

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PATRONAL FESTIVAL
December 1, 2024 - Lectionary Year C

360th Anniversary Celebration of the Mission and Ministry
of St. Andrew Parish Church

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
Old Testament Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16
Psalm 25: 1 - 10 BCP pg 497
Refrain "Teach me your ways, O Lord."
Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13
Gospel Matthew 4:18 - 22
Prayer of Intercession Form B page 107

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional Voluntary March from St Paul's Voluntaries Frank Adlam
Introit Veni Jesu amor mi "Come, Jesus my love" Cherubini The choir
Processional 52 The Advent of our King/ 36 Christ is surly coming
Old Testament Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16
Psalm 25 (Paraphrased) **Response "Teach me your ways, O Lord."**
Epistle 1 Thessalonians 3: 9 - 13
Gradual 755 Sing of Andrew, John's disciple
Gospel Matthew 4:18 - 22
Sermon Rev. Fr. Louis Hurst
Prayers of Intercession Page 6
Renewal of Baptismal Vows page 6
Offertory 237 The God of Abraham praise (1- 4, & 7) (All stand)
During Communion 615, 456, 754
Recessional 46 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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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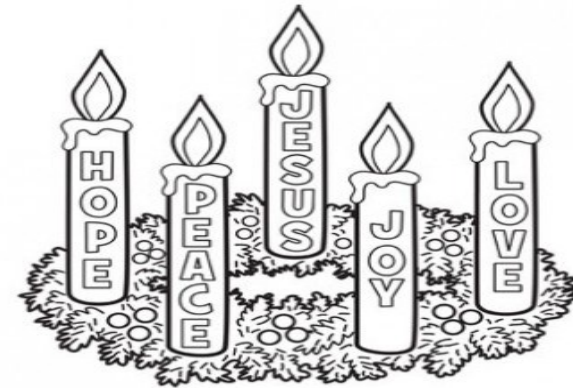
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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:
360th Anniversary**

CLERGY

Rector	The Very Revd. Canon Sirrano Kitson, D. Min.
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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

November 30, 2024 marks the celebration of the Feast of St. Andrew the Apostle, our Patron Saint. This signifies the church as a place of Worship; the Lectern for the Reading of the Word, the Pulpit for the Proclamation of the Word, the Prayer Desk for Intercessory Prayer, the Font for Baptism, and the Altar for the Holy Sacrifice of Christ's Body and Blood. They all indicate the gathered community called to Worship and Witness to what God has done for us in Jesus Christ. "We come in faith and go in Peace" are words printed on the front of the Altar at our Church. It is in Worship, as our prayer and praise are intertwined with the presence of the Holy Spirit, that we are being transformed by the Broken Body of our Lord, to go in Peace to proclaim the Gospel of love and forgiveness and to Follow Jesus.

As Andrew interacted with Jesus, he was able to identify his ministry and vocation, as he aligned his life with the divine purpose; he went and told his brother about Jesus as the Messiah. It is through our growing in the faith of Jesus, that our lives are empowered by the Holy Spirit for ministry. As persons who are baptized and affirmed through the laying on of hands in Confirmation, do we have a ministry for the advancement and proclamation of God's kingdom? Do we practice a ministry of worship and prayer? Do we practice a ministry of tithing and sacrificial giving? Do we practice and participate in the church's ministry of witness, service and social justice for the poor and marginalized? Do we promote and nurture a spirit of miracles, of signs and wonders which Jesus lived? We are called to grow in faith and intentionally follow Jesus and pursue a ministry of prayer, worship, tithing, witnessing and serving as disciples of Jesus.

In order for any relationship to grow, the first need is for us to set aside time to be with the person and second, the giving of undivided attention to facilitate understanding, affirmation and validation. For a disciple to walk as Jesus walked and live a Jesus shaped life will demand time to be with Jesus. This requires our ability to give undivided attention of mind and heart in order to grow in friendship and companionship with the Lord. "We are born with a yearning for God that we can try to fill with material goods and accomplishments. At the end of the day, however, we are left wanting more." (*Let Nothing Disturb You, St. Teresa of Avila*). As we make time to be in the Lord's presence, like Andrew, we will increase in grace and faith. It is our belief and actions that will enable us to be living witnesses of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus.

We extend a warm welcome to all visitors, and those who are joining us online.

