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ADVENT

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

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The Third 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 Miss Sabrina Howard.

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 Love.

God loves everyone so much that He ‘gave his only begotten Son’ at Christmas time. In turn, we must love each other. This is the Christian garment.

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

Let us pray

All:

Almighty God, you called us to Love each other. Create in us a sincere love for each other, that we may truly be children of our Father in Heaven, and true disciples of the one who was born at this time, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn: CPWI 41

1. Hark! A thrilling voice is sounding;
‘Christ is nigh’, it seems to say;
‘Cast away the dreams of darkness,
O ye children of the day!’
2. Wakened by the solemn warning,
let the earth-bound soul arise;
Christ, her Sun, all ill dispelling,
shines upon the morning skies.
3. Lo, the Lamb, so long expected,
comes with pardon down from heaven;
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,
one and all to be forgiven;
4. That when next he comes with glory,
and the world is wrapped in fear,
with his mercy he may shield us,
and with words of love draw near.
5. Honour, glory, might, and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
with the everlasting Spirit,
while eternal ages run.

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:

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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:

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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.**

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Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

MINISTRY OF THE WORD

1st Lesson: Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

READER: A reading from the word of God, written in Isaiah Chapter 61, beginning to read at the 1stverse.

The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion-- to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

The word of the Lord

ALL : Thanks be to God

(congregation remain seated)

1. When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, * then were we like those who dream.
2. Then was our mouth filled with laughter, * and our tongue with shouts of joy.
3. Then they said among the nations, * "The LORD has done great things for them."
4. The LORD has done great things for us, * and we are glad indeed.
5. Restore our fortunes, O LORD, * like the watercourses of the Negev.
6. Those who sowed with tears * will reap with songs of joy.
7. Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, * will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

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: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24

READER: A reading from the word of God, written in 1 Thessalonians Chapter 5, beginning to read at the 16th verse.

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

The word of the Lord

ALL : Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

CPWI 42

1. On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake, and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings of the King of kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge, and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.

(Final verse after Gospel)

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

(Congregation remain standing for the Gospel)

PRIEST: The Lord be with you

ALL: **And also with you**

PRIEST: The Holy Gospel according to John Chapter 1
beginning to read at the 6th verse

ALL : **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness **to testify** to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they

asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

PRIEST :This is the Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord

Gradual Hymn:

CPWI 42 (Final Verse)

5. All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent doth thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

THE SERMON:

REFLECTION: Rise in the strength of God

*Rise in the strength of God,
and face life's uphill way,
The steps which other feet have trod
You tread to-day.*

*Press onward, upward still,
To win your way at last,
With better hope and stronger will
Than in the past, -*

*Life's work more nobly wrought,
Life's race more bravely run,
Life's daily conflict faced and fought,
Life's duty done.*

The Nicene Creed

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**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 D (Page 111 BCP)

LEADER

Our Heavenly Father has promised through our Lord Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Let us therefore pray for the Church and the World, and let us thank God for His goodness.

Silence may be kept.

LEADER

We pray for the Church of God in every place; especially for this Diocese, our Bishop _____ and all the people of God.

ALL

Strengthen your Church to carry forward the work of Christ; that we and all who confess your Name may unite in truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory to the world.

LEADER

We pray for our country and for all the nations of the world, especially _____; and for all peoples in their various callings.

ALL

Direct this nation and all nations in the ways of justice and truth. Give wisdom to all in positions of public trust and authority; that they may promote the prosperity, godliness and peace of your people everywhere.

LEADER

We pray for our own community, for this parish, for our families, friends, and all who live and work with us.

ALL

Give grace to all our friends and neighbours in Christ, that we may serve Him in one another and grow together in His love.

LEADER

We pray for the poor, the sick, the unemployed, the handicapped; all who have requested our prayers and all who seek the prayers of the Church in their time of trouble.

ALL

Give healing and strength to all who suffer in body, mind or spirit. Give them courage and hope in their troubles and sustain all who remember and care for them.

