



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

Sunday, April 2nd, 2023
10am Palm Sunday
English Morning Prayer Service

2022 Theme: **Rekindle us to serve the changing world**

This Sunday Roster

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

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

Worship Leader, Intercessor: **Justin Kim**

Reader 1 (*Isaiah 50:4-9a*): **Fenella Chiu** Reader 2 (*Philippians 2:5-11*): **Silas Seto**

Offering Collection: **Marissa Lau**

AV Team: **Terence Kim**

Hymn leader: **Justin Kim**

Accompanist: **Joanne Loo**

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 Hymn – This is the Day

This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
We will rejoice, we will rejoice, And be glad in it, and be glad in it.
This is the day that the Lord has made,
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, This is the day that the Lord has made.

(Repeat the whole song)

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The Liturgy of the Palms (P. 297)

Leader: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest.**

Celebrant: Dear friends in Christ,
during Lent we have been preparing
for the celebration of our Lord's paschal mystery.
On this day our Lord Jesus Christ
entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph.

The people welcomed him with palms and shouts of praise,
but the path before him led to self-giving, suffering, and death.
Today we greet him as our King,
although we know his crown is thorns and his throne a cross.
We follow him this week from the glory of the palms
to the glory of the resurrection
by way of the dark road of suffering and death.
United with him in his suffering on the cross,
may we share his resurrection and new life.

Let us pray.
Assist us mercifully with your help,
Lord God of our salvation,
that we may enter with joy
into the celebration of those mighty acts
whereby you give us life and immortality;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Gospel Matthew 21:1-11 – Rev. Canon Victor Li

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

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

Reader: **Jesus' Triumphal Entry into Jerusalem**

¹ When Jesus and his disciples had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, ² saying to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. ³ If anyone says anything to you, just say this, "The Lord needs them." And he will send them immediately.' ⁴ This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying,

⁵ 'Tell the daughter of Zion,
Look, your king is coming to you,
humble, and mounted on a donkey,
and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.'

⁶ The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; ⁷ they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. ⁸ A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. ⁹ The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

'Hosanna to the Son of David!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

¹⁰ *When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, 'Who is this?'* ¹¹ *The crowds were saying, 'This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.'*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Children's Talk on Parades – Rev. Canon Victor Li

The Blessing of the Palms (P.298) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Celebrant: It is right to praise you, almighty God,
for the acts of love by which you have redeemed us
through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Hebrews acclaimed Jesus as Messiah and King,
with palm branches in their hands, crying,
Hosanna in the highest.

May we also, carrying these emblems, go forth to meet Christ
and follow him in the way that leads to eternal life;
who lives and reigns in glory with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

The Palm Procession (P.299)

Celebrant: Let us go forth in peace.

People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Processional Hymn – All Glory, Laud, and Honour

1. All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.

2. The company of angels are praising Thee on high;
And mortal men and all things created make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before Thee went;
Our praise and prayer and anthems before Thee we present.

3. To Thee before Thy Passion, they sang their hymns of praise;

To Thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
Thou didst accept their praises, accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King!
All glory, laud, and honor to Thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.

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Collect of the Day (P. 299)

All: **Almighty God, whose Son was crucified yet entered into glory,
may we, walking in the way of the cross, find it is for us the way
of life; 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 Isaiah 50:4-9a – Fenella Chiu

Reader: ***The Servant's Humiliation and Vindication***

*⁴ The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher,
that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word.
Morning by morning he wakens— wakens my ear
to listen as those who are taught.*

*⁵ The Lord God has opened my ear,
and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backwards.*

*⁶ I gave my back to those who struck me,
and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard;
I did not hide my face from insult and spitting.*

*⁷ The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced;
therefore I have set my face like flint,
and I know that I shall not be put to shame;*

⁸ he who vindicates me is near.

*Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together.
Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me.*

^{9a} It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalms 31:9-16 – Justin Kim

*9 Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble;
my eye is consumed with sorrow, and also my throat and my belly.*

***10 For my life is wasted with grief, and my years with sighing; my
strength fails me because of affliction, and my bones are consumed.***

11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and even to my neighbours, a dismay to those of my acquaintance; when they see me in the street they avoid me.

12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; I am as useless as a broken pot.

13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd; fear is all around; they put their heads together against me; they plot to take my life.

14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. I have said, "You are my God.

15 My times are in your hand; rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, and in your loving kindness save me."

2nd Reading from Philippians 2:5–11 – Silas Seto

Reader:

⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

*⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,*

*⁷ but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.*

And being found in human form,

*⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.*

*⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name
that is above every name,*

*¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,*

*¹¹ and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Matthew 27:11-54 – Rev. Canon Victor Li, Justin Kim

Celebrant: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Reader: **Pilate Questions Jesus**

Celebrant: ¹¹ Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' Jesus said, 'You say so.' ¹² But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. ¹³ Then Pilate said to him, 'Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?' ¹⁴ But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Barabbas or Jesus?

Reader: ¹⁵ Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. ¹⁶ At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, 'Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?' ¹⁸ For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. ¹⁹ While he was sitting on the judgement seat, his wife sent word to him, 'Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.' ²⁰ Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. ²¹ The governor again said to them, 'Which of the two do you want me to release for you?' And they said, 'Barabbas.' ²² Pilate said to them, 'Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?' All of them said, 'Let him be crucified!' ²³ Then he asked, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Let him be crucified!'

