

Sunday, February 5th, 2023 <u>10am</u> 5th Sunday after Epiphany English Holy Communion Service

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

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (Matthew 5:13-20), Preacher: Rev. Canon Victor Li Server: Fenella Chiu Offering: Marissa Lau

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (Isaiah 58:1-12), Intercessor: Justin Kim

Reader 2 (1 Corinthians 2): Carol Tam

AV Team: Tommy Kung

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. 353) – Justin Kim

I am the light of the world, says the Lord. Those who follow me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

John 8:12

Processional Hymn – The Heart of Worship

When the music fades, all is stripped away, and I simply come; Longing just to bring something that's of worth that will bless Your heart.

- (*) I'll bring you more than a song, for a song in itself is not what you have required.
 - You search much deeper within through the way things appear; You're looking into my heart.
- (**) I'm coming back to the heart of worship, it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus. I'm sorry, Lord, for the thing I've made it, when it's all about You, it's all about You, Jesus.

King of endless worth, no one could express how much You deserve. Though I'm weak and poor, all I have is Yours, ev'ry single breath.

(*) (**) x2

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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. 353) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Merciful Lord,
grant to your faithful people pardon and peace,
that we may be cleansed from all our sins
and serve you with a quiet mind;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

1st Reading from Isaiah 58:1-12 – Justin Kim

Reader: False and True Worship

Amen.

- ¹ Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.
- ² Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God;

they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God.

- 3 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?' Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers.
- ⁴ Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high.
- ⁵ Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the Lord?
- 6 Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke,

to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?

- ⁷ Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them,
- and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

 8 Than your light shall broak forth like the day.
- 8 Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the Lord shall be your rearguard.
- ⁹ Then you shall call, and the Lord will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.
- If you remove the yoke from among you, the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,

10 if you offer your food to the hungry and satisfy the needs of the afflicted, then your light shall rise in the darkness and your gloom be like the noonday.
11 The Lord will guide you continually, and satisfy your needs in parched places, and make your bones strong;
and you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters never fail.
12 Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt; you shall raise up the foundations of many generations; you shall be called the repairer of the breach, the restorer of streets to live in.

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

2nd Reading from 1 Corinthians 2 – Carol Tam

Reader: Proclaiming Christ Crucified

¹ When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. ² For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. ³ And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. ⁴ My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, ⁵ so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

The True Wisdom of God

⁶ Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. ⁷ But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. ⁸ None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. ⁹ But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'—

¹⁰ these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. ¹¹ For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. ¹² Now we

have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by God. ¹³ And we speak of these things in words not taught by human wisdom but taught by the Spirit, interpreting spiritual things to those who are spiritual.

¹⁴ Those who are unspiritual do not receive the gifts of God's Spirit, for they are foolishness to them, and they are unable to understand them because they are discerned spiritually. ¹⁵ Those who are spiritual discern all things, and they are themselves subject to no one else's scrutiny.

¹⁶ 'For who has known the mind of the Lord so as to instruct him?' But we have the mind of Christ.

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

Gospel Hymn – You Are Salt for the Earth

1. You are salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God! Share the flavour of life, O people: life in the City of God!

(Refrain) Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace; bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!

- 2. You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God! (*Refrain*)
- 3. You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!
 Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice grow in the City of God! (Refrain)
- 4. We are a bless'd and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!
 Love our journey and love our home-land: love is the City of God! (*Refrain*)

Hymn Leader: Ada Lam Accompanist: Daniel Yoon

Text and music: Marty Haugen (Matthew 5: 13–15)

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Gospel Matthew 5:13-20 - 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: Salt and Light

¹³ 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

¹⁴ 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

The Law and the Prophets

¹⁷ 'Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. ¹⁸ For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li

The Nicene Creed (P.188) – Justin Kim

Leader: Let us confess our faith, as we say,

All: We believe in one God,

the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father.

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified.
He has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2023 Ministry Planning, Vestry

Deanery: St. John the Baptist; Rev'd Daniel Brereton
Diocesan: Bishop's Committee on Interfaith Ministry
Anglican: The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea

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

Condolences: Yu-Gong Fung (John & Annie Fung's son)

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.

All: Amen.

Confession (P.191) - Justin Kim

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 – The Power of Your Love

Lord, I come to You,

let my heart be changed, renewed,

flowing from the grace that I've found in You;

Lord, I've come to know

the weakness that I see in me

Will be stripped away by the power of Your love.

(Refrain) Hold me close, let Your love surround me,

bring me near, draw me to Your side; As I wait I'll rise up like the eagle,

And I will soar with You.

Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your Love

2. Lord, unveil my eyes,

let me see You, face to face,

the knowledge of Your love, as You live in me;

Lord, renew my mind,

as Your will unfolds in my life,

in living every day by the power of Your love. (Refrain)

(Refrain) x2

And I will soar with You,

Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your Love

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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.354) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: God of compassion and forgiveness,

receive our offering this day,

and make us one with him who is our peace,

Jesus Christ our Saviour.

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 #2) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ

All: We, being many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread

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

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 - Hallelujah! We sing your praises

Hymn leaders: Justin Kim, Joanne Loo, Benjamin Kim, and Terence Kim

Text and Music: South African

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- You are my all in all

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Prayer after Communion (P.354) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Eternal God,

in you we find peace beyond all telling.

May we who share in this heavenly banquet be instruments of your peace on earth, in the name of lesus 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 – Justin Kim

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn – Set Us Aflame

1. A call has been giv'n in this land. For the church to boldly stand. To proclaim the year of the Lord, be renewed by His love and His word.

(Refrain) Father fill us,

overflow us with your power. May your fire set us aflame.

Empower us that we might go forth to proclaim your mercy and love.

2. We will answer the call God has raised, we'll go forth to proclaim God's grace. Seek to love those who cry out for love Liberate those who in bondage face. (Refrain) x2

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Next Sunday February 12th, 2023 11am 6th Sunday after Epiphany English In-Person & Online JOINT Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (Matthew 5:21-37), Preacher: Rev. Canon Victor Li

Lay Reader: Billy Ng Intercessor: Ivy Ho

Reader 1 (Deuteronomy 30:15-20): Charles Doiron

Reader 2 (1 Corinthians 3:1-9), Envelope Secretary 1: Anna Lo

Greeter, Sidesperson: Mandy Li Envelop Secretary 2: Josephine Cheung

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