

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 4, 2022 - Year A

Intentional Discipleship

We are Baptized to Walk by Faith and Proclaim the Gospel of Jesus

6:30 a.m.

HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament Deuteronomy 30: 11 - 14 Afeef Lazarus
Psalm/Canticle Psalm 19 Benedictus pg 5 (All stand)
Epistle Romans 10:8b - 18 Karen Buchanan
Gospel Matthew 4:18 - 22
Prayer of Intercession

8:00 a.m.

SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Introit 41 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding
Processional 49 Ready the way of the Lord
Old Testament Deuteronomy 30: 11 - 14 Errol Harris
Canticle The Benedictus - all stand (page 5)
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Gradual 755 Sing of Andrew, John's disciple
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Sermon Deaconess Dr. Elaine Cunningham
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Anthem Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (Choir)
Offertory Sing we the King who is coming to reign (page 10)
During Communion 580, 594, 602
Recessional 42 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

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.**

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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INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:

Intentional Discipleship

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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

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

Advent comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming" Advent begins the church year, starting four Sundays before Christmas. Advent is a time for self-examination and repentance, as the church continues to prepare for Christ's Second Coming; even as it prepares for Christmas. Advent wreaths have their origins in the folk traditions of northern Europe, where in the deep of winter people lit candles on wheel-shaped bundles of evergreen. Both the evergreen and the circular shape symbolized ongoing life. The candlelight gave comfort at this *darkest time of the year*, as people looked forward to the longer days of spring.

Quote for Reflection

The season of Advent encourages us to practice setting aside "quiet times" for reading, reflection and prayer. It is by practicing these disciplines that we grow in the knowledge and awareness of God and by extension, experience personal growth and a strengthening of our faith. We encourage this discipline for all Christians, for it is as important as eating our daily meals.

(The St. Jude's Writers, 2019).

Question for Reflection

- How are you involved within the Church for the growth of the Kingdom of God?

We extend a warm welcome to Deaconess Dr. Elaine Cunningham, all other visitors, and those who are joining us online.

The Harvest Luncheon Committee wishes to thank all those who helped to make this venture a success.

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.

Birthdays for this week: Andrea Livingston-Prince, John Lopez, Andrea Robins and John Levy 4/12, Taruna Stephens, Marilyn Lawrence-Wright and Steve W. Ferguson 5/12, 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.

Congratulations to Asquith and Ronie Miller-Brown who will celebrate their 31st 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 11 - 18, 2022

Condolence is extended to Hyacinth Williams and family on the passing of her brother, Richard (Glen) Watson in the UK.

A congregational meeting to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held on Sunday, December 11, 2022. At this nomination meeting each eligible voter may nominate **not more than two persons** for election to the Church Committee.

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

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.

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

Bank Name: NCB - Half-Way-Tree
Beneficiary Name: St. Andrew Parish Church
Beneficiary Account #: **301045077**
Account Type: Current Account

If you encounter any difficulties with the transfer, contact your own bank

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

Sing We The King Who is Coming to Reign

1. Sing we the King who is coming to reign,
Glory to Jesus, the Lamb that was slain.
Life and salvation His empire shall bring,
Joy to the nations when Jesus is King.

Refrain:

*Come let us sing, praise to our King,
Jesus our King, Jesus our King,
This is our song who to Jesus belong:
Glory to Jesus, to Jesus our King.*

2. All shall be well in His kingdom of peace,
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,
Justice and truth from His sceptre shall spring,
Wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King.

3. Souls shall be saved from the burden of sin,
Doubt shall not darken His witness within,
Hell hath no terrors, and death hath no sting;
Love is victorious when Jesus is King.

4. Kingdom of Christ, for your coming we pray,
Hasten, O Father, the dawn of the day
When this new song Thy creation shall sing,
Satan is vanquished and Jesus is King.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022**

Dec. 11 - 18	Gift Days
Dec. 18	5:30 p.m. Carol Service
Dec. 21	9:00 a.m. Feast Day St. Thomas the Apostle
Dec. 25	6:30 a.m. Christmas Day - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. Christmas Day - Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 28	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents
Dec. 30	9:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m. Watch Night Service
Jan. 1	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Name
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist - Holy Name
Jan. 6	9:00 a.m. The Epiphany

Introit Hymn: 41 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding

CENSING of the ALTAR

(During the incensing of the Altar an Anthem will be sung)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Hymn at the procession: 49 Ready the way of the Lord

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 pre-
pared 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.

THE TRISAGION

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

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Have mercy upon us.

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.

Anthem: Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken (Choir)

Offertory Hymn Sing we the King who is coming to reign. (page 10)

During Communion: 580, 594,602

Recessional 42 On Jordan's bank the Baptist cry

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 4 - 10

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

SICK AND SHUT - IN

Alton Tulloch	(Priest)	Aston Daley	Rema Samuels
Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Louisa Hanson	Allune Mullings
George Thomas	(Priest)	Lola Murphy	Olive Lawrence
Myrtle Gordon		Marina Payne	Ilene Henry

Kingston Chapel College Christmas Concert will be held on Saturday 17th at UWI Chapel, at 5:00 p.m. Tickets \$3,000 at the Church Office.

Readings for Dec. 11, 2022 Year A: Isaiah 35: 1 - 10, Psalm 146:4-9 or Canticle 3 or 15, James 5: 7 - 10, Matthew 11:2 - 11.

Refrain:

*And all that I have
I lay at the feet
Of the wonderful Saviour
Who loves me.*

2. Wonderful love Wonderful love,
That held in the face of death, Whose power can break every chain,
Breathed in its latest breath Giving us life again
Forgiveness for me. And setting us free.

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.

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.

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 Deuteronomy 30: 11 - 14

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;
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' form 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	Romans 10: 8b - 18
Gradual	755 Sing of Andrew, John's disciple
Gospel	Matthew 4:18 - 22
Sermon	Deaconess Dr. Elaine Cunningham

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

1. Wonderful grace	Wonderful grace
That gives what I don't deserve,	That gives me the time to change,
Pays me what Christ has earned,	Washes away the stains
Then let me go free.	That once covered me.