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Advent –

A Season of Preparation

Advent can be described as a season of preparation and waiting. The lectionary readings are full with the longing cries of the Hebrew prophets and the preaching that the Lord is near. We recall not only Christ first coming at Bethlehem, but we look forward to His second coming at the end of time. We live between those times where we are seeking the daily advent of Christ in our lives, while also under the command to live with the end in mind. So, how do we use Advent as a season of preparation?

The answer is twofold and both were given by John the Baptist. First, we must repent. Yes, repentance is not just for Lent! All the early Church Fathers recognised that repentance was a necessary precondition for welcoming the coming Lord. The second way can be found in Luke 3:11. We, as Christians, are called to care for each other. This is the season to develop that true Christianity and recognise that we are our brothers' keepers.

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Second Sunday of Advent

A Strong Church In Testing Times

To experience and share God's reconciling love

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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. Wendy Blackman.

Worship Tips & Gentle Reminders

When you come into Church, remember that our Lord Jesus Christ is here. He is present and to be adored under the form of His Blessed Sacrament reserved for Holy Communion. Kneel down and worship Him. Give thanks for your blessings. Bring to Him your needs. Remember all those in distress, sorrow and pain. Pray that the dead may rest in peace. And do not forget those who minister and worship here.

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 grow-ing 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

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF SERVICE

Let us pray:

Collect for Purity:

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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 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:

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

Opening Sentences:

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Jesus says, "Surely I am coming soon!" Amen. Come Lord Jesus! *Revelations 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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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

Mrs. Cynthia Clarke

Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² 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. ³ A voice cries out: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ 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. ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken." ⁶ 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. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever. ⁹ 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!" and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. ¹¹ 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.

This is the word of the Lord

ALL : Thanks be to God

Psalm: 85:7-13

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7. Show us your mercy, O LORD, * and grant us your salvation.
8. 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 3:8-15,18

Eucharistic Minister

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. ⁹The 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. ¹⁰But 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. ¹¹Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹²waiting 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? ¹³But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens

and a new earth, where righteousness is at home. ¹⁴Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him, ¹⁸But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord

ALL : Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn:

CH 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.

The Gospel: Mark 1:1-8

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 1st verse

ALL : **Glory to Christ our Saviour**

The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ²As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, “See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight’”, ⁴John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵And 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. ⁶Now John was clothed with camel’s hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷He 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. ⁸I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.’”

PRIEST :The Gospel of Christ

ALL: Praise to Christ our Lord

Gradual Hymn:

CH 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: (*No applause please*)

Mr. John Burnett

The Bidding Prayer:

Fr. Jay

The Litany of Penitence: (*Page 217*)

Eucharistic Minister

The Minister and People together, all kneeling

Most holy and merciful Father:

**We confess to you and to one another,
and to the whole communion of saints
in heaven and on earth,
that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed;
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.**

LEADER

We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We have not forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord.

We have been deaf to your call to serve, as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

ALL: Have mercy on us, Lord.

LEADER:

We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

LEADER:

Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

LEADER:

Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

LEADER:

Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work;

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

LEADER:

Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

ALL: We confess to you, Lord.

LEADER:

Accept our repentance, Lord, for the wrongs we have done: for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

LEADER:

For all false judgements, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbours, and for our prejudice and contempt towards those who differ from us,

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

LEADER:

For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

ALL: Accept our repentance, Lord.

LEADER:

Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

ALL: Favourably hear us, for your mercy is great.

LEADER:

Accomplish in us the work of your salvation,

ALL: That we may show forth your glory in the world.

LEADER:

By the cross and passion of your Son our Lord,

ALL: Bring us with all your saints to the joy of His resurrection

The Bishop, if present, or the priest, stands and facing the people Says:

LEADER:

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desires not the death of sinners, but rather that they may turn from their wickedness and live, has given power and commandment to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins. He pardons and absolves all those who truly repent, and with sincere hearts believe his holy Gospel.

Therefore we beseech him to grant us true repentance and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do on this day, and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy, so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A deacon or lay person leading the service remains kneeling and says the following instead:

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all our goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **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.

PRESIDENT:

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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One of the following forms shall be used:

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

Let there be peace on earth,

*Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth
The peace that was meant to be.
With God as our Father
Brothers all are we.
Let me walk with my brother
In perfect harmony.*

*Let peace begin with me,
Let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take
Let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live
Each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth
And let it begin with me.*

The Offertory Hymn:

CH 48

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel;
that mourns in lonely exile here,
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2. O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave.

Refrain

3. 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

- O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.

