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## ADVENT

**A SEASON OF REFLECTION, PENITENCE,  
RENEWAL & EXPECTATION**

**Sunday, December 10, 2017**

**The Second Sunday of Advent**

**The Beauty of Belonging to Christ and His Church**

**To experience and share God's reconciling love**

# THE CHURCH OF CHRIST THE KING

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## WELCOME TO EVERYONE

*Please take a moment to TURN OFF all cell phones as the signal interferes with our sound system.  
Thank you.*

Our Head Usher for today is Mrs. Lydia Jemmott.

### Welcome to the church of Christ the King.

Welcome to the church of Christ the King. We gather here to experience and Share God's reconciling love. We hope you will encounter God in our music, in His Holy Word, in the Sermon and in the Holy Eucharist. But most of all we hope you will experience God in the love we all share with one another!

## The Circle of Light



During the Sundays in the Advent season, we light the candles on the Advent wreath, one by one. With each lighting, the brightness increases until we have a circle of light. Then, for Christmas we light the “**Christ Candle**” in the centre.

So too in our personal lives we build up our faith and life one step at a time. We start on the First Sunday with vision and **Hope**. Vision shows us new areas to explore and hope gives us the courage to move out and try.

We then add, on the Second Sunday, a sense of **Peace**, of shalom, the deep inner calm that reflects the spirit of God that is within us. This gives us reassurance and makes us feel at one with God and with other people.

To these we add on the Third Sunday, **Love**, the ingredient that gives warmth to our growing lives. God is love, God created us, and it is the continuing love of God and others that makes life rich and full.

The finishing touch on the Fourth Sunday adds the experience of **Joy**. In a sense, joy is the fruit of hope and peace and love. This joy is not mere light-heartedness or gaiety. It is a deep inner satisfaction made up of many parts, all of them rooted in God’s providence.

Like the circle of light, however, our life finds its centre in Christ and so we light the **Christ Candle** on Christmas Eve. It is Jesus, who makes all the rest possible. As Christ’s light shines within and through us, life’s full beauty can be seen.

*By this will you know that you are my  
disciples, that you love one another!*

# The Season of Advent

**Leader:** The Lord be with you

All: And also with you.

## Welcome and Introduction of Service:

**Let us Pray together the Collect for Purity: Page 101 (BCP)**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known and from you no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your Holy Name, through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## Opening Prayer:

**Voluntary:** Choir & Altar Party Enter

**Priest:** Introduction of the Advent Circle of Light

## Lighting of the Advent Candle

*The Altar party approaches the Advent Candle. The child appointed lights the appropriate Candle and says:*

**I light the Candle of Peace.**

**All of God's people are called to live in Peace. Our Lord said,**

**"My peace I give to you, My own peace I leave with you."**

**This is the Christian expectation.**

*The child then places the descriptive Banner in place and says:*

**Let us pray.**

*All:*

**Almighty God, kindle we pray, in every heart, the true love of peace and guide with your wisdom those who take the counsel for the nations of the earth; that in tranquility your dominion may increase, until the earth is filled with knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## Opening Hymn:

CPWI 53

1. Thy kingdom come, O God,  
thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
break with thine iron rod  
the tyrannies of sin.
2. Where is thy reign of peace  
and purity and love?  
When shall all hatred cease,  
as in the realms above?
3. When comes the promised time  
that war shall be no more,  
and lust, oppression, crime  
shall flee thy face before?
4. We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
and come in thy great might;  
revive our longing eyes,  
which languish for thy sight.
5. Men scorn thy sacred name,  
and wolves devour thy fold;  
by many deeds of shame  
we learn that love grows cold.
6. O'er heathen lands afar  
thick darkness broodeth yet:  
arise, O morning star,  
arise, and never set!

## Opening Sentences:

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### Advent

Jesus says, surely, I am coming soon! Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! *Revelation 22:20*

**Acclamation & Prayer of Intent:      Page 101 (BCP)**

**PRESIDENT:**

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**ALL**

**And blessed be His Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.**  
**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**ALL**

**Blessed Lord and Father, we have assembled in your name and in fellowship with one another. Enable us by your grace to offer the sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; to proclaim and respond to your holy word. Teach us to pray for your world and your Church. Grant that we, confessing our sins, may worthily offer to you our souls and bodies as a living sacrifice and eat and drink of your spiritual food in this Holy Sacrament.      Amen.**

