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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 3:13-17*), Preacher: **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Isaiah 42:1-9*), Intercessor: **Justin Kim**

Reader 2 (*Acts 10:34-43*): **Gabriel Kong**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

Pianist: **Terence Kim**

Hymn leader & guitarist: **Justin Kim**

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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.348) – Justin Kim

A voice came from heaven, saying, "This is my beloved Son with whom I am well pleased."

*Matthew 3:17*

### 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 42:1-9 – Justin Kim

Reader: ***The Servant, a Light to the Nations***

<sup>1</sup> *Here is my servant, whom I uphold,  
my chosen, in whom my soul delights;  
I have put my spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.*

<sup>2</sup> *He will not cry or lift up his voice, or make it heard in the street;*

<sup>3</sup> *a bruised reed he will not break,  
and a dimly burning wick he will not quench;  
he will faithfully bring forth justice.*

<sup>4</sup> *He will not grow faint or be crushed  
until he has established justice in the earth;  
and the coastlands wait for his teaching.*

<sup>5</sup> *Thus says God, the Lord,  
who created the heavens and stretched them out,  
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,  
who gives breath to the people upon it  
and spirit to those who walk in it:*

<sup>6</sup> *I am the Lord, I have called you in righteousness,  
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;  
I have given you as a covenant to the people, a light to the nations,*

<sup>7</sup> *to open the eyes that are blind,  
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,  
from the prison those who sit in darkness.*

<sup>8</sup> *I am the Lord, that is my name; my glory I give to no other,  
nor my praise to idols.*

<sup>9</sup> *See, the former things have come to pass,  
and new things I now declare;  
before they spring forth, I tell you of them.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from Acts 10:34-43 – Gabriel Kong

Reader: ***Gentiles Hear the Good News***

*<sup>34</sup> Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup> but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup> You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. <sup>37</sup> That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup> how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup> We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup> but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup> not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup> He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup> All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn – Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean  
and do such as this unseen,  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the “you” you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found  
to reshape the world around,  
Through my sight and touch and sound in you  
and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I’ll move and live and grow in you  
and you in me.

*Music: Traditional Scottish melody*

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## Gospel Matthew 3:13-17 – 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 Baptism of Jesus**

*<sup>13</sup> Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. <sup>14</sup> John would have prevented him, saying, ‘I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?’ <sup>15</sup> But Jesus answered him, ‘Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfil all righteousness.’ Then he consented. <sup>16</sup> And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. <sup>17</sup> And a voice from*

*heaven said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.'*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li

### The Baptismal Covenant

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God,  
The Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **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.**

Celebrant: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

Celebrant: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Celebrant: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation, and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

## Prayers of the People (P.112 Litany 2) – Justin Kim

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2023 Ministry Planning

Deanery: St. Peter's; Interim Canon Jim Woolley and Rev'd Maria Nightingale

Diocesan: Peterborough Deanery

Anglican: The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma)

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: Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

Intercessor: O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Collect of the Day (P. 348) – Justin Kim

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal Father,**

**who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit,  
keep your children, born of water and the Spirit,  
faithful to their calling;  
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 – Justin Kim

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Recessional Hymn – Here I am, Lord

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

*(Chorus)* Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.  
I have wept for love of them. They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them. My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? (*Chorus*)

(Repeat Chorus)

*Song leader & guitarist: Justin Kim*

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## Next Sunday January 15<sup>th</sup> at 10am 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Epiphany In-Person & Online English **Holy Communion** Service

Celebrant, Gospeller (*John 1:29-42*), Preacher: **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Isaiah 49:1-7*): **Paul Seto**

Reader 2 (*1 Corinthians 1:1-9*), Intercessor: **Charles Doiron**

Server: **Fenella Chiu**

Offering Collection: **Silas Seto**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

Accompanist, song leader: **Daniel Yoon, Ada Lam**

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  - Meeting ID: **219 137 9700**
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  - Next meeting **Thurs Jan 12, 2023**
  - Meeting ID: **925 1299 3695** Password: **159691**
  - If interested contact Margaret Loo or email [info@stechurch.com](mailto:info@stechurch.com)
- [1st& 3rd Tuesdays 8pm-8:45pm Cantonese Prayer Meeting](#)
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  - Meeting ID: **981 8987 6958** Password: **105101**
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  - Next meeting **Wed Jan 11, 2023**
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