



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

Sunday, May 12th, 2024 (10am)
7th Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day
In-Person & Online
English Morning Prayer Service

Theme: Take root downwards, Bear fruit upwards, Live in Christ (Isa. 37:31)

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (*John 17:6–19*), Preacher: **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Acts 1:15–17, 21–26*): **Justin Kim**

Reader 2 (*1 John 5:9–13*): **Gabriel Kong**

Offering Collection: **Marissa Lau**

PPT Compiler, Intercessor: **Carol Tam**

AV Team: **Terence Kim**

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.342) – Justin Kim

I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you. *John 14.18*

Processional Hymn – Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
Praise the Lord with the gentle soundingflute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest, Praise the Lord in the city square,
Praise the Lord any time and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow Or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, Praise the Lord on the highest hill,
Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, Praise the Lord in the time of joy,
Praise the Lord every moment; Nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, Praise the Lord in your work or play,
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

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Grace (P.185) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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

People: **And also with you.**

< Please greet each other in the name of Christ >

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. Siu Chun Leung

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.**

1st Reading from Acts 1:15–17, 21–26 – Justin Kim

Reader:

¹⁵ In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, ¹⁶ ‘Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus— ¹⁷ for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.’

21 So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, 22 beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ 23 So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. 24 Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen 25 to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ 26 And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading from 1 John 5:9–13 – Gabriel Kong

Reader:

9 If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. 10 Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. 11 And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

13 I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – Refiner’s Fire

Purify my heart, Let me be as gold and precious silver

Purify my heart, Let me be as gold, pure gold

(Refrain) Refiner’s fire

My heart’s one desire is to be holy

Set apart for You, Lord.

I choose to be holy,

Set apart for You, my Master

ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, Cleanse me from within and make me holy;

Purify my heart, Cleanse me from my sin, deep within. *(Refrain)*

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Gospel John 17:6–19 – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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 Jesus said, "I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³ But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. ¹⁴ I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵ I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth."

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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

Leader: Let us confess the faith of our baptism, 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.122 Litany 15 Easter) – Carol Tam

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2024 Ministry Plans
Deanery: St. John the Baptist; Rev'd Daniel Brereton
Diocesan: The Diocese of Jerusalem
Anglican: The Anglican Church of Burundi
For Healing: Tommy Lam, Esther Chen, Susan Xu's mother Dian-Lan Feng, Aileen Lu,
Andy Ng's parents Kim Tung Ng and Sau Fong Cheung, Kingsman Tang,
Pastor Tom Ho

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
"Hear us, Lord of glory!"

Intercessor: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and
life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength
in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in
Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter,
let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the
earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

<Silence for praying, people may pray for their needs>

Collect of the Day (P. 342) – Carol Tam

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.
Mercifully give us faith to know
that, as he promised,
he abides with us on earth to the end of time;
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. Siu Chun Leung

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.**

Offertory Hymn – God with Us

Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love
To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be Light
To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(Refrain) Our Deliverer You are Saviour
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us, You are God with us

Oh You've come to bring Hope to this world
For Your honour and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame
And to conquer the Grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us *(Refrain)*

You are here, You are holy
We are standing in Your glory
You are here, You are holy
We are standing in Your glory
Lord *(Refrain)*
Oh God with us, You are God with us

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***All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.***

Prayer over the Gifts (P. 342)

All: **Source of all joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Blessing (P.683 ii) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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.** (3-fold Amen)

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

Recessional Hymn – God is Our Fortress and Our Rock

1. God is our fortress and our rock, our mighty help in danger;
he shields us from the battle's shock and thwarts the devil's anger:
for still the prince of night prolongs his evil fight;
he uses every skill to work his wicked will--
no earthly force is like him.

2. Our hope is fixed on Christ alone, the Man of God's own choosing;
without him nothing can be won and fighting must be losing:
so let the powers accursed come on and do their worst;
the Son of God shall ride to battle at our side,
and he shall have the victory.

3. The word of God will not be slow while demon hordes surround us,
though evil strike its cruellest blow and death and hell confound us:
for even if distress should take all we possess,
and those who mean us ill should ravage, wreck, or kill,
God's kingdom is immortal!