**The Kyries & Gloria:      Page 102 (BCP)**

**THE KYRIES**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

**GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.**  
**Lord God, heavenly King,**

**almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One;  
you alone are the Lord;  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.      Amen.**

**THE COLLECT: Second Sunday of Advent - Page 157 (BCP)**

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**

**1st Lesson: Isaiah 40:1-11**

**Mr. Vernon Knight**

**READER: A reading from the word of God, written in Isaiah Chapter 40, beginning to read at the 1<sup>st</sup>verse.**

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins. A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." A voice says, "Cry out!" And I said, "What shall I cry?" All people are

grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand forever. Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear; say to the cities of Judah, "Here is your God!" See, the Lord GOD comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

*The word of the Lord*

***ALL : Thanks be to God***

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13**

**Page 579 BCP**

*(congregation remain seated)*

1. You have been gracious to your land, O LORD, \* you have restored the good fortune of Jacob.
2. You have forgiven the iniquity of your people \* and blotted out all their sins.
8. I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, \* for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who turn their hearts to him.
9. Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \* that his glory may dwell in our land.
10. Mercy and truth have met together; \* righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
11. Truth shall spring up from the earth, \* and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
12. The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, \* and our land will yield its increase.
13. Righteousness shall go before him, \* and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son:\* and to the Holy Spirit  
As it was in the beginning is now \*and ever shall be, world without end....**Amen**

## 2nd Lesson: 2 Peter 3:8-15a

Ms. Mary Browne

**READER:** A reading from the word of God, written in 2 Peter Chapter 3, beginning to read at the 8<sup>th</sup> verse.

But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of persons ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

*The word of the Lord*

***ALL : Thanks be to God***

### **Gradual Hymn:**

**CPWI 34**

1. Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.
2. Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.
3. Born thy people to deliver;  
born a Child and yet a King;  
born to reign in us for ever;  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.

*(Final verse after Gospel)*

**The Gospel:            Mark 1:1-8**

*(Congregation remain standing for the Gospel)*

**PRIEST:**            The Lord be with you

**ALL:**                **And also with you**

**PRIEST:**            The Holy Gospel according to Mark Chapter 1  
beginning to read at the 1<sup>st</sup> verse

**ALL :**                **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,'" John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

*PRIEST :This is the Gospel of Christ*

*ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord*

**Gradual Hymn:**

**AM 34 (Final Verse)**

4.        By thy own eternal Spirit,  
          rule in all our hearts alone:  
          by thy all-sufficient merit,  
          raise us to thy glorious throne.

**THE SERMON:**

## **REFLECTION: Open our eyes Lord**

*Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus...  
To reach out and touch him, and say that we love him.  
Open our ears Lord, and help us to listen.  
Open our eyes Lord, we want to see Jesus*

*Open our hearts Lord, we pray for your mercy...  
Come into our hearts Lord, And fill us with your love.  
We'll tell of your goodness, And always sing praises...  
Oh, open our hearts Lord, we want to show Jesus*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**Page 104 (BCP)**

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is seen or unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
one in Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he was born of the Virgin Mary,  
and became man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered, died and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in fulfilment of the Scriptures;**

**He ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge  
the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father.  
With the Father and the Son  
he is worshipped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic  
and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead.  
and the life of the world to come.**

**Amen.**

## **The Bidding Prayer:**

**The Intercessions: Form C (Page 108 BCP)                      Mrs. Patricia Mahy**

LEADER

With all our heart and all our mind let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

LEADER

For the peace from above, for the loving kindness of God, and for the salvation of our souls:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the peace and welfare of the world, for the witness and work of the Church, and for the unity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For our Bishops and all ministers of God's Word and Sacraments, that they may be filled with truth and love and be found without fault at the Lord's coming:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the leaders of the nations and for those in authority among us, that they may serve justice and promote the freedom and dignity of all peoples:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice and oppression, and for all who labour in the cause of human liberation and fulfilment:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful, and the dying; and for all who remember and care for them:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For deliverance from the ravages of hurricane, earthquake, drought or flood, and for a just and proper use of God's creation:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

LEADER

For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvellous light:

Let us pray to the Lord.

ALL: Lord, have mercy.

Silence may be kept.

ALL

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people in the multitude of your mercies. Look with compassion on us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious O Lord of love, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.

## **The Act of Penitence:**

**Page 123 (BCP)**

PRESIDENT

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*A period of silence shall be kept.*

Let us therefore confess our sins.

