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A chapter a day on WhatsApp

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INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN CONGREGATION

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DECEMBER 16, 2018

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Hymn: pg. 5

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:

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 honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The Lord has taken away the judgments against you; he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it. I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the Lord

The First Song of Isaiah

Isaiah 12:2-6

Surely, it is God who saves me; *
I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, *
and he will be my Savior.

Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing *
from the springs of salvation.

And on that day you shall say, *
Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;

Make his deeds known among the peoples; *
see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, *
and this is known in all the world.

Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, *
for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The Epistle: Philippians 4:4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Hymn/Presentation

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Praise and Worship/Hymn

The Holy Gospel: Luke 3:7-18

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

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

And the crowds asked him, "What then should we do?" In reply he said to them, "Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He said to them, "Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you." Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what should we do?" He said to them, "Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages."

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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Welcome and Announcements

1. Greetings and warm welcome to you all. We welcome all our visitors to this church. Thank you for worshipping with us today. We appreciate your presence.
2. Please join our conversation through a chapter a day Bible study on WhatsApp. We are currently on 1Kings. All comments are welcome.
3. We shall have a service of Thanksgiving on Dec.23, 2018. Please let's invite our family and friends.
4. Our new year's party is on January 6, 2019. Please let's prepare and invite our families and friends.
5. We would like to thank you all for being part of this ministry. We appreciate your commitment and devotion to this ministry. Please join us for a cup of tea after the service.

1 My faith looks up to thee

My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine! Now hear me while I pray; take all my guilt away. O let me from this day be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire. As thou hast died for me, O may my love to thee pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread and griefs around me spread, be thou my guide; bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow's tears away, nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

When life's swift race is run, death's cold work almost done, be near to me. Blest Savior, then, in love fear and distrust remove. O bear me safe above, redeemed and free!

2. Rock of Ages, cleft for me

Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee; let the water and the blood, from thy wounded side which flowed, be of sin the double cure; save from wrath and make me pure.

Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands; could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow, all for sin could not atone; thou must save, and thou alone.

Nothing in my hand I bring, simply to the cross I cling; naked, come to thee for dress; helpless, look to thee for grace; foul, I to the fountain fly; wash me, Savior, or I die.

While I draw this fleeting breath, when mine eyes shall close in death, when I soar to worlds unknown, see thee on thy judgment throne, Rock of Ages, cleft for me, let me hide myself in thee

3. When I survey the wondrous cross

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast save in the death of Christ, my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them through his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down. Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realms of nature mine that were a present far too small. Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

4. I need thee every

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

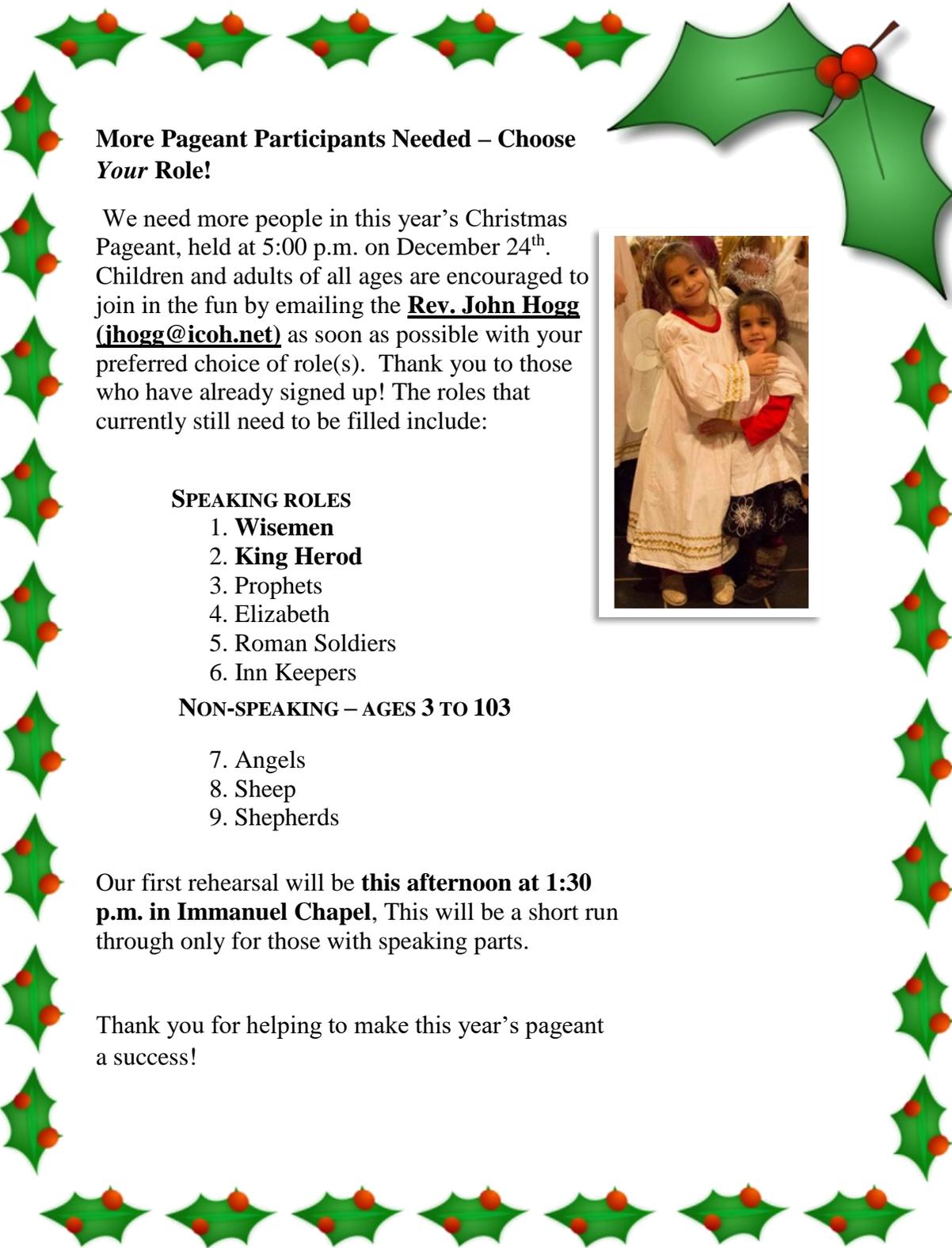
I need thee, O I need thee, every hour I need thee. O bless me now, my Savior; I come to thee.

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.



More Pageant Participants Needed – Choose Your Role!

We need more people in this year's Christmas Pageant, held at 5:00 p.m. on December 24th. Children and adults of all ages are encouraged to join in the fun by emailing the **Rev. John Hogg** (**jhogg@icoh.net**) as soon as possible with your preferred choice of role(s). Thank you to those who have already signed up! The roles that currently still need to be filled include:



SPEAKING ROLES

1. **Wisemen**
2. **King Herod**
3. Prophets
4. Elizabeth
5. Roman Soldiers
6. Inn Keepers

NON-SPEAKING – AGES 3 TO 103

7. Angels
8. Sheep
9. Shepherds

Our first rehearsal will be **this afternoon at 1:30 p.m. in Immanuel Chapel**, This will be a short run through only for those with speaking parts.

Thank you for helping to make this year's pageant a success!