come, Lord Jesus!

Celebrant: (+) 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. Also the joy we experience in worship and prayer gives us courage to proclaim the good news of Jesus and the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

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 TRIGASION

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

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Have mercy upon us.

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

Celebrant: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

President: Let us pray.

The Collect:

Third Sunday of Advent

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The service continues with the Ministry of the Word

Psalm 126

Refrain:

*You shall go out with joy
And be let forth with peace,
And the mountains and the hills
Will break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy
And the trees of the fields
Will clap, will clap their hands.*

Verse1- Verse 3

Refrain

Verses 4-6

Refrain

And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
And the trees of the fields will clap their hands,
While you go out with joy.

Gradual – Let The Advent Catch You

1. All I want for Advent is to prepare my heart for Christ
If you're feeling empty, come and praise and worship Him.

*Let the Advent catch you in a holy mood,
Let the Advent catch you filled with Christ,
Put on your praising shoes and come with us today
We're gonna praise and worship Christ.*

All I want for Christmas is to celebrate His birth
And if you have forgotten, come and join us here at church.

*Let the Christmas catch you in a holy mood
Let the Christmas catch you filled with Christ,
Put on your praising shoes and come with us today
We're gonna praise and worship Christ.*

All I want today is to share my love for Christ
And if you're feeling lonely, come and praise and worship Him.

*Advent is the season to get ready
Advent is the season to prepare
Put on your praising shoes and come with us today
We're gonna praise and worship Christ. (repeat)*

The 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

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

Ancient Of Days

Blessing and honour, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days
Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship
You will be exalted, oh God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away Oh, Ancient of Days

Blessing and honour, glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days

From every nation, all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days
Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship
You will be exalted, oh God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away Oh, Ancient of Days

Bridge: Your kingdom shall reign over all the earth
Sing to the ancient of days
None can compare to your matchless worth
Sing to the ancient of days

Every tongue in heaven and earth shall declare Your glory
Every knee shall bow at Your throne in worship
You will be exalted, oh God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away Oh, Ancient of Days.
Oh, Ancient of Days. Oh, Ancient of Days

Thanks, thanks

Thanks, thanks I give you thanks for all you've done
I am so blessed my soul is at rest
Oh lord I give you thanks

Thanks, thanks we give you thanks for all you've done
we are so blessed our souls are at rest
Oh lord we give you thanks

Communion

Lord you are

Lord, You are more precious than silver;
Lord, You are more costly than gold;
Lord, You are more beautiful than diamonds;
And nothing I desire compares with You.

Lord, Your love is wide as the ocean.
Lord, Your love is deep as the sea.
Lord, Your love encompasses the nations,

And that is all I want to live in me.
Lord, Your light is shining within us;
Lord, Your light drives darkness away.
Lord, Your light is guiding us onwards,
Preparing us for the coming wedding day

The Power of Your love

Lord I come to You
Let my heart be changed, renewed
Flowing from the grace
That I found in You.
And Lord I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.

Refrain:

***Hold me close
Let Your love surround me
Bring me near
Draw me to Your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle
And I will soar with You
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.***

Lord unveil my eyes
Let me see You face to face
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me.
Lord renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life
In living every day
by the power of Your love.

Refrain

Shout to the Lord

1. My Jesus, my Saviour
Lord there is none like You
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love

My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You

Refrain

***Shout to the Lord all the Earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of Your hand
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have In You
Repeat verse 1
Refrain***

I Give Myself Away

***I give myself away
I give myself away
So You can use me (Repeat)***

Here I am
Here I stand
Lord, my life is in your hands
Lord, I'm longing to see
Your desires revealed in me
Refrain (x2)

Take my heart
Take my life
As a living sacrifice
All my dreams all my plans
Lord I place them in your hands

My life is not my own
To you I belong
I give myself,
I give myself to you
(Repeat)

Refrain (x2)

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Thomas Barrett	Enid McFarlane	Joscelyn Richards
Margaret Crosskerey	Muriel Smith	Fredrick Green
Heron Wright	Iris Johnson	Phyllis Brown
Lena McDonald	Daphne Goodison	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.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2017 - 18

Dec. 17 - 22

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. New Year's Day - Holy Eucharist & Sermon

6 9:00 a.m. The Epiphany - Holy Eucharist

7 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - First Sunday after the Epiphany

8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist and Sermon - **The Baptism of our Lord**

6:30 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The laurel (leaves) signifies victory over persecution and suffering; the prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns; the circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ, and if any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods are used to decorate the wreath, they symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ Jesus our Lord. (*The History of the Advent Wreath*, Rev. William Saunders)

Quote for Reflection

The growing light of the Advent Wreath is a symbol of Christ who shatters the darkness of sin and death. Each week as the light grows stronger, we grow stronger too in our reverence for and commitment to Christ. The growing light helps us recognize Christ, not only in the historical event we celebrate at Christmas, but in our lives today and in the hope we carry as we prepare for the coming fullness of God's reign. (*The History & symbolism of the Advent Wreath*, n.d.)

Question for Reflection

What joy has the risen Christ bestowed on your life, as you await his second coming in glory?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 17 - Dec. 23

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

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	9:30 a.m.	Holy Communion to sick and shut-in. (Clergy)
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St Thomas the Apostle
	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: Loren Gayle 12/12, Edward Zacca and Ashley Johnson 17/12, 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 and Nicola Elliott 23/12.

The funeral service for Jemima Austin will be on Wednesday 20th at 12 noon. Also for Daphne Graham will be on Friday 22nd at 12 noon.

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

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 17 - 22, 2017

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

The commissioning of eleven Associate Evangelists will be held **today** Sunday December 17, at 3:30 p.m. at the Cathedral.

Congratulations to our AYF President, Josh Pratt, who has been inducted as one of the first set of 'Access to Information Youth Ambassadors'.

The Altar Guild - have packets of notelets for only \$700. These are available at the Church Office.

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.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 17, 2017 - Year B

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Sustained by the Holy Spirit

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8 - 11 Douglas Folkes
Psalms 126	Refrain: (All sit) <i>"The Lord, has done great things for us and we shall sing with joy"</i>
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Epistle	1Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24 Betty-Ann Jones
Gospel	John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28
Prayer of Intercession	page 120 Form H

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Women's Working Committee)

Processional	463
Old Testament	Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8 - 11 Jacqueline Mighty
Psalms 126	Refrain: "You shall go out with joy (song)" Refrain (v1-v3) Refrain (v4-v6)
Epistle	1Thessalonians 5: 16 - 24 Paulette Thompson
Gradual	Let The Advent Catch You
Gospel	John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28
Sermon	Sunday School Play
Creed	I believe in Jesus (song)
Intercession	Form H page 120
Offertory Hymn	Ancient of Days, Thanks, Thanks
During Communion	Lord you are more, The power of your love, Shout to the Lord, I give myself away #322, #612
Recessional	355

10:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Processional	35
Jubilate	BCP page 37
Psalms 126	Refrain: (All sit) <i>"The Lord, has done great things for us and we shall sing with joy"</i>
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Epistle	Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8 - 11
Benedictus	BCP page 40
Second Reading	John 1:6 - 8, 19 - 28
Hymn	42
Sermon	
Hymn	546
Recessional	34

6:00 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST