



2022 Theme: Rekindle us to serve God in a changing world

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (*Matthew 3:1–12*), Preacher: **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Lay Reader: **Wilson Loo** Server: **Ophelia Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Isaiah 11:1–10*): **Charles Doiron**

Reader 2 (*Romans 15:4–13*): **Chivas Chu**

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Introduction before starting service – Wilson Loo

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.

Prepare for Worship - Come Now is the Time to Worship

Opening Sentence (P. 269) – Wilson Loo

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.

All flesh shall see the salvation of God

Luke 3:4, 6

Processional Hymn – #86 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

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Hymns of Universal Praise (1986) #86*

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Lighting of the Advent Candles

2nd Sunday of Advent: Peace

Hymn - He Came Down

He came down that we may have peace; (3x)

Hallelujah forever more.

Hymn leader: Justin Kim; Electronic accompaniment: Joanne Loo

Music: Melody African; arr. John L. Bell; Text: African Trad.

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The Gathering of the Community (P.185) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

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.**

Prayer of Purity (P.185) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day (P. 269) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

1st Reading from Isaiah 11:1–10 – Charles Doiron

Reader: ***The Peaceful Kingdom***

¹ *A shoot shall come out from the stock of Jesse,
and a branch shall grow out of his roots.*

² *The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him,
the spirit of wisdom and understanding,
the spirit of counsel and might,
the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord.*

- ³ *His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord.
He shall not judge by what his eyes see,
or decide by what his ears hear;*
- ⁴ *but with righteousness he shall judge the poor,
and decide with equity for the meek of the earth;
he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth,
and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked.*
- ⁵ *Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist,
and faithfulness the belt around his loins.*
- ⁶ *The wolf shall live with the lamb,
the leopard shall lie down with the kid,
the calf and the lion and the fatling together,
and a little child shall lead them.*
- ⁷ *The cow and the bear shall graze,
their young shall lie down together;
and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.*
- ⁸ *The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp,
and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den.*
- ⁹ *They will not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain;
for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord
as the waters cover the sea.*

Return of the Remnant of Israel and Judah

- ¹⁰ *On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples;
the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

<Sunday School children may exit to classroom>

Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19 – Wilson Loo

Prayer for Guidance and Support for the King Of Solomon.

- ¹ *Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to a king's son.*
- ² *May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice.*
- ³ *May the mountains yield prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness.*

*⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.*

*⁵ May he live while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.*

*⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth.*

*⁷ In his days may righteousness flourish
and peace abound, until the moon is no more.*

*¹⁸ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
who alone does wondrous things.*

*¹⁹ Blessed be his glorious name for ever;
may his glory fill the whole earth.*

Amen and Amen.

2nd Reading from Romans 15:4–13 – Chivas Chu

Reader:

⁴ For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel for Jews and Gentiles Alike

⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, ⁹ and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written,

*‘Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles,
and sing praises to your name’;*

¹⁰ and again he says,

‘Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people’;

*¹¹ and again, ‘Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles,
and let all the peoples praise him’;*

*¹² and again Isaiah says, ‘The root of Jesse shall come,
the one who rises to rule the Gentiles;*

in him the Gentiles shall hope.’

¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

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

Gospel Hymn – People Need the Lord

1. Everyday they pass me by, I can see it in their eyes.
Empty people filled with care, Headed who knows where?
On they go through private pain, Living fear to fear.
Laughter hides their silent cries, Only Jesus hears.

(Refrain) People need the Lord, people need the Lord.
At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door.
People need the Lord, people need the Lord.
When will we realize, people need the Lord?

2. We are called to take His light To a world where wrong seems right.
What could be too great a cost For sharing Life with one who's lost?
Through His love our hearts can feel All the grief they bear.
They must hear the Words of Life Only we can share. *(Refrain)*

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Gospel Matthew 3:1–12 – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Reader: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Matthew**.
People: **Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: ***The Proclamation of John the Baptist***

*¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.'³
This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,*

*'The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
"Prepare the way of the Lord,
make his paths straight."'*

⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ¹ Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

⁷ But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, 'You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?' ⁸ Bear fruit worthy of repentance. ⁹ Do not presume 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.¹⁰ 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.

