



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

Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 (10am)  
8<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

Sharing: **Yvonne Zheng**

Worship Leader, Gospeller (*Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43*), PPT Compiler: **Fenella Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Genesis 28:10-19a*), Intercessor: **Amy Chiu**

Reader 2 (*Romans 8:12-25*): **Gabriel Kong**

Offering Collection: **Gabrielle Seto**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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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.368) – Fenella Chiu

My word shall accomplish that which I purpose, and prosper in the thing for which I sent it. *Isaiah 55:11*

## 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 Genesis 28:10-19a – Amy Chiu

Reader: **Jacob's Dream at Bethel**

*<sup>10</sup> Jacob left Beer-sheba and went towards Haran. <sup>11</sup> He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. <sup>12</sup> And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. <sup>13</sup> And the Lord stood beside him and said, 'I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; <sup>14</sup> and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. <sup>15</sup> Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.' <sup>16</sup> Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, 'Surely the Lord is in this place — and I did not know it!' <sup>17</sup> And he was afraid, and said, 'How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.'*

*<sup>18</sup> So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. <sup>19a</sup> He called that place Bethel;*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from Romans 8:12-25 – Gabriel Kong

Reader:

*<sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh — <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, ‘Abba! Father!’ <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ — if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.*

### **Future Glory**

*<sup>18</sup> I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; <sup>20</sup> for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope <sup>21</sup> that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. <sup>22</sup> We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; <sup>23</sup> and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. <sup>24</sup> For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup> But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn – As Jacob with Travel was Weary One Day

1. As Jacob with travel was weary one day,  
at night on a stone for a pillow he lay;  
he saw in a vision a ladder so high  
that its foot was on earth and its top in the sky

*(Refrain)* Alleluia to Jesus who died on the tree,  
and has raised up a ladder of mercy for me!  
and has raised up a ladder of mercy for me!

2. The ladder is long, it is strong and well-made,  
has stood hundreds of years and is not yet decayed;  
many millions have climbed it and reached Zion's hill;  
many millions by faith now are climbing it still: *(Refrain)*

3. Come let us ascend! All may climb it who will;  
for the angels of Jacob are guarding it still:

and remember, each step that by faith we pass o'er,  
many prophet and martyrs has trod it before: *(Refrain)*

4. And when we arrive at the haven of rest  
we shall hear the glad words, 'Come to me, all the blest,  
here are regions of light, here are mansions of bliss'.  
Who would not want to climb such a ladder as this? *(Refrain)*

*Hymn Leader: Justin Kim*

*Arrangement and Electronic Accompaniment: Terence Kim*

*Music & text: English traditional*

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## Gospel Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 – Fenella Chiu

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: ***The Parable of Weeds among the Wheat***

*<sup>24</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; <sup>25</sup> but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. <sup>26</sup> So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. <sup>27</sup> And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, "Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?" <sup>28</sup> He answered, "An enemy has done this." The slaves said to him, "Then do you want us to go and gather them?" <sup>29</sup> But he replied, "No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. <sup>30</sup> Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"*

***Jesus Explains the Parable of the Weeds***

*<sup>36</sup> Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.' <sup>37</sup> He answered, 'The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; <sup>38</sup> the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, <sup>39</sup> and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. <sup>40</sup> Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. <sup>41</sup> The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, <sup>42</sup> and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. <sup>43</sup> Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.  
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

## Sharing – Yvonne Zheng

### 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) – Amy Chiu

#### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Transition Period  
Deanery: St. Peter's; Interim Canon Jim Woolley and Rev'd Maria Nightingale  
Diocesan: Huronia Deanery  
Anglican: The Church of the Province of Central 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  
Condolences: Ut King Cheong (Lily Chow's father), Yim Ming Yip (Tracy Yip's father)

*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. 369) – Amy Chiu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,  
your Son has opened for us  
a new and living way into your presence.  
Give us pure hearts and constant wills  
to worship you in spirit and in truth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives 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 – How Great Thou Art

1. O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all The world Thy Hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout The universe displayed;

*(Refrain)*

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
(x2)

2. When Christ shall come, With shouts of acclamation,  
And take me home, What joy shall fill my heart!

Then I shall bow In humble adoration  
And there proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!"

*(Refrain)*

*Hymn leader & accompanist: Daniel Yoon  
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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. 369)

All: **O God,  
accept our praise and thanksgiving.  
Help us in all we do  
to offer ourselves as a true and living sacrifice;  
through Jesus Christ the Lord.  
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.**

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## Dismissal – Fenella Chiu

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Recessional Hymn – Christ Is Enough

Christ is my reward And all of my devotion  
Now there's nothing in this world That could ever satisfy

Through every trial My soul will sing  
No turning back I've been set free

\* Christ is enough for me Christ is enough for me  
Everything I need is in You Everything I need

Christ my all in all The joy of my salvation  
And this hope will never fail Heaven is my home

Through every storm My soul will sing  
Jesus is here To God be the glory (\*)

I have decided to follow Jesus  
No turning back No turning back  
(x2)

The cross before me The world behind me  
No turning back No turning back  
(x2)(\*)

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Next Sunday July 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 10am

9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service

Preacher, Gospeller (*Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*): **Billy Ng**

Worship Leader, Intercessor: **Justin Kim**

Reader 1 (*Genesis 29:15-28*), PPT Compiler: **Carol Tam**

Reader 2 (*Romans 8:26-39*): **Silas Seto** Offering Collection: **Sky Boone**

AV Team: **Terence Kim**

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