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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!

(+) 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.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
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!

Celebrant: Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, we give you thanks for the peace of this place, the deep and lasting peace you give to us. We pray for all who go out in mission, for all who proclaim the Good News; we remember house groups, our fellowship groups, church-planters, and all who build up the Body of Christ. We give thanks for all who, with various talents, seek to establish your kingdom. We pray for the 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 of all creation,

ALL: equip us to serve you.

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.

Lord of all creation,

ALL: equip us to serve you.

Leader: We pray for all in their various callings, that they may be sensitive to the needs of others and to the world about them. We remember the unemployed, the recently redundant, and those who have never worked. We pray for the World Health Organization, and all organizations and agencies that care for the poor and rejected of our world.

Lord of all creation,

ALL: equip us to serve you.

Leader: We give thanks that you come to us, in our homes and in our work. We give thanks that we have found favour with you, and that you love us. In our homes, make us attentive to your word and ready to do your will. We pray for expectant mothers, for single parents, for those adopting children. We remember children in places of danger or violence, and those being led astray by others. We pray for our children especially those in care and protection and for our Home for Girls.

Lord of all creation,

ALL: equip us to serve you.

Leader: Lord, you are our strength and salvation: you alone can make us whole, you alone give life which is eternal. We pray for the healing of our emotions, and broken relationship. We pray for those coping with cancer or Lupus. We pray for all who are in need at this time: for those whose lives lack peace, for all who are disturbed. We pray for the homeless, for places of shelter, for the street children of our world. We remember all who are in trouble or in sickness, we pray for our sick and shut-in ...

We pray for all who are caring for the needs of others.

Lord of all creation,

ALL: equip us to serve you.

Leader: We give thanks for all who have faithfully served you and are now in the fullness of your glory. We remember our loved ones departed, especially ...

Lord of all creation,

ALL: equip us to serve you.

Silence may be kept

Lord, you are with us wherever we go: you are our God and the Rock of our salvation. You come to us each day and always. Lord, open our eyes to your presence, open our hearts to your love, open our minds to your indwelling; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. AMEN.

Thomas Barrett
Myrtle Sith
Heron Wright
Elaine Small

Mildred Johnson
Joscelyn Richards
Ina Robinson
Eulah Stephenson

Richard Johnny Frater
Phyllis Brown
Desmond Keith Dickson
Lena McDonald

SICK AND SHUT - IN

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?

The angel, Gabriel, is mentioned only four times in the Bible. Twice he appeared to Daniel to teach him things beyond his comprehension, and in the New Testament, Gabriel announced to Zechariah the priest the coming birth of his son, John the Baptist, as well as the coming birth of Jesus, the Son of God, to Mary. The name Gabriel means “God is mighty” or “mighty man of God”, and is also one of the two archangels mentioned in Holy Scripture.

Quote for Reflection

"The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an ‘advent,’ a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously." (*Prepare Our Hearts for Christmas*, Saint John Paul II, n.d.)

Question for Reflection

What aspects of your life do you need to amend as you prepare your heart to receive the Christ Child who brings peace, love and joy in the world?

IMPORTANT DATES 2018

Marian Service
Deanery Day
Holy Baptism

Wednesday January 24, 2018
Sunday February 11, 2018
Sunday January 21, 2018

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Iris Bentley, Toni Dilworth and Annette Webb-Samuels 24/12, Carol Logan and Natalie Smith 25/12, Victor Elliott 26/12, Ludlow Bowie 27/12, John McGarry, Everard Dixon and Kaylor Scott 28/12 and Ena-Mae Miller 29/12.

Congratulations to Aston and Alcie Daley who will celebrate 31 years of marriage on the 27th. To Brian and Jackie James who will celebrate 26 years of marriage on the 28th. Also Paul and Jacinth Wright who will celebrate 39yrs on the 30th.

Condolence is extended to the family of Madge Day. Her funeral service will be on Friday 29th at 11:00 a.m. Also to Grace and Violet Phillips and family on the passing of her aunt Althea Lawrence.

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

The Altar Guild still have packets of notelets for only \$700.

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2017 - 18

Dec. 24 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. 29 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

Dec. 31 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist

8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist And Sermon

11:00 p.m. New Year's Eve – Watch Night Service

Jan. 1 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sermon

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

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

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

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Sustained by the Holy Spirit**6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST**

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| Old Testament | 2 Samuel 7:1 - 11, 16 Patrick Lynch |
| Psalm 89:1-4, 19 - 26 | Refrain: (All sit) <i>"From the line of David, God</i> |
| BCP page 583 | <i>has given us a Saviour"</i> |
| Epistle | Romans 16: 25 - 27 Clover Chung |
| Gospel | Luke 1: 26 - 38 |
| Prayer of Intercession | page 4 |

8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

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| Processional | 35 |
| Old Testament | 2 Samuel 7:1 - 11, 16 Camille Isaacs-Morell |
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| Epistle | Romans 16: 25 - 27 Suzanne Harris-Henry |
| Gradual | 34 (The children leave for Sunday School) |
| Gospel | Luke 1: 26 - 38 |
| Sermon | Claude Campbell |
| Offertory Hymn | 48 |
| During Communion | 549, 459, 469, [612] |
| Sunday School | 666 |
| Recessional | 36 |

11:00 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST & SERMON

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11:00 p.m. Carols and Blessing of the Manger & the 1st mass of Christmas