



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

Sunday, September 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (10am)  
17<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
In-Person & Online  
English Morning Prayer Service

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Theme: Rekindle us to serve God in a changing world

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## This Sunday Roster

Preacher: **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Worship Leader, Gospeller (*Matthew 20:1-16*): **Fenella Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Exodus 16:2-15*), Intercessor: **Michelle Zheng**

Reader 2 (*Philippians 1:21-30*): **Silas Seto**

Offering Collection: **Hazel Doiron**

PPT Compiler: **Carol Tam**

AV Team: **Terence Kim**

Accompanist: **Daniel Yoon**

Hymn leader: **Ada Lam**

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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.381) – Fenella Chiu

Open our hearts, O Lord, to give heed to what is said by your Son.

## 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 Exodus 16:2-15 – Michelle Zheng

Reader:

<sup>2</sup> *The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness.* <sup>3</sup> *The Israelites said to them, ‘If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.’*

<sup>4</sup> *Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not.* <sup>5</sup> *On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.’* <sup>6</sup> *So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, ‘In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup> and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?’* <sup>8</sup> *And Moses said, ‘When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the Lord.’*

<sup>9</sup> *Then Moses said to Aaron, ‘Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, “Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.”’* <sup>10</sup> *And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud.* <sup>11</sup> *The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup> ‘I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, “At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.”’*

<sup>13</sup> In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup> When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup> When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from Philippians 1:21-30 – Silas Seto

Reader:

<sup>21</sup> For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup> Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. <sup>29</sup> For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well — <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn – Christ in Me is to Live

Christ in me is to live, to die is to gain;  
Christ in me is to live, to die is to gain.  
He's my King, He's my song,  
He's my life, He's my joy,  
He's my strength, He's my sword,  
He's my peace, He's my Lord.  
Christ in me is to live, to die is to gain;  
Christ in me is to live, to die is to gain.  
(Repeat once)

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## Gospel Matthew 20:1-16 – 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 Labourers in the Vineyard***

<sup>1</sup> *For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup> They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" <sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

### 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.117 Litany 9) – Michelle Zheng**

### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Transition Period

Deanery: St. Francis of Assisi, Meadowvale; Rev'd Jeff Brown

Diocesan: Lay Ministry and the Education for Ministry Program

Anglican: The Church of Ireland

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.**

## **Collect of the Day (P. 381) – Michelle Zheng**

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,  
you have created the heavens and the earth,  
and ourselves in your image.  
Teach us to discern your hand in all your works  
and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving;  
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 – I Know Who Holds the Future

I know who holds the future, and I know he holds my hand;  
With God things don't just happen, everything by Him is planned.  
So as I face tomorrow with its problems large and small,  
I'll trust the God of miracles, give to Him my all!

*(Repeat once)*

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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. 382)

All: **God of power,  
the glory of your works fills us with wonder and awe.  
Accept our offering this day,  
and help us to live in peace and harmony  
with all your creation,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our 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 – Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

1. Come, Thou fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.  
Teach me some melodious measure,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
O the vast, the boundless treasure  
Of my God's unchanging love.

2. Here make faith's affirmation:  
Thus far by thy help I've come;  
And I hope, by thy compassion,  
Safely to arrive at home.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Interposed his precious blood.

3. Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart, O take and seal it,  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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Next Sunday October 1<sup>st</sup> **10:30am**

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Church Anniversary

In-Person & Online **JOINT Holy Communion** Service Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (Matthew 21:23-32), Preacher: **Rev. Canon Victor Li**

Lay Reader: **Wilson Loo**

Server: **Joel Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Exodus 17:1-7*): **Yvonne Zheng**

Greeter, Sidesperson: **Mandy Li**

Reader 2 (*Philippians 2:1-13*): **Margaret Loo**

Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**

Intercessor, Envelope Secretary 1: **Grace Liu**

Envelope Secretary 2: **Kenny Pang**

PPT Compiler, PPT Controller: **Fenella Chiu**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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