

St. Elizabeth Anglican Church



April 16th, 2023 – Second Sunday of Easter

10:00 am Holy Baptism & Morning Prayer

Service Roster

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (John 20:19-31): **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (Acts 2:14a, 22-32): **Paul Seto**

Reader (1 Peter 1:3-9), Intercessor: **Carol Tam**

Offering: **Silas Seto** Server: **Fenella Chiu**

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

ORDER OF SERVICE **(Book of Alternative Services)**

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

Processional Hymn: 10,000 Reasons

[Refrain]

Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name

1. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass,
and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes *[Refrain]*

2. You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find *[Refrain]*

3. And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore [*Refrain*]

Song leader & guitarist: Justin Kim
Music and Text: Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman
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Greeting & Welcome

Priest: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
Priest: May his grace and peace be with you.
People: May he fill our hearts with joy.
Priest: There is one body and one Spirit,
People: There is one hope in God's call to us;
Priest: One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
People: One God and Father of all.

Collect of the Day (*Said Together*)

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

THE PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

A READING FROM THE BOOK OF ACTS

Reader – Paul Seto

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the multitude, “You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know-- this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him,

‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying,

‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

A READING FROM THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

Reader – Carol Tam

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith -- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire -- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

1 Peter 1: 3-9

Reader: The word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Hymn: We Walk by Faith, and Not by Sight

1. We walk by faith, and not by sight:
No gracious words we hear
From him who spoke as none e'er spoke,
But we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side,
Nor follow where he trod;
But in his promise we rejoice,
And cry 'My Lord and God!'
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief,
And may our faith abound;
To call on you when you are near,

And seek where you are found:

4. That when our life of faith is done
In realms of clearer light
We may behold you as you are
With full and endless sight.

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Gospeller – Rev. Canon Victor Li

**THE HOLY GOSPEL OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING
TO JOHN**

All: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When it was evening on the day of Resurrection, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

John 20: 19-31

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Homily: The Rev. Victor Li

Today, through the Sacrament of Holy Baptism, we welcome a new member, **Zhen Boone**, into Christ's universal Church.

The Service of Holy Baptism

Presentation and Examination of the Candidate

Priest: The candidate for Holy Baptism will now be presented.

Parents: (Esau & Yuan together)

We present Zhen Boone to receive the sacrament of baptism.

Priest: Will you be responsible for seeing that the child you present is nurtured in the faith and life of the Christian community?

Parents: **I will, with God's help!**

Priest: Will you by your prayers and witness help this child to grow into the full stature of Christ?

Parents: **I will, with God's help!**

Q: Do you renounce Satan and all the spiritual forces of wickedness that rebel against God?

A: **I renounce them.**

Q: Do you renounce the evil powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?

A: **I renounce them.**

Q: Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw you from the love of God?

A: **I renounce them.**

Q: Do you turn to Jesus Christ and accept him as your Saviour?

A: **I do.**

Q: Do you put your whole trust in his grace and love?

A: **I do.**

Q: Do you promise to obey him as your Lord?

A: **I do.**

Q: Will you who witness these vows do all in your power to support these persons in their life in Christ?

People: **We will.**

Prayers for the Candidate & her family

Priest: Let us now pray for **Zhen** who will receive the sacrament of new birth.

Leader: Deliver her, O Lord, from the way of sin and death.

R: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Leader: Open her heart to your grace and truth.
R: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Fill her with your holy and life-giving Spirit.
R: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Teach her to love others in the power of the Spirit.
R: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Send her into the world in witness to your love.
R: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Bring her to the fullness of your peace and glory.
R: **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Leader: Grant, O Lord, that all who are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ your Son may live in the power of his resurrection and look for him to come again in glory; who lives and reigns now and for ever. **Amen.**

Thanksgiving over the Water

Priest: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
Priest: We give you thanks, almighty God and Father, for by the gift of water you nourish and sustain all living things.
People: **Blessed be God for ever.**
Priest: We give you thanks that through the waters of the Red Sea, you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the promised land.
People: **Blessed be God for ever.**
Priest: We give you thanks for sending your Son Jesus. For us he was baptized by John in the river Jordan. For us he was anointed as Christ by your Holy Spirit. For us he suffered the baptism of his own death and resurrection, setting us free from the bondage of sin and death, and opening to us the joy and freedom of everlasting life.
People: **Blessed be God for ever.**
Priest: We give you thanks for your Holy Spirit who teaches us and leads us into all truth, filling us with his gifts so that we might proclaim the gospel to all nations and serve you as a royal priesthood.
People: **Blessed be God for ever.**
Priest: We give you thanks for you have called **Zhen** to new life through the waters of baptism. Now sanctify this water, that your servant who is washed in it may be made one

with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Anoint her with your Holy Spirit and bring her to new birth in the family of your Church, that she may become an inheritor of your glorious kingdom. We give you praise and honour and worship through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: **Blessed are you, our strength and song,
and our salvation.**

The Baptismal Covenant

Priest: Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and renew our own baptismal covenant.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Father?

