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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Keep the Faith & Bear the Fruit of the Spirit**

CLERGY

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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 grow 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.

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Have mercy upon us.

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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. . **Amen.**

The Service Continues with the Ministry of the Word

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 the clergy, especially Howard, our Archbishop; Robert and Leon, Suffragan Bishops; Richard, Sirrano, Mark, Craig, Claude, Andrea, and all other clergy and 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 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 for 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. 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 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-ins 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: 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 remember especially

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.

Intentional Discipleship Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you that you have awakened Your Church to hear again, the call of our Saviour Jesus Christ to come to Him and learn from Him. Grant that as we say "Yes" to discipleship, your Holy Spirit will enable us so completely to commit all areas of our lives to His service, that in our personal, family and church lives, our work, recreational and social lives, we would act as Jesus would have acted if He were in our place; in His name and for His sake we pray. **Amen.**

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Egbert Robertson (Priest)
Ernie Gordon (Priest)
Merriel O'Brian
Stanley Thompson
Lloyd James

Alilean Davidson
Ellonia Gordon
Heron Wright
Gwen Waugh

Keith Robertson
Olive Lawrence
Gwen Saunders
Ilene Henry

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?

Advent is not a penitential season. The Alleluias and other triumphal expressions of praise to God, are sometimes however, omitted in anticipation of the grand celebration of Jesus’ Incarnation on December 25 (Christmas Day).

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

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

Baptism, Wedding and Funeral arrangements as well as Spiritual Direction are made by appointment with the Rector 876-926-6692

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 8 - 14
The Church is open Monday to Friday
between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. for prayer

Tuesday	9:00 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Home for Girls St. Andrew Settlement
Wednesday	6:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 12 noon 5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist Holy Communion to the sick & shut-in (Clergy) Mid-day reflection at Webster United Catechism Class for Baptism and Confirmation
Thursday	5:30 p.m.	SAPC Choir Rehearsal
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Saturday	11:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.	Little Brothers Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

Readings for Dec. 15, 2019: Isaiah 35: 1-10, Psalm 146: 4 - 9, James 5: 7-10, Matthew 11: 2 - 11.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Stephanie Murdock 08/12, Kei Campbell and Anneke Newman-Russell 09/12 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.

Congratulations to Patrick and Marcia Palmer who will be celebrating another wedding anniversary on the 10th.

Condolence is extended to the family of Bishop Alfred Reid retired Bishop of Jamaica and the Cayman Islands. His funeral service will be on Monday the 16th, at the Cathedral at 11:00 a.m. Interment at St. Jude's, Stony Hill.

Congratulations to the U18 futsal Team who came 1st, U13 who came 2nd and the netball team who came 4th.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2019 - 20

Dec. 8	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Birthday Ingathering
	6:00 p.m.	Carol Service
Dec. 15 - 22		Gift Days
Dec. 21	9:00 a.m.	Feast Day - St. Thomas the Apostle
Dec. 22	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Sung Eucharist and Sermon
Dec. 24	11:00 p.m.	Carols
	11:30 p.m.	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	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. John the Apostle's Day
Dec. 28	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents
Dec. 29	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist and Sermon (Christmas Sunday)
	11:00 a.m.	Mass for the homebound and elderly
	5:30 p.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m.	New Year's Eve – Watch Night Service
Jan. 1	6:30 a.m.	The Naming of Jesus (Holy Name)
Jan. 5	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m.	Solemn Eucharist and Sermon
	10:30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
	5:30 p.m.	Evening Prayer

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 2019 - Year A

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6:30 a.m.

Old Testament
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Epistle
Gospel

HOLY EUCHARIST

Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 Trevor Blake
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Romans 15: 4 - 13 Faith Harker
Matthew 3: 1 - 12

8:00 a.m.

Processional
Old Testament
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Epistle
Gradual
Gospel
Sermon
Intercession
Offertory Hymn
During Communion
Sunday School
Recessional

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

36 Christ is surely coming
Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 Rex James
BCP page 558 (All stand)
Romans 15: 4 - 13 Janet Shaw
42 On Jordon's bank - Children leave for S/Sch.
Matthew 3: 1 - 12
Canon Kitson
page 4
418 I'm pressing on the upward way
601, 259, 615.
44 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates

10:30 a.m.

Processional
Venite
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
First Reading
Benedictus
Second Reading
Hymn
Sermon
Collection Hymn
Recessional

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

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Isaiah 11: 1 - 10
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Matthew 3: 1 - 12
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418
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6:00 p.m.

CAROL SERVICE