



**ST. ELIZABETH'S**  
ANGLICAN CHURCH  
聖公會頌主堂

Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, 2022 (10am)  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent  
In-Person & Online  
English Morning Prayer Service

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

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## This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (*Matthew 11:2–11*): **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Preacher: **Bishop Patrick Yu**

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

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

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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## Introduction before starting service – Justin Kim

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) – Justin Kim

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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent: Joy

Hymn - He Came Down

He came down that we may have joy; (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 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 >*

## Grace (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.**

### Confession (P.45) – Justin Kim

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. 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.**

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from Isaiah 35:1–10 – Justin Kim

Reader: ***The Return of the Redeemed to Zion***

*<sup>1</sup> The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad,  
the desert shall rejoice and blossom;  
like the crocus <sup>2</sup> it shall blossom abundantly,  
and rejoice with joy and singing.*

*The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it,  
the majesty of Carmel and Sharon.*

*They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God.*

*<sup>3</sup> Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.*

*<sup>4</sup> Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!  
Here is your God. He will come with vengeance,  
with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'*

*<sup>5</sup> Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,  
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;*

*<sup>6</sup> then the lame shall leap like a deer,  
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.*

*For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,  
and streams in the desert;*

*<sup>7</sup> the burning sand shall become a pool,  
and the thirsty ground springs of water;  
the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp,  
the grass shall become reeds and rushes.*

*<sup>8</sup> A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way;  
the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people;  
no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray.*

*<sup>9</sup> No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it;  
they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there.*

*<sup>10</sup> And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with singing;  
everlasting joy shall be upon their heads;  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from James 5:7–10 – Gabriel Kong

Reader: ***Patience in Suffering***

*<sup>7</sup> Be patient, therefore, beloved, until the coming of the Lord. The farmer waits for the precious crop from the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. <sup>8</sup> You also must be patient. Strengthen your hearts, for the coming of the Lord is near. <sup>9</sup> Beloved, do not grumble against one another, so that you may not be judged. See, the Judge is standing at the doors! <sup>10</sup> As an example of suffering and patience, beloved, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn – Go make a difference

*(Refrain)*

Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.  
Go make a difference.  
We can make a difference.  
Go make a difference in the world.

1. We are the salt of the earth, called to let the people see

the love of God in you and me.

We are the light of the world, not to be hidden but be seen.

Go make a difference in the world. (*Refrain*)

2. We are the hands of Christ reaching out to those in need,  
the face of God for all to see.

We are the spirit of hope; we are the voice of peace.

Go make a difference in the world. (*Refrain*)

*Accompanist: Daniel Yoon*

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## Gospel Matthew 11:2–11 – 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: **Messengers from John the Baptist**

*<sup>2</sup> When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?’ <sup>4</sup> Jesus answered them, ‘Go and tell John what you hear and see: <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.’*

**Jesus Praises John the Baptist**

*<sup>7</sup> As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>8</sup> What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. <sup>9</sup> What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. <sup>10</sup> This is the one about whom it is written,*

*“See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,  
who will prepare your way before you.”*

*<sup>11</sup> Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon – Bishop Patrick Yu

### The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Justin Kim

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 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent) – Justin Kim

#### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2023 Ministry Planning

Deanery: Trinity-St. Paul's, Port Credit; Rev'd Roshni Jayawardena

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Aileen Lu, Alfred Chiu, Grace Krist's mother Helen Lum, Zhi Feng Wu, 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: In Jesus, God will be fulfilling the Messianic prophesies 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) – Justin Kim

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. Canon Victor Li

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. 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.**

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## Dismissal – Justin Kim

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn – Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart,  
let me be as gold and precious silver  
Purify my heart  
let me be as gold pure gold  
(Refrain) Refiner's fire  
my heart's one desire  
is to be holy  
set apart for You, Lord.  
I choose to be holy,  
set apart for You, my Master  
ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart,  
cleans me from within and make me holy;  
Purify my heart,  
cleans me from my sin deep within. (Refrain)

*Song leader & guitarist: Justin Kim  
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Next Sunday December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Advent

In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service

Celebrant, Gospeller (*Matthew 1:18–25*), Preacher: **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Isaiah 7:10–16*): **Paul Seto**

Reader 2 (*Romans 1:1–7*): **Terence Kim**

Intercessor: **Amy Chiu**

AV Team: **Benjamin Kim**

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  - Meeting ID: **219 137 9700**
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  - **NO meetings in December 2022**
  - Next meeting Thurs Jan 10, 2023
  - Meeting ID: **925 1299 3695** Password: **159691**
  - If interested contact Margaret Loo or email [info@stechurch.com](mailto:info@stechurch.com)
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