



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

Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (10am)  
6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day  
In-Person & Online  
English Morning Prayer Service

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

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## This Sunday Roster

Preacher: **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Acts 17:22-31*), Gospeller (*John 14:15-21*), Intercessor:  
**Fenella Chiu**

Reader 2 (*1 Peter 3:13-22*): **Terence Kim**

Offering Collection: **Marissa Lau**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

Song leader, Accompanist: **Justin Kim**

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## 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.341) – Fenella Chiu

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

*See John 14:23*

## The Peace (P.192) – Fenella Chiu

Leader: 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) – Fenella Chiu

Leader: 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) – Fenella Chiu

Leader: Almighty God have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from Acts 17:22-31 – Fenella Chiu

Reader:

*<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. <sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said,*

*“For we too are his offspring.”*

*<sup>29</sup> Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from 1 Peter 3:13-22 – Terence Kim

Reader:

*<sup>13</sup> Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? <sup>14</sup> But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, <sup>15</sup> but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; <sup>16</sup> yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. <sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. <sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup> in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup> who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup> And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn – All Things Bright and Beautiful

*Refrain:*

All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings. (*Refrain*)

2. The purple-headed mountain,  
The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning  
That brightens up the sky,

3. The cold wind in the winter,  
The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden,  
He made them, everyone. (*Refrain*)

4. He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
who has made all things well. (*Refrain*)

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## Gospel John 14:15-21 – Fenella Chiu

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 Promise of the Holy Spirit***

*<sup>15</sup> 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.*

*<sup>18</sup> 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. <sup>19</sup> In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. <sup>20</sup> On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. <sup>21</sup> They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'*

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.113 Litany 4) – Fenella Chiu

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Transition Period

Deanery: St. John the Baptist; Rev'd Daniel Brereton

Diocesan: Scarborough Deanery

Anglican: The Church of the Province of West 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, Joseph Leung's father Kwok Ping Leung

*Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor*

Intercessor: In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying,  
"Lord, hear and have mercy."

Intercessor: We pray for all who confess the name of Christ: fill us with the power of your Holy Spirit.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We pray for those whose lives are bound in mutual love, and for those who live in celibacy: be their joy and their strength.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all in danger, for those who are far from home, prisoners, exiles, victims of oppression: grant them your salvation.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all who are facing trials and difficulties, for those who are sick, and those who are dying: show them your kindness and mercy.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We pray for one another: may we always be united in service and love.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: We pray to be forgiven our sins and set free from all hardship, distress, want, war, and injustice.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: May we discover new and just ways of sharing the goods of the earth, struggling against exploitation, greed, or lack of concern: may we all live by the abundance of your mercies and find joy together.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

Intercessor: May we be strengthened by our communion with all Christ's saints.

People: **Lord, hear and have mercy.**

### Collect of the Day (P. 341) – Fenella Chiu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer (P.54) – Fenella Chiu

Leader: 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 – Be Still for the Presence

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.  
We bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear.  
In Him no sin is found,  
We stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
The Holy One is here.

2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendor He is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
Our radiant King of Light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around.

3. Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
To minister His grace.  
No work too hard for Him,  
In faith receive from Him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place.

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

## Prayer over the Gifts

All: **God of glory,  
accept all we offer you this day,  
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,  
where Christ is King.  
We ask this in his name.  
Amen.**

## Blessing (P.55) – Fenella Chiu

Leader: May the God of peace enable us to do his will in every kind of goodness, working in us what pleases him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever and ever.

People: **Amen.**

## Announcements

<https://www.stechurch.com/announcements>

## Dismissal – Fenella Chiu

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

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

## Recessional Hymn – This is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness  
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings  
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder  
And leaves us breathless in awe and wonder  
The King of Glory, the King above all kings

*(Refrain)* This is amazing grace  
This is unfailing love  
That You would take my place  
That You would bear my cross  
You laid down Your life that I would be set free  
Oh, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me

2. Who brings our chaos back into order  
Who makes the orphans a son and daughter  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory  
Who rules the nations with truth and justice  
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance  
The King of Glory, the King of Glory *(Refrain)*

\* Worthy is the Lamb who was slain  
Worthy is the King who conquered the grave  
*(repeat)*

*(Refrain)*

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## Next Sunday May 21<sup>st</sup> at 10am\_ 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service

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