

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 14, 2025 - Lectionary Year A

6:30 a.m. HOLY EUCHARIST

Old Testament	Isaiah 35: 1 - 10	Afeef Lazarus
Canticle 9	The Magnificat (Page 4)	
Epistle	James 5: 7 - 10	Rhonda Adams-Goodison
Gospel	Matthew 11: 2 - 11	
Prayer of Intercession	Form C page 108	

8:00 a.m. SOLEMN EUCHARIST AND SERMON

Processional	34 Come, thou long-expected Jesus	
The Lighting of the Advent Wreath		
Old Testament	Isaiah 35: 1 - 10	Lona Brown
Canticle	The Magnificat (all stand) (page 4)	
Epistle	James 5: 7 - 10	Tanya Smith-Sutherland
Gradual	520 Teach me, my God and King	
	<i>(children leave for Sunday school)</i>	
Gospel	Matthew 11: 2 - 11	
Sermon	Rev. Jevaughn Byfield	
The Creed	561	
Prayers of Intercession	Form C page 108	
Offertory	44 Lift up your heads, you mighty gates	
During Communion	594, 576, 253.	
Recessional	750 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord	

5:00 p.m. 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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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!**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)

Birthdays for this week: Vivienne Jones, Lisa Campbell and Robert Williams 14/12, Myztal Lawla 15/12, Hyacinth Adams 16/12, 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.

Wedding Anniversary - Congratulations to Delano and Juliet Fields who will be celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on the 14th.

The Funeral Service for Enid Lawrence will be on Friday, 19th at 11:00am.

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

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

Carol Service will be held on, December 21, 2025 at 5:30 p.m. We ask for your contribution of \$1,000 towards the music ministry of our church.

The Church's Email Address - The church will **NO LONGER** be using "cwjamaica.com". The church will be using **standrewch1@yahoo.com**. We now have two cel. # Flow 876-792-6113 and Dig. 876-847-1749

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.

ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK Dec. 14 - 20

Dec. 16th	Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 17th	Wednesday	6:30 a.m.	Holy Eucharist
Dec. 19th	Friday	9:00 a.m.	Holy Eucharist

WE PRAY ESPECIALLY FOR....

Percival Lynch	(Priest)	Linda Mahon	Daphne Whitely
Paul Sharpe	(Priest)	Beatrice Lovelock	Lolita Elliott
John Greaves		Daphne Martin	Isolyn Hall
Ilene Henry		Mavis Bogle	Shirley Devers

Faith Formation and Christian Education

Did you know?

The final coming together of heaven and earth is, of course, God's supreme act of new creation, for which the only real prototype - other than the first creation itself - was the resurrection of Jesus. God alone will sum up all things in Christ, things in heaven and things on earth. He alone will make the "new heavens and new earth." It would be the height of folly to think that we could assist in that great work.

Quote for reflection

"Every act of love, gratitude, and kindness; every work of art or music inspired by the love of God and delight in the beauty of his creation; every minute spent teaching a severely handicapped child to read or to walk; every act of care and nurture, of comfort and support, for one's fellow human beings and for that matter one's fellow nonhuman creatures; and of course every prayer, all Spirit-led teaching, every deed that spread the gospel, builds up the church, embraces and embodies holiness rather than corruption, and makes the name of Jesus honored in the world - all of this will find its way, through the resurrecting power of God, into the new creation that God will one day make."

Surprised by Hope: Rt. Rev. N.T. Wright

Question for Reflection

- How are we living for our lives to be audited when Christ will come in Glory?
- What is God's supreme act of the New Creation?

Kingston College Chapel Choir Christmas concert, today, 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 today 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 Dec. 21, 2025 Year A: Isaiah 7: 10 - 16, Psalm 80:1 - 7, 16 - 18; Romans 1: 1 - 7; Matthew 1:18 - 25.

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

1. My soul proclaims the Lord, my God.
My spirit sings his praise.
He looks on me, He lifts me up,
And gladness fills my days.

2. All nations now will share my joy,
His gifts He has outpoured.
His little ones He has made great
I magnify the Lord.

3. His mercy is for evermore!
His name I praise again!
His strong right arm puts down the proud
And raises lowly ones.

4. He fills the hungry with
good things,
The rich He sends away.
The promise made to Abraham
Is filled by Him each day.

5. Magnificat, Magnificat,
Magnificat praise God!
praise God, praise God
praise God, praise God
Magnificat praise God

Sharing God's message of Joy

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written.

'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' "Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

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. Christmas Eve - Solemn Eucharist
Dec. 25	8:00 a.m. Christmas Day - Sung Eucharist
Dec. 28	6:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist -Christmas Sunday -Holy Innocents
	8:00 a.m. Solemn Eucharist -Christmas Sunday- 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

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.

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Bank Name: Bank of New York, New York
ABA Routing#: 021000018
SWIFT Code: IRVTUS3N
Account Name: National Commercial Bank Jamaica Limited
A/C #: 8033407727 SWIFT Code: JNCBJMKX
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