Refrain

*Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

THE EUCHARIST

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:

CH 48(Final verse)

- O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.

Refrain

Sursum Corda: (The Lord be with you)

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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 him 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)

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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:

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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:

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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)

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**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.**

Invitation to Communion:

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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: CH 611

1. O Food that weary pilgrims love,
O Bread of angel-hosts above,
O Manna of the saints,
the hungry soul would feed on thee;
ne'er may the heart unsolaced be
which for thy sweetness faints.
2. O fount of love, O cleansing tide,
which from the Saviour's piercéd side
and sacred heart dost flow,
be ours to drink of thy pure rill,
which only can our spirits fill,
and all our need bestow.

3. Lord Jesu, whom, by power divine
now hidden 'neath the outward sign,
we worship and adore,
grant, when the veil away is rolled,
with open face we may behold
thyself for evermore.

Communion Hymn: CH 43

1. Hark what a sound, and too divine for hearing,
stirs on the earth and trembles in the air!
Is it the thunder of the Lord's appearing?
Is it the music of his people's prayer?
2. Surely he cometh, and a thousand voices
shout to the saints, and to the deaf are dumb;
surely he cometh, and the earth rejoices,
glad in his coming who hath sworn: I come!
3. This hath he done, and shall we not adore him?
This shall he do, and can we still despair?
Come, let us quickly fling ourselves before him,
cast at his feet the burden of our care.
4. Yea through life, death, through sorrow and
through sinning,
he shall suffice me, for he hath sufficed: Christ
is the end, for Christ was the beginning, Christ the
beginning, for the end is Christ.

Communion Hymn: CH 618

1. Sent forth by God's blessing, our true faith confessing,
the people of God from his dwelling take leave.
The supper is ended: O now be extended
the fruits of his service in all who believe.
The seed of his teaching, our hungry souls reaching,
shall blossom in action for God and for man.
His grace shall incite us, his love shall unite us
to work for his kingdom and further his plan.

2. With praise and thanksgiving to God everliving,
the task of our everyday life we will face,
our faith ever sharing, in love ever caring,
embracing as brothers all men of each race.
One feast that has fed us, one light that has led us,
unite us as one in his life that we share.
Then may all the living, with praise and thanksgiving,
give honour to Christ and his name that we bear.

Communion Hymn: CH 591

1. How glorious is the life above,
which in this ordinance we taste;
that fullness of celestial love,
that joy which shall for ever last.
2. That heavenly life in Christ concealed
these earthen vessels could not bear;
the part which now we find revealed
no tongue of angels can declare.
3. The light of life eternal darts
into our souls a dazzling ray;
a drop of heaven o'erflows our hearts,
and deluges the house of clay.
4. Sure pledge of ecstasies unknown
shall this divine Communion be;
the ray shall rise into a sun,
the drop shall swell into a sea.

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: CH 644

1. Come, sing with holy gladness,
high alleluias sing,
uplift your loud hosannas
to Jesus, Lord and King;
sing, boys, in joyful chorus
your hymn of praise today,
and sing, ye gentle maidens,
your sweet responsive lay.
2. 'Tis good for boys and maidens
sweet hymns to Christ to sing,
'tis meet that children's voices
should praise the children's King:
for Jesus is salvation,
and glory, grace, and rest:
to babe, and boy, and maiden
the one Redeemer Blest.
3. O boys, be strong in Jesus,
to toil for him is gain,
and Jesus wrought with Joseph
with chisel, saw, and plane;
O maidens, live for Jesus,
who was a maiden's Son;
be patient, pure, and gentle,
and perfect grace begun.
4. Soon in the golden city
the boys and girls shall play,
and through the dazzling mansions
rejoice in endless day;
O Christ, prepare thy children
with that triumphant throng
to pass the burnished portals,
and sing the eternal song.

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 (ADVENT)

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Advent

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

CH 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.

DISMISSAL AND BENEDICTION:

Go in Peace and the Peace of God, Be with you this day.

Go in Peace and the Peace of God, Be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy, Celebrate new Life,

Go in Peace and the Peace of God, Be with you always.

The Saints this Week

St. Ambrose: *Ambrose was the Archbishop of Milan who became one of the most influential early Church theologians. He was largely responsible for the conversion of St. Augustine and indeed St. Augustine is often seen as the spiritual successor of St. Ambrose. Ambrose is also known as a composer of Christian hymns. He is commemorated on the anniversary of his consecration as bishop, December 7th.*

St. Lucy, Martyr & Virgin: *Lucy was a wealthy young Christian martyr who lived in the early 4th 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 13th.*

HOLY DAYS

The Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

In honouring the conception of Mary, the church is celebrating the very beginnings of God's plans to restore the world through the incarnation of Jesus Christ. This year the feast is celebrated on December 9th.

