



2021 Theme: Revive, Restore, Renew

This Sunday Roster

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

Worship Leader: **Fenella Chiu**

Intercessor & Reader: **Charles Doiron**

Host: **Paul Seto**

Introduction before starting service – Fenella Chiu

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.271) – Fenella Chiu

I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.

Luke 1:38

Lighting of the Advent Candles – Fenella Chiu

Leader: Loving God,
give us the grace to see Your love for humanity
enacted in the lives of people of faith,
and in the stories of our ancestors in faith.

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) – Fenella Chiu

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 Micah 5:2–5a – Charles Doiron

Reader: ***The Ruler from Bethlehem***

*² But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah,
who are one of the little clans of Judah,
from you shall come forth for me
one who is to rule in Israel,
whose origin is from of old,
from ancient days.*

*³ Therefore he shall give them up until the time
when she who is in labour has brought forth;
then the rest of his kindred shall return
to the people of Israel.*

*⁴ And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the
Lord,
in the majesty of the name of the Lord his God.
And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great*

to the ends of the earth;
^{5a} and he shall be the one of peace.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and Thy Kingly Crown

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy kingly crown
When thou camest to earth for me,
But in Bethlehem's home was there found no room
For Thy holy nativity.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

2. Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree,
But in lowly birth didst Thou come to earth,
And in great humility.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

3. The foxes found rest and the birds had their nests
In the shade of the forest tree,
But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,
In the desert of Galilee.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

4. Thou camest, O Lord, with the living Word
That should set Thy people free,
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn
They bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart, Lord Jesus!
There is room in my heart for Thee.

5. When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home,
saying "Yet there is room,
There is room at My side for Thee."
And my heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus;
When Thou comest and callest me

Accompanist and Hymn Leader: Daniel Yoon
Music: Timothy R. Matthews; Text: Emily E. S. Elliott

Gospel Luke 1:39–55 – 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: **Mary Visits Elizabeth**

³⁹ *In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,* ⁴⁰ *where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.* ⁴¹ *When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit* ⁴² *and exclaimed with a loud cry, 'Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.* ⁴³ *And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?'* ⁴⁴ *For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy.* ⁴⁵ *And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.'*

Mary's Song of Praise

⁴⁶ *And Mary said,*

'My soul magnifies the Lord,

⁴⁷ *and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour,*

⁴⁸ *for he has looked with favour on the lowliness of his servant.*

Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;

⁴⁹ *for the Mighty One has done great things for me,
and holy is his name.*

⁵⁰ *His mercy is for those who fear him
from generation to generation.*

⁵¹ *He has shown strength with his arm;
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.*

⁵² *He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,
and lifted up the lowly;*

⁵³ *he has filled the hungry with good things,
and sent the rich away empty.*

⁵⁴ *He has helped his servant Israel,
in remembrance of his mercy,*

⁵⁵ *according to the promise he made to our ancestors,*

to Abraham and to his descendants for ever.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Maria Ling

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Fenella Chiu

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 (4th Sunday of Advent) – Charles Doiron

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria

Baptismal Candidates: Edwin Chan, Xiu Lin Li

Deanery: Church of Holy Spirit of Peace; Rev'd Susan Climo

Diocesan: The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Enid Corbett, diocesan
president

Anglican: The Church of the Province of Central Africa

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: God's promised kingdom, announced both to King David in
ancient times and to Mary by the angel Gabriel, will go on
forever.

Gathered as the Church of God in this place let us pray
together for the coming of the kingdom.

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, may the Church be quiet enough to hear your voice, humble enough to move your way and excited enough to spread the good news.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, bless all who lead with integrity and respect for others; bless all in positions of authority with humility and a sense of right; may unjust practices be changed for good and conflicts of great tension be peacefully resolved.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, make our homes places of loving acceptance and developing faith; teach us in our friendships to grow in generosity of spirit.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, give patience and courage to all who have to wait, when the waiting is long and painful; bring healing to all who are wounded, whether physically or emotionally, and give them the assurance of your presence.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, welcome into your eternity those who have died to this life and whose hope is in you. Comfort those who mourn them and reach into their pain with your love.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, we thank you for your faithful promise to us, fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. We welcome his kingship in our lives.

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. 272) – Charles Doiron

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Heavenly Father,
who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,
now fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may embrace your will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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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Closing Prayer – Fenella Chiu

Leader: Loving God,
may our hearts leap for joy
when we encounter you
in the love and support of other people.

May we also love and support those around us.

We ask this in Jesus' name.

People: **Amen.**

Dismissal – Fenella Chiu

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Saturday Dec 25th 11am

Joint Online & In-Person Holy Communion Service Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria Ling** Interpreter: **Joel Chiu**

Lay Reader, Intercessor: **Billy Ng**

Bee Team: **Annie Fung** Greeter: **Bing Wong**

Envelope Secretaries: **Josephine Cheung, Grace Liu**

PPT Compiler, PPT Controller: **Fenella Chiu**

AV Support: **Daniel Liu** Host: **Paul Seto**

Guitarist and song leader: **Justin Kim** Accompanist: **Joanne Loo**

Next Sunday Dec 26th 11am Joint Online & In-Person

Holy Communion & Holy Baptism Service Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria Ling** Preacher: **Pastor Tom Ho**

Worship Leader: **Sunny Wong** Intercessor: **Manny Lai**

Reader: **Bao Zhong Xing**

Bee Team & Greeter: **Ophelia Chiu**

Envelope Secretaries: **Annie Chan, Anna Lo**

PPT Compiler: **Yvonne Zheng** AV Support: **Chivas Chu**

PPT Controller: **Daniel Ying** Host: **Daniel Liu**

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