LEADER

We commemorate the departed, especially _____

ALL

We commend all people to your unfailing love, that in them your will may be fulfilled; and we rejoice at the faithful witness of your saints in every age, praying that we may share with them in your eternal kingdom.

Silence may be kept.

LEADER

Accept these prayers, O Lord our God, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

ALL Amen.

The Act of Penitence:

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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:

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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.

THE GREETING OF PEACE:

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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 you 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:

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit

*There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know they feel the presence of the Lord.*

Chorus

*Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived,
When we shall leave this place.*

*There are blessings you cannot receive
Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."*

*If you say He saved you from your sin,
Now you're weak, you're bound and cannot enter in,
You can make it right if you will yield,
You'll enjoy the Holy Spirit that we feel.*

Offertory Hymn:

CPWI 55

1. The Lord will come and not be slow,
his footsteps cannot err;
before him righteousness shall go,
his royal harbinger.
2. Truth from the earth, like to a flower,
shall bud and blossom then;
and justice, from her heavenly bower,
look down on mortal men.
3. Rise, God, judge thou the earth in might,
this wicked earth redress;
for thou art he who shalt by right
the nations all possess.

4. The nations all whom thou hast made
shall come, and all shall frame
to bow them low before thee, Lord,
and glorify thy Name.

Final verse after the Offertory Prayer)

The Offertory Prayer:

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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 37 (Final verse)

5. For great thou art, and wonders great
by thy strong hand are done:
thou in thy everlasting seat
remainest God alone.

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)

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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 B:

Page 135 (BCP)

PRESIDENT

Holy and gracious Father,
all creation rightly gives you praise.
All life, all holiness, comes from you
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,
whom you sent to share our human nature,
to live and die as one of us,
to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

We therefore bring you these gifts,
and we ask you to make them holy
by the power of your Spirit,
that they may become the Body and Blood of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who offered Himself in obedience to your will,
the Perfect Sacrifice for all mankind.

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."

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.
"Do this, whenever you drink it,
"For the remembrance of me."

One of the following Acclamations shall be said:

ALL

**When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we
proclaim the death of Christ until he comes again.**

or

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

or

Christ Jesus is Lord.

He has set us free from the law of sin and death:

In his name alone is our salvation.

PRESIDENT

Father, calling to mind the death your Son
endured for our salvation;

His Glorious Resurrection and Ascension;

His continual intercession for us in heaven;

and looking for His coming again in glory,

we offer you, in thanksgiving,

this holy and life-giving sacrifice.

Look with favour on your Church's offering,
and grant that we who eat and drink these holy gifts
may be filled with your Holy Spirit
and become one body in Christ,
and serve you in unity, constancy and peace.

May He make us a perpetual offering to you
and enable us, in communion with
blessed Mary and the whole company of heaven,
to share in the inheritance of your saints.

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:

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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.

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.

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 40

1. Hark the glad sound! The Saviour comes,
the Saviour promised long;
let every heart prepare a throne,
and every voice a song.
2. He comes, the prisoners to release
in Satan's bondage held;
the gates of brass before him burst,
the iron fetters yield.
3. He comes, the broken heart to bind,
the bleeding soul to cure,
and with the treasures of his grace
to bless the humble poor.
4. Our glad hosannas, Prince of Peace,
thy welcome shall proclaim;
and heaven's eternal arches ring
with thy beloved name.

Communion Hymn: CPWI 752

1. Virgin-born! we bow before Thee!
Blessed was the Maid who bore Thee,
Mary, maid and Mother mild,
Blessed was she in her Child
2. Blessed was the breast that fed Thee,
Blessed was the hand that led Thee;
Blessed was the parent's eye,
That watched Thy slumbering infancy.

3. Blessed she by all creation
Who brought forth the world's salvation;
And blessed they – for ever blest,
Who love Thee most and serve Thee best.
4. Virgin-born! we bow before Thee!
Blessed was the womb that bore Thee
Mary, Maid and mother mild,
Blessed was she in her child.

