

## SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 6, 2020 - Year B

### Intentional Discipleship

Living the life of faith in Challenging Times

#### 6:30 a.m.

#### HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament Isaiah 40: 1 - 11 Patrick Palmer  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8 - 13 **Refrain:** (All sit) "Mercy and truth have met together,  
BCP page 497 righteousness and peace have kissed each other."  
Epistle 2 Peter 3:8 - 15a Sharon Northover  
Gospel Matthew 4: 18 - 22  
Prayer of Intercession Form H page 120

#### 8:00 a.m.

#### SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional 35 Blest be the King whose coming  
Old Testament Isaiah 40:1 - 11 Frank James  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8 - 13 BCP page 497 **Chanted:** (All stand)  
Epistle 2 Peter 3:8 - 15a Andrea Chin See  
Gradual 754, Jesus calls us o'er the tumult  
Gospel Matthew 4: 18 - 22  
Sermon Revd. Canon Dr. Serrano Kitson  
The Prayers of Intercession  
Renewal of Baptismal Vows page 6  
Offertory Anthem Seek Ye the Lord (J. Varley Roberts)  
Chorus Thanks, thanks, we give you thanks  
During Communion 619, There's a light upon the mountain (page 9)  
Recessional 46 Lo, He comes with clouds descending

### Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service

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### Chapel of Ease:

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



### INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

#### Intentional Discipleship

Living in the Life of Faith, in challenging times

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On Monday, November 30, 2020 we celebrated the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle our Patron Saint. This marks the day on which the church was formally constituted as a place of worship. Andrew is described in the gospels as the first missionary disciple. As one of the two disciples of John the Baptist, who were directed to follow Jesus, Andrew received an invitation to stay with Jesus, and this he did. After the experience with Jesus, Andrew went and told his brother Simon Peter, "We have found the Messiah, (that is the Christ) John 1:35-41. Andrew's conviction was born out of his many hours of interaction with Jesus, whom he wanted to get to know, to be taught by Him and to enjoy His company. "Come and see" says Jesus. Time spent and personal contact enabled Andrew to grow in understanding and fellowship with Jesus so that he could "Follow Him".

In order for any relationship to grow, the first need is for us to set aside time to be with the person and second, the giving of undivided attention to facilitate understanding, affirmation and validation. For a disciple to walk as Jesus walked and live a Jesus shaped life will demand time to be with Jesus. This requires our ability to give undivided attention of mind and heart in order to grow in friendship and companionship with the Lord. "We are born with a yearning for God that we can try to fill with material goods and accomplishments. At the end of the day, however, we are left wanting more." (*Let Nothing Disturb You, St. Teresa of Avila*). It is Julian of Norwich who states that "nothing less than God can satisfy us." Our lives demand spiritual stamina that comes from the Holy Spirit's presence, who seeks to work within us. As we make time to be in the Lord's presence, like Andrew, we will grow in grace and faith. It is our belief and actions that will enable us to be living witnesses of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

As Andrew interacted with Jesus, he was able to identify his ministry and vocation, as he aligned his life with the divine purpose; he went and told his brother about Jesus as the Messiah. It is through our growing in the faith of Jesus, that our lives are empowered by the Holy Spirit for ministry. As persons who are baptized and affirmed through the laying on of hands in Confirmation, do we have a ministry for the advancement and action of God's kingdom? Do we practice a ministry of worship and prayer? Do we practice a ministry of tithing and sacrificial giving? Do we practice and participate in the church's ministry of witness, service and social justice for the poor and marginalized? Do we promote and nurture a spirit of miracles, of signs and wonders which Jesus lived? We are called to grow in faith and intentionally follow Jesus and pursue a ministry of prayer, worship, tithing, witnessing and serving as disciples of Jesus.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors, especially those who are joining us online.

*Serrano +*

## PARISH NEWS

**Birthdays for this week:** Hazel Bell 1/12, Senga McDonald and Jhanelle James 6/12, Calvin Murray and Amanda Hutchinson 7/12, Stephanie Murdock 8/12, Kei Campbell and Anneke Newman-Russell 9/12, Aaron Casserly and Joy Patel 11/12, Maydene Dunn 12/12.

**Congratulations** to Asquith and Roni Miller- Brown who will celebrate their 29th wedding anniversary on the 7th. Also to Patrick and Marcia Palmer who will be celebrating another wedding anniversary on the 10th.

**Condolence is extended to** Altheia (Dawn) Brown on the passing of her sister Reva Williams.

**Our Annual Gift Days** will be from December 6 - 20, 2020

**The Friends of the Sunday Schools** will be having its annual Christmas Cake and Puddings fundraising sale in December. Buccaneer 24 oz Fruit Cake \$1,600, 1 lb Christmas Pudding \$1,300, 2 lbs Christmas Pudding \$2,500. Order forms are available on the Church's website. Please send orders to FriendsChristmasCakes@gmail.com or by WhatsApp 876-858-1524.