**FORM A**

**ALL:**

**Almighty God, our Heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and one another, in thought, word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are sorry and repent of all our sins. For your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. *Amen***

**FORM B**

**Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we have not loved ourselves as we ought. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen*.**

**THE ABSOLUTION:**

**Page 124 (BCP)**

PRESIDENT

Almighty God, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**ALL:           Amen.**

**FORM A**

PRESIDENT

We are the body of Christ. By the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. and have all been made to drink of the one Spirit.

**ALL**

**Let us then pursue the things that make for peace and build up the common life.**

**FORM B**

PRESIDENT

If your are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you,

**ALL**

**Leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.**

**FORM C**

PRESIDENT

The Kingdom of God is justice, peace, and joy, inspired by the Holy Spirit.

**ALL**

**They who thus serve Christ are acceptable to God and approved by others.**

*The President shall then greet the congregation.*

PRESIDENT

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**ALL And also with you.**

*The President and people shall greet one another in the name of the Lord.*

**Peace Song:**

*Let there be love shared*

*Let there be love shared among us  
Let there be love in our eyes  
May now Your love sweep this nation.  
Cause us oh Lord to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Of brotherly love that is real,  
Let there be love shared among us,  
Let there be love*

*Let there be peace shared among us  
Let there be peace in our eyes  
May now Your peace sweep this nation.  
Cause us oh Lord to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Of brotherly peace that is real,  
Let there be peace shared among us,  
Let there be peace*

*Let there be joy shared among us  
Let there be joy in our eyes  
May now Your joy sweep this nation.  
Cause us oh Lord to arise  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Of brotherly joy that is real,  
Let there be joy shared among us,  
Let there be joy*

**Offertory Hymn:**

**CPWI 388**

1. Stand up, and bless the Lord,  
ye people of his choice;  
stand up, and bless the Lord your God  
with heart and soul and voice.

2. Though high above all praise,  
above all blessing high,  
who would not fear his holy name,  
and laud and magnify?
3. O for the living flame  
from his own altar brought,  
to touch our lips, our minds inspire,  
and wing to heaven our thought!
4. God is our strength and song,  
and his salvation ours;  
then be his love in Christ proclaimed  
with all our ransomed powers.

*Final verse after the Offertory Prayer)*

**The Offertory Prayer:**

**Page 126 (BCP)**

PRESIDENT AND PEOPLE,

**Father, we offer to you these gifts which you have given us; this bread, this wine, this money. With them we offer ourselves, our lives, and our work, to become through your Holy Spirit a reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice. As this bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ, so may we and all your people become channels of your love; through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Offertory Hymn:**

***CPWI 388 (Final verse)***

5. Stand up and bless the Lord;  
the Lord your God adore;  
stand up and bless his glorious name,  
henceforth forevermore.

## THE EUCHARIST

### Sursum Corda: (The Lord be with you) Page 126/127 (BCP)

PRESIDENT The Lord be with you.  
ALL **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT Lift up your hearts.  
ALL **We lift them up to the Lord.**

PRESIDENT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
ALL **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

PRESIDENT

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Father Almighty, everlasting God:

### The Proper Preface: (Advent) Page 127 (BCP)

Because you sent your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in him of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold his appearing.

### Sanctus: (Holy, Holy, Holy) Page 131 (BCP)

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

ALL

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord,**

**God of power and might;**

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes**

**in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest!**

## The Eucharistic Prayer A:

Page 131 (BCP)

PRESIDENT

All Holy and glorious Father,  
our Creator God,  
we give you thanks  
because in your loving wisdom  
you brought all things into being,  
and are truly worthy of praise  
from every creature you have made.  
Again and again  
we have turned away from you;  
yet in every age your steadfast love  
has called us to return,  
to live in union with you:  
for it is your eternal purpose  
to put new life into all things  
and make them holy.

Through your Son, Jesus Christ  
who took our human nature upon Him  
you have redeemed the world  
from the bondage of sin:  
and by the power of your Holy Spirit  
you have gathered a people to yourself,  
to make known in every place  
His perfect offering which He made  
to the glory of your Name.

Hear us, therefore, Father,  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
And grant that these gifts of bread and wine  
may be unto us His Body and Blood.

For, on the night He was betrayed  
He took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
He broke it and gave it to his disciples  
and said: "Take this, and eat it:  
"This is my Body which is given for you.  
"Do this for the remembrance of me."

And after supper  
He took the cup of wine:  
and when He had given thanks,  
He gave it to them and said:  
"Drink this, all of you:  
"This is my Blood of the New Covenant,  
"which is shed for you and for many  
"for the forgiveness of sins.  
"Whenever you drink it,  
"do this for the remembrance of me."

