

Sunday, December 25th, 2022 11am Christmas Day Joint Holy Communion Service

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

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (Luke 2:1-14), 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): **Grace Liu**

Bee Team: Bing Wong Envelope Secretaries: Josephine Cheung, Annie Chan

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**PPT Compiler, PPT Controller: **Fenella Chiu**Hymn Leaders: **Choir members**Accompanists: **Joanne Loo & Justin Kim**

Introduction before starting service – Billy Ng

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. 275) – Billy Ng

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10-11

Processional Hymn – #109 O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,

O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;

Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

(Refrain) O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,

O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2. God of God, Light of Light

Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb; Very God, begotten, not created: (Refrain)

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God, in the highest; (Refrain)

4. Yea Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.

Jesus, to thee be glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; (Refrain)

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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.

Gloria (P.186) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

Collect of the Day (P. 275) - Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Almighty God,

you wonderfully created

and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature. May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,

who humbled himself to share our humanity,

and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

1st Reading from Isaiah 9:2-7 - Amy Chiu

Reader: The Righteous Reign of the Coming King

² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.

- ³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder.
- ⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
- ⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors and all the garments rolled in blood shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
- ⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. ⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it with justice and with righteousness

from this time onwards and for evermore.

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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

Mini-Musical - The Birth of Jesus

St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church Virtual Choir

Children's Talk - Rev. Canon Victor Li

<Sunday School children may exit to classroom>

2nd Reading from Titus 2:11–14 – Grace Liu

Reader:

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

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

Gospel Hymn – #105 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

1.Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King; Peace on earth, and mercy mild, God and sinners reconciled!" Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!" Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

- 2. Christ, by highest heaven adored; Christ, the everlasting Lord! Late in time behold Him come, Offspring of the Virgin's womb. Veiled in flesh the Godhead see; Hail the incarnate Deity, Pleased as man with men to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"
- 3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Sun of righteousness! Light and life to all He brings, Risen with healing in His wings, Mild He lays His glory by, Born that man no more may die, Born to raise the sons of earth, Born to give them second birth. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King!"

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Arr.: William Hayman Cummings Hymns of Universal Praise #105

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Gospel Luke 2:1–14 – 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 *Luke*.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Reader: The Birth of Jesus

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

'Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon - Rev. Canon Victor Li

The Apostles' Creed (P.188) - Billy Ng

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 (P.120 Litany 13 Incarnation) - Grace Liu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2023 Ministry Planning

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

Diocesan:

Anglican: The Anglican Church of Melanesia

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: 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.

People: Amen.

Confession (P.191) - Billy Ng

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 – #113 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.

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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.275) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: God of peace,

your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.

May all we offer you today

renew us as members of your household.

We ask this in his name.

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 #6 Incarnation) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: We break the bread of life,

and that life is the light of the world

All: God here among us,

light in the midst of us, bring us to light and life.

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 – Billy Ng

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 - Angels' Carol

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Prayer after Communion (P.276) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world.

May he who made us your children welcome us into your kingdom,

where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

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 - Billy Ng

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn - #111 Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:

Let earth receive her King;

Let every heart prepare Him room,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven and nature sing,

And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:

Let men their songs employ;

While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains

Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,

Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,

Nor thorns infest the ground;

He comes to make His blessings flow

Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,

Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,

And makes the nations prove

The glories of his righteousness,

And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of His love.

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We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas; (3x)

and a Happy New Year.

Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;

We wish you a Merry Christmas

And a Happy New Year.

Next Sunday January 1st 10am

The Naming of Jesus

English In-Person & Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (Luke 2:15-21), Preacher: Rev. Canon Victor Li Worship Leader, Reader 1 (Numbers 6:22-27), Intercessor: Fenella Chiu

Reader 2 (Galatians 4:4-7): Silas Seto

AV Team: Tommy Kung

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