

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 8, 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	Malachi 3:1 - 4	Deryke Smith
Canticle	Benedictus BCP pg 40	
Epistle	Philippians 1:3 - 11	Gail Lue Lim
Gospel	Luke 3:1 - 6	
Prayer of Intercession	Form C page 108	

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	251 Hail to the Lord's Anointed	
Old Testament	Malachi 3:1 - 4	Sandra Watson
Canticle	Benedictus (see flysheet)	
Epistle	Philippians 1:3 - 11	Andrea Chin See
Gradual	49 Ready the way of the Lord. (Children leave for Sunday School)	
Gospel	Luke 3:1 - 6	
Sermon	Rev. Canon Serrano Kitson D. Min.	
Prayers of Intercession	Form C page 108	
Offertory	Sing we the King who is coming to reign (see flysheet)	
During Communion	597, 598	
Sunday School	657 Lord, I would thy tender care	
Recessional	55 The Lord will come and not be slow	

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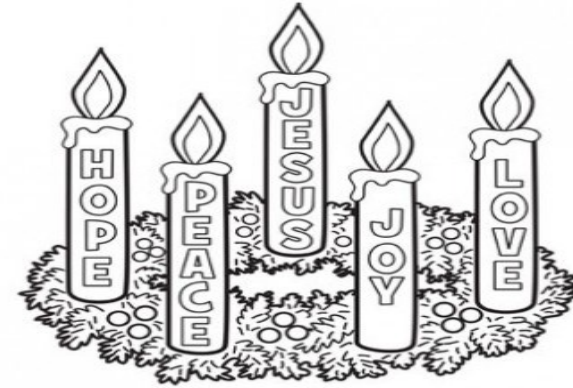
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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:
360th Anniversary**

CLERGY

Rector	The Very Revd. Canon Serrano Kitson, D. Min.	
Assistant Curate	Revd. Fr. Bertram Gayle	
Supplementary Clergy	Revd. Fr. Claude Campbell	
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Verger - Miss Ann Morrison

The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

PARISH NEWS

All good gifts around us are sent to us from God.” The gifts we have received from God include our health, minds to think, hearts to love, talents and abilities and monetary resources. The most precious gift we have received from God, is Time. “O Lord, my time is in your hand.” (Ps. 31:1b) These blessings we have received demand an openness of our hearts for us to express our gratitude to God.

We have also been given the Gospel to proclaim with our speech, and the use of our time to minister to the “least of these” in the name of Jesus. In order to fulfill our Baptismal commitment we support our Outreach Ministries, including, The Home for Girls, St. Andrew Settlement, Tuesday Charity Ministry, St. Clements and Moreton Park Home. It is through our giving willingly and with gratitude that we participate in the enterprise of the Mission of God. “When we share God’s gifts and are willing to share a portion of them with others, we seem to flourish and to be full of life. When on the other hand, we cling and so not share, we often appear to stagnate and become lifeless.” (A way of life, Rev. Joseph Champlin) Our relationship with God must be saturated with a flourishing faith marked by giving thanks for what the Lord has done for us, and with hearts permeated by God’s love and grace.

Although we have a large debt incurred for our Church’s ministry, our efforts to meet these obligation can only be met with our sacrificial giving. Our tithe and offering for Gift Day must reflect our trust in God as we acknowledge the blessing that God has bestowed on us. This opportunity to participate in Gift Day has implications for our stewardship. It must be a demonstration of our faith and commitment to the Lord of the Church, His Kingdom and the Ministry of the Gospel of Jesus Christ which is our sacred responsibility, a sign of our faith and gratitude.

“Let us give thanks with gratefulness out of the Treasures of our Hearts.”

Fr. Serrano+

Birthdays for this week: Stephanie Murdock 8/12, Coleen Tinker-White, Kei Campbell and Anneke Newman-Russell 9/12. Rev. Winston Blake and Maydene Dunn 12/12, Rev. Harold Jones, Veronica Keane-Dawes and Beverly Taylor 13/12, Vivienne Jones, Lisa Campbell and Robert Williams 14/12.

Condolence is extended to Margaret Spooner and family on the passing of her sister, Angela Foster. To Ruby Anderson and family on the passing of her relative, Carlton Clarke. To the Facey family on the passing of Valrie Facey.

The funeral service for Lorna White’s nephew, Devon Davis, will be on Friday 13th at 11:00a.m

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

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

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.

The Tuesday Charity Committee wishes to thank all contributors. **The Tech Team** is seeking **new volunteers**. Interested persons can

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.

contact Nigel Elliott at 876-352-4805.

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

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

Please be informed that our phones are now working.

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.

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

The Jamaica Youth Chorale presents "*A New Year's Blessing*" at the Church of St. Margaret, Liguanea, January 5, 2025. Cost \$3,500 tickets are available from the ushers.

Advent II

December. 8, 2024

THE LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

President: 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 prepared 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, You witness John the Baptist grew 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.

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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**

MINISTRY OF THE WORD (All sit)

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The Advent wreath is part of our long-standing Catholic tradition. The wreath is made of various evergreens, signifying continuous life. The laurel (leaves) signifies victory over persecution and suffering; the prickly leaves remind us of the crown of thorns; the circle of the wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolizes the eternity of God, the immortality of the soul, and the everlasting life found in Christ, and if any pine cones, nuts, or seedpods are used to decorate the wreath, they symbolize life and resurrection. All together, the wreath of evergreens depicts the immortality of our soul and the new, everlasting life promised to us through Christ Jesus our Lord. (*The History of the Advent Wreath*, Rev. William Saunders)

Quote for Reflection

The growing light of the Advent Wreath is a symbol of Christ who shatters the darkness of sin and death. Each week as the light grows stronger, we grow stronger too in our reverence for and commitment to Christ. The growing light helps us recognize Christ, not only in the historical event we celebrate at Christmas, but in our lives today and in the hope we carry as we prepare for the coming fullness of God's reign. (*The History & symbolism of the Advent Wreath*, n.d.)

Question for Reflection

- What joy has the risen Christ bestowed on your life, as you await his second coming in glory?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 8 - 14

Dec. 10th	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 11th	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 13th	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR....

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Keith Ramsay	Monica Cameron
Christene McDonald		Gloria Ramsay	Ivy Edwards
Hope Codlin		Karl Lewin	Avil Robertson
Veta Coke		Shirley Lee	Loyle Herdsman

Readings for Dec. 15, 2024 Year C: Zephaniah 3:14 - 20, Canticle 9 - The First Song of Isaiah (Isaiah 12:2 - 6), Philippians 4:4 - 7, Luke 3:7 - 18.

Canticle Benedictus

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 form 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 sware 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.

Offertory: 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.