



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

Sunday, June 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (10am)  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
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: **Pastor Tom**

Worship Leader, Gospeller (Matthew 10:24-39): **Paul Seto**

Reader 1 (Genesis 21:8-21), Intercessor: **Michelle Zheng**

Reader 2 (Romans 6:1b-11): **Gabriel Kong**      Offering: **Hazel Doiron**

AV Team: **Chivas Chu / Paul Seto**

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## 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.363) – Paul Seto

A The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord;  
and you also are witnesses.

*John 15:26, 27*

## The Peace (P.192) – Paul Seto

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) – Paul Seto

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) – Paul Seto

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) – Paul Seto

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 Genesis 21:8-21 – Michelle Zheng

Reader: ***Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away***

*<sup>8</sup> The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, 'Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac.' <sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, 'Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named after you. <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring.' <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.*

*<sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, 'Do not let me look on the death of the child.' And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, 'What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him.' <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.*

<sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from Romans 6:1b-11 – Gabriel Kong

Reader:

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?<sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it?<sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?<sup>4</sup> Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

<sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel 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](http://www.hymnal.net)*  
*Music: Composer unknown*  
*Text: Galatians 2:20*  
*[www.hymnal.net](http://www.hymnal.net)*

## Gospel Matthew 10:24-39 – Paul Seto

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

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

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

Reader:

*<sup>24</sup> 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!*

### **Whom to Fear**

*<sup>26</sup> 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.*

*<sup>32</sup> 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.*

### **Not Peace, but a Sword**

*<sup>34</sup> 'Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.*

*<sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father,  
and a daughter against her mother,  
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;*

*<sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household.*

*<sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon – Pastor Tom Ho

### The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Paul Seto

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.115 Litany 6) – Michelle Zheng

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Transition Period

Deanery: St. Thomas a Beckett; Rev'd David Matthews

Diocesan: The General Synod of the Anglican Church of Canada

Anglican: The Church of Bangladesh

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 to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the whole human family, that we may live together in justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

## Collect of the Day (P. 363) – Michelle Zheng

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **O God our defender,  
storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid.  
Rescue your people from despair,  
deliver your sons and daughters from fear,  
and preserve us all from unbelief;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and ever.  
Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer (P.54) – Paul Seto

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 – On Eagle's Wings

1. You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,  
Who abide in His shadow for life,  
Say to the Lord, "My Refuge,  
My Rock in Whom I trust."

*(Refrain)* And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
Bear you on the breath of dawn,  
Make you to shine like the sun,  
And hold you in the palm of His Hand.

2. The snares of the fowler will never capture you,  
The famine will bring you no fear;  
Under His Wings your refuge,  
His faithfulness your shield. *(Refrain)*

3. You need not fear the terror of the night,  
Nor the arrow that flies by day,  
Though thousands fall about you,  
Near you it shall not come. *(Refrain)*

4. For to His angels He's given a command,  
To guard you in all of your ways,  
Upon their hands they will bear you up,

Lest you dash your foot against a stone. (*Refrain*)

And hold you,  
Hold you in the palm of His Hand.

*Song leader: Benjamin Kim*

*Arrangement / electronic accompaniment: Terence Kim*

*Music and Text: Michael Joncas*

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

## Prayer over the Gifts (P. 364)

All: **Eternal God,  
you have made our Saviour Jesus Christ  
the head of all creation.  
Receive all we offer you this day  
and renew us in his risen life,  
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
Amen.**

## Blessing (P.55) – Paul Seto

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.**

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## Dismissal – Paul Seto

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn – Praise Adonai

Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne?  
Mountains bow down, every ocean roars to the Lord of hosts.

Praise Adonai,  
From the rising of the sun till the end of everyday;  
Praise Adonai,  
All the nations of the earth, all the angels and the saints sing praise.  
(x3)

*Song leader & guitarist: Justin Kim*

*Arranger & electronic accompanist: Terence Kim*

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Next Sunday July 2<sup>nd</sup> at **10:30am**

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Canada Day  
In-Person & Online **JOINT** Moring Prayer Prayer Service

Preacher, Gospeller (*Matthew 10:40-42*): **Billy Ng**

Lay Reader: **Joel Chiu**

Intercessor: **Amy Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Genesis 22:1-14*), PPT Compiler: **Yvonne Zheng**

Reader 2 (*Romans 6:12-23*): **Tali Wong**

Greeter, Sidesperson, Bee Team: **Marian Chu**

Envelope Secretaries: **Kenny Pang, Grace Liu**

PPT Controller: **Daniel Liu**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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### 1. Community Garden Network

- Following the evaluation from our Folksgala last year, parishioners would like St. E to be a serving church. We will hold a Community Garden Network and encourage you to donate some of your grown produce to the needy families through [Carefirst Seniors and Community Services Association](#).
- If you are willing to share your loving produce, please bring them to church on the 3rd Sunday of each month as follows:
  - July 16, 2023
  - August 20, 2023
  - September 17, 2023
  - October 15, 2023
- If you don't have the home-grown product but would like to participate or have any questions, please contact Bonny at [mission@stechurch.com](mailto:mission@stechurch.com).

### 2. Property Management Notice

- The property management department is scheduled to clean and maintain the inside and outside of the church on the morning of the second Saturday of each month. We invite all church members to take time to participate in this activity. If possible, please bring your own gardening tools. Interested parties please contact Property Management Minister Paul Seto.
- Now scheduled for the following dates:
  1. **July 8**
  2. August 12
  3. September 9
  4. October 14
- If it rains that day, it will be postponed to the next Saturday.