

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

December 7, 2025 - Lectionary Year A

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

First Lesson Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 Norman Davis
Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-19 **Refrain** *"Blessed be the Lord our God, who alone does wondrous deeds." Alleluia*
Epistle Romans 15:4 - 13 Marcia Hendricks
Gospel Matthew 3:1 - 12
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8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Procession 41 Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath
First Lesson Isaiah 11: 1 - 10 Kristen Elliott
Psalm: 72:1-7, 18-19 BCP pg **Chanted** (all stand)
Epistle Romans 15:4 - 13 Michelow Thompson
Gradual 42 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry.
(Children leave for Sunday School)
Gospel Matthew 3:1 - 12
Sermon Rev. Canon Sirrano Kitson
The Creed Hymn 561
Intercession Form C Page 108
Offertory Sing me the king who is coming to reign (pg 4)
During Communion 598, 613, 293
Recessional 321 Jesus shall reign where're the sun.

5:00 pm. Evening Service

Advent Prayer

O Lord our God, ruler of the universe, creator of light and darkness, in this Holy Season, you renew your promise to reveal among us the splendor of your glory, enfleshed and visible to us in Jesus Christ your Son. Through the prophets you teach us to hope for his reign of peace. Through the outpouring of the Spirit, you open our blindness to the glory of his presence. Strengthen us in our weakness. Support us in our stumbling efforts to do your will and free our tongues to sing your praise to advance your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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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Chapel of Ease:

St. Thomas - Majesty Gardens 10:30 a.m. and St. Clement's - Kencot 10:30 a.m.



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The Rector is out of Office on Mondays

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

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.

Birthdays for this week: Rev. Kirk Brown, and Amanda Hutchinson 7/12, Stephanie Murdock 8/12, Coleen Tinker-White, Kei Campbell and Anneke Newman-Russell 9/12, Vincent Murdock 10/12, Rev. Winston Blake and Maydene Dunn 12/12, Rev. Harold Jones, Veronica Keane-Dawes and Beverly Taylor 13/12.

Condolence is extended to the family of Alvaro Casserly also to the family of Ena Collymore Woodstock.

The Funeral Service for Dr. John Soas will be on Friday, December 12, at 11am and for Alvaro Casserly, Saturday 13, at 10:30 am.

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 Committee would like to thank those who gave generously in making this effort a success. The recipients accepted it graciously.

The Church’s Email Address - The church will **NO LONGER** be using “cwjamaica.com”. The church will be using **standrewch1@yahoo.com**.

Gift Day - We are encouraging those who can send their gift by money transfer to do so, just put ‘**Gift**’ in the comment line.

Carol Service - will be on Sunday, December 21, 2025 at 5:30pm. A contribution will be accepted.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 7 - 13

Dec. 9th	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 10th	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 12th	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR....

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	June Saunders	Myrtle White
Paul Sharpe	(Priest)	Veneta Mott	Elesia Blackburn
John Greaves		Ivy Edwards	Doris Levien
Monica Thomas		Avil Robertson	Beresford Shepherd

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?

PARISH NEWS

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.

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

Readings for December 14, 2025, : Isaiah 35: 1-10, Psalm 146:4-9, or Canticle 3, 15, James 5:7 - 10, Matthew 11: 2 - 11.

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 grow 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

The Offertory Hymn: 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;
Righteousness, peace then 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 men shall dwell in His marvelous light,
Races long severed His love shall unite,
Justice and truth from His scepter shall spring,
Wrong shall be ended when Jesus is King. **R**

3. All shall be well in His kingdom of peace,
Freedom shall flourish and wisdom increase,
Foe shall be friend when His triumph we sing,
Sword shall be sickle when Jesus is King. **R**

4. Knowledge and fear of the Lord then shall be
As the deep waters that cover the sea;
All things shall be in the splendor of spring
And all harmonious when Jesus is King. **R**

5. Kingdom of Christ, for thy 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. **R**

**SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR THE
CHRISTMAS SEASON 2025**

Dec. 14 - 21	Gift Days
Dec. 21	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist
	5:30 pm. Carol Service
Dec. 24	11:00 p.m. Watch Night Service - (To be Confirmed)
Dec. 25	8:00 a.m. Christmas Day - Sung Eucharist
Dec. 28	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Holy Innocents
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist - Holy Innocents
Dec. 31	11:00 p.m. Watch Night Service
Jan. 4	6:30 a.m. New Year Sunday - Holy Eucharist
	8:00 a.m. New Year Sunday - Solemn Eucharist
Jan. 6	9:00 a.m. The Epiphany
Jan. 11	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist - Baptism of Our Lord
Jan. 25	8:00 a.m. Congregational Meeting

Electronic payment instruction JAMAICAN DOLLARS

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Beneficiary Name: St. Andrew Parish Church
Beneficiary Account #: **301045077**
Account Type: Current Account
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ABA Routing#: 021000018
SWIFT Code: IRVTUS3N
Account Name: National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited
A/C #: 8033407727 SWIFT Code: JNCBJMKX
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