**PRESIDENT**

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith.

*One of the following Acclamations shall be said:*

**ALL**

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

*or*

**Jesus is Lord.**

**He has reconciled us to himself:**

**Christ makes all things new.**

*or*

**Christ is Lord.**

**Through His death we were made children of God:**

**He is our hope of glory.**

PRESIDENT

And so, Heavenly Father,  
rejoicing in His Holy Incarnation;  
His Blessed Passion and His Perfect Sacrifice  
made once for all upon the Cross;  
His Mighty Resurrection from the dead;  
His Glorious Ascension into heaven;  
and looking for His Coming in glory;  
we offer to you this Bread and this Cup.

We pray that you will accept this sacrifice of  
praise and thanksgiving;  
and grant that all who eat and drink of the Body and Blood  
of your Son, our great High Priest,  
may be renewed by your Holy Spirit,  
and be one Body, one Spirit, in Him.

Let faith and love increase in us.  
Unite us with all Bishops,  
all other ministers of your Word and Sacraments,  
and with the whole people of God,  
living and departed,  
whom you have made for yourself.

Confirm us in holiness,  
that we may be found ready to join the company  
of the Blessed Virgin Mary,  
the Holy Apostles,

and all your saints,  
when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again:  
Forever giving you thanks and praise  
through Him from whom all good things do come.  
With Him and in Him and through Him,  
by the power of the Holy Spirit,  
we worship you, Father Almighty,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**ALL**

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
Be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

**Page 144 (BCP)**

PRESIDENT

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**ALL**

**Our Father in heaven,**

**hallowed be your Name,**

**your kingdom come,**

**your will be done,**

**on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial**

**and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of the Bread:**

**Page 145 (BCP)**

PRESIDENT

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**ALL**

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

*or*

PRESIDENT

God of promise, You have prepared a Banquet for us.

**ALL**

**Happy are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

*or*

PRESIDENT

This is the true bread which comes from heaven.

**ALL**

**Whoever eats this bread will live forever.**

## **The Agnus Dei: (Lamb of God)**

**Page 147 (BCP)**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world:**

**grant us peace.**

## **The Administration of Communion:**

*During the singing of the Communion Hymns, we invite to the Lord's Table all those persons who are communicant members in this church and in their respective churches. "Please remember to place your arms across your chest if you are taking communion by intinction, that is, by the Priest dipping the bread into the wine."*

### **Communion Hymn: CPWI 538**

1. O THOU Who camest from above  
The fire celestial to impart,  
Kindle a flame of sacred love  
On the mean altar of my heart.
2. There let it for Thy glory burn  
With inextinguishable blaze,  
And trembling to its source return  
In humble prayer, and fervent praise.
3. Jesus, confirm my heart's desire  
To work, and speak, and think for Thee;  
Still let me guard the holy fire  
And still stir up the gift in me.
4. Still let me prove Thy perfect will,  
My acts of faith and love repeat;  
Till death Thy endless mercies seal,  
And make the sacrifice complete.

### **Communion Hymn: CPWI 533**

1. O FOR a closer walk with God,  
a calm and heavenly frame;  
alight to shine upon the road  
that leads me to the Lamb!
2. What peaceful hours I once enjoyed!  
how sweet their memory still!  
but they have left an aching void  
the world call never fill.

**FORM A**

PRESIDENT

My brothers and sisters in Christ, draw near and receive His Body which He gave for you, and His Blood, which He shed for you. Remember that He died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**ALL**

**Grant gracious Lord, that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son, Jesus Christ and drink His blood, that we may evermore dwell in Him and He in us. Amen.**

**FORM B**

PRESIDENT

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**ALL**

**Our souls will feast and be satisfied, and we will sing glad songs of praise to Him.**

**FORM C**

PRESIDENT

Draw near and receive the Body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ with faith and thanksgiving.

**ALL**

**We do not presume to come to this your table, most merciful Father, trusting in our own righteousness, but only in your boundless mercy. We are not even worthy to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the Lord ever the same, ever merciful. Grant therefore Lord of grace and love that we may so eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and drink his blood that with bodies and souls made clean from every stain of sin we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.**

3. Return, O holy Dove, return,  
sweet messenger of rest:  
I hate the sins that made Thee mourn,  
and drove Thee from my breast.
4. The dearest idol I have known,  
whate'er that idol be,  
help me to tear it from Thy Throne,  
and worship only Thee.
5. So shall my walk be close with God,  
calm and serene my frame;  
so purer light shall mark the road  
that leads me to the Lamb.

