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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 31, 2019

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: *Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

The Old Testament: Joshua 5:9-12

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32

Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.

You are my hiding-place; you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.

"I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go; *
I will guide you with my eye.

Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle, or else they will not stay near you."

Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the Lord.

Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the Lord; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

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: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from

God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of God.

Thanks be to God

Hymn/Presentation

Welcome and Announcements

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Praise and Worship/Hymn: *Come thou fount of every blessing...*

The Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

Response: Glory to you, Lord Christ

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So Jesus told them this parable: "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for

you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

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.

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!

Blessed assurance; Jesus is mine!
Oh, 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

My Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound...

Amazing Grace, how sweet the sound, that
saved a wretch like me. I once was lost but now
am found, was blind, but now, I see.

T'was Grace that taught, my heart to fear. And
Grace, my fears relieved. How precious did that
Grace appear...the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils and snares, we
have already come. T'was Grace that brought us
safe thus far...and Grace will lead us home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my
hope secures. He will my shield and portion
be...as long as life endures.

When we've been here ten thousand years, bright
shining as the sun. We've no less days to sing
God's praise...then when we've first begun.

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. To stand
before the throne.

Come, thou Fount of every blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my
heart to sing thy grace; streams of mercy,
never ceasing, call for songs of loudest
praise. Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above. Praise the
mount I'm fixed upon it mount of God's
redeeming love.

Here I find my greatest treasure; hither by thy
help I've come; and I hope, by thy good
pleasure, safely to arrive at home. Jesus
sought me when a stranger, wandering from
the fold of God; he, to rescue me from
danger, bought me with his precious blood.

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm
constrained to be! Let thy goodness, like a
fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee: prone
to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the
God I love; here's my heart, O take and seal
it; seal it for thy courts above.

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1. What a friend we have in Je - sus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
 2. Have we trials and temp-ta - tions? — Is there trou-ble a - ny-where?
 3. Are we weak and hea-vy la - den, cum - bered with a load of care?

What a pri - vi-lege to car - ry eve - ry-thing to God in prayer!
 We should ne - ver be dis - cour - aged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Pre - cious Sav-ior still our ref - uge — take it to the Lord in prayer!

Oh, what peace we of - ten for - feit, oh, what need-less pain we bear,
 Can we find a friend so faith - ful who will all our sor-rows share?
 Do thy friends des-pise, for - sake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

all be-cause we do not car - ry eve - ry-thing to God in prayer!
 Je - sus knows our eve-ry weak - ness; take it to the Lord in prayer.
 In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a so-lace there.

How Great Thou Art

Stuart Wesley Keene Hine, 1953

Swedish Folk Melody

♩ = 80

1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der Con - sid - er
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der And hear the
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing, Sent him to
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me

all the worlds thy hands have made, I see the stars, I hear the roll - ing
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees, When I look down from loft - y mount - ain
die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble a - dor -

Refrain
thun - der, Thy power through - out the un - i - verse dis - played:
grand - eur, And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze: Then sings my
bear - ing, He bled and died to take a - way my sin:
- a - tion, And there pro - claim, "My God, how great thou art!"

soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art! Then sings my

soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: How great thou art! How great thou art!

Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

1. What a fel - lows-hip, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the e - ver-
 2. O how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the e - ver-
 3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the e - ver-

las - ting arms; what a bles - sed-ness, what a peace is mine,
 las - ting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 las - ting arms? I have bles - sed peace with my Lord so near,

Refrain

lean - ing on the e - ver - las - ting arms. Lean - ing,
 Lean - ing on Je - sus,

lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms; lean -
 lean - ing on Je - sus, lean - ing on

ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the e - ver - las - ting arms.
 Je - sus, lean - ing on Je - sus

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1887
 Tune: Anthony J. Showalter, 1887



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