



ST. ELIZABETH'S
ANGLICAN CHURCH
聖公會頌主堂

Sunday, November 15, 2020
24th Sunday after Pentecost
Morning Prayer Service

This Sunday Roster

Preacher: **Fr. Jim Woolley**

Worship Leader: **Justin**

Host: **Paul**

Reader: **Benjamin**

Intercessor: **Amy**

Introduction before starting service – Justin

We invite parishioners joining the live online service to join in on responses as you would in regular worship, but please note that all will be muted except for those scheduled to serve in the worship. This service will be recorded and subsequently posted to our website.

Opening Sentence (P. 392) – Justin

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit.

John 15:5

The Peace (P.192) – Fr. Jim

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

People: **And also with you.**

Grace (P.185) – Fr. Jim

Celebrant: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Confession (P.45) – Justin

Leader: Dear friends in Christ, as we prepare to worship almighty God, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

All: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Absolution (P.46) – Fr. Jim

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

A Reading from 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 – Benjamin

Reader:

¹ Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

Gospel Hymn – *O Jesus I Have Promised*

1. *O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend;
I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.*

2. *Oh, let me feel Thee near me; The world is ever near;
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.*

3. *Oh, let me hear Thee speaking, in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will;
Oh, speak to reassure me, to hasten, or control;
Oh, speak, and make me listen, thou Guardian of my soul.*

4. *O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee
That where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be;
And Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end;
Oh, give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.*

Music: Arthur H. Mann

Text: John Ernest Bode

Recording: Justin Kim

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Gospel Matthew 25:14-30 – Fr. Jim

Reader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
Matthew.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: ***The Parable of the Talents***

¹⁴ *For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; ¹⁵ to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. ¹⁶ The one who had received the five*

talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. ¹⁷ In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. ¹⁸ But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. ¹⁹ After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. ²⁰ Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." ²¹ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²² And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." ²³ His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." ²⁴ Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; ²⁵ so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." ²⁶ But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? ²⁷ Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. ²⁸ So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. ²⁹ For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. ³⁰ As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon – Fr. Jim

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Justin

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,**

creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

Prayers of the People (P.113 Litany 4) – Amy

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria Ling's ordination to priesthood and her transition to St. E, Fr. Jim's retirement

Anglican: Ceylon - The Rt Revd Dhiloraj Ranjit Canagasabey

Diocesan: Scarborough Deanery, Rev. Canon Jennifer Reid

Infirm: Esther Chen

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, hear and have mercy."

Intercessor: We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Collect of the Day (P. 392) – Amy

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
you sent your Son Jesus Christ
to be the light of the world.
Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us,
and bring us to eternal light and joy;
through the power of him
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (P.54) – Fr. Jim

Celebrant: Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray as our Saviour taught us,

All: **Our Father in heaven, hallowed 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. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing (P.683 ii) – Fr. Jim

Celebrant: The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

People: **Amen.**

Announcements

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Dismissal – Justin

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Sunday Nov 22 English Morning Prayer Roster

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Host: **Fenella**

Reader & Intercessor: **Carol**

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