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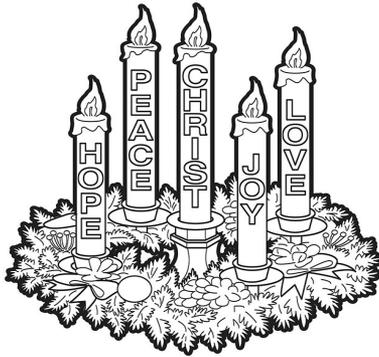
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**St. Thomas Mission - Majesty Gardens and St. Clement's Mission - Kencot**



**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**

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

**CLERGY**

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**The Rector is out of Office on Mondays**

**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: And also with you**

**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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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**

**The Service Continues with the Ministry of the Word**

## THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Fourth Sunday of Advent

December 23, 2018

**Leader:** Holy and Mighty God, we long for you and your love. You loved us from the moment of our conception, as a mother/father loves her/his child before she/he ever sees it. Fill your Church with your grace and goodness, that we may grow in holiness, that we may reach out in mission and love, and reveal your light and your glory. Lord, make us active in service and joyful in praise. We pray for our clergy, Howard, Diocesan Bishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Sirrano, Mark, Craig, Andrea and all church workers. All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** Lord of the nations, we pray for the leaders of the world and especially for the leaders of Jamaica. For Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; members of the House of Representatives and members of the judiciary, that they may serve justice and safeguard our human rights. May the world come to know Jesus Christ as the one who saves and heals.

All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our advent discipline preparations for Christmas. We who have so much to do seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day. We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us. We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom. We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence. We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light. To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus".

All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** Come, Lord, fill our homes with your light and love. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us alert to the needs and hopes of others, that our homes may reflect your presence and your glory. We rejoice with those who have been restored and pray for the healing of our communities. We thank you God for loving us when we are unloving, for caring for us when we are uncaring, and for calling us when we wonder

from your path.

All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** Lord Jesus, you are the master of life and death. Everything we have is yours. Just one touch from you restores the sick, heals the broken, and transforms the darkness. We pray especially for our sick and shut-in may they sense your presence, feel your power and know your love. May their body be overwhelmed with your healing and wellness which comes only through your anointing.

All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**Leader:** God of freedom and peace, we remember before you all who are captives to sin, vice or addiction, all who are damaged by oppression, violence or abuse. We pray for those who grieve, for the lonely and the despondent. We give thanks for all who have passed beyond trouble and darkness and are now at peace in your kingdom. We rejoice in the fellowship of the saints and pray we may follow their way of holiness and love.

All thanks to you Holy God.

**All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace**

**All: Loving and merciful God reject not our prayers, when amid our afflictions, we call on Your Name and seek with love and confidence Your adorable face. You are coming into our hearts to unite Yourself most intimately with us. You came into the world for love of humanity, but now You are coming from the altar for love of us. You are coming to fill our hearts with Your Holy love to abide with us always. Amen.**

### **SICK AND SHUT - IN**

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

Heron Wright  
Helen Perkins  
Muriel Smith  
Jacqueline White

Andrea Chin See  
Dirvin Northover  
Myrtle White  
Rema Buckley

***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 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)

**Question for Reflection**

What is your assurance as a Christian? (B.C.P page414)

**Baptism, Wedding, Funeral and Spiritual direction by  
 appointment with the Rector 876-926-0988**

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 23 - 29**

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

Dec. 24 Monday 11:00 p.m. Carols/Blessing of Manger  
 and First Mass of Christmas

Dec. 25 Tuesday 8:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Sermon

Dec. 26 Wednesday 6:30 a.m. **Holy Eucharist - St. Stephen's Day**

Dec. 27 Thursday 9:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist - St. John the Apostle's Day**

Dec. 28 Friday 9:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents**

Dec. 29 Saturday 2:00 p.m. Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

**Readings for Dec. 30, 2018: Isaiah 61:10- 62:3, Psalm 147: 13-21,  
 Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7, John 1:1-18.**

## **PARISH NEWS**

**Birthdays for this week:** Monique Bowie 23/12, 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 be celebrating 32yrs of marriage on the 27<sup>th</sup>. To Bryan and Jackie James who will celebrate 27 yrs on 28<sup>th</sup>.

**The Poinsettias at the Pulpit** are in loving memory of Mary Bryan given by her daughter Thelma Senior and family.

**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. Also the Point-of-Sale machine is available at the back of the Church.**

**The Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday School's** annual Christmas Cake & Pudding sale ends today December 23, 2018.

**There will be NO 10:30 a.m. Service on December 30, 2018.**

**The Memorial Service** for Reverend Randall Powell and his wife Noreen, will be held at St. John's Anglican Church, Black River, St. Elizabeth on the 27<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 a.m.

**The next General Meeting** of the Friends of the STAPC Sunday Schools will be held on Sunday January 13, 2019, immediately following the 8:00 a.m. Service in the Old Courthouse. The Executive would like to take this opportunity to wish our members a blessed and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year."

**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 Tickets are available at the Church Office.

## ADVENT IV

December 23, 2018 Year C

### Intentional Discipleship: Walk With Jesus and Keep the Faith

**6:30 a.m.**

#### **HOLY EUCHARIST**

Old Testament	Micah 5: 2 - 5a Clarence Walker
Psalm 80:1-7	Refrain <i>“Restore us again, O Lord and show us the Light of your countenance.”</i>
BCP page 573	
Epistle	Hebrews 10: 5 - 10 Faith Harker
Gospel	Luke 1: 39 - 45
Prayer of Intercession	page 4

**8:00 a.m.**

#### **SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON**

Processional	44
Old Testament	Micah 5: 2 - 5a Owen Streete
Canticle	The Magnificat - see insert
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Epistle	Hebrews 10: 5 - 10 Shirley Reeson
Gradual (Sequence)	41
Gospel	Luke 1: 39 - 45
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**11:00 a.m.**

#### **MASS FOR THE HOMEBOUND AND ELDERLY**

**5:30 p.m.**

#### **SUNDAYZ @ DUSK WITH JESUS**