

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

NOVEMBER 28, 2021 - Year C

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Living the life of Faith in challenging times**

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16 Robert Gregory
Psalm 25:1 - 9 BCP page 497 **Refrain: "O Lord remember your
compassion and love, for they are from everlasting."**
Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9 - 13 Betty-Ann Jones
Gospel Luke 21:25 - 36
Prayer of Intercession BCP Form B page 107

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Procession 34 Come, thou long-expected Jesus
First Lesson Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16 Jacqueline Mighty
Psalm 25:1 - 9 BCP pg. 497 **Chanted** (all stand)
Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3:9 - 13 Lona Brown
Acclamation El Shaddai,
Gospel Luke 21:25 - 36
Sermon Canon Serrano Kitson
The Creed BCP Page 104
Intercession Form H
Offertory Anthem Behold he cometh! (The choir) Jerry Kirk
Offertory 53 Thy Kingdom come, O God
During Communion 598, 579
Recessional 55 The Lord will come and not be slow

Acclamation

El shaddai, el shaddai, El-elyon na adonia,
Age to age you're still the same,
By the power of the name.
El shaddai, el shaddai, Erkamka na adonai,
We will praise and lift you high, El shaddai.

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

<https://www.facebook.com/sapcjamaica>.

The 8 a.m. service can also be viewed on Youtube.

Youth, let's fellowship virtually! Come and participate on Saturdays from
4:00-5:30 pm. Meeting ID 86575522116 and passcode 038110.

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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,
Living the life of Faith in these challenging times**

CLERGY

Rector/Curate	The Very Revd. Canon Serrano Kitson, D. Min.
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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

It is the beginning of the Church year! Happy New Year to all! Today's collect is to be found on page 156 of our BCP. This collect was composed for the first Anglican Prayer Book (1549). The collect is based on Romans 13:12. It is carefully crafted to include three pairs of antithetical expressions: cast away darkness, put on light; mortal life, life immortal, great humility, glorious majesty. The collect calls us to do the right thing "now," even as we recall the first advent and look forward to the second.

Quote for reflection

"Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen."
The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent (BCP CPWI)

Question for reflection.

In what ways can I begin doing the right thing in hopeful anticipation of Christ's second coming?

Up Coming Events

- Monday Bible study - Nov 29, 5:30 In person/Zoom: 756 5630 5709 Code: TGIM
The Feast of St Andrew the Apostle - November 30, 9:00 a.m. Mass
Confirmation Classes begins - December 1.
Patronal Festival - December 5, 2021
Annual Gift-Days - Thanksgiving for God's gifts, December 12 - 19.
Carol Service - December 19

Tuesday Charity Ministry welcome items that are non-perishable for December 7th.

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

The Birthday and Fellowship Groups are encouraged to use the Advent Bible Study.

Readings for December 5, 2021: Baruch 5:1-9 or Malachi 3:1-4, Psalm Canticle 4 or 16 The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79), Philippians 1:3 - 11, Luke 3:1 - 6.

Birthdays for this week: Shaun James, Donna Evelyn, Dwayne McKenzie and Julianne Teape 28/11, Kaye-Anne Parke 29/11, Jacqueline Mighty 01/12, Michael Grant 03/12, Andrea Livingston-Prince, John Lopez, Andrea Robins and John Levy 4/12.

Congratulations to Hazel Bell who will be celebrating her 90th birthday on the 1st. Also to Gloria Laing who be celebrating her 94th on the 3rd.

Condolence is extended to Sharon Northover and family on the passing of her brother, Dennis Northover also to the family of Iris Johnson.

Please be reminded that Sunday School classes have resumed and are being held on 2nd and 4th Sundays via Zoom commencing at 4:30PM.

The following are programmes hosted by the Diocese:

- Diocesan Sunday School 10:00 a.m. (www.youtube.com)
Think on These Things. Radio Jamaica Broadcast at 4:45 p.m.

Confirmation Classes for Juniors & Adults commence Wednesday December 1, at 5:30 p.m. Junior Zoom Meeting ID: 752 5297 0456 Passcode: #salvation. Adult Zoom ID: Meeting ID: 723 4789 7500 Passcode: confirm

Kindly note that electronic transfers 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.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Nov. 28 - Dec. 4

The Church is open Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.

Table with 4 columns: Date, Day, Time, Activity. Rows include Nov. 30th (Tuesday, 9:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist St. Andrew the Apostle), Dec. 1st (Wednesday, 6:30 a.m., Holy Eucharist), Dec. 3rd (Friday, 9:00 a.m., Holy Eucharist).

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Table with 4 columns: Name, Title, Name, Name. Rows include Egbert Robertson (Priest), Linda Mahon, Stanley Thompson; Alton Tulloch (Priest), Richard Neckles, Myrtle Young; Peter Mullings (Priest), Lola Neckles, Carol Lawla; Laurence 'Billy' Perkins, Heron Wright, Rema Samuels.

The First Sunday of Advent **Nov. 28, 2021**

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 First Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Hope.

Introduction to the observance of Advent - Sunday School

THE BLESSING OF THE ADVENT WREATH (All stand)

Celebrant: Dearly beloved, now we stand in the house of the Lord, at the center of a universe which is not ours as we know it. As we prepare to worship the living God, let us call to mind in silence the divine Presence that surrounds our lives. It is our Holy God who calls us by name and draws us into the mystery of Christ Jesus who is alive and in our midst.

Silence

Celebrant: You are just, O Holy One, great and amazing are your deeds, Lord God the Almighty! Just and true are your ways, King of the nations! As you reveal your majesty in your son Jesus Christ at His first coming, so may this Advent Wreath and Candles be to us a sign of your presence this Advent tide Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All: Amen

The Candle of Hope

The Christian Hope is rooted in Christ risen and ascended, who will come again in glory and in power to judge. He will make all things new. "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then He will sit on the throne of His glory. All the nations will be gathered before Him, and He will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats." (Matthew 25:31-32) Our hope also is to live with confidence in newness and fullness of life, and to await the coming of Christ in glory, and the completion of God's purpose for the world. (BCP pg.413)

Celebrant: Light and peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord

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.

November 28, 2021

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 (Archbishop and Diocesan Bishop), Leon (Suffragan Bishop), Harold and Robert (retired Bishops) for the Cathedral Chapter, Deans, 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; Mark, leader of the Parliamentary Opposition; all members of Parliament and all 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. 5.
Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: O come, Emmanuel (first stanza only)

O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here
Until the son of God appear.

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

Celebrant: On this First Sunday of Advent, we light the candle of Hope.

(First Candle is lit)

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

People: As we look at the light of this candle, we celebrate the hope we have in Jesus Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All : God of Abraham and Sarah and all the Patriarchs of old, you are our Father too. Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ, Son of God, and son of David. Help us today and every day to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing the hope we have with others. 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.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
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!

President: Let us pray.

The Collect: First Sunday of Advent

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)