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(for International Anglican  
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Weekly Programs

Bible Study:  
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group  
Google Hangout Bible Study:  
Wed. 7pm-8pm

Sweet Hour of Prayer:  
Every Friday 6pm-7pm.

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**INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN  
CONGREGATION OF IMMANUEL CHURCH  
ON-THE-HILL**

**SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT**

**MARCH 8, 2020**

Order of Service

**Processional Hymn:** *Blessed Assurance...*

**Leader:** Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**All:** *Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen.*

**Collect for Purity**

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**Collect for the day:** *O God, whose glory it is always to have mercy: Be gracious to all who have gone astray from your ways, and bring them again with penitent hearts and steadfast faith to embrace and hold fast the unchangeable truth of your Word, Jesus Christ your Son; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

**Old Testament Reading: Genesis 12:1-4a**

The Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him.

**The Word of God.**

*Thanks be to God*

## **Psalm 121**

I lift up my eyes to the hills; \*  
from where is my help to come?

My help comes from the Lord, \*  
the maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved \*  
and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel \*  
shall neither slumber nor sleep;

The Lord himself watches over you; \*  
the Lord is your shade at your right hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by day, \*  
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; \*  
it is he who shall keep you safe.

The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in, \*  
from this time forth for evermore.

### **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.**

*As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever it shall be.*

### **The Epistle: Romans 4:1-5, 13-17**

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

### **The Word of God.**

*Thanks be to God*

**Hymn/Presentation:**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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**Praise and Worship/Hymn:** *Just as I am...*

**The Holy Gospel: John 3:1-17**

***The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Luke***

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him."

***This is the gospel of Christ.***

***Response: Praise be to you O Christ.***

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**Welcome and Announcements**

1. Greetings and warm welcome to you all and thank you for worshipping with us today. To our visitors we welcome you to our service and we appreciate your presence.
2. We shall have a meeting with Fr. Randy on March 15, 2020 at 12.30pm. All are welcome to attend.
3. We would like to thank you all for making this church your home and for being part of this family. You are a blessing to us and we appreciate your commitment to this ministry. Please invite your friends next Sunday.
4. Please join us for a cup of tea after the service. Many thanks to all those who provide some refreshments. Blessings to you for this noble ministry.

## Hymns

### **Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!**

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

*This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior, all the day long; this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.*

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight; angels descending, bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love

**Just as I am, without one plea**                      Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

**Take my life and let it be**                      Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee. Take my moments and my days; let them flow in endless praise, let them flow in endless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love. Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King. Take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee, filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold. Take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store. Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

### ***I need thee every hour***

I need thee every hour, most gracious Lord; no tender voice like thine can peace afford.

***I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee. O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee.***

I need thee every hour; stay thou nearby; temptations lose their power when thou art nigh.

I need thee every hour, in joy or pain; come quickly and abide, or life is vain.

I need thee every hour; teach me thy will; and thy rich promises in me fulfill.

I need thee every hour, Most Holy One; O make me thine indeed, thou Blessed Son.

