

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 15, 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 Zephaniah 3:14 - 20
Canticle 9 The first song of Isaiah
Refrain: Surely it is God that saves us
Epistle Philippians 4:4 - 7 Rhonda Goodison
Gospel Luke 3:7 - 18
Prayer of Intercession Form D page 111

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional Sing a new song unto the Lord (see flysheet)
Old Testament Zephaniah 3:14 - 20 Paulette Thompson
Canticle The first song of Isaiah
Refrain: Surely it is God that saves us
Epistle Philippians 4:4 - 7 Shaniqua Williams
Acclamation **Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel Shall come to thee O Israel**
Gospel Luke 3:7 - 18
Sermon
Prayers of Intercession Form D page 111
Offertory Joy Choruses (see flysheet)
During Communion Special delivery, A gift to you, Soon and very soon.
Recessional You shall go out with joy (see flysheet)

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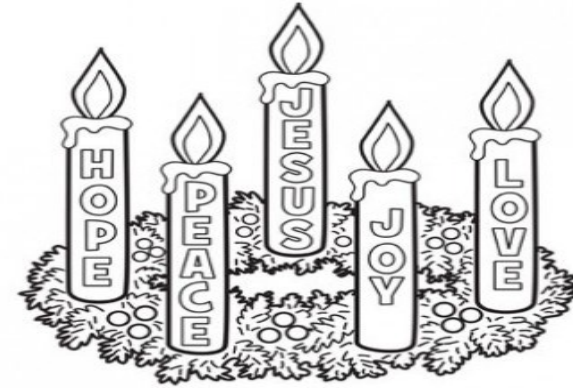
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**INTENTION FOR THE YEAR:
360th Anniversary**

CLERGY

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

Beloved Brothers and Sisters

We are called as God's stewards to manage that which belongs to God. While God has graciously entrusted us with the care, development, and enjoyment of everything He owns, as His **stewards**, we are responsible to manage his holdings well and according to His desires and purposes. Stewardship expresses our obedience regarding the use of everything God has placed under our control, which is all encompassing. This means the commitment of one's self and possessions to God's service, recognizing that we do **not** have absolute right of control over our material things, or ourselves.

Although God gives us "all things richly to enjoy," nothing is ours, nothing really belongs to us. God owns everything, we're responsible for how we treat it and what we do with it. While we complain about our rights here on earth, the Bible constantly asks, what about your responsibilities? Owners have rights and stewards have responsibilities.

The use of our talents, monetary resource and abilities must indicate that God is the **Giver**, who gives generously and we are **stewards** of what we have received from Him. Each gift that we have received has a purpose beyond our self interest, which is, to point to God who desires our loving response to God's generosity, mercy, love and goodness. So that in everything God is glorified with thanksgiving and praise. Examine your life and identify God's generous hand in it, and give a tangible expression of thanks, this gift day for the ministry of Jesus which is our sacred responsibility. "Do not neglect to do good and share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God". (Heb. 13:16)

How we live each day, the choices we make as disciples of Jesus, and our lifestyle all flow from what we love most and where our hearts are centered. This is the litmus test of our love and commitment to God, who redeemed us in Jesus Christ and appointed us as steward. Our stewardship is measured by what we give back to God with our tithes and offerings, for the continuation of Christ's ministry through the church and our baptismal covenant and commitment demand our support and sacrifice for the enterprise of the mission of God .

Fr. Serrano +

Birthdays for this week: Clarissa Kerr and Ashley Johnson 17/12, Enid McDonald and Johnathan Newman 18/12, 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

Condolence is extended to William Rose and family on the passing of his sister, Geraldine Rose. To Ruby Anderson and family on the passing of her sister-in-law in the U.K , Dotsie Turner.

The funeral service for Pauline Davis' husband, Warren Davis, will be on Friday 20th at 11:00 a.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 Tech Team is seeking **new volunteers**. Interested persons can contact Nigel Elliott at 876-352-4805.

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

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 Christmas Concert today, December 15th at St. Augustine Chapel, North Street at 5:00 p.m. Tickets are available from the ushers and at the gate.

The Jamaica Youth Chorale in concert “*A New Year’s Blessing*” at the Church of St. Margaret, Liguanea, January 5, 2025. Cost \$3,500 tickets are available from the ushers and at the gate.

Advent III

December. 15, 2024

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 third Sunday of Advent and we will light the Candle of Joy.

Last Sunday we lit the second candle in our Advent Wreath, and celebrated the patriarchs. 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.

Today we light the third candle of Advent, the candle of **Joy**. When the angel Gabriel told Mary that a special child would be born to her she was filled with **joy**. She sang a song that began with the words: My soul magnifies the Lord, my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour”. Just as the birth of Jesus gave great **joy** to his mother, so his presence in the world gave **joy** to those who had none before. He healed them and gave them hope and love when they believed in him.

The Candle of Joy

Jesus taught his disciples to rejoice at His second coming as that meeting will bring eternal **joy**, for we will be with Him forever (John 16:22, 1 Thes. 4:17). **Joy** is a fruit of the indwelling presence of the Holy Spirit that grows from within us, and this **joy** is rooted in a personal relationship with the God of love. Also the **joy** we experience in worship and prayer gives us courage to proclaim the good news of Jesus and the gospel of the Kingdom of God.

