

# Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 10am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter English Holy Communion Service

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

## This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (John 10:1-10): **Rev. Canon Victor Li**Worship Leader, Reader 1 (Acts 2:42-47): **Paul Seto** Server: **Fenella Chiu** 

Intercessor: Amy Chiu

Reader 2 (1 Peter 2:19-25): **Gabriel Kong**Accompaniment: **Daniel Yoon**Offering: **Nicholas Kong**Hymn Leader: **Justin Kim** 

AV Team: Terence Kim

### 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. 339) – Paul Seto

I am the good shepherd, says the Lord: I know my own and my own know me.

John 10:14

## Processional Hymn – Shepherd Of My Soul

Refrain: Shepherd of my soul I give you full control,

Wherever You may lead I will follow.

I have made the choice to listen for Your voice,

Wherever You may lead I will go.

(Refrain)

Be it in a quiet pasture or by a gentle stream,

The Shepherd of my soul is by my side.

Should I face a mighty mountain

or a valley dark and deep,

The Shepherd of my soul will be my guide. (Refrain)

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Based on Psalm 23:1

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## Greeting (P.185) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ is risen.

People: **The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!**Celebrant: May his grace and peace be with you.

People: May he fill our hearts with joy.

### 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.

### Gloria (P.186) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,

All: and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,

we worship you, we give you thanks,

we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father:

receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

you alone are the Lord,

you alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

with the Holy Spirit,

in the glory of God the Father.

Amen.

## Collect of the Day (P. 339) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: O God of peace,

who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from Acts 2:42-47 – Paul Seto

#### Reader:

<sup>42</sup> They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

#### Life among the Believers

<sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from 1 Peter 2:19-25 – Gabriel Kong

#### Reader:

<sup>19</sup> For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. <sup>20</sup> If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. <sup>21</sup> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>22</sup> 'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. <sup>24</sup> He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. <sup>25</sup> For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

### Gospel Hymn - O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1. O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free; Tell me Thy secret, help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

- 2. Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love; Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.
- 3. Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer, dearer company, In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.
- 4. In hope that sends a shiny ray
  Far down the future's broadening way,
  In peace that only Thou canst give,
  With Thee, O Master, let me live.

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## Gospel John 10:1-10 - 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 *John*.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Reader: Jesus the Good Shepherd

<sup>1</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did

not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

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.122 Litany 15 Easter) - Amy Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Rev. Canon Victor Li

Deanery: St. Elizabeth's; Interim Canon Victor Li
Diocesan: New Curates of the Diocese of Toronto
Anglican: The Episcopal Church of United States

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

Condolences: Sam Zheng (Husband of Yvonne Zheng)

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying, "Hear

us, Lord of glory!"

Intercessor: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-

giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in

the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!** 

Intercessor: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in

Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

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

us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the

earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: 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.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

Intercessor: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that

we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to

the Lord.

People: Hear us, Lord of glory!

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 – Eat this Bread and Never Hunger

Refrain: Eat this bread and never hunger,

drink this cup and never thirst; Christ invites us to the table where the last become the first.

- 1. Asking for a cup of water, Jesus touched forbidden ground; and the woman, with a question, told the world what she had found (*Refrain*)
- 2. Walking down a desert highway, Jesus healed a man born blind; soon the man became a witness to the truth we seek and find. (*Refrain*)

3. Weeping for his friend at graveside, Jesus felt the pain of death; yet he knew God's power to waken: living water, living breath. (*Refrain*)

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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.339) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: God of loving care,

you spread before us the table of life, and give us the cup of salvation to drink.

Keep us always in the fold of your Son Jesus Christ,

our Saviour and our shepherd.

All: Amen.

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 4 (P.201-3)

### - 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: It is right to give you thanks and praise,
O Lord, our God, sustainer of the universe,

you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: At your command all things came to be:

the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home;

by your will they were created and have their being.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: From the primal elements

you brought forth the human race,

and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill;

you made us the stewards of creation.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: But we turn against you, and betray your trust;

and we turn against one another.

Again and again you call us to return. Through the prophets and sages you reveal your righteous law.

In the fullness of time you sent your Son, born of a woman, to be our Saviour. He was wounded for our transgressions,

and bruised for our iniquities.
By his death he opened to us
the way of freedom and peace.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Therefore we praise you,

joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory,

in their unending hymn:

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: Blessed are you, Lord our God,

for sending us Jesus, the Christ,

who on the night he was handed over

to suffering and death,

took bread, said the blessing,

broke the bread, gave it to his friends,

and said, "Take this, and eat it:

this is my body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

In the same way, after supper,

he took the cup of wine;

he gave you thanks,

and said, "Drink this, all of you:

this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many

for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it,

do this for the remembrance of me."

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Gracious God.

we recall the death of your Son Jesus Christ,

we proclaim his resurrection and ascension, and we look with expectation for his coming

as Lord of all the nations.

We who have been redeemed by him,

and made a new people by water and the Spirit,

now bring you these gifts. Send your Holy Spirit upon us

and upon this offering of your Church, that we who eat and drink at this holy table may share the divine life of Christ our Lord.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever.

Celebrant: Pour out your Spirit upon the whole earth

and make it your new creation. Gather your Church together

from the ends of the earth into your kingdom,

where peace and justice are revealed,

that we, with all your people, of every language, race, and nation,

may share the banquet you have promised; through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,

all honour and glory are yours,

creator of all.

People: Glory to you for ever and ever. 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 #8 Easter) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Lord, we died with you on the cross.
All: Now we are raised to new life.

Celebrant: We were buried in your tomb.

All: Now we share in your resurrection.

Celebrant: Live in us, that we may live in you

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 - Alleluia

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### Prayer after Communion (P.340) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: God of steadfast love,

watch over the Church redeemed by the blood of your Son.

May we who share in these holy mysteries come safely to your eternal kingdom, where there is one flock and one shepherd.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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: Go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit. Alleluia!

People: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

#### Recessional Hymn – Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,

Pilgrim through this barren land.

I am weak, but Thou art mighty;

Hold me with Thy powerful hand.

Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,

Feed me till I want no more, Feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,

Whence the healing stream doth flow;

Let the fire and cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through.

Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer

Be Thou still my Strength and Shield. Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,

Bid my anxious fears subside;

Death of death, and hell's destruction,

Land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises,

I will ever give to Thee; I will ever give to Thee.

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# Next Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 <u>10am</u> 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter In-Person & Online <u>Joint Conference Holy Communion</u> Service Roster

Celebrant, Preacher: Bishop Matthias Der

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