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Weekly Programs

Bible Study:

A chapter a day on WhatsApp group

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

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

Monthly Programs

Home Fellowships

INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN CONGREGATION OF IMMANUEL CHURCH ON-THE-HILL

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

DEC. 15, 2019

ORDER OF SERVICE

Processional Hymn: *To god be the glory...*

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: Isaiah 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus 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. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. 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." Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; 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; 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. 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.

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. 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 God.

Thanks be to God

The Song of Mary *Magnificat*

Luke 1:46-55

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,

my spirit rejoices in God my Savior; *
for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed: *
the Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his Name.

He has mercy on those who fear him *
in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm, *
he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, *
and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, *
and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, *
for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

The promise he made to our fathers, *
to Abraham and his children for ever.

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: James 5:7-10

Be patient, therefore, 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. You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God

Hymn/Presentation:

Welcome and Announcements

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Praise and Worship/Hymn: *O Come all ye Faithful...*

The Holy Gospel: Matthew 11:2-11

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

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus answered them, “Go and tell John what you hear and see: 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. And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

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? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. 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.’

“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.”

This is the gospel of Christ.

Response: Praise be to you O Christ.

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Recessional Hymn: *Once in royal Davids city...*

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. The Rev. Peter will be on leave in the month of December. The very Rev. Ambrose Adega will be in charge.
3. We welcome you for a sweet hour of prayers every Friday at 6pm. We encourage you all to set aside this time to pray for the Church and other needs wherever you are.
4. 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.
5. 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.

Happy
Birthday!

Rosabel Wambui-Mbure



1. To God be the glory

To God be the glory, great things he has done;
so loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin, and
opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth
hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord;
let the people rejoice! O come to the Father
through Jesus the Son, and give him the glory;
great things he has done.*

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to
every believer the promise of God; the vilest
offender who truly believes, that moment from
Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things he has taught us, great things he has
done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the
Son; but purer and higher and greater will be our
wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

2. O come, all ye faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant, O
come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come, and
behold Him, born the King of angels!

*O come, let us adore Him; O come, let us adore
Him; O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the
Lord!*

Sing, choirs of angels; sing in exultation; sing,
all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest!

Yea, Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy
morning; Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing!

3. Silent night, holy night

Silent night, holy night
All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child
Holy Infant so tender and mild
Sleep in heavenly peace

Sleep in heavenly peace

Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight
Glories stream from heaven afar
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia!
Christ, the Savior is born
Christ, the Savior is born

Silent night, holy night
Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth "

4. Once in royal Davids city

Once in royal Davids city,
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby,
In a manger for His bed:
Mary was that mother mild,
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

He came down to earth from heaven,
Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable,
And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly,
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

For He is our childhood's pattern;
Day by day, like us, He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless,
Tears and smiles, like us He knew;
And He cares when we are sad,
And he shares when we are glad.

And our eyes at last shall see Him,
Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle,
Is our Lord in heaven above:
And He leads His children on,
To the place where He is gone.

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

Refrain
 un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, and with fear and
 2. King of kings, yet born of Ma - ry, as of old on
 3. Rank on rank the host of hea - ven spreads its van - guard
 4. At His feet the six - winged se - raph, che - ru - bim, with

trem - bling stand; pon - der noth - ing earth - ly min - ded,
 earth He stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture—
 on the way, as the Light of light des - cend - eth
 sleep - less eye, veil their fa - ces to the Pre - sence,

for with bles - sing in His hand, Christ our God to earth des -
 in the bo - dy and the blood. He will give to all the
 from the realms of end - less day, that the pow'rs of hell may
 as with cease - less voice they cry, "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -

lend - eth, our full ho - mage to de - mand.
 faith - ful His own self for heav'n - ly food.
 va - nish as the dark - ness clears a - way.
 lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, Lord most high!"

Every Time I Feel The Spirit

Traditional Spiritual

Ev - 'ry time I feel the Spir - it mov - ing

3 in my heart, I will pray. Yes, ev-'ry time I feel the

6 Spir - it mov-ing in my heart, I will pray. Up-on the Jor-dan

9 moun tain, my Lordspoke, Out His mouth came fire and Riv - er runs right cold, Chills the bod - y not the

12 smoke. All a-round me looks so shine, Ask my soul. Ain't but one train on this track, Runs to

15 Lord if all was mine. heav - en and right back.

