

Sunday, March 20th, 2022 (10am) 3rd Sunday in Lent English Morning Prayer Service

2021 Theme: Revive, Restore, Renew

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant: Rev. Maria Ling Preacher: Bishop Patrick Yu

Worship Leader: **Paul Seto** Reader: **Silas Seto**

Host, Intercessor: 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.290) – Paul Seto

Repent, says the Lord, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.

Matthew 4:17

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.

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 Isaiah 55:1-9 – Silas Seto

Reader: An Invitation to Abundant Life

¹ Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

- Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
 Iet the wicked forsake their way,
- 'let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

- ⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the Lord.
- ⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – More Love to Thee, O Christ

- 1. More love to Thee, O Christ,
 More love to Thee!
 Hear Thou the prayer I make
 On bended knee;
 This is my earnest plea:
 More love, O Christ, to Thee,
 More love to Thee. more love to Thee!
- 2. Once earthly joy I craved,
 Sought peace and rest;
 Now Thee alone I seek,
 Give what is best;
 This all my prayer shall be:
 More love, O Christ, to Thee,
 More love to Thee, more love to Thee!
- 3. Let sorrow do its work,
 Come grief and pain;
 Sweet are Thy messengers,
 Sweet their refrain,
 When they can sing with me,
 More love, O Christ, to Thee,
 More love to Thee, more love to Thee!
- 4. Then shall my latest breath

Whisper Thy praise;
This be the parting cry
My heart shall raise;
This still its prayer shall be:
More love, O Christ, to Thee,
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

Hymn leader: Ada Lam Accompanist: Daniel Yoon Music: William Howard Doane Text: Elizabeth P. Prentiss

Hymns of Universal Praise (1986) #365

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Gospel Luke 13:1-9 – 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: Repent or Perish

¹ At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. ² He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? ³ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. ⁴ Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? ⁵ No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

⁶ Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. ⁷ So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" ⁸ He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. ⁹ If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon – Bishop Patrick Yu

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 (P.121 Litany 14 Lent) – Fenella Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Maria, 30th Anniversary Planning

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

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and Helen Lum

Other: People of Ukraine, Hong Kong

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,

"Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout

the world, we pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it

may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to

you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and

sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and

reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we

pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;

for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be

relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you,

Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of

God, we pray to you, Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Collect of the Day (P. 290) – Fenella Chiu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: Father of mercy.

alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves.

When we are discouraged by our weakness,

strengthen us to follow Christ, our pattern and our hope;

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.

Announcements

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Dismissal - Paul Seto

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Next Sunday Mar 27th at 11am

4th Sunday in Lent

Joint Holy Communion Service

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Maria Ling** Interpreter: **Margaret Loo**

Worship Leader: **Wilson Loo**Reader: **Chivas Chu**Intercessor: **Manny Lai**Greeter: **Tammy Pang**

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