

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 12, 2021 - Year C

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

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

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| Old Testament | Zephaniah 3:14 - 20 | Phyll Williams |
| Canticle | The First song of Isaiah | (see pg 4) all stand |
| Epistle | Philippians 4:4 - 7 | Natalie Smith |
| Gospel | Luke:3: 7 - 18 | |
| Intercession | Form H. Pg. 120 | |

8:00 a.m.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

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| Processional | 41 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding | |
| The Advent Wreath | The Advent Candle of joy | |
| Old Testament | Zephaniah 3:14 - 20, | Lucien Jones |
| Canticle | The First song of Isaiah | (see pg 4) all stand |
| Epistle | Philippians 4:4 - 7 | Carol Hamilton |
| Gradual (Sequence) | 49 Ready the way of the Lord! | |
| Gospel | Luke:3: 7 - 18 | |
| Sermon | Rev. Deacon Bertram Gayle | |
| The Creed | | |
| Intercession | Form C Pg 108 | |
| Offertory Hymn | 76 Cum dung, to all a we | |
| During Communion | 597 | |
| Recessional | 45 Ye servants of the Lord | |

Tuesday Charity Ministry - Thanks for your support for the Christmas Treat.
We had over 330 persons who received care packages and a meal.

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:

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Living the life of Faith in these challenging times

CLERGY

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| Rector | The Very Revd. Canon Serrano Kitson, D. Min. |
| Assistant Priest | Revd. Fr. Craig Mears |
| Supplementary Clergy | Revd. Fr. Claude Campbell |
| Assistant Curate | Revd. Deacon Bertram Gayle |
| Church Army | Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith |

Wardens

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Administration

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| Administrative Assistant | Mrs. Hortense James |
| Receptionist | - Miss Roslyn Reid |
| Asst. Verger | - Miss Ann Morrison |

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. Winston Blake and Maydene Dunn 12/12, 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.

Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations to Delano and Juliet Fields who will be celebrating their 48th wedding anniversary on the 15th also to Scott and Jodi Dunn who will celebrate their 17th on the 18th.

Condolence is extended to Marie Thompson on the passing of her niece, Denise McCarthy overseas.

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

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

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

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.

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| Peter Mullings (Priest) | Enid McFarlane | Pauline Christie |
| Alton Tulloch (Priest) | Lynford Collins | Mildred Johnson |
| Egbert Robertson (Priest) | Muriel Smith | Melba Lazarus |
| Laurence “Billy” Perkins | Allan Kirton | Ellonia Gordon |

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

Did you know?

The Collect for the Third Sunday of Advent is found on page 157 of our BCP. It has as its source the second oldest service book used in the western Church, known as the Gelasian sacramentary. Its original form underwent several transformations, a version of which Archbishop Cranmer included in the first Book of Common Prayer, but with slight changes, some of which have now been removed. The expressions “stir up your power” and “we are sorely hindered by our sins” in the Collect, recall Psalm 80:2 and Hebrews 12:1, respectively.

Quote for reflection

“We do get another chance! The Season of Advent gives the church the opportunity to begin again. Once more the full story of God’s grace is awaiting our discovery. Once more we shake off the failures and victories of the past, and we get a clean page on which to write the story of our companionship with God in Christ. Once more we get to listen and respond in faithfulness to the God who comes to us so humbly, intimately, and personally in the birth of Jesus.”

Norman Shawchuck and Rueben P. Job in A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God

Question for reflection.

What is one aspect of my walk with Christ that has waned and is in need of a renewed start? How can I begin afresh this week?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 12 - 18

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| Dec. 14th | Tuesday | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Dec. 15th | Wednesday | 6:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| Dec. 17th | Friday | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |

Sunday School Classes continue today, December 12, 2021, via Zoom commencing at 4:30PM. If you need information, please send email to sapsundayschool2021@gmail.com.

Readings for Dec. 19, 2021 Year C: Micah 5: 2 - 5a, Canticle 15 or The Song of Mary; Hebrews 10:5 - 10, Luke 1:39 - 45.

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.

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

President: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

President: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1. Surely, it is God who saves me; *I will trust in him and not be afraid.
2. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,* and he will be my Savior.
3. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing * from the springs of salvation.
4. And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;
5. Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.
6. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.
7. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

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.**

Food for the Soul

We are more than half-way through our Advent journey and on this third Sunday of Advent - Gaudete Sunday - we are invited to rejoice. Gaudete is the Latin word for ‘rejoice’ and the pink candle which we light in the advent wreath, the flowers on the altar and the rose-coloured vestments worn by our priest all symbolize the joy that is at the heart of the anticipation of Advent. We are encouraged to rejoice for, as it says in Philippians 4:4 - 5, there is need to rejoice, even though we might find it difficult to obey the command to rejoice as we live in a world that seems adrift, filled with crime and violence, strife and suffering. But, as the Collect reminds, we too are “sorely hindered by our sins; and so we implore God to ‘speedily help and deliver us’ *The St Jude’s Writers*

| SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2021 | | |
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| 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 Innocence |
| Dec. 29 | 6:30 a.m. | Holy Eucharist -Thomas Becket (Martyr) |
| Dec. 31 | 9:00 a.m. | Holy Eucharist |
| | 11:00 p.m. | Watch Night Service |
| Jan. 1 | 8:00 a.m. | Sung 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 |