Communion Hymn: CPWI 458

1. O Love that wilt not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in thee:
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.
2. O light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee:
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Communion Hymn: CPWI 597

1. I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.
3. As Christ breaks bread, and bids us share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.
4. The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.
5. Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

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 657

1. Lord, I would own thy tender care,
and all thy love to me;
the food I eat, the clothes I wear,
are all bestowed by thee.
2. 'Tis thou preservest me from death
and dangers every hour;
I cannot draw another breath
unless thou give me power.
3. Kind angels guard me every night,
as round my bed they stay:
nor am I absent from thy sight
in darkness or by day.

4. My health, and friends, and parents dear
to me by God are given;
I have not any blessing here
but what is sent from heaven.
5. Such goodness, Lord, and constant care
I never can repay;
but may it be my daily prayer,
to love thee and obey.

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 239

1. The right hand of God is writing in our land,
writing with power and with love
our conflicts and our fears, our triumphs and our tears
are recorded by the right hand of God.
2. The right hand of God is pointing in our land,
pointing the way we must go.
So clouded is the way, so easily we stray,
but we're guided by the right hand of God.
3. The right hand of God is striking in our land,
striking out at envy, hate and greed.
our selfishness and lust, our pride and deeds unjust
are destroyed by the right hand of God.
4. The right hand of God is healing in our land,
healing broken bodies, minds and souls.
So wondrous is its touch, with love that means so much,
when we're healed by the right hand of God.
5. The right hand of God, is planting in our land,
planting seeds of freedom, hope and love.
In these Caribbean lands, let his people all join hands,
and be one with the right hand of God.

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 Lord bless you and keep you

*May the Lord bless you and keep you
Make His face to shine upon you
and be gracious unto you.*

*May the Lord lift up the light of His countenance
upon you and give you peace.*

If you were blessed and enjoyed our service

Tell and bring others

Help them experience God's reconciling

Love for themselves and then share it with others.

The Saints this Week

St. Thomas the Apostle:

Unfortunately known more popularly as Doubting Thomas, he was one of the twelve Apostles of Christ. Thomas is best remembered for questioning the resurrection of Jesus Christ, but it was also Thomas who encouraged the other Apostles to follow Jesus to Jerusalem with the words "Let us also go, that we may die with him". This year, the feast of St. Thomas has been transferred to December 21st.

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Patricia Johnson	Sun Dec 17	Mrs. Grace Browne	Wed Dec 20
Mrs. Wyalanda Crawford	Mon Dec 18	Mr. Seibert Scantlebury	Wed Dec 20

Happy Birthday - Children

Xhane Greenidge	Tuesday	December 19	(17 yrs)
Siara Devonish	Wednesday	December 20	(14 yrs)

Happy Anniversary



Mr. Alexander J'N Pierre & Mrs. Gail J'N Pierre	Tues	Dec 19	(19 yrs)
Mr. Clyde Nurse & Mrs. Vera Nurse	Tues	Dec 19	(30 yrs)
Mr. George Griffith & Mrs. Eleanor Griffith	Fri	Dec 22	(40 yrs)
Mr. Earl Best & Mrs. Eugene Best	Fri	Dec 22	(55 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, Ventris 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:

Mr. Desmond Howard and family on the death of his mother Cleo Howard. 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.

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.

Season's Greetings

NEXT SUNDAY - 24th December, 2017

8:00 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST & SERMON

READINGS:

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 / Psalm 89: 1-4, 19-26 / Romans 16: 25-27

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38

A Word of Encouragement

Difficult times show true colours, hard times reveal true friends and the good will be blessed through the pain.

-Anon

LOOKING AHEAD

December 2017

Sunday 24th

Fourth Sunday of Advent

8:00 a.m. Sung Eucharist & Sermon

11:30 p.m. Carol Singing

12:00 Midnight Mass

Monday 25th

Christmas Day (Blessing of the Crib)

Tuesday 26th

Boxing Day