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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

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

CLERGY

Rector	Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.
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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

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. 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.

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 witnessed 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 Jordan 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.

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

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; 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, love and joy. 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 bodies be overwhelmed with your healing and wellness which come 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
Myrtle Young

Alilean Davidson
Heron Wright
Carol Lawla
Beryl Gillies

Rema Watt
Iris Bentley
Lucille Campbell
Velma Aikens

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?

In ancient times purple dye was very expensive, and so the colour was a symbol of wealth, power and royalty. Consequently, royal purple is the colour used by the church during the season of Advent, to depict Jesus' kingship as we await His coming again in glory. On the third Sunday of Advent, however, a lighter shade of purple is used in some traditions, to represent a time of 'joy' in the midst of our waiting.

Quote for reflection

God can always do with you as much as you allow Him to. If you let Him do with you what He wants to, you'll discover that God takes delight in doing the impossible through you. The impossible will only become possible if you make yourself available to God. *(Maikho Etto, 2009).*

Question for Reflection

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

Condolence is extended to the family of Bishop Alfred Reid retired Bishop of Jamaica. His funeral service will be on Monday 16th, at the Cathedral at 11:00 a.m. A park 'n' ride bus service will be available which will leave SAPC at 9:30 a.m. The service will be streamed on Facebook, Twitter and the Diocesan Website.

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

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 15 - 21

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

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
	10:00 a.m.	Holy Communion to the sick & shut-in (Clergy)
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - Ember Day
	10:00 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 - Ember Day
Saturday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. Thomas the Apostle
	11:00 a.m.	Little Brothers
	2:00 p.m.	Alleluia Choir Rehearsal

**Readings for Dec. 22, 2019: Isaiah 7: 10-16, Psalm 80: 1 - 7, 16-18
Romans 1: 1-7, Matthew 1: 18 - 25.**

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: 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.

Congratulations to Delano and Juliet Fields who will be celebrating another wedding anniversary on the 15th.

Condolence is extended to the family of Cleveland Rackett. The funeral service for Donna Dias will be on Friday 20th, at 11:00 a.m. Interment at Shooters Hill. Transportation will be provided

The arrangement at the foot of the Altar is given by Tricia and Terri-Ann on the 10th anniversary of the passing of their mother, Patricia Richardson.

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. 15 - 22	Gift Days
Dec. 22	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist and Sermon
	10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist & Baptism
	5:30 p.m. Sundayz @ dusk
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. Holy Eucharist

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 2019 - Year A

A Call to Intentional Discipleship, Keep the faith & bear the fruit of the Spirit

6:30 a.m.

Old Testament
Psalm 146:4-9
BCP page 662
Epistle
Gospel

HOLY EUCHARIST

Isaiah 35: 1 - 10 Lisa Campbell
Refrain: "I will sing praises to the Lord as long as I live"
James 5 : 7 - 10 Martini Geoghagen
Matthew 11: 2 - 11

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

(Corporate for the Women's Working Committee)

Processional
Old Testament
Psalm
Epistle
Gradual
Gospel
Sermon
Creed
Intercession
Offertory Hymn
During Communion
Recessional

Sing we the King who is coming to reign
Isaiah 35: 1 - 10 Marie Thompson
The Magnificat My soul proclaims - Fr. Ho Lung
James 5 : 7 - 10 Nicola Johnson
34 Come thou long expected Jesus
Matthew 11: 2 - 11
Christmas Play
I believe in Jesus
page 4
Let the Advent catch you in a Holy mood, Thanks thanks
Here I am to worship, Prepare the Way, El Shaddai,
607, 612
Days of Elijah

10:30 a.m.

Processional
Venite
Psalm 146:4-9
BCP page 662
First Reading
Benedictus
Second Reading
Hymn
Sermon
Collection Hymn
Recessional

MORNING PRAYER AND SERMON

34 Come thou long expected Jesus
BCP page 36
Refrain: "I will sing praises to the Lord as long as I live"
Isaiah 35: 1 - 10
BCP page 40
Matthew 11: 2 - 11
53 Thy Kingdom come O God
44 Lift up your head
424 Lead us heavenly Father lead us

5:30 p.m.

EVENING PRAYER