

# Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023 10:30am 14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost Joint Holy Communion Service

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

# This Sunday Roster

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

Server: **Joel Chiu**Reader 1 (*Exodus 3:1-15*): **Amy Chiu**Greeter, Sidesperson: **Mandy Li**Lay Reader, Intercessor, Song Leader: **Wilson Loo**Reader 2 (*Romans 12:9-21*), Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**Envelope Secretaries: **Josephine Cheung, Annie Chan** 

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

Accompanist, Song Leader: Daniel Yoon

# Introduction before starting service – Wilson Loo

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.

# Prepare for Worship - Come Now is the Time to Worship Opening Sentence (P. 377) – Wilson Loo

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us.

See Ephesians 1.17, 18

# Processional Hymn – #18 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

Accompanist, Hymn leader: Daniel Yoon

Music by Ludvig van Beethoven; English words by Henry Van Dyke;

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# 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. 373) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: Author and Giver of all good things,

graft in our hearts the love of your name,

increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness,

and of your great mercy keep us in the same;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

# 1st Reading from Exodus 3:1-15 - Amy Chiu

#### Reader: Moses at the Burning Bush

<sup>1</sup> Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup> There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup> Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' <sup>4</sup> When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' <sup>5</sup> Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' <sup>6</sup> He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

<sup>7</sup> Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, <sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. <sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. <sup>10</sup> So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' <sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' <sup>12</sup> He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

#### The Divine Name Revealed

<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' <sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you."' <sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you":

This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

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

# Children's Talk - Rev. Canon Victor Li

<Sunday School children may exit to classroom>

#### Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b - Wilson Loo

#### God's Faithfulness to Israel

- 1 O give thanks to the Lord, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.
- 2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.
- 3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.
- 4 Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually.
- 5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgements he has uttered,
- 6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.
- 23 Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.
- 24 And the Lord made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,
- 25 whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

26 He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen. 45b Praise the Lord!

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from Romans 12:9-21 – Ophelia Chiu

#### Reader: Marks of the True Christian

<sup>9</sup> Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; <sup>10</sup> love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. <sup>11</sup> Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. <sup>17</sup> Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is

written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' <sup>20</sup> No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

#### Gospel Hymn – #386 Take Up Your Cross

Accompanist: Daniel Yoon; Hymn leaders: Wilson Loo

Text: Charles William Everest; Music: As Hymnsdus Sacer, arr. W.H. Wong

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## Gospel Matthew 16:21-28 - 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 *Matthew*.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Reader: Jesus Foretells His Death and Resurrection

<sup>21</sup> From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

#### The Cross and Self-Denial

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup> 'For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. <sup>28</sup> Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

#### Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li

#### The Nicene Creed (P.188) – Wilson Loo

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.117 Litany 9) – Wilson Loo

#### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Transition Period

Deanery: St. Hilary's; Rev'd Adrienne Clements

Diocesan: Anglican Schools in the Diocese of Toronto

Anglican: The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean

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: Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has

loved us.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are

in need.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power

of his life-giving Spirit.

People: Lord, have mercy.

All: Amen.

#### Confession (P.191) – Wilson Loo

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 – Prayer of St. Francis

1. Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there is hatred let me bring Your love; Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord; And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

(Refrain) O Master, grant that I may never seek So much to be consoled as to console; To be understood as to understand; To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

- 2. Make me a channel of Your peace. Where there's despair in life let me bring hope; Where there is darkness, only light; And where there's sadness, ever joy. (*Refrain*)
- 3. Make me a channel of Your peace. It is in pardoning that we are pardoned. In giving to all that we receive; And in dying that we're born to eternal life. (Refrain) (Repeat Verse 1)

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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.378) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Merciful God,

receive all we offer you this day. Give us grace to love one another

that your love may be made perfect in us.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 yourglory, 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.212 #2) - Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: We break this bread

to share in the body of Christ

All: We, being many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread

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 – Wilson Loo

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 - Daniel Yoon

## Prayer after Communion (P.378) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Almighty God,

you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May your holy food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our 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 – Wilson Loo

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

#### Recessional Hymn - Will You Come and Follow Me

- 1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
- 2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name? Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same? Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen, And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
- 5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same. In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show. Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Accompanist, Hymn leader: Daniel Yoon

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