



LIGHT OF CHRIST

ANGLICAN CHURCH

Zoom Invitation

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The First Sunday After the Epiphany
~A Service of Baptism~
January 10, 2021 – 9:30 am



Welcome to The Light of Christ Anglican Church (TLC).

At TLC, we engage with what it means that God's Kingdom is not only a future promise but also a present reality within our world even now, ushered in by Christ.

This reality shapes our worship and life together. It speaks into the way we embrace community in our multi-ethnic and multi-generational context as one big family.

Worship is the core that brings all aspects of our identity together. In worship we celebrate the King who loves us and has redeemed us, and who invites us to join in His Redemptive story within the world.

A Note to Our Guests

If you are visiting TLC for the first time, it is our hope that you would feel very welcome. Here are a few thoughts on how to make that happen.

- *Everything you need to follow the service is in this bulletin.*
- *Are you new to liturgy? Please do not be bothered. We are not about perfection. We are ordinary people gathered to worship.*
- *If you are comfortable doing so, we encourage you to let an usher know it's your first time. They can help make your experience smoother. For example, you may find it helpful if you sat next to a member who knows their way around here and can answer quick questions for you.*

Regular Events

Sundays

9:30am, Worship Service on Zoom & at TLC

Mondays

9:30 am, & 6:00 pm Women's Groups on Zoom

Tuesdays

7 am, Morning Prayer on Zoom

7 pm, Vestry Meeting (2nd Tuesdays) on Zoom

7 pm, Men's Bible Study on Zoom

Wednesdays

6:30pm, Youth Group

Thursdays

7 am, Morning Prayer on Zoom

Saturdays

9 am, Men's Bible Study on Zoom

The Gathering

Processional Hymn (Please stand) **I Surrender All**

Verse 1

All to Jesus I surrender

All to Him I freely give

I will ever love and trust Him

In His presence daily live

Chorus

I surrender all
I surrender all
All to Thee my blessed Savior
I surrender all

Verse 2

All to Jesus I surrender
Humbly at His feet I bow
Worldly pleasures all forsaken
Take me Jesus take me now

Verse 3

All to Jesus I surrender
Make me Savior wholly Thine
Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

Verse 4

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

Celebrant: Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: *And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.*

Celebrant: There is one Body and one Spirit.

People: **There is one hope in God's call to us.**

Celebrant: One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism.

People: **One God and Father of all.**

Let us pray,

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Song

For The Sake Of The World

Verse 1

I'm laying down my life
I'm giving up control
I'm never looking back

I surrender all
I'm living for Your glory on the earth

Verse 2

This passion in my heart
This stirring in my soul
To see the nations bow
For all the world to know
I'm living for Your glory on the earth

Chorus

For the sake of the world burn like a fire in me
Light a flame in my soul for every eye to see
For the sake of the world burn like a fire in me

Bridge

For every knee to bow down
For every heart to believe
For every voice to cry out
Burn like a fire in me

For every tongue to confess
You alone are the King
You are the hope of the earth
Burn like a fire in me

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The Gloria

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth
Lord God, heavenly King
Almighty God and Father
We worship you, we give you thanks
We praise you for your Glory
Glory to God!

Lord Jesus Christ, only son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world
Have mercy on us

You are seated at the right hand of the Father
Receive our prayer, receive our prayer

For you alone are the holy one
You alone are the Lord
You alone are most high
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit
In the glory of God the Father
In the glory of God the Father
Amen, amen.

The Collect

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Celebrant: Let us pray.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. *Amen.*

The Word

First Reading

Acts 19:1-7

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, “Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?” They replied, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” Then he said, “Into what then were you baptized?” They answered, “Into John’s baptism.” Paul said, “John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.” On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— altogether there were about twelve of them.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

A Psalm

Psalm 29:1-6

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

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

The Gospel Anthem *(Please stand singing)*

Wonderful Words of Life

Verse 1

**Sing them over again to me
 Wonderful words of life
 Let me more of their beauty see
 Wonderful words of life
 Words of life and beauty
 Teach me faith and duty**

Chorus

**Beautiful words wonderful words
 Wonderful words of life
 Beautiful words wonderful words
 Wonderful words of life**

Gospel Reading

Mark 1:4-11

The Gospel is read in Karen & English, recognizing two major languages in our congregation.