Hymn Leader: Justin Kim

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Dismissal – Justin Kim

Leader: We are raised to new life with Christ.
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Reflection & Meditation Article – Ascension Sunday

No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven

"Today our Lord Jesus Christ ascended into heaven; let our hearts ascend with him. Listen to the words of the Apostle: *If you have risen with Christ, set your hearts on the things that are above where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God; seek the things that are above, not the things that are on earth.* For just as he remained with us even after his ascension, so we too are already in heaven with him, even though what is promised us has not yet been fulfilled in our bodies.

Christ is now exalted above the heavens, but he still suffers on earth all the pain that we, the members of his body, have to bear. He showed this when he cried out from above: *Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?* and when he said: *I was hungry and you gave me food.* Why do we on earth not strive to find rest with him in heaven even now, through the faith, hope and love that unites us to him?

While in heaven he is also with us; and we while on earth are with him. He is here with us by his divinity, his power and his love. We cannot be in heaven, as he is on earth, by divinity, but in him, we can be there by love.

He did not leave heaven when he came down to us; nor did he withdraw from us when he went up again into heaven. The fact that he was in heaven even while he was on earth is borne out by his own statement: *No one has ever ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man, who is in heaven.* These words are explained by our oneness with Christ, for he is our head and we are his body. No one ascended into heaven except Christ because we also are Christ: he is the Son of Man by his union with us, and we by our union with him are sons of God.

So the Apostle says: *Just as the human body, which has many members, is a unity, because all the different members make one body, so is it also with Christ.* He too has many members, but one body. Out of compassion for us he descended from heaven, and although he ascended alone, we also ascend, because we are in him by grace. Thus, no one but Christ descended and no one but Christ ascended; not because there is no distinction between the head and the body, but because the body as a unity cannot be separated from the head."

*From a sermon by Saint Augustine, Bishop (Sermo de Ascensione Domini, Mai 98, 1-7: PLS 2, 429-495)
- Prepared by the Spiritual Theology Department of the Pontifical University of the Holy Cross.
(https://www.vatican.va/spirit/documents/spirit_20010525_agostino_en.html)*

English Ministry Programs

Date and time	Events	Notes
Sundays 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Multipurpose Room	Timothy Group	Age group: grade 4 and up
Sundays 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Sunday School Classrooms	Children Sunday School	Age group: toddlers to grade 3
Sundays 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Next Meeting: Sun May 26 Old Worship Hall	Adult Faith Group	All are welcome
Wed May 22 (Ch. 7, 8) 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Book Study lead by Rev. Leung- "Introducing the Christian Faith" by Arthur Michael Ramsey	Zoom Meeting ID: 996 5736 5249 Password: 3944
2 nd Sunday of month Next Meeting: THIS Sun May 12 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Women's Group (<i>Adult Faith Group cancelled</i>)	All ladies are welcome
2 nd Sunday every other month Next Meeting: THIS Sun May 12 (after all services) ~12:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship	Contact Ernest if interested or for more info info@stechurch.com
Wednesdays Next Meeting: THIS Wed May 15 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	English Prayer Meeting (<i>Cancelled when Book Study group meets</i>)	Zoom Meeting ID: 996 5736 5249 Password: 3944
Once a month Next Meeting: May 29 (Tentative) 9:00 p.m.	Fathers' Group	Contact Martin if interested or for more info info@stechurch.com

Next Sunday, May 19th **10:30am** Day of Pentecost

In-Person & Online JOINT Holy Communion Service Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (*John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15-Cantonese*), Preacher: **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Lay Reader, Psalm (*104:24-34, 35b-English*): **Billy Ng** Server: **Joel Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Acts 2:1-21-Mandarin*): **Helena Huang**

Intercessor: **Grace Liu**

Reader 2 (*Romans 8:22-27- French*): **Terence Kim**

Greeter & Sidesperson: **Mandy Li**

Envelope Secretary 1, PPT Controller: **Annie Chan**

Envelope Secretary 2: **Josephine Cheung**

Accompanist, song leaders: **Joanne Loo, Justin Kim**

Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**

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