



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

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

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

This Sunday 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: **Grace Liu**

Greeter, Sidesperson: **Marian Chu**

Envelope Secretary 2: **Josephine Cheung**

PPT Compiler: **Yvonne Zheng**

PPT Controller: **Fenella Chiu**

Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

Accompanist, song leader: **Joanne Loo, Justin Kim**

Introduction before starting service – Fenella Chiu

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.

Moment of Silence – Come Now is the Time to Worship

Opening Sentence (P.354) – Billy Ng

Blessed is our Father, Lord of heaven and earth, who has revealed these things to the simple

See Matthew 11:25

Opening Hymn – #62 Thou Art the Way: To Thee Alone

Music : Raphael Courteville

Text : George W. Doane

Hymns of Universal Praise (1986) #62

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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) – Billy Ng

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 Deuteronomy 30:15-20 – Charles Doiron

Reader:

¹⁵ See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. ¹⁶ If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. ¹⁷ But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, ¹⁸ I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. ¹⁹ I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, ²⁰ loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

<Sunday School children may exit to classroom>

Psalm 119:1-8 – Billy Ng

The Glories of God's Law

- 1 Happy are those whose way is blameless,
 who walk in the law of the Lord.
- 2 Happy are those who keep his decrees,
 who seek him with their whole heart,
- 3 who also do no wrong, but walk in his ways.
- 4 You have commanded your precepts to be kept diligently.
- 5 O that my ways may be steadfast in keeping your statutes!
- 6 Then I shall not be put to shame,
 having my eyes fixed on all your commandments.
- 7 I will praise you with an upright heart,
 when I learn your righteous ordinances.
- 8 I will observe your statutes; do not utterly forsake me.

2nd Reading from 1 Corinthians 3:1-9 – Grace Liu

Reader: ***On Divisions in the Corinthian Church***

¹ And so, brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. ² I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, ³ for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarrelling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? ⁴ For when one says, 'I belong to Paul', and another, 'I belong to Apollos', are you not merely human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labour of each. ⁹ For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – Faithful One

Faithful one, so unchanging Ageless one, you're my rock of peace
Lord of all I depend on you
I call out to you, again and again I call out to you, again and again

You are my rock in times of trouble
You lift me up when I fall down
All through the storm

Your love is the anchor My hope is in You alone

(Repeat)

My hope is in You My hope is in You

My hope is in You alone

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Gospel Matthew 5:21-37 – 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: **Concerning Anger**

²¹ ‘You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, “You shall not murder”; and “whoever murders shall be liable to judgement.” ²² But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, “You fool”, you will be liable to the hell of fire. ²³ So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. ²⁶ Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

Concerning Adultery

²⁷ ‘You have heard that it was said, “You shall not commit adultery.” ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. ²⁹ If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. ³⁰ And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

Concerning Divorce

³¹ ‘It was also said, “Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.” ³² But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

Concerning Oaths

³³ *'Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, "You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord."* ³⁴ *But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God,* ³⁵ *or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King.* ³⁶ *And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black.* ³⁷ *Let your word be "Yes, Yes" or "No, No"; anything more than this comes from the evil one.*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – 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.113 Litany 4) – Ivy Ho

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2023 Ministry Planning, Vestry

Deanery: Retired Clergy in Mississauga Deanery

Diocesan: York Mills Deanery

Anglican: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines

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 in Turkey & Syria

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, hear and have mercy."

Intercessor: We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Collect of the Day (P. 355) – Ivy Ho

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life, look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your power make whole all peoples and nations; 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.**

General Thanksgiving (P.129) – Billy Ng

Leader: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages.

All: **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (P.143) – Billy Ng

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn – #318 O Brother Man, Fold to Thy Heart Thy Brother

Music: Joseph Barnby

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People: **All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own Have we given Thee. 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 – Billy Ng

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – We Are One In The Spirit

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored...

(Refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll give up our dignity, and crucify our pride. (Refrain)

4. All praise to the Father from whom all blessings come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (Refrain)

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Next Sunday February 19th at 10am Last Sunday after Epiphany In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service

Preacher, Gospeller (Matthew 17:1-9): **Billy Ng**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (Exodus 24:12-18): **Paul Seto**

Intercessor: **Amy Chiu**

Reader 2 (2 Peter 1:16-21): **Terence Kim**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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