



2021 Theme: Revive, Restore, Renew

This Sunday Roster

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

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

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

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.270) – Paul Seto

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me to bring good tidings to the afflicted.

Isaiah 61:1

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Paul Seto

Leader: Loving God,
 we believe that you delight in us
 and we too delight in you.
 Fill our hearts with your joy
 and let us see you in every smile now and always.

People: **Amen.**

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 Zephaniah 3:14-20 – Terence Kim

Reader: **A Song of Joy**

*14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion;
shout, O Israel!*

*Rejoice and exult with all your heart,
O daughter Jerusalem!*

*15 The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.*

*The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.*

*16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
Do not fear, O Zion;
do not let your hands grow weak.*

17 *The Lord, your God, is in your midst,
a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing
18 as on a day of festival.
I will remove disaster from you,
so that you will not bear reproach for it.
19 I will deal with all your oppressors
at that time.
And I will save the lame
and gather the outcast,
and I will change their shame into praise
and renown in all the earth.
20 At that time I will bring you home,
at the time when I gather you;
for I will make you renowned and praised
among all the peoples of the earth,
when I restore your fortunes
before your eyes, says the Lord.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – He has Made Me Glad

I will enter His gates with thanksgiving in my heart;
I will enter His courts with praise.
I will say “This is the day that the Lord has made!”
I will rejoice for He has made me glad.

He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice of He has made me glad.
He has made me glad, He has made me glad.
I will rejoice of He has made me glad.

(Repeat the whole song once)

Song Leader: Benjamin Kim

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Gospel Luke 3:7-18 – 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:

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ ¹¹ In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ ¹² Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ ¹³ He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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 (3rd Sunday of Advent) – Amy Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria

Baptismal Candidates: Edwin Chan, Xiu Lin Li

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Infirm: Esther Chen, Susan Xu's mother Dian-Lan Feng, Mrs. Tsang Fung
Kwok Wah, Mary Ho's mother Angelina Ho, Aileen Lu, Alfred Chiu

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: In Jesus, God will be fulfilling the Messianic prophecies
about the promised Saviour

Let us pray now to the living God, who always keeps his
promises, and who knows us so well.

Intercessor: Loving Father, keep the Church faithful in telling the good
news, comforting the desolate, actively loving justice and
drawing many to freedom through the joy of your
forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: As the Church, we pray for the world, that there may be integrity in leadership; mercy and justice for rich and poor, strong and weak; and there may be peace among nations and respect for all.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: As the family of believers, we pray for those around us now and their needs; and for the families we represent, and their needs. May the love of Christ be shown in what we do and how we speak and how we spend.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: In compassion we call to mind all who are locked in physical or emotional pain, all who are weighted down with worry, guilt or despair. Restore and refresh them, comfort and free them.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: As a resurrection people, we commend to our love those who have died to this earthly life. May they, and we in our turn, experience forever the joy of your eternity.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: As followers of the living Christ, we praise you for the living Christ, we praise you for the prophecies fulfilled, the promises honoured and the victory over evil gloriously accomplished in him to fill our lives with hope.

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. 270) – Amy Chiu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **God of power and mercy,
you call us once again
to celebrate the coming of your Son.**

**Remove those things which hinder love of you,
that when he comes,
he may find us waiting in awe and wonder
for him who lives 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.**

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Dismissal – Paul Seto

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Closing Prayer – Paul Seto

Leader: God, our source of gladness,
we thank you for the gifts you have brought into our lives:
gifts of celebration, laughter, and joy.

We know all comes from you and all that we receive will
always be more than we can ask or imagine.

People: **Amen.**

Next Sunday Dec 19th 10:15am

English Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

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