

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 5, 2021 - Year B

Intentional Discipleship

Living in the life of faith in these Challenging Times

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
Old Testament Malachi 3:1 - 4 Winston Bayley
Canticle Benedictus pg 5 (All stand)
Epistle Philippians 1:3 - 11 Marcia Palmer
Gospel Matthew 4:18 - 22
Prayer of Intercession Form A page 107

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional Voluntary March from St Paul's Voluntaries Frank Adlam
Introit Comfort ye "Messiah" G. F. Handel
Processional 741 We love the place, O God
Old Testament Malachi 3:1 - 4 Frank James
Canticle The Benedictus - all stand
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During Communion 599, 594, 754
Recessional 46 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

On Tuesday, November 30, 2021 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".

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.

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*). 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.

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

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PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Dawn Seaton 1/12, Taruna Stephens, Marilyn Lawrence-Wright and Steve Ferguson 5/11, Senga McDonald and Jhanelle James 6/12, Calvin Murray and Amanda Hutchinson 7/12, Stephanie Murdock 8/12, Coleen Tinker-White, Kei Campbell and Anneke Newman-Russell 9/12, Aaron Casserly and Joy Patel 11/12.

Congratulations to Asquith and Ronie Miller-Brown who will celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary on the 7th. Also to Patrick and Marcia Palmer who will be celebrating another wedding anniversary on the 10th.

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 12 - 19, 2021

Flowers at the Foot of the Altar are in celebration of Hazel Bell's 90th birthday, given by her daughter, Patsy. Flowers at the lectern are for Javan Patel on his 38th birthday given by the Patel family.

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

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

A congregational meeting to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held on Sunday, December 12, 2021. At this nomination meeting each eligible voter may nominate **not more than two persons** for election to the Church Committee.

The Tuesday charity committee wishes to thank all the persons who contributed to this year's event.

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.

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).

This year's Carol Service will be held on December 19, 2021 at 5:30 p.m.

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The collect for the second Sunday of Advent is to be found on page 156 of our BCP. It is based on the collect for the third Sunday of Advent found in the Church of South India's Book of Common Worship. Its primary theme is "The Fore-runner." Its reference to Christ as Redeemer and coming judge are also to be found in the collect appointed for Christmas Eve. The collect acknowledges we all have a role to play in preparing for Christ's second coming.

Quote for reflection

"The Lord is coming, always coming. When you have ears to hear and eye to see, you will recognise him at any moment of your life. Life is Advent; life is recognising the coming of the Lord."

Henri Nouwen in Gracias!: A Latin American Journal (1993)

Question for reflection.

What can I do to train my ears, eyes and heart to become more perceptive of the Lord's coming into my life each day?

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021**

Dec. 12 - 19	Gift Days
Dec. 19	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	6:30 a.m. 1st Sunday of Christmas -Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. Christmas Sunday -Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 28	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents
Dec. 29	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist -Thomas Becket (Martyr)
Dec. 31	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Jan. 1	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Name
Jan. 2	6:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Solemn Eucharist

Processional: March from St Paul's Voluntaries Frank Adlam

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

Comfort ye "Messiah" G. F. Handel Quincy Etinoff

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION: 741 We love the place, O God

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.

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.

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...

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

Offertory Anthem: And the glory of the Lord - "Messiah" G. F. Handel

Offertory 54 The King shalt come when morning dawns.

During Communion: 599, 594, 754

Recessional 46 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 5 - 11

Dec. 7th	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 8th	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 10th	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Peter Mullings (Priest)	Beryl Gillies	Ivy Walters
Alton Tulloch (Priest)	Louisa Hanson	Lois Owen
Egbert Robertson (Priest)	Beryl Davis	Ilene Thomas
Laurence "Billy" Perkins	Rema Watt	Frederick Green

**Readings for Dec. 12, 2021 Year C: Zephaniah 3: 14 - 20, Canticle 9 ,
Philippians 4:4 - 7, Luke 3:7 - 18.**

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.*

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.

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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.

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.**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

Old Testament Malachi 3:1 - 4

Canticle: Benedictus Chanted (All stand)

1. Blessed be the Lord' God of' Israel;
*for he hath visited' and redeemed his' people;
2. And hath raised up a mighty salvation' for us,
* in the' house of his' servant' David;
3. As he spake by the mouth of his' holy Prophets,
*which have been' since the' world began;

5.

4. That we should be' saved from our' enemies,
*and from the' hands of' all that' hate us:
5. To perform the mercy promised' to our forefathers,
*and to remember his' holy' covenant;
6. To perform the oath which he swore to our' forefather' Abraham,
*That' he would' grant us.
7. That we being delivered out of the' hands of our' enemies
*might' serve him without' fear,
8. In holiness and' righteousness before him, *all the' days of' our life.
9. And thou child shalt be called the' Prophet of the' Highest:
*for thou shalt go before the face of the' Lord to prepare his' ways;
10. To give knowledge of salvation' unto his' people
*for the remission' of their sins;
11. Through the tender mercy' of our God;
*whereby the day-spring' from on' high hath' visited us;
12. To give light to them that sit in darkness, and in the' shadow of' death.
*and to guide our feet' into the way of peace.

Glory be to the Father, and to the son, *and' to the Holy' Ghost
As it was in the beginning, is now, and 'ever' shall be, *world without, end.
A-men.

Epistle	Philippians 1: 3 - 11
Gradual	42 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Gospel	Matthew 4:18 - 22
Sermon	Revd. Canon 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