



## THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT DECEMBER 11, 2016

**8:00 A.M.:-Said Mass & Sermon:-** The Rev'd. Fr. Lawrence M. Womack  
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**9:30 A.M.:-** Sunday School & Teen Forum

**11:00 A.M.:- Sung Mass & Sermon :-** The Rev'd. Fr. Lawrence M. Womack  
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**Organ Prelude:**

**Silent Procession**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**Hymns:** 8:00 a.m.:**-LEV 185**, Marshall  
11:00 a.m.:**-Hymnal 59**, Merton

**Opening Sentence:**

*Celebrant:* Blessed are you, holy and living One.

*People:* **You come to your people and set them free.**

**The Collect of Purity**

**A**lmighty 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.**

**Kyrie S96**

*Celebrant:* God be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

**The Collect of the Day**

**S**tir 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



## SERMON NOTES

**Text:**

**Topic:**

**Biblical Reference:**

**Key points:**

**How did this sermon affect me?**

**What is the sermon calling me to do/be/change/affirm**





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THE REV'D. LAWRENCE WOMACK- RECTOR

# The Glory of Christmas

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 18, 2016**

4301 Avenue D, Brooklyn, NY, 11203

**SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

**Show Time: 4:00pm**

**Contribution: \$20**

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our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Silence**

**The Lesson: 8:00 a.m.:- Cheryl Vaughan**  
**11:00 a.m.:- Ormond Brathwaite**

**Isaiah 35:1-10**

**T**he wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus <sup>2</sup>it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. <sup>3</sup>Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. <sup>4</sup>Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you." <sup>5</sup>Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; <sup>6</sup>then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; <sup>7</sup>the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. <sup>8</sup>A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. <sup>9</sup>No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. <sup>10</sup>And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

*The Word of the Lord.*

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 146:4-9**      *Lauda, anima mea*      **BCP p. 803**

**The Epistle: 8:00 a.m.:- Ann Hendricks**  
**11:00 a.m.:- Victor Holder**

**James 5:7-10**

**B**e patient, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup>You also must be patient.



Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup>Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup>As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

*The Word of the Lord*

**People: Thanks be to God**

**Silence**

**Sequence Hymn:- 8:00 a.m.:- AAHH 462, Sanctuary, Insert pg.12**  
**11:00 a.m.:- Hymnal 444, Thornbury**

**The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11**

The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ**

**W**hen John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup>and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup>the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup>And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me." <sup>7</sup>As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup>What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup>What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup>This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' <sup>11</sup>Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

**People: Praise to you , Lord Christ**

**Sermon:** The Rev'd. Fr. Lawrence M. Womack

**Nicene Creed**

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



**AAHH 123 We'll Praise The Lord**

We'll praise the Lord for He is great,  
And in His presence angels wait;  
All heav'n is swelling with His praise--  
Shall we not, too, our anthems raise?

*Refrain: Oh, we will praise Him,  
Oh, we will praise Him,  
Oh, we will praise His holy name.  
Oh, we will praise Him,  
Oh, we will praise Him,  
Oh, we will praise His holy name.*

We'll praise the Lord for He is wise;  
His wisdom shines through all the skies;  
The earth He measures with a span,  
And crowns us with His image: man. *[Refrain]*

We'll praise the Lord for He is just,  
And in Him we may ever trust;  
Princes and kings may turn aside,  
But God by right will e'er abide. *[Refrain]*

We'll praise the Lord for He is true;  
His word the same all ages through;  
Earth, sea and sky may pass away,  
But firm, God's truth will ever stay. *[Refrain]*

Oh, praise Him for His name is Love,  
And from His glorious throne above,  
He bends to welcome our weak praise,  
Shall we not, then, our anthem raise? *[Refrain]*

**AAHH 491, Center Of My Joy**

Jesus , you're the center of my Joy,  
All that's good and perfect comes from You,  
You're the heart of my contentment, hope for all I do.  
Jesus, you are the center of my joy.  
Jesus, You are the center of my joy!  
Jesus, You are the center of my joy!  
You're the center on my joy!





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**Welcome Song**

We welcome, welcome, welcome everyone ( twice)  
 We love you, love you, love you.  
 For all the good you do,  
 For we behold the living Christ in you.

God welcomes all, strangers and friends  
 God's love is strong and it never ends.

**AAHH 462, Sanctuary**

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary,  
 pure and holy, tried and true;  
 With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.



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, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, Was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with 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. Who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, Who 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.*

**Prayers of the People: 8:00 a.m.: -Ms. Tamara Mc Farlane  
 11:00 a.m.: - Ms. Lana Reveira**

To our God, who has given us the grace to wait in graceful hope for the revelation of Christ, let us make our prayer:

Heavenly God, hear us as we pray for the unity of the Church.  
**May we all be one that the world may believe.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you.

**That the life of Christ may be revealed in us.**

For our parish, its mission, our ministries and all that we undertake.  
**Enable our work to restore all people to unity with God and each other in Christ.**

Look with kindness on all people of this world.  
**Grant that Your love may grow in our hearts.**

Inspire and lead those who hold authority in the nations of the world.  
**Guide us and all people in the way of justice and peace.**

Make us alive to the needs of our community.  
**Help us to share one another's joys and burdens.**

We remember the poor, the hungry, the unemployed, victims of racial oppression and all those in need.



**May God in Christ help us to bring relief and in Your presence may they find strength.**

We praise you for all your saints who have entered your eternal glory.  
**May we also come to share your heavenly kingdom.**

We remember those who have died.

