



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

Sunday, March 26th, 2023 (10am)
5th Sunday of Lent
In-Person & Online
English Morning Prayer Service

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

This Sunday Roster

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

Gospel (*John 11:1-45*): **Rev. Canon Victor Li**, **Fenella Chiu**, **Charles Doiron**, **Gabriel Kong**

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**

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.

Opening Sentence (P.293) – Fenella Chiu

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever lives and believes in me shall never die.

John 11:25, 26

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) – Fenella Chiu

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 Ezekiel 37:1-14 – Fenella Chiu

Reader: ***The Valley of Dry Bones***

¹ The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ² He led me all round them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. ³ He said to me, 'Mortal, can these bones live?' I answered, 'O Lord God, you know.' ⁴ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. ⁵ Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. ⁶ I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord.'

⁷ So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. ⁸ I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. ⁹ Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live.'

¹⁰ I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude.

¹¹ Then he said to me, 'Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, "Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely." ¹² Therefore prophesy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel.

¹³ And you shall know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves, and

bring you up from your graves, O my people. ¹⁴ I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act, says the Lord.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading from Romans 8:6-11 – Charles Doiron

Reader:

⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – I am the Bread of Life

1. I am the bread of life

You who come to me shall not hunger

You who believe shall not thirst

No one can come to me unless the Father beckons

(Refrain) And I will raise you up

And I will raise you up

And I will raise you up on the last day

2. The bread that I will give

Is my flesh for the life of the world

And you who eat of this bread

You shall live forever, You shall live forever *(Refrain)*

3. Unless you eat

of the flesh of the Son of Man

and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,

you shall not have life within you. *(Refrain)*

4. I am the resurrection,

I am the life.

You who believe in me
even if you die, you shall live for ever. (*Refrain*)

5. Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come into the world. (*Refrain*)

Hymn leader and accompanist: Justin Kim

Music and Words: Suzanne Toolan

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Gospel John 11:1-45 – Rev. Canon Victor Li , Fenella Chiu, Charles Doiron, Gabriel Kong & Congregation

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Reader: ***The Death of Lazarus***

¹ Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³ So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, 'Lord, he whom you love is ill.' ⁴ But when Jesus heard it, he said, 'This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it.' ⁵ Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶ after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was.

⁷ Then after this he said to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judea again.' ⁸ The disciples said to him, 'Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?' ⁹ Jesus answered, 'Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰ But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them.' ¹¹ After saying this, he told them, 'Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him.' ¹² The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right.' ¹³ Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴ Then Jesus told them plainly, 'Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵ For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him.' ¹⁶ Thomas, who was called

the Twin, said to his fellow-disciples, 'Let us also go, that we may die with him.'

Jesus the Resurrection and the Life

¹⁷ When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. ¹⁸ Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹ and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹ Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²² But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' ²³ Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' ²⁴ Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.' ²⁵ Jesus said to her, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, ²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' ²⁷ She said to him, 'Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.'

Jesus Weeps

²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, 'The Teacher is here and is calling for you.' ²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him. ³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him. ³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there. ³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, '**See how he loved him!**' ³⁷ But some of them said, '**Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?**'

Jesus Raises Lazarus to Life

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And

Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

⁴⁵ *Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Fenella Chiu

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.121 Litany 14 Lent) – Charles Doiron

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Canon Victor Li, Baptismal Candidates

Deanery: Mission and Outreach of Mississauga Deanery Churches

Diocesan: The Cast The Net Visioning Project

Anglican: The Anglican Church of South America

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, Joseph Leung's father Kwok Ping Leung

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.**

Collect of the Day (P. 293) – Charles Doiron

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
your Son came into the world
to free us all from sin and death.
Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit,
that we may be raised to new life in Christ,
and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days;
through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord.
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.**

Offertory Hymn – I am Crucified with Christ

I am crucified with Christ;
And it is no longer I who live,
But it is Christ who lives in me;
And the life which I now live
In the flesh I live in faith,
The faith in the Son of God,
Who loved me and gave Himself up for me.
(Repeat)

Hymn leader: Fenella Chiu
Accompaniment: www.hymnal.net
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Text: Galatians 2:20 www.hymnal.net

Prayer over the Gifts

All: **Giver of life,
your Son has destroyed the power of death
for all those who believe in him.
Accept all we offer you this day
and strengthen us in faith and hope;
through Jesus Christ, the Lord of all the living.
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 – Fenella Chiu

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – Throughout These Lenten Days and Nights

1. Throughout these Lenten days and nights
We turn to walk the inward way,
Where meeting Christ, our guide and light,
We live in hope till Easter day.

2. The pilgrim Christ, the Lamb of God,
Who found in weakness greater power
Embraces us, though lost and flawed,
And leads us to His rising hour.

3. We bear the silence, cross and pain
Of human burdens, human strife,
While sisters, brothers help sustain
Our courage till the feast of life.

4. And though the road is hard and steep,
The Spirit ever calls us on
Through Calv'ry's dying, dark and deep,
Until we see the coming dawn.

5. So let us choose the path of one
Who wore for us the crown of thorn,
And slept in death that we might wake
To life on Resurrection Morn!

6. Rejoice, O sons and daughters! Sing
And shout hosannas! Raise the strain!
For Christ, whose death Good Friday brings,
On Easter day will live again!

Hymn leader & accompanist: Daniel Yoon

Music: Thomas Tallis, Words: James Gertmenian

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Next Sunday April 2nd, 2023 10am Palm Sunday In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service

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

Gospellers (*Matthew 27:11-54*): **Rev. Canon Victor Li, Justin Kim**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Isaiah 50:4-9a*), Intercessor: **Justin Kim**

Reader 2 (*Philippians 2:5-11*): **Silas Seto**

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