

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
PATRONAL FESTIVAL
November 30, 2025 - Lectionary Year A

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST
 Old Testament Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 Milverton Reynolds
 Psalm 122 Refrain *"I was glad when they said to me, Let us go
 to the house of the Lord."*
 BCP pg. 641
 Epistle Romans 13:11-14 Gail Lue Lim
 Gospel Matthew 24: 36 - 44
 Prayer of Intercession Form B page 107

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON
 (Corporate for the Women's Auxiliary)
 Organ Voluntary March from St Paul's Voluntaries Frank Adlam
 Introit Come thou long expected Jesus The choir
 Processional 35 Blest be the King whose coming/ Our God reigns
 Old Testament Isaiah 2: 1 - 5
 Psalm 122 BCP pg. 641 *Chanted* All stand
 Epistle Romans 13:11 - 14
 Gradual Soon and very soon see pg. 6
 Gospel Matthew 24: 36 - 44
 Sermon Rev. Fr. Claude Campbell
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 Renewal of Baptismal Vows **page 7**
 Offertory 754 Jesus calls us, o'er the tumult (All stand)
 During Communion 620, 621, 531
 Meditation Prayer BCP 76 - 77
 Recessional 46 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

5:00 Evening Service

For the Vocations and Ministry of the Church

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.* ©

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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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

Our theme for this week is: Stay Alert and Keep Walking in God's Light

Happy New Church Year! It is the first Sunday of Advent which means it is also the first Sunday of the new liturgical year. We turn a new leaf in our lectionary as we recommence the three year cycle. Our readings for the next fifty two weeks will be guided by Year A. It is also the time of year when we will light the candles in our advent wreath as we wait with hope, joy, love and peace for the coming of Christ.

In the reading from Isaiah the word to the people of Israel is a promise to bring salvation (deliverance). If the people are willing to trust God then they will be able to see the fulfillment of the promise. Israel should therefore walk in the light and the other nations would soon model them.

In the second reading the Romans are charged to exercise alertness and to awake from their sleep. This is necessary because Jesus had brought them salvation therefore they no longer needed to walk in darkness. The Romans are to live an honourable life by putting on the armour of light and to get rid of the works of darkness.

In the gospel reading Jesus also talks about the need to stay alert. The disciples are told that they should always be prepared for the return of Christ since no one except the Father knows when this will take place. They should not run the risk of being caught off guard like some were in Noah's time. They are to make every effort to walk in God's light as a sign of their commitment to staying ready.

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

PARISH NEWS

Birthdays for this week: Canon. Collin Reid, Rev. Barrington Soares, Dawn Seaton and Jacqueline Mighty 01/12, Gloria Laing and 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.

The funeral service for Headley Clarke will be on Friday 5th December at 11 am. For Heron Wright, on Saturday 6th at 10am .

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

The Tuesday Charity Ministry Luncheon will be on Tuesday, December 2. We welcome all gifts.

Our Annual Gift Days will be from December 14 - 21, 2025

The Church's Email Address - The church will **NO LONGER** be using "cwjamaica.com". The church will be using **standrewch@yahoo.com**.

A Nomination Meeting to nominate eligible persons to the Church Committee will be held on Sunday, December 14, 2025. At this meeting each eligible voter may nominate **not more than two persons** for election to the Church Committee.

We express heartfelt thanks for the gifts received for St. Peter's Cure, Darliston.

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 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m.

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin '*Adventus*,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches), and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (which is November 30th), and so it will always fall somewhere between November 27th at the earliest and December 3rd at the latest. Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again. (*Aquinas and More*, 2017).

Quote for Reflection

"Optimism and hope are radically different attitudes. Optimism is the expectation that things - the weather, human relationship, the economy, the political situation, and so on - will get better. Hope is trust that God will fulfill God's promises to us in a way that leads us to true freedom." (Henri Nouwen, *Bread for the Journey*, 1996)

Question for Reflection

- As we celebrate the Pascal Mystery, what is the hope that we proclaim?.
- What aspect of the Advent discipline (virtues) of Hope, Love, Joy and Peace can we intentionally practice in our lives?

Kingston College Chapel Choir Christmas concert, December 14th at St. Augustine Chapel, North Street, at 5:00 p.m. Proceeds are in aid of St. Hilda's Diocesan High School restoration fund. Tickets are available at the Church Office.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Nov. 30 - Dec. 6

Dec. 2	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 3	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 5	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR....

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Laceta Brown	Keith Ramsay
Paul Sharpe	(Priest)	June Saunders	Hope Codlin
John Greaves		Loyle Herdsman	Ivy Edwards
Monica Thomas		Gloria Ramsay	Veneta Mott

**Readings for Dec. 7, 2025 Year A: Isaiah 11: 1-10, Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Romans 15: 4 - 13, Matthew 3: 1 - 12.**

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)

Hymn 34 Come thou long-expected Jesus The choir

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace

People: In the name of Christ. Amen.

HYMN AT THE PROCESSION: 35 Blest be the King whose coming

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 Our God Reigns

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of Him

Who brings good news, good news

Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Refrain:

Our God reigns, our God reigns

Our God reigns, our God reigns

2. You watchmen lift your voices joyfully as one
Shout for your King, your King
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

3. Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy
We are redeemed, redeemed
The Lord has saved and comforted His people
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

4. Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God
Jesus is Lord, is Lord
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm
Your God reigns, your God reigns!

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

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: 754 Jesus calls us o’er the tumult (All stand)

The service continues on pg. 126 BCP

Hymns during Holy Communion: 620, 621, 531

Recessional 46 Lo, he comes with clouds descending

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 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.

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.

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.

(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.

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.

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 Isaiah 2: 1 - 5 Ena Dallen

Psalms 122 BCP pg 641 (**Chanted**) All sit

Epistle Romans 13:11 - 14 Karen Scott

Gradual Soon and very soon, we are going to see the King

1. Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King, Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King. Soon and very soon, We are going to see the King, Hallelujah, hallelujah, We are going to see the King.	3. No more dying there, We are going to see the King, /// Hallelujah, Hallelujah, We are going to see the King
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2. No more crying there,
We are going to see the King, ///
Hallelujah, Hallelujah,
We are going to see the King.

Gospel Matthew 4:18 - 22

Sermon Rev. Fr. Claude Campbell

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.