



2021 Theme: Revive, Restore, Renew

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### This Sunday Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria Ling**      Preacher: **Pastor Tom Ho**  
Worship Leader: **Sunny Wong**              Intercessor: **Manny Lai**  
Reader: **Bao Zhong Xing**  
PPT Compiler: **Yvonne Zheng**  
PPT Controller: **Daniel Ying**              Host: **Daniel Liu**

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### Introduction before starting service – Sunny Wong

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.276) – Sunny Wong

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts; let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.

*Colossians 3:15, 16*

### 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) – Sunny Wong

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 Colossians 3:12-17 – Bao Zhong Xing

Reader:

*12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.*

*13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. 14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.*

*15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.*

*16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. 17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Hymn – 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime (The Huron Carol)

*The lyrics of this hymn was written based on traditions of the Huron First Nations People of Canada.*

1. 'Twas in the moon of wintertime, when all the birds had fled,  
That mighty Gitchi Manitou sent angel choirs instead;  
Before their light the stars grew dim, and wandering hunters heard  
the hymn:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

2. Within a lodge of broken bark the tender babe was found,  
A ragged robe of rabbit skin enwrapped His beauty round;  
But as the hunter braves drew nigh, the angel song rang loud and  
high:

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

3. The earliest moon of wintertime is not so round and fair  
As was the ring of glory on the helpless Infant there.  
The chiefs from far before Him knelt with gifts of fox and beaver pelt.  
Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

4. O children of the forest free, beloved of Manitou,  
The holy Child of earth and Heav'n is born today for you.  
Come kneel before the radiant Boy, who brings you beauty, peace and  
joy.

Jesus your King is born, Jesus is born, in excelsis gloria.

*Hymn leader and Accompanist: Michelle Zheng*

*Music : French Traditional Melody; 和 Harmony: Frederick F. Jakisch  
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## **Gospel Luke 2:41-52 – Sunny Wong**

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 Boy Jesus in the Temple**

*41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of  
the Passover. 42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up  
as usual for the festival. 43 When the festival was ended and they*

*started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. 44 Assuming that he was in the group of travellers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. 45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. 46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. 47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, 'Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety.' 49 He said to them, 'Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?' 50 But they did not understand what he said to them. 51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.*

*52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favour.*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon – Pastor Tom Ho

### Hymn – Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies

1. Midnight stars make bright the skies, Bethlehem in slumber lies;  
Glist'ning heaven sends forth great light, shepherds see a wondrous sight!  
Angel ranks in chorus sing, silken sounds from heaven ring,  
Frightened shepherds hear them say: "Christ comes down to earth today!"  
Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky.

2. Midnight slumber lies o'er all, one lone, bright lamp lights the stall.  
Choose old clothing, wrap Him warmly, manger shall His cradle be.  
Will'd to save from Satan's heel, Word made flesh, His truth revealed,  
Came as man from heaven's throne, mortal's sin to bear alone.  
Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky.

3. Wisemen long foretold the way, saw the strange star's shining ray,

Knew a child was born in Jewry, worship would be joy for aye!  
Took strong camels hurrying, crossing desert sought their King,  
Rev'rently to Him present God and myrrh and frankincense.  
Glory be to God on high, blest are all beneath the sky.

4. God from man sin separates, sins within, faith dissipates.  
I am prone to devilish ways, wander hopeless in a maze.  
God's Good Shepherd cares for me, How can I a lost sheep be?  
My clean heart shall be His throne, Not an inn with no more room.  
My clean heart shall be His throne, Not an inn with no more room.

*Hymn recording: Elaine Wong*

*Accompaniment: www.smallchurchmusic.com*

*Music : Chi-fang Liang Text : Ching-chiu Yang; English translation: M. A. Wiant  
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## The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Sunny Wong

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.120 Litany 13 Incarnation) – Manny Lai

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria

Baptismal Candidates: Xiu Lin Li

Deanery: St. Thomas a Beckett; Rev'd David Matthews

Diocesan: Black Anglicans of Canada and the International Decade for People  
of African Descent

Anglican: The Anglican Church of Central America

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 joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe, saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

Intercessor: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

## Collect of the Day (P. 276) – Manny Lai

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,  
you have shed upon us the new light  
of your incarnate Word.  
May this light, enkindled in our hearts,  
shine forth in our lives;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you,**

**in the unity of 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

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### Dismissal – Fenella Chiu

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Closing Hymn – Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city  
Stood a lowly cattle shed,  
Where a mother laid her Baby  
In a manger for His bed;  
Mary was that mother mild,  
Jesus Christ, her little Child.

2. He came down to earth from heaven  
Who is God and Lord of all,  
And His shelter was a stable,

And His cradle was a stall:  
With the poor, and mean, and lowly  
Lived on earth our Saviour holy.

3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern,  
Day by day like us He grew;  
He was little, weak, and helpless,  
Tears and smiles like us He knew:  
And He feeleth for our sadness,  
And He shareth in our gladness.

4. And our eyes at last shall see Him,  
Through His own redeeming love;  
For that Child so dear and gentle  
Is our Lord in heaven above,  
And He leads His children on  
To the place where He is gone.

*Hymn leaders: Joanne Loo, Terence Kim, Justin Kim, Benjamin Kim*

*Electronic accompaniment: Joanne Loo*

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Next Sunday Jan 2<sup>th</sup> 10:15am

Online English Morning Prayer Service Roster

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

Worship Leader & Intercessor: **Justin Kim**

Reader: **Terence Kim**

Host: **Fenella Chiu**

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