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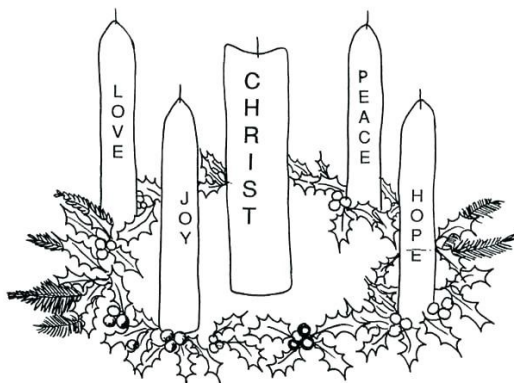
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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

***A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith***

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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)

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.

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.

President: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

President: Let us pray.

Silence

THE COLLECT

Third Sunday of Advent

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Service Continues with the Ministry of the Word

Processional - 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

(Repeat Verse)

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

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.*

2. 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.*

3. 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.*

Offertory - Peace and love

Refrain:

*Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love goodwill to all men
Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love, goodwill to all men
Peace and lo-lo-lo-lo-love, to all God's children
For God sits on the throne,
God sits on the throne. (Repeat refrain)*

1. God so loved the world He sent
His son, to pave di way for wi
No matter where you worship,
Or who you family be
Christmas time and every time
Live in love and unity
For God sits on the throne,
For eternity.

2. Give praise to the Father,
Your heart not made of stone
Praise Him in the big church
Or in your little home
Hug up all God's children,
Like your very own
You'll never feel alone,
For God sits on the throne.

3. So let us plan to serve Him,
In thought and word and deed
Put away all enmity,
All selfishness and greed
Brother and sister's keeper,
Whenever there is need
For God sits on the throne,
God alone shall lead.

Refrain x3

For God sits on the throne,
God sits on the throne.

Rejoice in the Lord always;
Rejoice in the Lord always;
And again I say, rejoice.
Rejoice in the Lord always;
And again I say, rejoice.
Rejoice, rejoice,
And again I say, rejoice.
Rejoice, rejoice,
And again I say, rejoice.

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Barry Soares - Priest
Tony Martin - Priest
Dede Welsh
Ellonia Gordon

Heron Wright
Helen Perkins
Muriel Smith
Jacqueline White

Rema Buckley
Danyell Hill
Dirvin Northover
Pauline Green

*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.*

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?

**Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and Spiritual direction by
appointment with the Rector**

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 16 - 22
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 the sick & 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

Readings for Dec. 23, 2018: Micah 5: 2-5a, B.C.P. pg. 67 –The Song of Mary, Hebrews 10:5 - 10 , Luke 1: 39 - 45.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Edward Zacca and Ashley Johnson 17/12, Enid McDonald and Johnathan Newman 18/12, Audrey Chin 19/12, Delano Fields, Sylvia Bennett and Kristen Raymore 20/12, Juliet McKenzie 21/12, and Lorna White 22/12.

Congratulations to Mildred Johnson who will be celebrating her 100th birthday on the 19th.

The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday School's annual Christmas Cake & Pudding sale is on every Sunday to December 23, 2018.

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

St. Clement's is requesting donations for their annual children's treat which will be on the 20th at 5:30 p.m.

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 16 - 23, 2018
those who are interested in Electronic transfers, use the account of St. Andrew Parish Church, NCB, Half-Way-Tree and contact the office for the Account number.

Kingston College Chapel Choir in Concert, today, December 16, at UWI chapel at 5:00 p.m.. Contribution \$2,000. Tickets are available at the Church Office.

There will be NO 10:30 SERVICE on Sunday December 30.

Jamaica Youth Chorale presents their concert on January 6, at The Church of St. Margaret's Liguanea at 5:00 p.m. Contribution \$1,500.

Baptismal commitment for 2018

- 1. Intentional Discipleship**
- 2. Interior of Church - Painting and Carpeting**
- 3. Birthday Ingathering**

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Intentional Discipleship: Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament
Psalm 85: 7 - 13
BCP page 579
Epistle
Gospel
Prayer of Intercession

Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20 Paul Lue Lim
Refrain: *“Lord, let us see your kindness and grant us your Salvation.”*
Philippians 4:4 - 7 Jennifer Goodison
Luke 3: 7 - 18.
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8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Women’s Working Committee)

Processional
Old Testament
Psalm 85: 7 - 13
BCP page 579
Epistle
Gradual (Sequence)
Gospel
Sermon
Prayer of Intercession
Offertory Hymn
During Communion
Recessional

Ancient of Days
Zephaniah 3: 14-20 Kaylor Scott
Refrain: (sit) *“Lord, let us see your kindness and us your Salvation.”*
Philippians 4:4 - 7 Nathan Whyte
Let The Advent Catch You
Luke 3: 7 - 18
Form D BCP Page 111
Peace and Love, Rejoice in the Lord Always
848, 573, Never a Baby Like Jesus, 92
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10:30 a.m.

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

Processional
Jubilate
Psalm 85: 7 - 13
BCP page 579
First Reading
Benedictus
Second Reading
Hymn
Sermon
Collection Hymn
Recessional

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BCP page 37
Refrain: (sit) *“Lord, let us see your kindness and us your Salvation.”*
Zephaniah 3: 14-20
BCP page 40
Luke 3: 7 - 18
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Rejoice in the Lord always and again I say rejoice
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5:30 p.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST