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Every Friday 6pm-7pm.

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## INTERNATIONAL ANGLICAN CONGREGATION

**SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**FEBRUARY 24, 2019**

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### ORDER OF SERVICE

**Processional Hymn:** *What a Friend we have in Jesus...*

**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 Lord, you have taught us that without love whatever we do is worth nothing: Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts your greatest gift, which is love, the true bond of peace and of all virtue, without which whoever lives is accounted dead before you. Grant this for the sake of your only Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

**The Old Testament:** Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.'" And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Psalm 37:1-12, 41-42

Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; \*  
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.

For they shall soon wither like the grass, \*  
and like the green grass fade away.

Put your trust in the Lord and do good; \*  
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.

Take delight in the Lord, \*  
and he shall give you your heart's desire.

Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, \*  
and he will bring it to pass.

He will make your righteousness as clear as the light \*  
and your just dealing as the noonday.

Be still before the Lord \*  
and wait patiently for him.

Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, \*  
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.

Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; \*  
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.

For evildoers shall be cut off, \*  
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.

In a little while the wicked shall be no more; \*  
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.

But the lowly shall possess the land; \*  
they will delight in abundance of peace.

But the deliverance of the righteous comes from the Lord; \*  
he is their stronghold in time of trouble.

The Lord will help them and rescue them; \*  
he will rescue them from the wicked and deliver them, because they seek refuge in him.

**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: 1 Corinthians 15: 35-38, 42-50**

Someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body.

So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. Thus it is written, "The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven.

What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

### **Hymn/Presentation**

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**Praise and Worship/Hymn**

**The Holy Gospel:**

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

*Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ*

**Luke 6:27-38**

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

*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. Please join our conversation through a chapter a day Bible Study on WhatsApp. Also join us every Wednesday at 7:00pm for a Google Hangout Bible discussions.
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. Please join us for a Lent Bible Study forum every Sunday from March 10-April 21 at 12:30pm, as we reflect and walk together with Jesus in his way of love.
5. 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.
6. 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.

## How Great Thou Art

O Lord my God, when I'm in awesome wonder, Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods, and forest glades I wander, And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees. When I look down, from lofty mountain grandeur and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

## Pass Me Not O Gentle Savior

Pass me not, O gentle Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.

*Savior, Savior, hear my humble cry; while on others thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

Let me at thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief, kneeling there in deep contrition; help my unbelief.

Trusting only in thy merit, would I seek thy face; heal my wounded, broken spirit, save

me by thy grace.

Thou the spring of all my comfort, more than life to me, whom have I on earth beside thee? Whom in heaven but thee?

## He leadeth me: O blessed thought!

He leadeth me: O blessed thought!  
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!  
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

*He leadeth me, he leadeth me,  
by his own hand he leadeth me;  
his faithful follower I would be,  
for by his hand he leadeth me.*

Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom, sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom, by waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis his hand that leadeth me.

Lord, I would place my hand in thine, nor ever murmur nor repine; content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis my God that leadeth me.

And when my task on earth is done, when by thy grace the victory's won, e'en death's cold wave I will not flee, since God through Jordan leadeth me.

## What can wash away my stain?

What can wash away my stain?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

*O precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

For my cleansing this I see —  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
For my pardon this my plea  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Nothing can for sin atone  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Naught of good that I have done  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

This is all my hope and peace  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Now by this I'll overcome  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
Now by this I'll reach my home  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

### **What a Friend we have in Jesus**

What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins  
and griefs to bear! What a privilege to carry  
everything to God in prayer! O what peace  
we often forfeit, O what needless pain we  
bear, All because we do not carry everything  
to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there  
trouble anywhere? We should never be  
discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all  
our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every  
weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered  
with a load of care? Precious Savior, still  
our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take  
it to the Lord in prayer! In His arms He'll  
take and shield you; you will find a solace  
there.

# I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

1 I have de - ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -  
 2 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -  
 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go  
 4 Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

ci - ded to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - ci - ded to fol - low  
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -  
 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will  
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus no tur - ning back, no tur - ning back.  
 fore me no tur - ning back, no tur - ning back.  
 fol - low, no tur - ning back, no tur - ning back.  
 Je - sus? no tur - ning back, no tur - ning back.