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
People: *Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean

countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

Sermon

Rev. Donald Nwankwo

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

~Thaw April Htoo~ ~Den Lin Shwe~

~Jasper Tway~ ~Simon Peter Wah~

Celebrant: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Sponsors: **I present Thaw April Htoo, Den Lin Shwe, Jasper Tway, Simon Peter Wah to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.**

Celebrant:

Today, on behalf of these children, you shall make vows to renounce the devil and all his works, to trust God wholeheartedly, and to serve him faithfully. It is your task to see that these children are taught, as soon as they are able to learn, the meaning of all these vows, and of the Faith that you will profess as revealed in the Holy Scriptures. Teach them, that they may come to put their faith in Jesus Christ, and learn the Creeds, the Lord's Prayer, the Ten Commandments, and all other things that a Christian ought to know, believe, and do for the welfare of his soul. When they have embraced all these, having become of age, they are to come to the Bishop to be confirmed, that they may publicly claim the Faith for their own and be further strengthened by the Holy Spirit to serve Christ and his kingdom.

Are you willing and ready to undertake this?

Godparents and Sponsoring Parents: *I am, the Lord being my helper.*

Celebrant: Will you be responsible for seeing that the children you present are brought up in the Christian faith and life?

Parents and Sponsors: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

Answer: I renounce them.

Celebrant: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept Him as your Savior?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you put your whole trust in His grace and love?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Do you promise to follow and obey Him as your Lord?

Answer: I do.

Celebrant: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support this person in her life in Christ?

People: We will!

Celebrant: Let us join in with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

The Baptismal Covenant *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

**People: I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**People: I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People: I will, with God's help.

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: I will, with God's help.

Prayers for the Candidates

Deacon: Let us now pray for these persons who are to receive the Sacrament of new birth.

Deacon: Deliver them, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Open them heart to your grace and truth.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Fill them with your holy and life-giving Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Keep them in the faith and communion of your holy Church.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Teach them to love others in the power of the Spirit.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Send them into the world in witness to your love.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Bring them to the fullness of your peace and glory.

All: Lord, hear our prayer.

Deacon: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and forever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant:

We thank you, Almighty God, for the gift of water. Over it the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us, through his death and resurrection, from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we bring into his fellowship those who come to him in faith, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Now sanctify this water, we pray you, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are cleansed from sin and born again may continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Savior.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Baptism

~Thaw April Htoo~

~Den Lin Shwe~

~Jasper Tway~

~Simon Peter Wah~

Celebrant: Names, I baptize you in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Names, you are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ's own for ever. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy Spirit you have bestowed upon these your servants the forgiveness of sin, and have raised them to the new life of grace. Sustain them, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit. Give them an inquiring and discerning heart, the courage to will and to persevere, a spirit to know and to love you, and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. ***Amen.***

Celebrant: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

Celebrant and People:

We receive you into the household of God. Confess the faith of Christ crucified, proclaim his resurrection, and share with us in his eternal priesthood.

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Announcements

Offertory

Revelation Song

Verse 1

Worthy is the Lamb Who was slain
Holy holy is He
Sing a new song to Him Who sits on
Heaven's mercy seat

Chorus

Holy holy holy
Is the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is and is to come
With all creation I sing
Praise to the King of kings
You are my ev'rything
And I will adore You

Verse 2

Clothed in rainbows of living color
Flashes of lightning rolls of thunder
Blessing and honor strength and glory
And power be to You the only wise King

Verse 3

Filled with wonder awestruck wonder
At the mention of Your name
Jesus Your name is power breath and living water
Such a marv'lous mystery yeah

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Doxology *(Please stand)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heav'nly hosts
Praise Father Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

The Eucharist

Is the Father with us?

He is.

Is Christ among us?

He is.

Is the Spirit here?

He is.

This is our God.

Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

We are his people.