**God, into your hands we commend them.**

And finally let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

### Confession of Sin

*Let us confess our sins to God.*

### Silence.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

### Absolution

*The Priest says*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of Christ be always with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

### Offertory Anthem:

**8:00 a.m.:- Emmanuel,** Hutchins

The Gospel Choir

**11:00 a.m.:- Advent Alleluia,** Wilcocks

The Chancel Choir

### Special Offering:

**8:00 a.m.:- AAHH 123, We'll Praise The Lord,** Insert. pg13

**11:00 a.m.:- Hymnal 481,** Gopsal

### The Great Thanksgiving



**2017**

Jan.27

**Save The Date!! Trinidad & Tobago Pre-Carnival Dance.**

Feb. 10

**Save The Date!! The Willing Hands Pre-Valentines Dance. Tickets: \$30 all inclusive.**

### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES FOR CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR

Dec 24	Christmas Eve	Carol singing: 10:00 p.m. Holy Eucharist: 10:30 p.m.
Dec 25	Christmas Day	Holy Eucharist: 10:00 a.m.
Dec 27	Festival of Lessons & Carols	
Dec 28	Holy Innocents	
Dec 31	New Year's Eve	Holy Eucharist: 10:30 p.m.
Jan 1	New Year's Day	Holy Eucharist : 10:00 a.m.

### For Gifts and Donation: If you want to give:

Candles	\$20.00
Jar of Oil for Candles	\$20.00
Wafers (1 jar)	\$25.00
Wine (1 bottle)	\$30.00
Floral Arrangements (1)	\$75.00
Floral Arrangements (2)	\$150.00
Prayer Books (10)	\$300.00 ( \$30.00 each)
Lift Every Voice (10)	\$250.00 (\$25.00 each)
Hymnal (1982) (10)	\$300.00 (\$30.00 each)

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forgotten. Always in our hearts. From Mom: Hyacinth, Aunt: Eublin, Wife: Tanya and Children: Gracie and Gregory , Jr.

### THIS WEEK AT ST. AUGUSTINE

Today: **Corporate Communion**  
Board of Ushers, Special Projects Group,  
Mothers' Union, Giving Hearts Ministry,  
Lay Eucharistic Ministers, Cultural Heritage Ministry

Wed. 10:00 a.m. **Holy Eucharist**  
11:00 a.m. **Senior Program**

Thurs. 7:30 p.m. Bible Study

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**The Brotherhood of St. Andrew Annual Christmas Toy Drive** which began on **November 28**, will continue until **December 16**. Please drop off unwrapped toys in the box in the **Noel Hall**. Thanks for your donation.

**Trinidad & Tobago Bazaar Group's Christmas Cheer Raffle** will be drawn on Sunday December 18 after the 8:00 am service.

**Children's Ministry & Spiritual Formation** ( Sunday School)  
December 11, December 18 ( Christmas Activity). **There will be no Classes** on December 25:Christmas Day, and January 1, ( New Year's Day).

### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec.11 In commemoration of Barbados 50th. Anniversary of Independence, **The Barbados Bazaar Committee** will be having its 2nd Bajan Delight Raffle in the Noel Hall after the 11:00 a.m. service. Tickets : \$5.00. Please see any member of the Barbados Committee.

Dec.18 **Mother's Union Dinner Sale. Cost: \$10.00**



### Eucharist Prayer 2

*Celebrant* The Lord be with you.  
**People** **And also with you.**  
*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.  
**People** **We lift them to the Lord.**  
*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**People** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*The Celebrant proceeds*

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfillment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death, and banish the darkness of sin and despair. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices  
*to proclaim the glory of your name*

**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.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to



stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

**People: Amen**

### The Lord's Prayer

*Celebrant:* As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

### Breaking of the Bread

*Celebrant:* We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

**People:** ***We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread***

### Agnus Dei "Lamb of God"

*Celebrant:* The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion Hymns: LEV 152**, Negro Spiritual, **AAHH 491**, Center of My Joy, Insert pg. 13, **Hymnal 460**, Hyfrydol, **LEV 83**, Derricks

### Post Communion Prayer

Let us pray.

*All*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image And nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. *Amen*



### Blessing

The Wisdom of God, the Love of God, and the Grace of God, strengthen you to be Christ's hands and heart in this world, in the name of the Holy Trinity. **Amen**

### Notices

#### The Commissioning of Our Lay Eucharistic Visitor

*Celebrant:* [Name], we send you out to share Communion this Week.

**People:** ***May you carry the prayers of all of us as you take This sacrament of Christ's presence.***

*Celebrant:* May those who receive it from you be strengthened and encouraged in that community we have together in our Lord Jesus Christ.

**All:** ***Amen***

**Recessional Hymn: 8:00 a.m.: -LEV 77**, Thompson  
**11:00 a.m.: -Hymnal 615**, St. Flavian

### Postlude:

**Key:-**

LEV- Lift Every voice and sing Hymnal, Hymnal- 1982 Hymnal, BCP- Book of Common Prayer  
AAHH- African American Heritage Hymnal  
CPWI Hymnal - Church of the Province of the West Indies Hymnal

**WELCOME TO ALL  
VISITORS & MEMBERS**

**GIFTS & THANK YOU'S**

**Candles** are donated in thanksgiving and appreciation to God for His continued blessings on **Gracelyn Adams and Grace Cox** on the occasion of another birthday celebrated on December 7. From the family.

**Candles** are given in loving memory of **Gregory Brian Andrew**, who went home to eternal rest on December 1, 2010. Gone, but not

