



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

Sunday, December 13, 2020
3rd Sunday of Advent
Morning Prayer Service

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria**

Worship Leader: **Justin**

Reader: **Terence**

Intercessor: **Fenella**

Host: **Paul**

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. 270) – Justin

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

Isaiah 61:1

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Rev. Maria

3rd Sunday of Advent: Joy

Celebrant: “The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” Luke 4:18-19

We light this candle in the western direction, the direction of the setting sun and symbolizing autumn, the time of the harvest. We light this candle thankful that Christ brought good tidings, the promise of new life—the blind receiving sight, the lame walking and the prisoner set free. We light this candle, thankful for our adult responsibilities, for seeing how we may help to make the world a better place for our children and grandchildren. We rejoice that Christ has set us free!

Prayer: Creator, strengthen our weak hands that we may find your holy way, the way of the redeemed where joy and gladness live. May we understand our own gifts and bring teachings for the good of our communities and for the world. May we do the work that Jesus has given us to do with purpose and joy.

People: **Amen.**

The Peace (P.192) – Rev. Maria

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

People: **And also with you.**

Grace (P.185) – Rev. Maria

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) – Rev. Maria

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 Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11 – Terence

Reader: ***The Good News of Deliverance***

¹ *The spirit of the Lord God is upon me,
because the Lord has anointed me;
he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed,
to bind up the broken-hearted,
to proclaim liberty to the captives,
and release to the prisoners;*

² *to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour,
and the day of vengeance of our God;
to comfort all who mourn;*

³ *to provide for those who mourn in Zion—
to give them a garland instead of ashes,
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,
the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.
They will be called oaks of righteousness,
the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.*

⁴ *They shall build up the ancient ruins,
they shall raise up the former devastations;
they shall repair the ruined cities,
the devastations of many generations.*

⁸ *For I the Lord love justice,
I hate robbery and wrongdoing;
I will faithfully give them their recompense,
and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.*

⁹ *Their descendants shall be known among the nations,
and their offspring among the peoples;
all who see them shall acknowledge
that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.*

¹⁰ *I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,
my whole being shall exult in my God;
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation,
he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,*

*as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up,
so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to spring up before all the nations.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – *I Give You My Heart*

This is my desire, to honour You
Lord, with all my heart I worship You.
With all I have within me,
I give You praise.
All that I adore is in You.

Lord I give You my heart,
I give You my soul.
I live for You alone.
Every breath that I take,
Every moment I'm awake,
Lord, have Your way in me

Words & Music: Reuben Morgan

Song leader & accompanist: Justin Kim

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Gospel John 1:6–8, 19–28 – Rev. Maria

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Reader:

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸ He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The Testimony of John the Baptist

¹⁹ This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' ²⁰ He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹ And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²² Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³ He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord"', as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴ Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵ They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶ John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷ the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸ This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Maria

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 (3rd Sunday of Advent) – Fenella

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria Ling's transition to St. E, 2021 ministry planning
Anglican: Falkland Islands - The Rt Revd Timothy Thornton
Diocesan: Peterborough Deanery
Infirm: Esther Chen

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: In Jesus, God will be fulfilling the Messianic prophecies about the promised Saviour

Let us pray now to the living God, who always keeps his promises, and who knows us so well.

Intercessor: Loving Father, keep the Church faithful in telling the good news, comforting the desolate, actively loving justice and drawing many to freedom through the joy of your forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: As the Church, we pray for the world, that there may be integrity in leadership; mercy and justice for rich and poor, strong and weak; and there may be peace among nations and respect for all.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: As the family of believers, we pray for those around us now and their needs; and for the families we represent, and their needs. May the love of Christ be shown in what we do and how we speak and how we spend.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: In compassion we call to mind all who are locked in physical or emotional pain, all who are weighted down with worry, guilt or despair. Restore and refresh them, comfort and free them.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: As a resurrection people, we commend to our love those who have died to this earthly life. May they, and we in our turn, experience forever the joy of your eternity.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: As followers of the living Christ, we praise you for the living Christ, we praise you for the prophecies fulfilled, the promises honoured and the victory over evil gloriously accomplished in him to fill our lives with hope.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Collect of the Day (P. 270) – Fenella

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **God of power and mercy,
you call us once again
to celebrate the coming of your Son.
Remove those things which hinder love of you,
that when he comes,
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder
for him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (P.54) – Rev. Maria

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) – Rev. Maria

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

<https://www.stechurch.com/announcements>

For more info about the Advent Prayers from today refer to “Advent: Readings and Prayers for Advent at Home” Compiled by the Rev. Dr. Kara Mandryk with prayers from Bishop William Cliff.

As posted on the Anglican Journal Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/bill.cliff1/posts/10105419457830441>

Dismissal – Justin

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Sunday Dec 20 10:15am

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