Pilate Hands Jesus over to Be Crucified

Celebrant: ²⁴ So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, 'I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.' ²⁵ Then the people as a whole answered, 'His blood be on us and on our children!' ²⁶ So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

The Soldiers Mock Jesus

Reader: ²⁷ Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. ²⁸ They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, ²⁹ and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' ³⁰ They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. ³¹ After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

The Crucifixion of Jesus

Celebrant: ³² As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. ³³ And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), ³⁴ they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. ³⁵ And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; ³⁶ then they sat down there and kept watch over him. ³⁷ Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, 'This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.'

Reader: ³⁸ Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁹ Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads ⁴⁰ and saying, 'You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.' ⁴¹ In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, ⁴² 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. ⁴³ He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."'" ⁴⁴ The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

The Death of Jesus

Celebrant: ⁴⁵ From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. ⁴⁶ And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, 'Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?' that is, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' ⁴⁷ When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'This man is calling for Elijah.' ⁴⁸ At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. ⁴⁹ But the others said, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.' ⁵⁰ Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. ⁵¹ At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. ⁵² The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. ⁵³ After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. ⁵⁴ Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li

"The Heart of God is revealed in Abandonment & Anguish"

Responsory #10: The Cross (P.107) – Justin Kim

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.

People: **Surely he has borne our griefs; he has carried our sorrows.**
 Leader: He was despised; he was rejected,
 a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief.

People: **He has carried our sorrows.**
 Leader: He was pierced for our sins, bruised for no fault but ours.

People: **He has carried our sorrows.**
 Leader: His punishment has won our peace,
 and by his wounds we are healed.

People: **He has carried our sorrows.**
 Leader: We had all strayed like sheep,
 but the Lord has laid on him the guilt of us all.

People: **He has carried our sorrows.**
 Leader: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People: **Surely he has borne our griefs;
 he has carried our sorrows.**

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

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Canon Victor Li, Baptismal Candidates
 Deanery: Retired Clergy in Mississauga Deanery
 Anglican: Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
 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: 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. Amen.**

Offertory Hymn – *Ride on! Ride on in Majesty*

1. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Hark! all the tribes “Hosanna!” cry;
O Savior meek, pursue Thy road
With palms and scattered garments strowed.
2. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die:
O Christ, your triumphs now begin
O'er captive death and conquered sin.
3. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
The winged squadrons of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
To see the approaching Sacrifice.
4. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
Thy last and fiercest strife is nigh;
The Father on His sapphire throne
Awaits His own anointed Son.
5. Ride on, ride on in majesty!
In lowly pomp ride on to die;
Bow Thy meek head to mortal pain,
Then take, O God, Thy power, and reign.

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Prayer over the Gifts

All: **Gracious God,
the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son,
makes us pleasing in your sight.
Alone we can do nothing,
but through his sacrifice,
may we receive your love and mercy.
Accept all we offer this day in Jesus' name.
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.**

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.**

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Dismissal – Justin Kim

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure,
Cleanse me from its guilt and power.

2. Not the labor of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands;

Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone,
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.

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April 6 at **7:30pm** Maundy Thursday

English **In-Person Only** Holy Communion Service Roster

Celebrant & Preacher: **Rev. Canon Victor Li** Worship Leader: **Paul Seto**

Server: **Joel Chiu**

Readers: **TBD**

PPT Controller, PPT Compiler, Intercessor: **Fenella Chiu**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

April 7 at **10am** Good Friday

English In-Person & Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

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

Worship Leader: **Fenella Chiu**

Readers: **TBD**

Intercessor: **Amy Chiu**

Offering Collection: **Gabriel Kong**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

April 9 at **11am** Easter Sunday

Joint In-Person & Online Holy Communion Service Roster

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

Lay Reader: **Wilson Loo**

Server, PPT Compiler: **Fenella Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Acts 10:34-43*): **Charles Doiron**

Reader 2 (*Colossians 3:1-4*): **Margaret Loo**

Intercessor, Envelope Secretary 1: **Grace Liu** Envelope Secretary 2: **Annie Chan**

Greeter, Sidesperson: **So Lan Lai**

Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**

PPT Controller: **Daniel Liu**

AV Team: **Terence Kim, Tommy Kung**

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1. Holy Week Sermon Titles:

- April 2, 2023 Palm / Passion Sunday (10 am)
The Heart of God is revealed in Abandonment & Anguish
- April 6 Maundy Thursday (7:30 pm)
The Heart of God revealed in Servanthood
- April 7 Good Friday (10 am)
The Heart of God revealed in Death & Sacrificial Love
- April 9 Easter Sunday (11 am)
The Heart of God revealed in Surprise and New Life

"God's love was revealed among us in this way:

God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him." – 1 John 4:9

2. Lent devotions

- Thank you for participating in this year's Lent devotions. As we are entering the final week of Lent, now is a good opportunity to deepen our understanding of the Lenten season. The Faith Formation Department sincerely invites you to participate in the Lenten Sharing session scheduled on Monday, April 3rd at 7:00 pm.
- Zoom Link: [Click Here](#) Meeting ID: **873 5259 8410** Passcode: **1051**
- If you have any inquiries about the above arrangement, please contact Margaret Loo.

3. April 9 Easter Lunch

- We invite you to join us for a delicious lunch following our Easter Sunday service. Celebrate the joy of Easter and it will be a great opportunity to catch up with friends and family.
- The lunch will take place immediately after the service, and all are welcome to attend. We encourage you to bring your family and friends to share in this special occasion with us.
- We hope to see you there!

4. Easter Flowers

- Every Easter we have Easter flowers for decoration. We encourage parishioners to order Easter flowers at **\$10.00** per pot. Please ask **Ophelia Chiu** for order. Easter flowers can be taken home after the Easter Day service.