**Communion Hymn: CPWI 522**

1. I am thine, O Lord, I have heard thy voice,  
and it told thy love to me;  
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
and be closer drawn to thee.

***Refrain***

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died,  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.*

2. Consecrate me now to thy service, Lord,  
by the power of grace divine;  
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
and my will be lost in thine.

***Refrain***

3. Oh, the pure delight of a single hour  
that before thy throne I spend,  
when I kneel in prayer, and with thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!

***Refrain***

- 4,      There are depths of love that I cannot know  
till I cross the narrow sea;  
there are heights of joy that I may not reach  
till I rest in peace with thee.

***Refrain***

*Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to the cross where thou hast died,  
draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
to thy precious, bleeding side.*

**Communion Hymn:                      CPWI 496**

1.      And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died he for me, who caused his pain  
For me, who him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me!
  
2.      'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies:  
Who can explore his strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
to sound the depths of love divine.  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.
  
3.      He left his Father's throne above  
so free, so infinite his grace  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for O my God, it found out me!
  
4.      Long my imprisoned spirit lay,  
fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
thine eye diffused a quickening ray—  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
my chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.

5. No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine.  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
and claim the crown, through Christ my own.

*During the singing of the next hymn, all children who are not confirmed are invited to the Altar for a Blessing.*

**Hymn for the Blessing & Recommitment:**

**CPWI 660**

1. MEMBERS of Christ are we;  
He is our living Head,  
That henceforth we should ever be  
By His good Spirit led.  
In the same narrow path  
Our Lord and Saviour trod—  
The path that leadeth by the Cross  
To glory and to God.
2. Children of God are we;  
Such grace to us is given,  
To kneel and pray in Christ's own words,  
"Father, Which art in Heav'n;  
Seeking to do His will  
As Angels do above,  
And walking in obedient ways  
Of holy truth and love.
3. Of Heaven's kingdom we  
Inheritors were made;  
Each at the Font in Christ's own robe  
Of spotless white arrayed.  
Upon our forehead now  
Is traced the suffering sign,  
That one day on each saintly brow  
A glorious crown may shine.

4. Christ's little ones are we;  
And unto us are given  
Angelic guards, who ever see  
Our Father's face in Heaven.  
To walk in folly now  
We may not, must not, dare,  
Mindful Whose seal is on our brow,  
Whose holy Name we bear.

**Post Communion Prayer:**

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**ALL**

**Almighty Father,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and Blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
May we who share His Body  
live His risen life; we who drink His cup  
bring life to others;  
we upon whom your Spirit shines give light to the world.  
Help us to continue in faithful witness to your Word,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your Name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*or*

**Eternal God and Heavenly Father,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you and all persons in you,  
with gladness and singleness of heart,  
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

*or*

**Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members  
of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses  
of Christ our Lord.  
To Him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen**

## **Final Blessing**

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### **Advent**

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing ...

or

The Son of Righteousness shine upon you, gladden your hearts, and scatter the darkness from before you; and the blessing ...

.....of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**ALL Amen.**

## **Additional Notices and Announcements:**

## Hymn of Eucharistic Thanksgiving:

CPWI 528

1. Lord, speak to me that I may speak  
in living echoes of thy tone;  
as thou has sought, so let me seek  
thine erring children lost and lone.
2. O lead me, Lord, that I may lead  
the wandering and the wavering feet;  
O feed me, Lord, that I may feed  
thy hungering ones with manna sweet.
3. O strengthen me, that while I stand  
firm on the Rock, and strong in thee,  
I may stretch out a loving hand  
to wrestlers with the troubled sea.
4. O teach me, Lord, that I may teach  
the precious things thou dost impart,  
and wing my words, that they may reach  
the hidden depths of many a heart.
5. O give thine own sweet rest to me,  
that I may speak with soothing power  
a word in season, as from thee,  
to weary ones in needful hour.
6. O fill me with thy fullness, Lord,  
until my very heart o'erflow  
in kindling thought and glowing word,  
thy love to tell, thy praise to show.
7. O use me, Lord, use even me,  
just as thou wilt, and when, and where;  
until thy blessed face I see,  
thy rest, thy joy, thy glory share.

## DISMISSAL

PRESIDENT:

The Lord be with you

ALL:

And also with you.

