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Forget the former things;  
do not dwell on the past.  
See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up;  
do you not perceive it?  
I am making a way in  
the wilderness  
& streams in the wasteland.

Isaiah 43:18-19

**6:00PM**

NEW YEAR EVE SERVICE

31.12.2021



## New Year Eve Service

### Call to worship

God's Love has come to earth to dwell with us

**Sing for joy with the Angels**

We are God's Chosen people loved and cherished

**Sing for Joy with the angels**

The birth of Love has changed us forever

**Sing for Joy with the angels**

Let us sing praise rejoice and worship together

### Hymn:

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,

Pilgrim through this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty;

Hold me with thy powerful hand:

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven

Feed me till I want no more.

Feed me till I want no more.

Open thou the crystal fountain

Whence the healing stream shall flow;

Let the fiery, cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through:

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer

Be thou still my strength and shield.

Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,

Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan's side:

Songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee.

I will ever give to thee.

The Service begins on pg. 350 of the Book of Common Prayer

### The Liturgy of the Word

#### Collect: New Year Eve

Bountiful God, source of the greatest good for all of us: Guide us in the right direction towards a better future for your creation. Help us to overcome our own limitations during this pandemic, and grant us steadfast love to look after each other. Give us humbleness of heart to accept that without you we cannot be real stewards of your creation. Show us ways to spread the gospel that will touch hearts and change minds for a better tomorrow for all humanity, the preservation of every creature, and the planet. In the name of your beloved Son, we ask it.

**Amen**

## Ministry of the Word

### Old Testament: Isaiah 43:18-21

“Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The beast of the field will honor Me, The jackals and the ostriches, Because I give waters in the wilderness And rivers in the desert, To give drink to My people, My chosen. This people I have formed for Myself; they shall declare My praise.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 150

(Responsive Reading)

Praise the Lord! Praise God in His sanctuary; Praise Him in His mighty firmament!

**Praise Him for His mighty acts; Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!**

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet; Praise Him with the lute and harp!

**Praise Him with the timbrel and dance; Praise Him with stringed instruments and flutes!**

Praise Him with loud cymbals; Praise Him with clashing cymbals!

**Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!**

### Epistle 1 John 5:13- 20

These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God. Now this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us, whatever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we have asked of Him. If anyone sees his brother sinning a sin which does not lead to death, he will ask, and He will give him life for those who commit sin not leading to death. There is sin leading to death. I do not say that he should pray about that. All unrighteousness is sin, and there is sin not leading to death. We know that whoever is born of God does not sin; but he who has been born of God keeps himself, and the wicked one does not touch him. We know that we are of God, and the whole world lies under the sway of the wicked one. And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel: John 15:1-9

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St John chapter 15 beginning at verse 1.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord**

“I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every branch that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit. You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken to you. Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in Me. “I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is cast out as a branch and is withered; and they gather them and throw them into the fire, and they are burned. If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you[b] will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples. “As the Father loved Me, I also have loved you; abide in My love.

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

**Sharing of Peace**

As God's chosen ones we are to let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts, because we are one body. We are also to be thankful. So I invite you to pass the peace with these words  
"May the peace of Christ, rule in your Heart"  
And the response "**I am Thankful**"

**Hymn:**

(Offertory)

My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus Christ, my righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.

When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
Oh, may I then in Him be found;  
In Him, my righteousness, alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.

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**Benediction**

You are God's Chosen ones Holy and Beloved So clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, patience and love You have been called into the one body, where the peace of Christ is the ruler and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**HYMN**

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring,  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.*

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I now can see  
Perfect, present cleansing in the blood for me;  
Standing in the liberty where Christ makes free,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I shall not fall,  
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call.  
Resting in my Savior as my All in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.

**The Dismissal**

Go in Peace to love and serve God  
**In the name of Christ Amen**