



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

Sunday, December 18th, 2022 (10am)
4th Sunday of Advent
In-Person & Online
English Morning Prayer Service

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

This Sunday Roster

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**

Hymn leader and guitarist: **Justin Kim**

Pianist: **Terence Kim**

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.271) – Paul Seto

A virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and his name shall be called Emmanuel:
God with us.

Matthew 1:23

Lighting of the Advent Candles

4th Sunday of Advent: Love

Hymn - He Came Down

He came down that we may have love; (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) – 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. 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.**

1st Reading from Isaiah 7:10–16 – Paul Seto

Reader: ***Isaiah Gives Ahaz the Sign of Immanuel***

¹⁰ Again the Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, ¹¹ Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. ¹² But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. ¹³ Then Isaiah said: ‘Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? ¹⁴ Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. ¹⁵ He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. ¹⁶ For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading from Romans 1:1–7 – Terence Kim

Reader: ***Salutation***

¹ Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, ² which he promised beforehand through his

prophets in the holy scriptures,³ the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh⁴ and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord,⁵ through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name,⁶ including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ,

⁷ To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – O Come, O Come Emmanuel (vs. 1, 2, 4)

1. O come, O come, Emmanuel,
And ransom captive Israel,
That mourns in lonely exile here,
Until the Son of God appear.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

2. O come, Thou Dayspring, come and cheer
Our spirits by Thine advent here;
Disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
And death's dark shadows put to flight.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

4. O come, Desire of nations, bind
All peoples in one heart and mind;
Bid envy, strife and quarrels cease;
Fill the whole world with heaven's peace.
Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

Hymn leader and guitarist: Justin Kim

Music: Ancient plain song; adapt. Thomas Helmore

Text: Ancient Latin antiphons, John Mason Neale, Henry Sloane

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Gospel Matthew 1:18–25 – 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 Birth of Jesus the Messiah***

¹⁸ Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. ¹⁹ Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. ²⁰ But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. ²¹ She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' ²² All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

*²³ 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,
and they shall name him Emmanuel',*

which means, 'God is with us.' ²⁴ When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, ²⁵ but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Paul Seto

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 (4th Sunday of Advent) – Amy Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2023 Ministry Planning
Deanery: Church of Holy Spirit of Peace; Canon Susan Climo
Diocesan: The Anglican Church Women (ACW) – Enid Corbett, Diocesan President
Anglican: The Anglican Church of Korea
For Healing: Esther Chen, Susan Xu's mother Dian-Lan Feng, Aileen Lu, Alfred Chiu, 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: 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) – Amy Chiu

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. 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 – Paul Seto

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – Hope is a Star

1. Hope is a star that shines in the night.
leading us on till the morning is bright.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.
2. Peace is ribbon that circles the earth,
Giving a promise of safety and worth.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.
3. Joy is a song that welcomes the dawn,
Telling the world that the Saviour is born.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.
4. Love is a flame that burns in our heart,
Jesus has come and will never depart.
When God is a child there's joy in our song.
The last shall be first and the weak shall be strong,
and none shall be afraid.

Hymn leader and guitarist: Justin Kim

Pianist: Terence Kim

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Next Sunday December 25th at **11am**

Christmas Day

In-Person & Online **Joint Holy Communion** Service

Celebrant, Gospeller (*Luke 2:1–14, (15–20)*), Preacher: **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Lay Reader: **Billy Ng**

Intercessor: **Grace Liu**

Server: **Joel Chiu**

Greeter, Sidesperson: **Tammy Pang**

Reader 1 (*Isaiah 9:2–7*): **Amy Chiu**

Reader 2 (*Titus 2:11–14*): **Margaret Loo**

Bee Team: **Bing Wong**

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

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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

Accompanist, Hymn Leader: **Joanne Loo & Choir members**

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 - Meeting ID: **219 137 9700**
- [2nd, 3rd, 4th Thursdays 7pm – 8:30pm Cantonese Bible Study](#)
 - **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@stchurch.com
- [1st& 3rd Tuesdays 8pm-8:45pm Cantonese Prayer Meeting](#)
 - **NO meetings in December 2022**
 - Next meeting: Tues Jan 3, 2023
 - Meeting ID: **981 8987 6958** Password: **105101**
- [Wednesdays 8pm English Prayer Meeting](#)
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