**A congregational meeting** to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held on Sunday, December 13, 2020. At this nomination meeting each eligible voter may nominate **not more than two persons** for election to the Church Committee.

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

**We express thanks to our members who continue to give sacrificially to ensure that the ministry and mission of the church are sustained as we continue to witness and minister in these challenging times.**

**The Tuesday charity committee** wishes to thank all the persons who contributed to this years event.

**This year's Carol Service** will be held on December 20, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

## Faith Formation and Christian Education

**Did you know?**

John the Baptist, who pointed the way to Jesus and baptized him, lived an ascetic life in the Judean wilderness near the Dead Sea. He survived on simple desert fare, eating whatever the desert provided. His dress was also rustic: He wore a tunic of camel's hair with a leather belt. (David Howard & Gary Burge, *Fascinating Bible Facts*, 1997).

**Quote for Reflection**

The baptism in the Holy Spirit is an empowering for service that takes place in the life of the Christian. In it we are immersed in the Spirit's life and power. Just as the indwelling Spirit that Christians receive when they are saved reproduces the life of Jesus, so the outpoured, or baptizing, Spirit reproduces the ministry of Jesus... The baptism in the Holy Spirit cannot be earned. You cannot become "good enough" to receive it. It is a gift from God. It is not a "cure-all" for your problems. But the same wonderful power that enabled Jesus to open blind eyes, to command the elements of nature, and to live a life pleasing to the Father during His ministry on earth is also available to you. (*Christian Broadcasting Network*, 2017)

**Question for Reflection**

- How can we witness to the Risen Christ who will come again as King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE  
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2020**

Dec. 6 - 20	<b>Gift Days</b>
Dec. 20	5:30 p.m. Carol Service
Dec. 21	9:00 a.m. Feast Day St. Thomas the Apostle
Dec. 25	8:00 a.m. Christmas Day - Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 26	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist St. Stephen's Day
Dec. 27	6:30 a.m. 1st Sunday of Christmas -Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. Christmas Sunday -Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 29	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist -Thomas Becket (Martyr)
Dec. 30	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Jan. 1	8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist
Jan. 3	6:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Solemn Eucharist

*Processional Organ Voluntary***AT THE ALTAR**

*The Celebrant Prays,*

May this incense, blessed by You, O Lord, ascend to You. And may Your mercy descend upon us in the name of (+) the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**People: Amen.**

*(During the incensing of the Altar)*

The Choir Sings **Veni Jesu Amor Mi**

**Cherubini**

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace

**People: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**HYMN AT THE PROCESSION: 35** Blest be the King whose coming

*Station At The North Door*

Celebrant: I Will Exalt You, O God My King,

**People: and bless Your name forever and ever.**

Celebrant: *Let us pray...*

We stand outside time, in a place not of earth. As our ancestors before us bade we join together and are One.

By Blessed Mary and Blessed Apostle Andrew our Patron Saint,

By all Your holy angels,

By all Powers of Light and Shadow,

We call You to guard and defend us from all perils, O Most High.

**People: Amen.**

**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**

**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.

**All: Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

**Offertory Anthem:** Seek Ye the Lord (J. Varley Roberts)

**Chorus: Thanks! Thanks! I give you thanks**

Thanks! Thanks! I give you thanks  
For all you've done  
I am so blessed, my soul is at rest  
Oh Lord, I give you thanks.

**During Communion:** 619, There is a light upon the mountain

1. There is a light upon the mountain, And the day is at the springs,  
When our eye shall see the beauty and the glory of the King:  
Weary was our hearts with waiting, and the night-watch seem so long;  
But his triumphs -day is breaking, and we hail it with a song.

2. There's a hush of expectation, and a quiet in the air  
and the breath of God is moving in the fervent breath of prayer:  
For the suffering dying Jesus is the Christ upon the throne,  
And the travail of our spirit is the travail of His own.

3. Hark we hear a distant music, and it comes with fuller swell;  
'tis the triumph -song of Jesus, of our King Immanuel:  
Zion, go ye forth to meet Him; and, my soul, be swift to bring  
All thy sweetness and thy dearest for the triumph of our King!

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

Alton Tulloch (Priest)	Ellonia Gordon	Ilene Henry
Egbert Robertson (Priest)	Garland Morrison	Linda Mahon
Heron Wright	Heather Anglin	Richard Neckles
Nancy Baugh	Gwen Saunders	Lola Neckles

### **ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 6 - 12**

Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

**Readings for Dec. 13, 2020 Year B: Isaiah 61: 1 - 4, 8 -11, Psalm 126 or Canticle 3 or 15; 1 Thessalonian 5:16-24, John 1:6-8, 19-28.**

## Covenant Renewal

**Leader:** Will you live in obedience to God's laws, as a loyal member of His Church?

**All: With God's Help, I will.**

**Leader:** Will you support the Church, by coming together week by week for corporate worship; giving personal service and work and pray for the spread of the Kingdom of God?