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Birthdays for this week: Canon. Collin Reid, Rev. Barrington Soares, Dawn Seaton and Jacqueline Mighty 01/12, Michael Grant 03/12, 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, Rev. Kirk Brown, Calvin Murray and Amanda Hutchinson 7/12.

Condolence is extended to Flavia Dickson and family on the passing of her brother-in-law, Herbert Dickson.

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

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 8 - 15, 2024

The Tuesday Charity Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 3rd. We welcome all gifts.

The Tech Team is seeking new volunteers. Interested persons can contact Nigel Elliott at 876-352-4805.

A Nomination Meeting to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held on Sunday, December 8, 2024. At this meeting each eligible voter may nominate **not more than two persons** for election to the Church Committee.

We pray for the members of St. Andrew Settlement who was affected by last week's fire. They have lost everything, Our help is needed, please contact the 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.

This Year's Carol Service will be held on December 22, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2024**

Dec. 8 - 15	Gift Days
Dec. 22	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Dec. 22	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 22	5:30 p.m. Carol Service
Dec. 24	11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass - Blessing of the Manger
Dec. 25	8:00 a.m. Christmas Day - Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 27	9:00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Dec. 29	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
Dec. 29	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m. Watch Night - Holy Eucharist
Jan. 5	6:30 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. 2nd Sunday after Christmas - Solemn Eucharist

Please be informed that our phones are not working. Kindly call the cell #876-543-7232 for the office.

Interior Restoration - As we continue the interior painting project with a focus on the Nave, All Souls Chapel and the Choir Area, we would like to thank all who have contributed and encourage continued support to reach our target. Please continue to write the word PAINT on the envelope/cheque.

We welcome the members of Jamaica Network of Seropositive (JN+) who are worshipping with us today. This is to mark World Aids Day.

Christian Formation Classes for adults and juniors, if you are interested contact the office.

Kingston College Chapel Choir concert is December 15th at St. Augustine Chapel, North Street at 5:00 p.m. Tickets at the Church Office.

Monday Bible Study - 5:30 p.m., Meeting ID 854 9239 9132
Passcode 367264.

Processional: March from St Paul's Voluntaries Frank Adlam

AT THE ALTAR

The Celebrant Prays,

May this incense, blessed by You, O Lord, ascend to You. And may Your mercy descend upon us in the name of (+) the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

(During the incensing of the Altar

Veni Jesu amor mi "Come, Jesus my love" Cherubini The choir

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION: 52 The Advent of our King

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.

Hymn 36 Christ is surely coming

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 Candles be to us a sign of your presence this Advent tide 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

All: Thanks be to God

Hymn: O come, Emmanuel

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.

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?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 1 - 7

Dec. 3th	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 4th	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 6th	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR....

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Cynthia McFarlane	Hyacinth Elliott
Avis Taylor		Sybil Grandison	Elaine Baker
Madge Taylor		William Reeson	Flavia Dickson
Angella Foster		Shirley Devers	Pearl stern

Readings for Dec. 8, 2024 Year C: Baruch 5: 1-9, The Benedictus, Philippians 1: 3 -11, Luke 3: 1-6

The Diocesan Bishop has indicated by letter his retirement as of the 31st December 2024.

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.

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 Greeting of 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.

Offertory 237 The God of Abraham praise (1 - 4, & 7) (stand)

Hymns during Holy Communion: 599, 456, 754

Recessional 46 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

(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

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness, and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to visit us in great humility; that in the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him 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)

First Lesson	Jeremiah 33: 14 - 16
Psalm 25 (Paraphrased) Response	“ <i>Teach me your ways, O Lord.</i> ” (sit)
Epistle	1 Thessalonians 3:9 - 13
Gradual	755 Sing of Andrew, John’s disciple (<i>stand</i>)
Gospel	Matthew 4:18 - 22
Sermon	Fr. Louis Hurst

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

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| 1. Wonderful grace
That gives what I don’t deserve,
Pays me what Christ has earned,
Then let me go free.
Wonderful grace
That gives me the time to change,
Washes away the stains
That once covered me. | 2. Wonderful love
That held in the face of death,
Breathed in its latest breath
Forgiveness for me.
Wonderful love,
Whose power can break every chain,
Giving us life again
And setting us free. |
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Refrain:

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

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.