PRESIDENT

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

ALL:

In the name of Christ. Amen.

**BENEDICTION:**            *May the grace of Christ our Saviour*

*MAY the grace of Christ our Saviour,  
and the Father's boundless love,  
With the Holy Spirit's favour,  
rest upon us from above.*

*Thus may we abide in union,  
with each and the Lord  
And possess, in sweet communion,  
joys which earth cannot afford.*

### *The Saints this Week*

*St. Lucy, Martyr & Virgin:*            *Lucy was a wealthy young Christian martyr who lived in the early 4<sup>th</sup> century. Her name, which means "light" possibly accounts for the story that her eyes were plucked out and her eyesight miraculously restored or the fact that her feast occurs near the time when, in the Northern Hemisphere, the nights are longest. Lucy is the patron saint of those who are blind and she is commemorated on December 13<sup>th</sup>.*

# Happy Birthday

Mrs. Lillian Alleyne

Tues

Dec 12

# Happy Anniversary



Mr. Eden Best & Mrs. Sonia Best	Sun	Dec 10	(23 yrs)
Mr. Sydney Robertson & Mrs. Muriel Robertson	Mon	Dec 11	(41 yrs)
Mr. Harcourt Blaggrove & Mrs. Maureen Blaggrove	Thurs	Dec 14	(15 yrs)
Mr. Evans McCollin & Mrs. Rose McCollin	Fri	Dec 15	(55 yrs)
Mr. Adrian Maynard & Mrs. Bernadette Maynard	Fri	Dec 15	(10 yrs)
Dr. Adrian Lorde & Mrs. Hyacinth Lorde	Fri	Dec 15	(33 yrs)
Mr. Ronald Hewitt & Mrs. Leila Hewitt	Sat	Dec 16	(50 yrs)

## Our Prayer List

Please remember and pray for those who are travelling.

Please remember and pray for those who are in hospital:

Please remember and pray for those who are recuperating: *Grafton Brathwaite, Cecile Isaacs*

### Please remember those who have requested the prayers of the Church:

*Vincent Callendar, Coral Yearwood, Arlene Brooks, Edlin Chandler, Ruth Greaves, Joyce Clarke, Esther Hurley, Margo Hamblin, Ventriss Gooding, Yolanda Franklyn, Bernard Sealey, Itheil (Jimmy) Adams, Mr. & Mrs. Sylvester Jones, Carmen Shepherd, Seibert Scantlebury, Henderson Hinds, Elsie Clarke, Alexis Alleyne,*

### Please remember and pray for those who are sick & shut-in:

*Ometa Allamby, Erma Babb, Eric Best, Grafton & Doreen Brathwaite, Isolene Mason, Marjorie McCollin, Marge Walke, Tony Whittaker, Maureen Workman, Patricia Lorde (Snr.), Agnes Mars, Anita Skeete.*

### Please remember and pray for those who grieve:

*We remember all those who have died. May the Almighty God, who gave them life, take them back to himself and grant them eternal peace.*

## Bereavement & Support Group

***The annual "Carol Singing in the area" event organized by the Bereavement & Support Group will take place on Saturday, December 16, 2017 at 4 p.m.***

***Those interested in participating in this event are asked to meet in the church's car park at 3:45 p.m. Please bring your flash lights.***

***Please remember that the deadline for information to be included in the Sunday Bulletin is on Wednesday, 3:00 p.m. so this can be programmed into the Electronic Ministry System.***

## Calendar for the Week Ahead

### MONDAY 11th December

#### **Priest's Sabbath**

6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Children's Breakfast Prog.

### TUESDAY 12th December

6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Children's Breakfast Prog.

### WEDNESDAY 13th December

6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Children's Breakfast Prog.

### THURSDAY 14th December

6:00 a.m. - 7:30 a.m. Children's Breakfast Prog.

6:00 p.m. - Choir Rehearsal

### FRIDAY 15th December

4:30 p.m. - Friday School

### SATURDAY 16th December

3:00 p.m. Reading Club

**NEXT SUNDAY - 17th December, 2017**

**8:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON**

#### READINGS:

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-11 / Psalm 126 / 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28

## ***A Word of Encouragement***

***There is no place in my soul, no corner of my character,  
where God is not.***

***-Evelyn Underhill***

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

**December 2017**

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Sunday School Christmas Programme**

**6:00 p.m.**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon**

**11:30 p.m. Carol Singing**

**12:00 Midnight Mass**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Christmas Day (Blessing of the Crib)**