**All: With God's Help, I will.**

**Leader:** Will your life be marked with self-denial and self-giving and permeated by love of God and our fellow human beings?

**All: With God's Help, I will.**

**Leader:** Let us in sincere dependence on God's grace, and trusting in God's promise, yield ourselves again to God.

**All: Almighty God and heavenly Father, as part of my personal response to You, I promise that I will more readily accept the guidance and direction of your indwelling Holy Spirit in every part of my life; that I will become more involved in the life of your Church and use more of my time and abilities for your work and witness by telling others about Jesus, like Saint Andrew our Patron Saint. I will also, as an expression of my gratitude to you, support the work of our Church by contributing funds from my earnings on a regular, systematic and proportionate basis through my tithes and offering. This is my solemn vow to further the mission of God.**

**Leader:** Almighty God who gives you the will to do these things, grant you grace and power to perform them, that God may complete the good work begun in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

**Leader:** Almighty God, we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all those who have been baptized in your name. Keep us faithful in our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

**All: Amen.**

## The Peace

**Leader:** We are the body of Christ...

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**President:** Let us pray:

**All: Lord God, Your 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 Jordan to wash away their sins. Help us to have the same love so that we will be your 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.

Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,  
Have mercy upon us.

## THE COLLECT

**Celebrant:** The Lord is here.

**People: His Spirit is with us!**

President: Let us pray.

## The Collect: Second Sunday of Advent

Merciful God, who sent your messengers the prophets to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation: Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins, that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## Saint Andrew the Apostle

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow Him without delay, and to bring those near to us into His gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

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## MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

**Old Testament** Isaiah 40:1 - 11

**Psalm** 85:1 - 2, 8 -13 BCP page 579 **Chanted :** (All sit)

**Epistle** 2 Peter 3: 8 - 15a

**Gradual** 754 Jesus calls us o'er the tumult

**Gospel** Matthew 4: 18 - 22

**Sermon** Revd. Canon Dr. Sirrano Kitson

### THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

**President:** We shall pray for Christ's Catholic Church and for the mission and ministry of St. Andrew Parish Church. Lord in your mercy:

**All: Hear our prayer.**

**President:** We pray for the clergy, the nation and our leaders.

### Renewal of Baptismal Vows & Promises

**Leader:**

In our baptism we died with Christ and were buried with Him, so that we might rise with Him to a new life within the family of His Church. We can never be baptized again, but we can, in response to a movement of God's Spirit, and after careful preparation, renew the promises made at our baptism.

As we look forward to the return of Christ as Lord and Judge, I invite you who are ready to do so to reaffirm your baptismal promises.

**Question:** Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Saviour?

**Answer: I turn and accept Him.**

**Question:** Do you put your trust in His grace and love?

**Answer: I so put my trust.**

**Question:** Do you promise to love God and obey Him as your Lord?

**Answer: I promise.**

**Question:** Do you renounce Satan, and all the spiritual forces of wickedness?

**Answer: I do.**

**Question:** Do you renounce injustice and all the evil powers of this world?

**Answer: I do.**

**Leader:** Now in allegiance to Christ, you must declare before God and His Church that you accept the Christian faith into which you were baptized, and in which you will continue to live and grow.

**Question:** Do you believe and trust in God the Father who made the universe?

**Answer: I believe and trust God.**

**Question:** Do you believe and trust in God's Son, Jesus Christ, in whom we have redemption?

**Answer: I believe and trust in Him.**

**Question:** Do you believe and trust in God's Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God?

**Answer: I believe and trust in God.**

**Leader:** This is the faith of the Church.

**People: This is our Faith. We believe and trust in One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Leader:** We shall be sprinkled with Holy Water as a sign of the renewal of our Baptismal Vows and promises.

### The aspersion with Holy Water

*During the sprinkling of the people with Holy Water the following shall be sung:*

### Hymn: Wonderful Grace

1. Wonderful grace

That gives what I don't deserve,  
Pays me what Christ has earned,  
Then let me go free.

Wonderful grace  
That gives me the time to change,  
Washes away the stains  
That once covered me.

2. Wonderful love

That held in the face of death,  
Breathed in its latest breath  
Forgiveness for me.

Wonderful love,  
Whose power can break every chain,  
Giving us life again  
And setting us free.

### Refrain:

*And all that I have  
I lay at the feet  
Of the wonderful Saviour  
Who loves me.*