

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**  
**December 19, 2021 - Year C**

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

**6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST**

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| First Lesson | Micah 5:2 - 5a     | Lisa Campbell      |
| Canticle     | Magnificat pg 5    |                    |
| Epistle      | Hebrews 10: 5 - 10 | Demitri Smith-Wint |
| Gospel       | Luke 1: 39 - 45    |                    |
| Intercession | Form B. Page 107   |                    |

**8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON**

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| Procession       | 40 Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes             |                  |
| First Lesson     | Micah 5:2 - 5a  | Brandon Mighty   |
| Canticle         | Magnificat pg 5                                       |                  |
| Epistle          | Hebrews 10: 5 - 10                                    | Mykelow Thompson |
| Acclamation      | "Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say rejoice" |                  |
| Gospel           | Luke 1: 39 - 45                                       |                  |
| Sermon           | Rev. Fr. Craig Mears                                  |                  |
| Nicene Creed     | pg 104  |                  |
| Intercession     | Form D page 120                                       |                  |
| Offertory Hymn   | 245 Jesus come today                                  |                  |
| During Communion | 617, 511  |                  |
| Recessional      | 750 Tell out my soul the greatest of the Lord         |                  |

**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 fellowship is on a Christmas break and resumes on  
January 15, 2022.**

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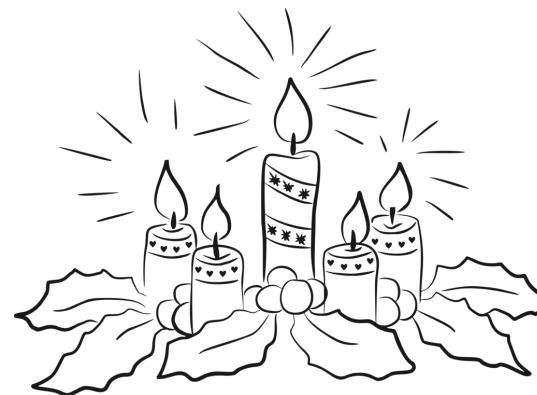
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**Chapel of Ease:**

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



**The Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:**  
**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,**  
**Living the life of Faith in these challenging times**

**CLERGY**

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| Rector               | The Very Revd. Canon Sirrano 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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Mrs. Merle Thomas  
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Mrs. Hortense James  
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**The Rector is out of Office on Mondays**

**Faith Formation and Christian Education****Did You Know?**

The Collect for the Fourth Sunday of Advent is found on page 158 of our BCP. It first appears in a 10<sup>th</sup> century service book used by Priests. It reminds us that God comes to us daily. This said, the Collect anticipates Christ's second coming as it is described in Luke 19:44. In contrast to Christ's first coming, however, where there was no room for him in the inn, the Collect prays that, this time, he "may find in us a mansion prepared for himself."

**Quote for reflection**

"Advent confronts us once again with God's unparalleled effort to communicate the message that all humankind is embraced and held close by a God of love. Jesus Christ has come, is present with us, and will come again in final victory when all darkness, pain and evil will be no more. In Advent we begin again to try to make plain the wonderful truth of the most extraordinary good news the world has ever heard."  
*Norman Shawchuck and Rueben P. Job in A Guide to Prayer for All Who Seek God*

**Question for reflection.**

What can I do to prepare my heart and mind for the coming of Christ?

**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.**

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**Birthdays for this week:** Revd. Percival Lynch and Audrey Chin 19/12, Delano Fields, Sylvia Bennett and Kristen Raymore 20/12, Revd, Michael Allen, Revd. Robin Samuda and Juliet McKenzie 21/12, Noel Anderson and Lorna White 22/12, Nicola Elliott and Monique Bowie 23/12, Toni Dilworth and Annette Webb-Samuels 24/12, Revd. Ula Ruddock, Carol Logan and Natalie Smith 25/12.

