

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 18, 2022 - Year A

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

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson	Isaiah 7: 10 - 16	Deryke Smith
Psalm 80:1-7, 16-18	Refrain " <i>Restore us O God of hosts, show us your light and we shall be saved.</i> "	
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Epistle	Romans 1: 1 - 7	Demetri Smith-Wint
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8:00 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Procession	36 Christ is surely coming,	
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Gradual	Christ whose glory fills the sky. Page 4	
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Sermon	Sister Andrea Taylor-Smith	
Creed	I believe in Jesus	
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Offertory Hymn	Goodness of God	
During Communion	602, Special delivery	
Recessional	Days of Elijah	

Connecting to the streaming link for 8:00 a.m. Service
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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.



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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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Faith Formation and Christian Education

The angel, Gabriel, is mentioned only four times in the Bible. Twice he appeared to Daniel to teach him things beyond his comprehension, and in the New Testament, Gabriel announced to Zechariah the priest the coming birth of his son, John the Baptist, as well as the coming birth of Jesus, the Son of God, to Mary. The name Gabriel means “God is mighty” or “mighty man of God”, and is also one of the two archangels mentioned in Holy Scripture.

Quote for Reflection

"The liturgy of Advent...helps us to understand fully the value and meaning of the mystery of Christmas. It is not just about commemorating the historical event, which occurred some 2,000 years ago in a little village of Judea. Instead, it is necessary to understand that the whole of our life must be an ‘advent,’ a vigilant awaiting of the final coming of Christ. To predispose our mind to welcome the Lord who, as we say in the Creed, one day will come to judge the living and the dead, we must learn to recognize him as present in the events of daily life. Therefore, Advent is, so to speak, an intense training that directs us decisively toward him who already came, who will come, and who comes continuously."

(Prepare Our Hearts for Christmas, Saint John Paul II, n.d.)

Question for Reflection

- What aspects of your life do you need to amend to face the Lord at his second coming?
- How are you preparing to receive the incarnate Christ Child.

Confirmation Class will resume on January 11, 2023.

Youth Fellowship will resume activities in January.

A Prayer for Vocation and Ministry

Almighty God, look with compassion on the world you have redeemed by the death of Your son Jesus Christ. Move the hearts of many to offer themselves for the ministry of Your Church, strengthen us to bear witness to Christ, using the gifts received, so that by our lives and labours Your light may shine in the darkness and the coming of Your Kingdom be advanced; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour *Amen.*

Birthdays for this week: Noelle Gayle-Miller 14/12, Revd. Percival Lynch, Rose Bramwell and Audrey Chin 19/12, Delano Fields, Sylvia Bennett, Jackie Gayle 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, Juliet Gordon and Monique Bowie 23/12, Toni Dilworth and Annette Webb-Samuels 24/12.

Birthday Congratulations to Mildred Johnson who celebrates her 103rd birthday on the 19th.

Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations to Lucien and Vivienne Jones who will celebrate their 48th wedding anniversary on the 22nd.

Condolence is extended to Patrick Dunn and family on the passing of his relative, Christopher Dunn.

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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SICK AND SHUT - IN

Alton Tulloch (Priest)	Beryl Gillies	Cynthia Small
Percival Lynch (Priest)	Lousia Hanson	Marjorie Steele
George Thomas (Priest)	Carroll Haughton	Rema Watt
Terri-Ann Richardson James	Cynthia Small	Donald Smalling

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 18 - 24

Dec. 20th	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 21st	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist - St. Thomas
Dec. 23rd	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

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."

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

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON 2022

Dec. 11 - 18	Gift Days
Dec. 18	6:00 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. Holy 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
Jan. 8	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
Jan. 22	8:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

**Readings for December 25, 2022 : Isaiah 62:6-12, Psalm 96,
Titus 3:4 - 7, Luke 2: 8 - 20.**

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

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MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

Gradual: Advent Hymn

1. Christ whose glory fills the skies
Christ the Everlasting Light
Son of Righteousness arise
And triumph o'er these shades of night

2. Come Thou long awaited one
In the fullness of Your Love
And loose this heart bound up by shame
And I will never be the same

3. So here I wait in hope of You
Oh my soul's longing through and
through
Dayspring from on high be near
And daystar in my heart appear

4. Dark and cheerless is the morn
Until Your love in me is born
And joyless is the evening sun
Until Emmanuel has come

4.

Offertory: Goodness of God

I love You, Lord
For Your mercy never fails me
All my days, I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

Refrain:

And all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In the darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a Father
I've known You as a Friend
And I have lived in the goodness of God. **R**

'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
'Cause Your goodness is running after
It's running after me. **R**

'Cause all my life You have been faithful
And all my life You have been so, so good
With every breath that I am able
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God
Oh, I'm gonna sing of the goodness of God

Hymn Sheet for Dec. 18, 2022

Creed: I Believe in You Lord

1. I believe in you Lord
I believe you are the son of God...
I believe you died and rose again...
I believe you paid for us all...
And I Believe You're Here Now
(I Believe That You're Here)
Standing In Our Midst
Here With The Power To Heal Now
(With The Power To Heal)
And The Grace To Forgive

2. I believe in you Lord
I believe you are the son of God...
I believe you died and rose again...
I believe you paid for us all...
And I Believe You're Here Now
(I Believe That You're Here)
Standing In Our Midst
Here With The Power To Heal Now
(With The Power To Heal)
And The Grace To Forgive

3. I believe in you Lord
I believe you are the son of God...
I believe you died and rose again...
I believe you paid for us all...
And I Believe You're Here Now
(I Believe That You're Here)
Standing In Our Midst
Here With The Power To Heal Now
(With The Power To Heal)
And The Grace To Forgive

I believe you're here now
Standing in our midst
Here with the power to heal now
And the grace to forgive

During Communion: Special Delivery

1. Never was anyone like Him,
Never will one be the same,
A tiny babe, an infant King, Saviour,
We worship and honour the power of
His name.

Refrain:
***Oh He came special delivery,
Wrapped up in love,
Bound by a promise,
Sealed by a dove,
And filled with the Spirit,
Carried by grace,
You knew where He was going,
By the look on His face.***

2. Where He went,
Love was there, also,
Where He was, love showed the way.
Those who saw, Knew He was, holy,
And I see what they saw to this very
day. *[Refrain]*

3. And when I'm called,
I will go, gladly,
I will not grieve for the past,
For I know,
Where I'll be going,
And I will be going to see Him at last!

[Refrain]
I'm goin' special delivery...
Wrapped up in love....

[Refrain]
Goin' special delivery,
Wrapped up in love,

Recessional: **Days of Elijah**

These are the days of Elijah,
Declaring the word of the Lord
And these are the days of Your servant Moses,
Righteousness being restored.
And though these are days of great trial,
Of famine and darkness and sword,
Still, we are the voice in the desert crying
"Prepare ye the way of the Lord!"

Refrain:
***Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
Lift your voice, it's the year of jubilee,
And out of Zion's hill salvation comes.***

These are the days of Ezekiel,
The dry bones becoming as flesh,
And these are the days of Your servant David,
Rebuilding a temple of praise.
These are the days of the harvest,
The fields are as white in Your world,
And we are the labourers in Your vineyard,
Declaring the word of the Lord! R

There's no God like Jehovah.
There's no God like Jehovah!
(Repeat)

Behold He comes riding on the clouds,
Shining like the sun at the trumpet call,
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