



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

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Preacher: **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*1 Samuel 16:1-13*): **Paul Seto**

Gospel (*John 9:1-41*): **Silas Seto, Yvonne Zheng, Ivy Ho**

Reader 2 (*Ephesians 5:8-14*): **Terence Kim**

Offering Collection: **Silas Seto**

Server: **Fenella Chiu**

Intercessor: **Amy Chiu**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

Accompanist: **Daniel Yoon**

Hymn leader: **Ada Lam**

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. 291) – Paul Seto

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life.

John 8:12

Processional Hymn – #28 The King of Love My Shepherd is (vs 1,2,6)

1. The King of love my Shepherd is,
Whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am His
And He is mine forever.

2. Where streams of living water flow,
My ransomed soul He leadeth,
And where the verdant pastures grow,
With food celestial feedeth.

6. And so through all the length of days
Thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise
Within Thy house forever.

Text: Based on Psalm 23, Henry Baker

Music: John B. Dykes

Hymns of Universal Praise (1986) #28

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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.**

Collect of the Day (P. 291) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
through the waters of baptism
your Son has made us children of light.
May we ever walk in his light
and show forth your glory in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

1st Reading from 1 Samuel 16:1-13 – Paul Seto

Reader: ***Samuel Anoints David***

¹ The Lord said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' ² Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the Lord said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the Lord."' ³ Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' ⁴ Samuel did what the Lord commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come

peaceably?’⁵ He said, ‘Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the Lord; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.’ And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶ When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, ‘Surely the Lord’s anointed is now before the Lord.’⁷ But the Lord said to Samuel, ‘Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.’⁸ Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’⁹ Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, ‘Neither has the Lord chosen this one.’¹⁰ Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, ‘The Lord has not chosen any of these.’¹¹ Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Are all your sons here?’ And he said, ‘There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.’ And Samuel said to Jesse, ‘Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.’¹² He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The Lord said, ‘Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.’¹³ Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading from Ephesians 5:8-14 – Terence Kim

Reader:

⁸ For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light—⁹ for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true.¹⁰ Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord.¹¹ Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them.¹² For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly;¹³ but everything exposed by the light becomes visible,¹⁴ for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

*‘Sleeper, awake!
Rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.’*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – Let There Be Light (vs 1,2,5,6)

1. Let there be light, let there be understanding,
Let all the nations gather, let them be face to face.

2. Open our lips, open our minds to ponder,
Open the door of concord opening into grace.
5. Your kingdom come, your Spirit turn to language,
Your people speak together, your Spirit never fade.
6. Let there be light, open our hearts to wonder,
Perish the way of terror, hallow the world God made.

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Gospel John 9:1-41 – Rev. Canon Victor Li, Paul Seto, Silas Seto, Yvonne Zheng, Ivy Ho, Congregation

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **John**.

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

Reader: ***A Man Born Blind Receives Sight***

¹ As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ² His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?’ ³ Jesus answered, ‘Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God’s works might be revealed in him. ⁴ We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵ As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world.’ ⁶ When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man’s eyes, ⁷ saying to him, ‘Go, wash in the pool of Siloam’ (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. ⁸ The neighbours and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, ‘**Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?**’ ⁹ Some were saying, ‘**It is he.**’ Others were saying, ‘**No, but it is someone like him.**’ He kept saying, ‘I am the man.’ ¹⁰ But they kept asking him, ‘**Then how were your eyes opened?**’ ¹¹ He answered, ‘The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, “Go to Siloam and wash.” Then I went and washed and received my sight.’ ¹² They said to him, ‘**Where is he?**’ He said, ‘I do not know.’

The Pharisees Investigate the Healing

¹³ They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴ Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵ Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, ‘He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see.’ ¹⁶ Some of the Pharisees said, ‘**This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath.**’ But others said, ‘**How can a man who is a sinner**

perform such signs?’ And they were divided. ¹⁷ So they said again to the blind man, **‘What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened.’** He said, ‘He is a prophet.’

¹⁸ The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹ and asked them, **‘Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?’** ²⁰ His parents answered, ‘We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹ but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself.’ ²² His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³ Therefore his parents said, ‘He is of age; ask him.’

²⁴ So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, **‘Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.’** ²⁵ He answered, ‘I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.’ ²⁶ They said to him, **‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’** ²⁷ He answered them, ‘I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?’ ²⁸ Then they reviled him, saying, **‘You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹ We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’** ³⁰ The man answered, ‘Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹ We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³² Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³ If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.’ ³⁴ They answered him, **‘You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?’** And they drove him out.

Spiritual Blindness

³⁵ Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ³⁶ He answered, ‘And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.’ ³⁷ Jesus said to him, ‘You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.’ ³⁸ He said, ‘Lord, I believe.’ And he worshipped him. ³⁹ Jesus said, ‘I came into this world for judgement so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind.’ ⁴⁰ Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, **‘Surely we are not blind, are we?’** ⁴¹ Jesus said to them, ‘If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, “We see”, your sin remains.’

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li

The Nicene Creed (P.188) – Paul Seto

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.121 Litany 14 Lent) – Amy Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Canon Victor Li, Baptismal Candidates
Deanery: St. Thomas a Beckett; Rev'd David Matthews and Rev'd Ginnie Wong
Diocesan: Etobicoke-Humber Deanery
Anglican: The Anglican Church of Southern Africa
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: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,
"Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout
the world, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it
may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to
you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and
sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and
reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we
pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer;
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be
relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you,
Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of
God, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

All: **Amen.**

Confession (P.191) – Paul Seto

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 – Come to the Table of Mercy

Come to the table of mercy,
Prepared with the wine and the bread;
All who are hungry and thirsty,
Come and your souls will be fed.

Come at the Lord's invitation;
Receive from His nail-scarred hand.
Eat of the bread of salvation;
Drink of the blood of the Lamb.

(Repeat the whole song)

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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.292) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: God of light,
your Word brings to us a new vision of your glory.
Accept our offering of praise and thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.213 #7 Lent) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: We break this bread,

All: **Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Celebrant: Let your Church be the wheat which bears its fruit in dying.

All: **If we have died with him, we shall live with him;
if we hold firm, we shall reign with him.**

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 - Open Our Eyes, Lord, We Want to See Jesus

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Prayer after Communion (P.292) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Father,
through your goodness
we receive your Son in word and sacrament.
May we always have faith in him,
Jesus 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 – Paul Seto

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – #609 Amazing Grace (vs 1,2,5,6)

1. Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!
5. And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace
6. When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Words: John Newton

Music: Early American Melody

Hymns of Universal Praise #609

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Next Sunday March 26th, 2023 10am 5th Sunday of Lent

English In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospel (John 11:1-45): **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (Ezekiel 37:1-14): **Fenella Chiu**

Reader 2 (Romans 8:6-11), Intercessor: **Charles Doiron**

Offering Collection: **Gabby Seto**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**