**Birthday Congratulations** to Mildred Johnson who celebrates her 103rd birthday today.

**Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations to** Lucien and Vivienne Jones who will celebrate their 47th wedding anniversary on the 22nd.

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

**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.**

**SICK AND SHUT - IN**

|                          |          |                |                  |
|--------------------------|----------|----------------|------------------|
| Alton Tulloch            | (Priest) | Melba Lazarus  | Gwen Donaldson   |
| Peter Mullings           | (Priest) | Sybil Thompson | Hyacinth Elliott |
| Egbert Robertson         | (Priest) | Ina Robinson   | Albertha Graham  |
| Laurence "Billy" Perkins |          | Flavia Dickson | Lola Murphy      |

**Readings for December 26, 2021: Isaiah 61: 10 - 62:3, Psalm 147:13 - 21, Galatians 3: 23 - 25, 4:4-7, John 1:1 - 18.**

**ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 19 - 25**

**The church is open Mon– Fri between 9:00 a.m.- 5:00 p.m. for prayer.**

Dec. 21 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist - St Thomas the Apostle  
Dec. 22 Wednesday 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
Dec. 24 Friday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

**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 in 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  
11:00 p.m. **Watch Night Service –New Year’s Eve**  
Jan. 1 8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist - Holy Name  
Jan. 2 6:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday in Christmas - Holy Eucharist  
8:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday in Christmas - Solemn Eucharist  
Jan. 6 9.00 a.m. **The Epiphany**  
Jan. 9 6:00 a.m Holy Eucharist  
8:00 a.m Solemn Eucharist—The Baptism of our Lord

**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 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**

**Celebrant:** Today is the fourth Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Peace.

Last Sunday we lit the third Candle in our Advent Wreath. 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. The third candle of **Joy** reminded us that when Jesus is born in us we have joy and that through him there will be everlasting **Joy** on earth.

**The Candle of Peace**

Today we light the fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of **Peace**. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "**the Prince of Peace**". They told us how He would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

When Jesus came He taught people the importance of being peace-makers. He said that those who make **peace** shall be called the children of God. When Christ comes to us He brings us **peace** and He will bring everlasting **peace** when He comes again. We light the Candle of **Peace** to remind us that Jesus is the **Prince of Peace** and that through him **peace** is found.

*(Fourth Candle, the Candle of Peace is lit)*

*The following is sung:*

**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.**

**Rejoice! Rejoice!**

**Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**Leader:** Peace is like a light shining in a dark place.

**People:** As we look at this candle we celebrate the Peace we find in Jesus Christ.

**Celebrant:** Let us pray:

**All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, the prophets said you would bring peace and rescue your people from sin and death. Deliver us from conflict and strife, give peace in our hearts at Christmastide. We ask that as we wait for you to come again, that you would remain present with us. Enable us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask this in your name 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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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!

**Celebrant:** Let us pray.

### The Collect of the Day

Fourth Sunday of Advent

BCP page 158

### MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

### Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord;  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour,  
For he hath regarded:  
the lowliness of his handmaiden.  
For behold from henceforth:  
all generations shall call me blessed.  
For he that is mighty hath magnified me:  
and holy is his Name.  
And his mercy is on them that fear him throughout all generations.  
He hath shewed strength with his arm:  
he hath scatter'd the proud in the imagination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things:  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.  
He rememb'ring his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel:  
As he promised to our forefathers,  
Abraham and his seed forever.

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, Amen, Amen.

### Food for the Soul

In the Christian calendar, Advent is one of the most important seasons of the Church. It is the Season of Preparation for the second coming of Christ. In our secular lives we also prepare for the celebration of Christ's first coming - Christmas - with eager anticipation. Part of that preparation includes cleaning house, and generally "sprucing up" the entire house. In the rural areas, folks would even lime-wash the trunks of trees! Similarly, in our spiritual lives, there is need for sprucing up, acknowledging our sins of commission and omission, shaking off the sloth of mechanical lip service to God and "tidying up our act".  
*(Our Hope and Expectation, St. Jude's writers)*