



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

Sunday, August 27th, 2023 (10am)
13th Sunday after Pentecost
In-Person & Online
English Morning Prayer Service

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

This Sunday Roster

Preacher, Gospeller (*Matthew 16:13-20*): **Wilson Loo**

Worship Leader Reader 1 (*Exodus 1:8-2:10*): **Paul Seto**

Reader 2 (*Romans 12:1-8*): **Silas Seto**

Intercessor: **Fenella Chiu**

PPT Compiler: **Carol Tam**

Accompanists: **Terence Kim, Justin Kim**

Song Leader: **Justin Kim**

Offering Collection: **Joshua Lau**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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.375) – Paul Seto

Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

Matthew 16:16

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.**

1st Reading from Exodus 1:8-2:10 – Paul Seto

Reader: *The Israelites Are Oppressed*

⁸ Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. ⁹ He said to his people, 'Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. ¹⁰ Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land.' ¹¹ Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labour. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. ¹² But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. ¹³ The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, ¹⁴ and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labour. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

¹⁵ The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ 'When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live.' ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. ¹⁸ So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, 'Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?' ¹⁹ The midwives said to Pharaoh, 'Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them.' ²⁰ So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. ²¹ And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. ²² Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, 'Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live.'

Birth and Youth of Moses

^{2:1} Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. ² The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a

fine baby, she hid him for three months. ³ When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. ⁴ His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

⁵ The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. ⁶ When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him. 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. ⁷ Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' ⁸ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. ⁹ Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. ¹⁰ When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because', she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading from Romans 12:1-8 – Silas Seto

Reader: ***The New Life in Christ***

¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – Set Us Aflame

1. A call has been giv'n in this land.
For the church to boldly stand.

To proclaim the year of the Lord,
be renewed by His love and His word.

(Refrain) Father fill us,
overflow us with your power.
May your fire set us aflame.
Empower us that we might go forth
to proclaim your mercy and love.

2. We will answer the call God has raised,
we'll go forth to proclaim God's grace.
Seek to love those who cry out for love
Liberate those who in bondage face. *(Refrain x2)*

Song Leader: Justin Kim

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Arranged by Justin Kim, Joanne Loo, Terence Kim

Gospel Matthew 16:13-20 – Wilson Loo

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: **Peter's Declaration about Jesus**

¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Wilson Loo

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) – Fenella Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Transition Period

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

Diocesan: Bishop Riscylla Shaw

Anglican: The Church of England

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. 376) – Fenella Chiu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
we are taught by your word
that all our doings without love are worth nothing.
Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts
that most excellent gift of love,
the true bond of peace and of all virtue;
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) – 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 – O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

*Accompanists: Terence Kim, Justin Kim; Song Leader: Justin Kim
Music: Arthur H. Mann; Text: John Ernest Bode*

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

Prayer over the Gifts (P. 376)

All: **God of glory,
receive all we offer this day as a symbol of our love,
and increase in us that true and perfect gift.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet

Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet,
Praise the Lord with the harp and lute,
Praise the Lord with the gentle sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest,
Praise the Lord in the city square,
Praise the Lord any time and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine,
Praise the Lord in the dark of night,
Praise the Lord in the rain or snow
Or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley,
Praise the Lord on the highest hill,
Praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal,
Praise the Lord with the pipe and string,
Praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning,
Praise the Lord on a Sunday noon,
Praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow,
Praise the Lord in the time of joy,
Praise the Lord every moment;
Nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet,
Praise the Lord in your work or play,
Praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

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Next Sunday September 3rd, 2023 at 10:30am 14th Sunday after Pentecost
In-Person & Online **JOINT Holy Communion** Service

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (*Matthew 16:21-28*): **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Lay Reader, Intercessor: **Wilson Loo** Server: **Joel Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Exodus 3:1-15*): **Amy Chiu** Reader 2 (*Romans 12:9-21*), Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**

Greeter, Sidesperson: **Mandy Li** Envelope Secretaries: **Grace Liu, Annie Chan**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung, Terence Kim** PPT Compiler, PPT Controller: **Fenella Chiu**

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