

Sunday, May 2nd, 2021 5th Sunday of Easter Morning Prayer Service

2021 Theme: Revive, Restore, Renew

This Sunday Roster Preacher: Carol Shih

Worship Leader: Justin Kim Reader & Intercessor: Charles Doiron

Host: Fenella Chiu

Introduction before starting service – Justin Kim

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. 340) – Justin Kim

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

Greeting (P. 47) – Justin Kim

Leader: Lord, open our lips,

People: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Leader: O God, make speed to save us. People: O Lord, make haste to help us.

All: 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. Alleluia!

Leader: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

All: O come, let us worship.

Venite (P. 49) Psalm 95:1-7 - Justin Kim

All: Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his for he made it,
and his hands have moulded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,
and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God,
and we are the people of his pasture and the
sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Leader: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed:

All: O come, let us worship.

Christ our Passover (P. 50) – Justin Kim

All: Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast,
Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

Psalm 22:25–31 *(read responsively)* – Justin Kim, Charles Doiron

Leader (Justin): $\,^{25}$ From you comes my praise in the great congregation;

my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

People (Charles): ²⁶ The poor shall eat and be satisfied;

those who seek him shall praise the Lord.

May your hearts live for ever!

Leader: 27 All the ends of the earth shall remember

and turn to the Lord;

and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

People: 28 For dominion belongs to the Lord,

and he rules over the nations.

Leader: ²⁹ To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down;

before him shall bow all who go down to the dust,

and I shall live for him.

People: ³⁰ Posterity will serve him;

future generations will be told about the Lord,

Leader: 31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn,

saying that he has done it.

All: 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.

A Reading from 1 John 4:7–21 – Charles Doiron

Reader: God Is Love

⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. ¹⁵ God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. ¹⁶ So we have known and believe the love that God has for us.

God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. ¹⁷ Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgement, because as he is, so are we in this world. ¹⁸ There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. ¹⁹ We love because he first loved us. ²⁰ Those who say, 'I love God', and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. ²¹ The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

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

Gospel Hymn – The Steadfast Love of the Lord

The steadfast love of the lord never ceases His mercies never come to an end, They are new every morning New every morning Great is thy faithfulness, O lord Great is thy faithfulness.

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Gospel John 15:1-8 - Carol Shih

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: Jesus the True Vine

¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon - Carol Shih

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Justin Kim

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.115 Litany 6) – Charles Doiron

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish:

Deanery: St. Elizabeth's; Rev'd Maria Ling

St. Peter's; Canon Jennifer Reid

Diocesan: New Curates of the Diocese of Toronto

Anglican: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East
Infirm: Esther Chen, Susan Xu's mother Dian-Lan Feng, Vanky So,
Mrs. Tsang Fung Kwok Wah, Ms. Lee (Enoch Ho's mother),

Lisa Cheng, Grace Krist's father in Vancouver, and Bonnie (wife of

Bishop Bedford-Jones)

Condolences: Rt. Rev. Michael Bedford-Jones

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true

and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord

will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to

the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy

and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or

ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us

pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to

its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the whole human family, that we may live together in

justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day (P. 340) – Charles Doiron

Intercessor: Let us pray.
All: Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (P.54)

Leader: 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.55)

All: May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every

kind of goodness,

working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ,

to whom be the glory for ever and ever.

Amen.

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Dismissal – Justin Kim

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia.

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia.

Next Sunday May 9 at 10:15am

English Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Maria Ling

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