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# INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN CONGREGATION

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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## 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:**

*Almighty God, you have poured upon us the new light of your incarnate Word: Grant that this light, enkindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 61:10-62:3

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the Lord will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

## **Psalm 147:13-21**

Worship the Lord, O Jerusalem; \*  
praise your God, O Zion;

For he has strengthened the bars of your gates; \*  
he has blessed your children within you.

He has established peace on your borders; \*  
he satisfies you with the finest wheat.

He sends out his command to the earth, \*  
and his word runs very swiftly.

He gives snow like wool; \*  
he scatters hoarfrost like ashes.

He scatters his hail like bread crumbs; \*  
who can stand against his cold?

He sends forth his word and melts them; \*  
he blows with his wind, and the waters flow.

He declares his word to Jacob, \*  
his statutes and his judgments to Israel.

He has not done so to any other nation; \*  
to them he has not revealed his judgments.  
Hallelujah!

**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: Galatians 3:23-25; 4:4-7**

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian.

But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children. And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!" So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

**Hymn/Presentation**

**Welcome and Announcements**

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*Praise and Worship/Hymn*

**The Holy Gospel: John 1:1-18**

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

*Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth. (John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

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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. Our new year's party is on January 6, 2019. Please let's prepare and invite our families and friends.
4. 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. 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. I must have the Savior with me**

I must have the Savior with me, For I dare not  
walk alone; I must feel His presence near me,  
And His arm around me thrown.

*Then my soul shall fear no ill, Let Him lead me  
where He will, I will go without a murmur, And  
His footsteps follow still.*

I must have the Savior with me, For my faith, at  
best, is weak; He can whisper words of comfort  
That no other voice can speak.

I must have the Savior with me, In the onward  
march of life, Thro' the tempest and the  
sunshine, Thro' the battle and the strife.

I must have the Savior with me, And His eye the  
way must guide, Till I reach the vale of Jordan,  
Till I gain the other side.

