

Sunday, September 5th, 2021 15th Sunday after Pentecost, Morning Prayer Service

2021 Theme: Revive, Restore, Renew

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: Rev. Maria Ling

Worship Leader: Paul Seto

Reader & Intercessor: Charles Doiron

Host: Benjamin Kim

Introduction before starting service – Paul Seto

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.378) – Paul Seto

Jesus preached the gospel of the kingdom and healed every infirmity among the people.

Matthew 4:23

The Peace (P.192) - Rev. Maria Ling

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

People: And also with you.

< Please greet each other in the name of Christ>

Grace (P.185) - Rev. Maria Ling

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) – Paul Seto

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 Ling

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.

Reading from James 2:1-17 - Charles Doiron

Reader: Warning against Partiality

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favouritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, 'Have a seat here, please', while to the one who is poor you say, 'Stand there', or, 'Sit at my feet', ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonoured the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸ You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' ⁹ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as

transgressors. ¹⁰ For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹ For the one who said, 'You shall not commit adultery', also said, 'You shall not murder.' Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹² So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³ For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

Faith without Works Is Dead

¹⁴ What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵ If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶ and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill', and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷ So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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

Gospel Hymn – Faith of our Fathers Living Still

- 1. Faith of our fathers, living still, In spite of dungeon, fire and sword; O how our hearts beat high with joy Whene'er we hear that glorious Word: Faith of our fathers, holy faith, We will be true to you till death.
- 2. Faith of our mothers, daring faith, Your work for Christ is love revealed, Spreading God's word from pole to pole, Making love known and freedom real: Faith of our mothers, holy faith, We will be true to you till death.
- 3. Faith of our sisters, brothers too, Who still must bear oppression's might, Raising on high, in prisons dark, The cross of Christ still burning bright: Faith for today, O living faith, We will be true to you till death.

4. Faith born of God, O call us yet; Bind us with all who follow you, Sharing the struggle of your cross Until the world is made anew. Faith born of God, O living faith, We will be true to you till death.

Hymn leader: Daniel Yoon

Accompaniment: www.smallchurchmusic.com

Music: Henri F. Hemy, James G. Walton; Text: Frederick W. Faber

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Gospel Mark 7:24-37 - Rev. Maria Ling

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

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

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Syrophoenician Woman's Faith

²⁴ From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, ²⁵ but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophoenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ He said to her, 'Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' ²⁸ But she answered him, 'Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs.' ²⁹ Then he said to her, 'For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter.' ³⁰ So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Jesus Cures a Deaf Man

³¹ Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis.
³² They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. ³³ He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his

fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. ³⁴
Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him,
'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' ³⁵ And immediately his ears
were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. ³⁶
Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered
them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. ³⁷ They were
astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything
well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon – Rev. Maria Ling

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Paul Seto

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: Rev. Maria, church building maintenance
Deanery: St. Hilary's; Rev'd Adrienne Clements
Diocesan: Bishop's Youth Ministry Committee
Anglican: Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan

Infirm: Esther Chen, Susan Xu's mother Dian-Lan Feng, Vanky So,

Mrs. Tsang Fung Kwok Wah and Bonnie (widow of Bishop Bedford-

Jones)

Condolences: Ophelia's mother Fung Tai Chan

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. 378) – Charles Doiron

Intercessor: Let us pray.
All: Stir up, O Lord,

the wills of your faithful people,

that richly bearing the fruit of good works,

we may by you be richly rewarded;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who is alive 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

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Dismissal – Paul Seto

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Sunday September 12 at 11am

Joint English & Cantonese Online & In-person Morning Prayer Service Roster

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