A Word of Challenge

**To prepare our hearts for miracle of Christmas,
we must cultivate the spirit of expectancy**

Sandel S. Brown

Bible Readings for the Upcoming week

Monday	Isa 5: 8-12, 18-23 1 Thess 5: 1-11	Ps 9, 15 Lk 21: 20-28
Tuesday	Isa 5: 13-17, 24-25 1 Thess 5: 12-28	Ps 36, 39 Lk 21: 20-28
Wednesday	Isa 6: 1-13 2 Thess 1: 1-12	Ps 119: 25-34 Jn 7: 53– 8: 11
Thursday	Isa 7: 1-9 2 Thess 2: 1-12	Ps 37: 19-42 Lk 22: 1-13
Friday	Isa 7: 10-25 2 Thess 2: 13-3: 5	Ps 35 Lk 22: 14-30
Saturday	Isa 8: 1-15 2 Thess 3: 6-18	Ps 42, 43 Lk 22: 31-38

Happy Birthday

Mrs. Beulah Alleyne	Wed Dec 10	Mrs. Evelyn Thomas	Sat Dec 13
Mrs. Lillian Alleyne	Fri Dec 12		

Happy Birthday - Children

Juwan Prescod	Thurs Dec 11 (18 yrs)	Asher J'n Pierre	Fri Dec 12 (9 yrs)
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Happy Anniversary



Mr. Sydney Robertson & Mrs. Muriel Robertson Thurs Dec 11 (37 yrs)

Our Prayer List

Please remember and pray for those who are travelling.

Please remember and pray for those who are in hospital: *Joyce Babb*

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

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

Bernadette Farquhar, Cynthia Wilson, Eileen Foster, Angela Yearwood, Derek Weekes, Ena Hollingsworth, Henderson Hinds, Inez Carter, Clevedon Mayers, Claudina (Vashti) Hunte, Adele Lewis, Elma Hood, Elsie Clarke, Rudolph Gill, Cedric McCarthy, Daniel Watson, Warren Conliff, Elaine Springer, Alexis Alleyne and Edlin Chandler.

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

Ometa Allamby, Erma Babb, Joyce Babb, Eric Best, Marjorie Bonnett, Grafton & Doreen Brathwaite, Isolene Mason, Marjorie McCollin, Marge Walke, Tony Whittaker, Maureen Workman,

Please remember and pray for those who grieve:

The family of the late Myrtle Bishop; Wyalanda Crawford, Hadassah Allamby-Holder & Family on the death of their brother, Joseph Goddard; The family of the late Alwyn Tull: The family of the late Evelyn Reid; Jean Drayton and family on the death of her sister Barbara Schalow; Cecile Isaacs on the death of a friend Vernon Price; Marcelyn Belle, Audrey King and Family on the death of their sister Trudy Reid; 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.

Stewardship envelopes

The stewardship envelopes for 2015 are now available. Please note that your stewardship number may have changed as a consequence of a number of persons opting to switch from weekly to monthly envelopes.

Envelopes issued for 2015 must **Not** be used during the remainder of this year.

Any Pledge Forms for the rebuilding of the Parish Centre submitted after December 31, 2014 should carry the new stewardship envelope number where applicable.

Thanks for your cooperation. **Please collect from back of the Church.**



CTK
YOUTH & SUNDAY SCHOOL
PRESENT:
A Courtyard Christmas

Saturday
December 20th, 2014
at 6:00pm.

**A Sunday School Program
with a difference.**

NEXT SUNDAY, December 14, 2014

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B

8:00 a.m. - Sung Eucharist & Sermon 10:30 a.m. - Sunday School

READINGS:

Isaiah 65: 17-25 / Psalm 126 / 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-28

Gospel: John 1: 6-8, 19-28 OR John 3: 23-30

CTK Safety Tips

*Perhaps safety is the last thing on your mind as the holiday season approaches,
but spare a few moments to consider these tips.*

- † Do not leave doors open unless you are in a position to supervise them!!*
- † Remove purchases from your car after a shopping trip. If you must keep them in your car, secure them in the trunk.*
- † Be vigilant when using cell phones.*
- † Be cautious of strangers with strange distress stories?*
- † Be cautious about displaying cash to pay for items purchased!*
- † If you do your shopping at night, be sure to park your vehicle in a well-lit section of the car park.*
- † Avoid going to ATMs late at night, especially if you are alone.*