¹¹ ‘I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.¹² His winnowing-fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing-floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li

The Apostles’ Creed (P.188) – Wilson Loo

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 (2nd Sunday of Advent) – Ivy Ho

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2023 Planning

Deanery: St. Francis of Assisi; Rev’d Jeff Brown

Diocesan: Project Ploughshares – the peace institute of the Canadian Council of Churches

Anglican: The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East

Infirm: Esther Chen, Susan Xu’s mother Dian-Lan Feng, Mrs. Tsang Fung Kwok Wah, Aileen Lu, Alfred Chiu, Grace Krist’s mother Helen Lum, Zhi Feng Wu, The Most Rev. Andrew Chen (Archbishop HKSKH), Andy Ng’s parents Kim Tung Ng and Sau Fong Cheung

Other: People of Ukraine, Hong Kong

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: John the Baptist prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah by helping the people realign their lives. As we gather expectantly in God's presence, let us pray saying, "**Hear our prayer**"

Intercessor: God of cleansing and liberating power, give us the courage and perception to see ourselves as we really are, and repent of our sin; may the whole church be cleansed and renewed.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of wisdom and truth, we pray for the world's leaders and all in authority, that they may lead and govern wisely and honestly, without corruption and for the common good.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of love and faithfulness, may every family be surrounded and upheld by your presence, the conflicts healed and the needs provided for, and every act of kindness blessed.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of wholeness, bring your reassurance and healing, your hope and patience to all who are suffering in any way; bring freedom to all imprisoned by hate, guilt or despair, and a change of heart to all who need to forgive.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of unending life, bring life in its fullness to us here, and to those who have completed their time on earth. May they know the freedom and joy of your heaven.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of warmth and brightness, we praise you for all our many blessings, and above all for coming to save us and set us free.
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.**

Confession (P.191) – Wilson Loo

Leader: Dear friends in Christ,
God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy;
he welcomes sinners
and invites them to his table.
Let us confess our sins,
confident in God's forgiveness.

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.192) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

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.**

The Peace (P.192) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

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

People: **And also with you.**

< Please greet each other in the name of Christ >

Offertory Hymn – #344 Lord, When We Bend Before Thy Throne

Music 卅三 : William Gardiner 's Sacred Melodies 1815

Text 卅三 : Joseph D. Carlyle

Hymns of Universal Praise (1986) #344

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

Prayer over the Gifts (P.270) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 2 (P.196-7)

– Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,
our Saviour and Redeemer.
He is your living Word,
through whom you have created all things.
By the power of the Holy Spirit
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary
and shared our human nature.
He lived and died as one of us,
to reconcile us to you,
the God and Father of all.
In fulfilment of your will
he stretched out his hands in suffering,
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;
and so he won for you a holy people.
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,
and to give up his life on the cross,
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.
By his resurrection
he brings us into the light of your presence.
Now with all creation we raise our voices
to proclaim the glory of your name.

All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Holy and gracious God,
accept our praise,

through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
who on the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
took bread and gave you thanks,
saying, "Take, and eat:
this is my body which is broken for you."
In the same way he took the cup,
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,
we offer you this bread and this cup,
giving thanks that you have made us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit
upon the offering of your holy Church.
Gather into one
all who share in these sacred mysteries,
filling them with the Holy Spirit
and confirming their faith in the truth,
that together we may praise you
and give you glory
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.
All glory and honour are yours,
Father and Son,
with the Holy Spirit
in the holy Church,
now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (P.211) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, let us pray,

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread (P.212 #5 Advent) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: God of promise,
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called
to the supper of the Lamb.**

Celebrant: The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

People:

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, Have mercy upon us. (x2)

O Lamb of God, You take away the sins of the world, Grant us thy peace.

The Communion

We invite parishioners joining the live online service to receive the spiritual communion by saying the following prayer while those at church receive the physical communion.

The Prayer of Spiritual Communion – Wilson Loo

People: Beloved Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you and unite myself entirely to you. Let me never be separated from you in this life or in the life to come. Amen.

Communion Hymns – #94 Lo How a Rose E'er Blooming

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Communion Hymns – I will Delight in the Law of the Lord

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Prayer after Communion (P.270) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Faithful God,
we thank you for feeding us with this heavenly banquet.
Help us always to hear the prophet's call
to turn our hearts to you;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Doxology (P.214) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Glory to God,

All: **whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more
than we can ask or imagine.**

**Glory to God from generation to generation,
in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Blessing (P.683 ii) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

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)

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Dismissal – Wilson Loo

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn - #95 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and Thy Kingly Crown

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Next Sunday December 11th 10am

3rd Sunday of Advent

English In-Person & Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

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Preacher: **Bishop Patrick Yu**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Isaiah 35:1–10*), Intercessor: **Justin Kim**

Reader 2 (*James 5:7–10*): **Gabriel Kong**

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