We are redeemed.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right and our delight to give you thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Savior and Giver.

From a wandering nomad you created your family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation you chose a king; for a rebellious crowd you sent your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, and remaking your people for yourself. Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors, and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and singing:

**Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty
Worth is the Lamb that was slain
Highest praises, honour and glory
Be unto your Name
Be unto your Name.**

Almighty God, owner of all things, We thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing on us as we remember him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son.

On the same night that he was betrayed he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Amen. His body was broken for us.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave thanks; he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Amen. His blood was shed for us.

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We are brothers and sisters through his blood.

We have died together, we will rise together, we will live together.

Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our brother, Jesus Christ. He died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all.

You accepted his offering by raising him from death, and granting him great honor at your right hand on high.

Amen. Jesus is Lord.

This is the feast of victory.

The lamb who was slain has begun his reign.

As our Savior, Jesus, taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven, holy be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins,

as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Do not bring us to the test,
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen.**

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ is alive forever.

We are because he is.

We are one body.

We share one bread.

Draw near with faith.

Christ is the host and we are his guests.

(We have gluten-wheat-yeast-dairy-egg-soy-nut-and-corn free communion wafers available for anyone who needs it. Please let the Clergy serving communion know if you would prefer these to the regular wheat wafers.)

(All baptized Christians are welcome to take communion. The ushers will direct the people down the center aisle. After receiving bread, please take a cup from the tray, then dispose of your cup in the basket. Prayer Ministers at TLC are available during communion, look for the prayer ministers in the alcove in the church.)

Communion Hymns

Come to The Water

Verse 1

Oh come come to the water

All who are thirsty

Come and be filled

Oh come come to the river

Brothers and sisters

Come and be healed

Come and be healed

Chorus

We believe in the Kingdom come

We believe in the risen Son

You bring our hearts to life

Lord we come with our hands up high

We believe You will satisfy

You bring our hearts to life

You bring our hearts to life

We are alive

We are alive

Verse 2

Oh see the people returning

The love of the Father

Drawing us in

Oh see salvation coming Jesus our Savior
Light of the world
Light of the world

Bridge
Let revival come
Let the people sing
The glory of Your name

Bridge
Let revival come
Let the people sing
The glory of Your name
(REPEAT)

The glory of Your name (oh)

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Great Things

Verse 1
Come let us worship our King
Come let us bow at His feet
He has done great things
See what our Savior has done
See how His love overcomes
He has done great things
He has done great things

Chorus
O Hero of Heaven You conquered the grave
You free every captive and break every chain
O God You have done great things
We dance in Your freedom awake and alive
O Jesus our Savior Your name lifted high
O God You have done great things

Verse 2
You've been faithful through every storm
You'll be faithful forevermore
You have done great things

And I know You will do it again
For Your promise is yes and amen
You will do great things
God You do great things

Bridge
Hallelujah God above it all
Hallelujah God unshakable
Hallelujah You have done great things
(REPEAT)

You've done great things

Ending
You have done great things
O God You do great things

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Post Communion Prayer *(Please stand)*

Celebrant: Let us pray.

Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at your feet, learned from your word, and eaten from your table. We give you thanks and praise for accepting us into your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for you in the power of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead. Amen.

The Sending

Celebrant: All our problems
People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**
All our difficulties
We send to the cross of Christ.
All the devil's works
We send to the cross of Christ.
All our hopes
We set on the risen Christ.

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,

be among you, and remain with you always.

Amen.

Recessional Hymn

I Saw The Light

Verse 1

I wandered so aimless life filled with sin
I wouldn't let my dear Savior in
Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Chorus

I saw the light I saw the light
No more in darkness no more in night
(And) now I'm so happy no sorrow in sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 2

Just like a blind man I wandered along
Worries and fears I claimed for my own
Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight
Praise the Lord I saw the light

Verse 3

I was a fool to wander and stray
Straight is the gate and narrow the way
Now I have traded the wrong for the right
Praise the Lord I saw the light

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Dismissal

Deacon: Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the
Spirit.

People: Thanks be to God.

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