

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
NOVEMBER 27, 2022 - Year A

**A Call to Intentional Discipleship,
Living in the Spirit in a culture of diversity**

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson	Isaiah 2: 1 - 5	Franklyn Williams
Psalm 122	Refrain: "I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Lord ."	
BCP page 641		
Epistle	Romans 13:11 - 14	Clover Chung
Gospel	Matthew 24:36 - 44	
Intercession	See flysheet	

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Procession	34 Come, thou long expected Jesus	
First Lesson	Isaiah 2: 1 - 5	
Psalm 122	BCP pg. 641 Chanted (all stand)	
Epistle	Romans 13:11 - 14	Ronie Miller Brown
Gradual	52 The advent of our King	
Gospel	Matthew 24:36 - 44	
Sermon	Rev. Fr. Claude Campbell	
The Creed	Hymn 561	
Intercession	See flysheet	
Offertory	45 Ye servants of the Lord	
During Communion	579 Come with us O blessed Jesus	
Recessional	46 Lo, he comes with clouds descending	

A Prayer for Stewardship of Creation and the Environment

O God our creator, your beauty is beyond our imagining, all things look to you. Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the splendor of creation, and teach us to have a reverence for the earth and its resources. Enable us, O Lord, to care for the environment, to cherish its gifts that surround us, and experience the joy of life in your presence, through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen ©

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.

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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 Siranno Kitson, D. Min.
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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

Happy New (Church) Year! One of the themes of Advent is hope. It's a hope that's not just characteristic of human beings but of the wider creation. Romans 8:19 tells us that "All Creation waits with eager longing" for the deeper connection with God that the birth of Jesus brings. As we prepare our homes and hearts in the Season of Advent, then, it is also appropriate for us to prepare by caring for God's Creation, as an expression of our shared hope.

Quote for reflection

"Recycling will not save the world, but recycling is a constant reminder the world needs saving. Grace at mealtimes will not save the global population, but..."that moment of blessing, however brief, reminds us of our dependence on God for life; it strengthens our feeling of gratitude for the gifts of creation; it acknowledges those who by their labours provide us with these goods; and it reaffirms our solidarity with those in greatest need."Laudato Si' in Advent Meditations

Question for reflection

- How can I express care for creation and the environment this Advent?

Wedding Anniversary - To Brian and Racquel Shor who are celebrating another anniversary.

Up Coming Events

- The Feast of St Andrew the Apostle - November 30
- Patronal Festival - December 4, 2022
- Annual Gift-Days - Thanksgiving for God's gifts, December 11 - 18
- Carol Service - December 18

Confirmation Class continues on Wednesdays. Juniors at 6:30-7:30 ID:81077690144 Passcode ConfirmJu and the seniors 5:30-6:30 ID 83959923839 Passcode ConfirmAd.

Monday Bible Study at 5:30 p.m, Meeting ID 854 9239 9132 Passcode 367264. Both On-line and face-to-face.

Readings for December 4, 2022: Isaiah 11:1 - 10, Psalm 72: 1 - 7, 18 - 19, Romans 15:4 - 13, Matthew 3: 1 - 12.

Birthdays for this week: Jean Spence, Jennifer Goodison and Ashleigh Davis 27/11, Shaun James, Donna Evelyn, Dwayne McKenzie and Julianne Teape 28/11, Kaye-Anne Parke 29/11, Rev. Barrington Soares, Rev. Collin Reid and Jacqueline Mighty 01/12, Michael Grant 03/12.

Congratulations to Hazel Bell who will be celebrating her 91st birthday on the 1st. Also to Gloria Laing who be celebrating her 95th on the 3rd.

Funeral Service for Enid McFarlane will be on Friday 2nd at 11 am, and for Tony White, at Maranatha Church on Saturday 3rd at 10 am.

The Executive of the Friends of the St. Andrew Parish Church Sunday Schools wish to advise the faithful supporters of our annual Christmas Cake and Pudding Fund-raiser, that unfortunately we will not be having the event this year. We regret the inconvenience, which is unavoidable. We look forward to your support when we return next year."

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

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Beneficiary Name: St. Andrew Parish Church
Beneficiary Account #: 301045077
Account Type: Current Account
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UNITED STATES DOLLARS (Wire Instructions)

Bank Name: Bank of New York, New York
ABA Routing#: 021000018
SWIFT Code: IRVTUS3N
Account Name: National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited
A/C #: 8033407727 SWIFT Code: JNCBJMKX
For Further Credit to: St. Andrew Parish Church
Account #: 306464795

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Nov. 27 - Dec. 3

Nov. 29 Tuesday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Nov. 30 Wednesday 6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist St. Andrew the Apostle
Dec. 2 Friday 9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Percival Lynch (Priest) Lola Murphy Louisa Hanson
George Thomas (Priest) Marina Payne Nancy Baugh
Alton Tulloch (Priest) Myrtle White Ivy Edwards
Donald Smalling Jean King Aston Daley

The First Sunday of Advent **Nov. 27, 2022**

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 these Candles be to us a sign of your presence this Adventide 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

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. Make us sensitive in our dealings and gentle in our actions. Keep us 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

Birthday Prayer

Lord In your mercy **All: Hear our prayer**

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 27, 2022

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 and Garth (Suffragan Bishops), 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: God of Promise, today we are mindful of our sisters and brothers living with HIV and AIDS. We ask for your comforting presence to be with them; particularly those children who are positive and who have been orphaned as a result of the virus. Make of us a safe haven for those who are abandoned, discriminated against and rejected on account of their positive status. Inspire us to do all that is necessary so people living with HIV and AIDS can have equal access to healthcare and other social services, as well as the economic, cultural and legal resources necessary to the experience of human flourishing.

As we begin our Advent celebration of waiting in hope for the birth of your Son, let us remember those across the world who wait in hope for a cure.

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

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.

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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)