People: **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People: **I believe 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.

Priest: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People: **I believe in God the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Priest: Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you persevere in resisting evil and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you proclaim by word and example the good news of God in Christ?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and
respect the dignity of every human being?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

Priest: Will you strive to safeguard the integrity of God's creation,
and respect, sustain and renew the life of the Earth?

People: **I will, with God's help.**

The Baptism & the Giving of the Light

Priest: I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

I sign you with the cross,
and mark you as Christ's own for ever. **Amen.**

Prayer for the Newly Baptized:

Priest: Heavenly Father, we thank you that by water and the Holy
Spirit you have bestowed upon this your servant the
forgiveness of sin, and have raised her to the new life of grace.
Sustain her, O Lord, in your Holy Spirit.
Give her an inquiring and discerning heart,
the courage to will and to persevere,
a spirit to know you and to love you,
and the gift of joy and wonder in all your works. **Amen.**

The Giving of the Light

Priest: Receive the light of Christ,
to show that you have passed from darkness to light.

People: **Let your light so shine before others
that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father in heaven.**

Priest: Let us welcome the newly baptized.

People: **We receive you into the household of God.
Confess the faith of Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
and share with us in his eternal priesthood.**

The Peace

Offertory Hymn: In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand
Here is the power of Christ I'll stand

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*All things come of Thee, O Lord,
And of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.*

Prayer over the gifts:

God of grace, you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom in your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Accept all we offer you this day,
and strengthen us in the new life you have given us,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Responsory Canticle: Christ our Passover

1 Corinthians 5.7–8; Romans 6.9–11; 1 Corinthians 15.20–22

Alleluia!

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us; *

therefore let us keep the feast,

Not with the old leaven, the leaven of malice and evil, *

but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Alleluia!

Christ being raised from the dead will never die again; *

death no longer has dominion over him.

The death that he died, he died to sin, once for all; *

but the life he lives, he lives to God.

So also consider yourselves dead to sin, *

and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia!

Christ has been raised from the dead, *

the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.

For since by a man came death, *

by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead.

For as in Adam all die, *

so also in Christ shall all be made alive. Alleluia!

Prayers of the People (Litany 15 Easter) – Carol Tam

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Canon Victor Li, Zhen Boone

Deanery: St. Peter's; St. Peter's; Interim Canon Jim Woolley and Rev'd Maria Nightingale

Diocesan: Eglinton Deanery

Anglican: The Anglican Church of Tanzania

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

*(In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,
"Hear us, Lord of glory!")*

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter,

let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory!

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

Hear us, Lord of glory! Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Benediction

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.**

Announcements

Dismissal

Leader: Go forth into the world,
rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

Recessional Hymn: This I Believe (The Creed)

Our Father everlasting
The all creating One
God Almighty.
Through Your Holy Spirit,
Conceiving Christ the son
Jesus our Saviour

(Refrain) I believe in God our Father
I believe in Christ the son
I believe in the Holy Spirit
Our God is three in one
I believe in the resurrection

That we will rise again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus

Our Judge and our Defender
Suffered and crucified, Forgiveness is in You
Descended into darkness
You rose in glorious life, forever seated high (*Refrain*)

I believe in You
I believe You rose again
I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord (x 2)

I believe in life eternal
I believe in the virgin birth
I believe in the saints' communion
And in Your holy Church
I believe in the resurrection
When Jesus comes again
For I believe in the Name of Jesus (*Refrain*)

For I believe in the Name of Jesus
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Next Sunday April 23rd 10am 3rd Sunday of Easter
English In-Person & Online Morning Prayer Service Roster
Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (Luke 24:13-35): **Rev. Canon Victor Li**
Worship Leader, Intercessor, Reader 1 (Acts 2:14a, 36-41): **Justin Kim**
Reader 1 (1 Peter 1:17-23): **Silas Seto** Offering: **Sky Boone**
AV: **Paul Seto**

Announcements

1. **Ordination of Carol Shih into the Sacred Order of Deacons**
 - Carol Shih will be ordained into the sacred order of deacons on April 30th at 4:30pm.
 - The service will be at St. James Cathedral (65 Church St. Toronto). There is no need to reserve tickets. Those who wish to attend are welcome.
 - Please keep Carol in your prayers.
2. **2023 Easter Food Drive for The Mississauga Food Bank**
 - Thank you Connie, Edwin & Tali for organizing
 - Thanks to all the brothers and sisters who came to help with the food drive this year
 - For this year's Easter Food Drive, we have collected a total of **652 lbs** of food:
 - St. E's parishioners: **202 lbs**
 - Our neighbours: **450 lbs**
 - Received 34 bags out of 219 bags, 15.5% responses