

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 13, 2020 - Year B

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship
Living in the Life of faith, in challenging times**

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

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| O.T. Lesson | Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8-11 | Norman Davis |
| Canticle | The Magnificat (see pg 4) | |
| Epistle | 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24 | Demitri Smith-Wint |
| Gospel | John 1:6- 8, 19 - 28 | |
| Intercession | Form H. Pg. 120 | |

8:00 a.m.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

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| Processional | 42 On Jordan's bank, the Baptist cry | |
| The Advent Wreath | The Advent Candle of joy | |
| O.T. Lesson | Isaiah 61:1 - 4, 8-11 | Tony Patel |
| Canticle | The Magnificat (see pg. 4) all stand | |
| Epistle | 1 Thessalonians 5:16 - 24 | Kareen Scott |
| Gradual (Sequence) | 321 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun | |
| Gospel | John 1:6- 8, 19 - 28 | |
| Sermon | Rev. Deacon Claude Campbell | |
| The Creed | Hymn 561 | |
| Intercession | Form H Pg 120 | |
| Offertory Hymn | Sing we the king who is coming to reign (see pg. 4) | |
| During Communion | 619, As I kneel before you (see pg. 5) | |
| Recessional | 41 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding | |

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Chapel of Ease:

St. Thomas - Majesty Gardens 10:30 a.m. and St. Clement's - Kencot 10:30 a.m.



INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
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CLERGY

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| Rector/Curate | Rev. Canon Serrano Kitson, D. Min. |
| Assistant Priest | Rev. Fr. Craig Mears |
| Supplementary Clergy | Rev. Deacon Claude Campbell |
| Church Army | Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith |

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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: 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)

Birthdays for this week: [Rev] Harold Jones and Beverly Taylor 13/12, Vivienne Jones, Lisa Campbell and Robert Williams 14/12, Clarissa Kerr and Ashley Johnson 17/12, Edna Ramsay, Enid McDonald and Johnathan Newman 18/12, [Rev] Percival Lynch and Audrey Chin 19/12.

Congratulations to Mildred Johnson who will be 102 on the 19th.

Congratulations to Delano and Juliet Fields who will be celebrating their 47th wedding anniversary on the 15th.

Condolence is extended to Robert Martin and family on the passing of his mother, Daphne Martin.

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| Alton Tulloch (Priest) | Heather Anglin | Stanley Thompson |
| Egbert Robertson (Priest) | Gwen Saunders | Myrtle Young |
| Heron Wright | Gwen Waugh | Glory Robertson |
| Nancy Baugh | Neville Dallen Sr | Carol Lawla |

Please note electronic transfer to the Church's Account can be made through members banking facility. (St. Andrew Parish Church, NCB Half-Way-Tree A/C # 301045077).

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 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 today, 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.

Did you know?

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The laurel (leaves) signifies victory over persecution and suffering; the prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns; the circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ, and if any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods are used to decorate the wreath, they symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ Jesus our Lord. (*The History of the Advent Wreath*, Rev. William Saunders)

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

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

Intentional Discipleship Prayer of the Diocese

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.**

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 13 - 19

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

Readings for Dec. 20, 2020 Year B: 2 Samuels 7: 1 - 11, 16, Canticle 3 or 15 or Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-36; Romans 16:25 - 27, Luke 1:26 - 38.

The following is sung:

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Celebrant: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place.

All: As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: We thank you O God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. We ask this in the name of the One 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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President: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

President: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT Third Sunday of Advent

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Canticle: The Magnificat (1662 bcp)

1. My soul doth magnify the Lord : and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
2. For he hath regarded : the lowliness of his handmaiden.
3. For behold, from henceforth : all generations shall call me blessed.
4. For he that is mighty hath magnified me : and holy is his Name
5. And his mercy is on them that fear him : throughout all generations.
6. He hath showed strength with his arm : he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
7. He hath put down the mighty from their seat : and hath exalted the humble and meek.
8. He hath filled the hungry with good things : and the rich he hath sent empty away.
9. He remembering his mercy: hath holpen his servant Israel
10. As he promised to our forefathers: Abraham and his seed, for ever.

**Glory be to the Father, and the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be:
World without end. Amen**

Offertory Hymn: Sing we the King who is coming to reign

1. Sing we the King who is coming to reign,
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain;
Righteousness, peace then His empire shall bring,
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Refrain:

***Come let us sing: Praise to our King,
Jesus our King, Jesus our King:
This is our song, who to Jesus belong:
Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.***

2. All men shall dwell in His marvelous light,
Races long severed His love shall unite,
Justice and truth from His scepter shall spring,
Wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King. **R**

3. All shall be well in His kingdom of peace,
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,
Foe shall be friend when His triumph we sing,
Sword shall be sickle when Jesus is King. **R**

4. Kingdom of Christ, for thy coming we pray,
Hasten, O Father, the dawn of the day
When this new song Thy creation shall sing,
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King. **R**

During Communion: As I Kneel Before You

1. As I Kneel Before You,
As I Bow My Head In Prayer,
Take This Day, Make It Yours
And Fill Me With Your Love.

2. All I Have I Give You,
Every Dream And Wish Are Yours,
Mother Of Christ, Mother Of Mine,
Present Them To My Lord.

Refrain:
**Ave Maria, Gratia Plena,
Dominus Tecum, Benedicta Tu.**

3. As I Kneel Before You,
And I See Your Smiling Face
Every Thought, Every Word
Is Lost In Your Embrace.

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

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| Dec. 6 - 20 | Gift Days |
| Dec. 20 | 5:30 p.m. Carol Service |
| Dec. 25 | 8:00 a.m. Christmas Day - Solemn Eucharist and Sermon |
| 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 and Sermon |
| Jan. 3 | 6:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Holy Eucharist 8:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Solemn Eucharist |