We light the candle of **Joy** to remind us that when Jesus is born in us we have **Joy** and that through him there will be everlasting **Joy** on earth.

(The third candle is lit)

The following is sung:

**O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.**

Refrain:

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

Leader: Joy is like a light shining in a dark place.

All: As we look at the light of this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Christ.

Celebrant: Let us pray:

All: We thank you O God for the joy you give us. We ask that as we wait for all your promises to come true, and for Christ to come again that you would remain present with us. Help us today, and everyday to worship you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your joy with each other. 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.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.
Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.**

President: The Lord is here.

People: His Spirit is with us!

President: Let us pray.

THE COLLECT

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know that?

Our Province uses three sets of Bible readings – for Sundays, for weekday celebrations of the Eucharist and for Morning and Evening Prayer. These are to be found in our Book of Common Prayer, beginning on pages 668, 707 and 734 respectively. During most of the year, the Sunday readings include: a reading from the Hebrew Bible, a Psalm, a reading from the Epistles, and a Gospel reading. During the season of Easter, the Hebrew Bible lection is usually replaced with one from the Acts of the Apostles. The lections from the Hebrew Bible are sometimes chosen from the Apocrypha.

Quote for reflection

“The early Christians met from the first for services which consisted principally of the reading and exposition of the Scriptures. For this they had the precedent of the services in the Jewish synagogue. Readings in the synagogue were either chosen at the reader’s discretion or were a part of ‘in course’ readings (*lectio continua*) or were a fixed lectionary. The early Christians soon added readings from Christian writings to those from the Old Testament; the books of the New Testament were in fact largely selected from Christian writings which had come into general use in the church’s worship. Gradually lectionaries developed which provided systematic patterns for the readings.”

~ Marion J. Hatchett, *Commentary on the American Prayer Book*

Question for Reflection

- Which Bible readings in the BCP can I commit to reading at the start of this new church year?

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 15 - 21

Dec. 17th	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 18th	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 20th	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR....

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Ilene Henry	Mavis Bogle
Myrtle White		Linda Mahon	Daphne Whitely
Elesia Blackburn		Beatrice Lovelock	Veneta Mott
Margaret Green		Daphne Martin	Cynthia Stennett

Readings for Dec. 22, 2024 Year C: Micah 5:2 - 5a, Canticle 15 -The Song of Mary, Hebrews 10:5 - 10, Luke 1:39 - 45.

A Gift To You

Everything I am (everything I am)
Everything I'll be (everything I'll be)
I give it to you, Lord (I give it to you, Lord)
And do it thankfully (thankfully)

Chorus:

*Every song I sing, every praise I bring
Everything I do is a gift to you*

Everything I have (everything I have)
All you've given me (all you've given me)
I give it to you, Lord (I give it to you, Lord)
And do it thankfully (thankfully). **Cho.**

Everything I am (everything I am)
Everything I'll be (everything I'll be)
I give it to you, Lord (I give it to you, Lord)
And do it thankfully (thankfully). **Cho.**

Recessional: You shall go out with joy

You shall go out with joy And be led forth with peace
The mountains and the hills Will break forth before you
There'll be shouts of joy
And all the trees of the field
Will clap, will clap their hands
And all the trees of the field Will clap their hands
The trees of the field Will clap their hands
The trees of the field Will clap their hands
While you go out with joy

Third Sunday Of Advent

December 15, 2024

Processional: Sing A New Song

Chorus

*Sing a new song unto the Lord;
let your song be sung from mountains high.
Sing a new song unto the Lord,
singing alleluia.*

1. Shout with gladness, dance for joy.
O come before the Lord.
And play for him on glad tambourines,
and let your trumpet sound. **Cho.**

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep;
your Saviour now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy,
and filled your soul with song. **Cho.**

3. Glad my soul for I have seen
the glory of the Lord.
The trumpet sounds; the dead shall be raised.
I know my Saviour lives. **Cho.**

Offertory: Joy Choruses

I've got the Joy Joy Joy

1. I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart!
Where?
Down in my heart!
I've got the joy, joy, joy, joy down in my heart
Down in my heart to stay

Chorus

*And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart
Down in my heart.*

*And I'm so happy, so very happy
I've got the love of Jesus in my heart.*

2. I've got the love of Jesus,
love of Jesus down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart!
Where?
Down in my heart!
I've got the love of Jesus,
love of Jesus down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart to stay. **Cho.**

3. I've got the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart!
Where?
Down in my heart!
I've got the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart
Where?
Down in my heart to stay. **Cho.**

2. J-O-Y Joy

J-O-Y Joy Joy in the Holy Ghost
J-O-Y Joy Joy in the Lord
Don't let nobody steal your joy x3
Joy in the Lord

3. Rejoice in the Lord Always

Rejoice in the Lord always
And again I say rejoice
Rejoice in the Lord always
And again I say rejoice
Rejoice, rejoice
And again I say rejoice
Rejoice, rejoice
And again I say rejoice

During Communion:

Special Delivery

1. Never was anyone like Him
Never will one be the same
Tiny babe, infant king, Saviour
We worship and honor the power of His name

Chorus:

*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 **Cho.**

3. 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. **Cho.**

Soon and Very Soon

1. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, we are goin' to see the King!

2. No more cryin' there we are goin' to see the King,

3. No more dyin' there we are goin' to see the King,

4. Soon and very soon we are goin' to see the King,