

Sunday, November 28th, 2021 1st Sunday of Advent Holy Communion Service

2021 Theme: Revive, Restore, Renew

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria Ling** Interpreter: **Joel Chiu** Worship Leader: **Andy Ng** Intercessor: **Amy Chiu**

Reader: Tali Wong

Bee Team: Annie Fung Greeter: Bing Wong

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PPT Controller: Annie Chan Host: Paul Seto

Guitarist and song leader: Justin Kim Accompanist: Joanne Loo

Introduction before starting service – Andy Ng

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. 268) – Andy Ng

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

Luke 21:28

Grace (P.185) - Andy Ng

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.

The Peace (P.192) – Andy Ng

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

People: And also with you.

< Please greet each other in the name of Christ>

Collect of the Day (P. 268) - Andy Ng

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God,

give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility, that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge both the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

First Reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13 – Tali Wong Reader:

⁹ How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰ Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Gospel Hymn – O Come O Come Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel, And ransom captive Israel, That mourns in lonely exile here Until the Son of God appear. (Refrain)

Rejoice! Rejoice!

Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

O come, Thou Day-spring, come and cheer
 Our spirits by Thine advent here;
 Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
 And death's dark shadows put to flight. (Refrain)

3. O come, Thou Wisdom from on high, And order all things, far and nigh; To us the path of knowledge show, And cause us in her ways to go. (*Refrain*)

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind All peoples in one heart and mind; Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease, Fill the whole world with heaven's peace. (*Refrain*)

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Gospel Luke 21:25-36 - 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 *Luke*.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁵ 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. ²⁶ People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷ Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. ²⁸ Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁹ Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; ³⁰ as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. ³¹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³² Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. 33 Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

Exhortation to Watch

³⁴ 'Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly. 35 like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶ Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon – Rev. Maria Ling (Interpreter: Joel Chiu)

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) - Andy Ng

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.119 Litany 12 Advent) – Amy Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria

Deanery: St. Hilary's; Rev'd Adrienne Clements

Diocesan: St. James Cathedral

Anglican: The Anglican Church in Brazil

Infirm: Esther Chen, Susan Xu's mother Dian-Lan Feng, Mrs. Tsang Fung

Kwok Wah, Mary Ho's mother Angelina Ho, Aileen Lu

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and

Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!"

Intercessor: O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign

over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us

how to live.

People: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor: O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to

Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law

on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us..

People: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor: O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all

kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no

more.

People: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor: O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open

and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and

free the captives from prison.

People: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright

Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in

darkness and in the shadow of death.

People: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor: O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires:

Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and

save the creature you fashioned from clay.

People: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Intercessor: O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come

and save us, Lord our God.

People: Lord Jesus, come soon!

Amen.

Confession (P.191) - Andy Ng

Leader: Dear friends in Christ,

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;

he welcomes sinners

and invites them to his table.

Let us confess our sins,

confident in God's forgiveness.

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.192) - 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.

Offertory

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Offertory Hymn – #249 Here, O My Lord, I See Thee Face to Face

- 1. Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face; Here would I touch and handle things unseen, Here grasp with firmer hand eternal grace, And all my weariness upon Thee lean.
- 2. Here would I feed upon the bread of God, Here drink with Thee the royal Wine of heav'n; Here would I lay aside each earthly load, Here taste afresh the calm of sin forgiv'n.
- 3. I have no help but Thine, nor do I need Another arm save Thine to lean upon: It is enough, my Lord, enough indeed; My strength is in Thy might, Thy might alone.
- 4. Mine is the sin, but Thine the righteousness; Mine is the guilt, but Thine the cleansing blood; Here is my robe, my refuge, and my peace: Thy blood, Thy righteousness, O Lord my God.

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Prayer over the Gifts (P.269) – Rev. Maria Ling

Celebrant: God of love and power,

your word stirs within us

the expectation of the coming of your Son.

Accept all we offer you this day,

and sustain us with your promise of eternal life. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 2 (P.196-7)

- Rev. Maria Ling

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

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,

through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word,

through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. In fulfilment of your will

he stretched out his hands in suffering,

to bring release to those who place their hope in you;

and so he won for you a holy people. He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross,

that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,

and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection

he brings us into the light of your presence. Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,

accept our praise,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over

to suffering and death,

took bread and gave you thanks, saying, "Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you." In the same way he took the cup, saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me." Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesus Christ. All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the holy Church, now and for ever.

People: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer (P.211) – Rev. Maria Ling

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.

The Breaking of the Bread (P.212 #5 Advent) – Rev. Maria Ling

Celebrant: God of promise,

you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: Happy are those who are called

to the supper of the Lamb.

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Communion

Due to current health and safety measures, only the consecrated bread will be distributed to communicants.

Communicants must wear masks and come forward in a physically distanced manner following the floor markings.

Communicants receive the host while still wearing a mask.

They will stop at a two metre distance from the communion minister, hear the words, "The body of Christ..." and respond with "Amen".

Then move forward to receive the wafer in their hand.

They then move away (two metres) from the communion minister, stop to remove their mask, and consume the host.

The communicant will replace their mask and then clean their hands with hand sanitizer made available there before returning to their seat.

We invite parishioners joining the live online service to receive the spiritual communion by saying the following prayer while those at church receive the physical communion.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion

People: Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed

Sacrament of the Altar.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart.

I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you.

Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come.

Amen.

Communion Hymns – As the Deer

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- The King of Love My Shepherd is

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Music: John B. Dykes

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Prayer after Communion (P.269) – Rev. Maria Ling

Celebrant: God for whom we wait,

you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.

Keep us ever watchful,

that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.

We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

People: Amen.

Doxology (P.214) - Rev. Maria Ling

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: whose power, working in us,

can do infinitely more

than we can ask or imagine.

Glory to God from generation to generation,

in the Church and in Christ Jesus,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Blessing (P.683 ii) - Rev. Maria Ling

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 - Andy Ng

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn – #92 Lift Up Your Heads

1. Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; Behold the King of glory waits!

The King of kings is drawing near; The Saviour of the world is here.

- 2. Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a temple, set apart From earthly use for heaven's employ, Adorned with prayer and love and joy.
- 3. Redeemer, come! I open wide My heart to thee; here, Lord, abide! Let me Thy inner presence feel; Thy grace and love in me reveal.
- 4. So come, my Sovereign; enter in! Let new and nobler life begin; Thy Holy Spirit guide us on, Until the glorious crown be won.

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Text : Georg Weissel

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Next Sunday December 5th 10:15am

English Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant: Rev. Maria Ling

Sharing: **Daniel Yoon**

Worship Leader & Intercessor: Justin Kim

Reader: **Belle Li** Host: **Benjamin Kim**

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