



2021 Theme: Revive, Restore, Renew

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### This Sunday Roster

Celebrant: **Rev. Maria Ling**

Sharing: **Daniel Yoon**

Worship Leader & Intercessor: **Justin Kim**

Reader: **Belle Li**

Host: **Benjamin Kim**

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### 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.269) – Justin Kim

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

*John 14:23*

### 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) – Justin Kim

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 Philippians 1:3–11 – Belle Li

Reader: ***Paul's Prayer for the Philippians***

*<sup>3</sup> I thank my God every time I remember you, <sup>4</sup> constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, <sup>5</sup> because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. <sup>6</sup> I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ. <sup>7</sup> It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace[b] with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel. <sup>8</sup> For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus. <sup>9</sup> And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight <sup>10</sup> to help you to determine what is best, so that on the day of Christ you may be pure and*

*blameless,<sup>11</sup> having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn – There’s a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

1. There’s a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:  
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!  
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;  
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!

2. O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!  
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.  
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;  
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.

3. But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord, is strong;  
you stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.  
You will feed your flock like a shepherd, and fold the lambs to your breast;  
in pastures of peace you’ll lead them, and give to the weary rest.

*Hymn leader and accompanist: Justin Kim*

*Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft*

*Text: Is. 40.3-11; para. James Lewis Milligan*

*Common Praise #106*

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## Gospel Luke 3:1–6 – 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 Proclamation of John the Baptist***

*<sup>1</sup> In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, <sup>2</sup> during the high-priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup> He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance*

*for the forgiveness of sins, <sup>4</sup> as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,*

*'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:*

*"Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.*

*<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be made low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways made smooth;*

*<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sharing – Daniel Yoon

### 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent) – Justin Kim

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria

Deanery: St. Francis of Assisi; Rev'd Jeff Brown

Diocesan: Project Ploughshares – the peace institute of the Canadian Council of Churches

Anglican: The Anglican Church of Burundi

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: John the Baptist prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah by helping the people realign their lives. As we gather expectantly in God's presence, let us pray saying, "**Hear our prayer**"

Intercessor: God of cleansing and liberating power, give us the courage and perception to see ourselves as we really are, and repent of our sin; may the whole church be cleansed and renewed.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of wisdom and truth, we pray for the world's leaders and all in authority, that they may lead and govern wisely and honestly, without corruption and for the common good.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of love and faithfulness, may every family be surrounded and upheld by your presence, the conflicts healed and the needs provided for, and every act of kindness blessed.

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of wholeness, bring your reassurance and healing, your hope and patience to all who are suffering in any way; bring freedom to all imprisoned by hate, guilt or despair, and a change of heart to all who need to forgive.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of warmth and brightness, we praise you for all our many blessings, and above all for coming to save us and set us free.

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. 269) – Justin Kim

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,  
who sent your servant John the Baptist  
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,  
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,  
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,  
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,  
we may stand with confidence before his glory;  
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 Ling

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 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

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

### Dismissal – Justin Kim

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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Next Sunday Dec 12<sup>th</sup> 10:15am

### English Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria Ling**

Worship Leader: **Paul Seto**      Intercessor: **Amy Chiu**

Reader: **Terence Kim**              Host: **Fenella Chiu**

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