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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

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. 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 this 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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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 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 our nation and leaders; We pray for Patrick, Governor General; Andrew, Prime Minister; Peter, Leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; Members of the House of Representative, and the Judiciary that they may serve justice and protect and safe-guard our human rights. May the world come to know Jesus Christ as Lord. *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 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. *All thanks to you Holy God.*

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

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. *All thanks to you Holy God.*

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

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. *All thanks to you Holy God.*

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

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 ... *All thanks to you Holy God.*

All: Giver of hope, love, joy and peace

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.

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)
Ilene Thomas
Marion Phillips

Frederick Green
Ellonia Gordon
Heron Wright
Enid McFarlane

Velma Aikens
Ivy Walters
Muriel Smith
Iris Johnson

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 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 hope, love, joy and peace into the world?

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

Readings for Dec. 29, 2019: Isaiah 61: 10-62:3, Psalm 147: 13 - 21, Galatians 3: 23-25: 4:4-7, John 1: 1 - 18.

Reports - All parish groups are reminded that their reports for the year 2019 must be submitted by Friday January 17, 2020.

Congregational meeting will be held on Sunday January 26, 2020.

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Lorna White 22/12, Monique Bowie and Nicola Elliott 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.

Congratulations to Aston and Alice Daley who are celebrating another wedding anniversary on the 27th also to Brian and Jackie James on the 28th.

Happy belated birthday wishes to Mildred Johnson who celebrated her 101st birthday on the 19th.

Condolence is extended to Tiny Goldson and family on the passing of her relative Fay McBean-Scott. Also to the family of Robert Stephens.

The Most Rev. Howard Gregory will be our celebrant and preacher next Sunday.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2019 - 20

Dec. 22		Gift Day
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	8:00 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 22, 2019 - Year A

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

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament

Isaiah 7: 10 - 16 Sterling Soares

Psalm 80: 1-7, 16-18

Refrain: "*O God of hosts, restore us and we shall be saved.*"

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Epistle

Romans 1 :1 - 7 Sybil Grandison

Gospel

Matthew 1: 18 - 25

8:00 a.m.

SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Metric Mass

Processional

41 Hark a thrilling voice is sounding

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Epistle

Romans 1 :1 - 7 Paulette Hollingsworth

Gradual

50 Rejoice! Rejoice, believers

Gospel

Matthew 1: 18 - 25

Sermon

Rev. Deacon Claude Campbell

The Creed

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Intercession

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Offertory Hymn

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During Communion

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Recessional

53 Thy Kingdom come O God

10:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST, SERMON & HOLY BAPTISM

5:30 p.m.

SUNDAYZ @ DUSK