



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

Sunday, October 1st, 2023 **10:30am**
18th Sunday after Pentecost,
Church Anniversary
Joint Holy Communion Service

Theme: Rekindle us to serve God in a changing world

This Sunday 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**

Accompanist: **Joanne Loo**

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 - #625 The Lord is in His Temple

Opening Sentence (P. 382) – Wilson Loo

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord; I know them and they follow me.

John 10:27

Processional Hymn – #272 The Church's One Foundation (vs 1, 2, 4, 5)

Music: Samuel Sebastian Wesley; Text: Samuel J. Stone;

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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. 383) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: **Let us pray.**

All: **Grant, O merciful God,
that your Church,
being gathered by your Holy Spirit into one,
may show forth your power among all peoples,
to the glory of your name;
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 17:1-7 – Yvonne Zheng

Reader: **Water from the Rock**

¹ From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. ² The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?' ³ But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' ⁴ So Moses cried out to the Lord, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' ⁵ The Lord said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. ⁶ I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. ⁷ He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the Lord, saying, 'Is the Lord among us or not?'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem – Here in This Place

St. Elizabeth's Anglican Church Choir

Music & Text: Marty Haugan

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Children's Talk – Rev. Canon Victor Li

<Sunday School children may exit to classroom>

2nd Reading from Philippians 2:1-13 – Margaret Loo

Reader: **Imitating Christ's Humility**

¹ If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let

each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Shining as Lights in the World

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – We are One in the Spirit

1. We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored...

(Refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love,
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand.
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. *(Refrain)*

3. We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
We will work with each other, we will work side by side.
And we'll give up our dignity, and crucify our pride. (*Refrain*)

4. All praise to the Father from whom all blessings come,
And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son,
And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (*Refrain*)

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Gospel Matthew 21:23-32 – 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: **Glorify to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Reader: ***The Authority of Jesus Questioned***

²³ *When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.*

The Parable of the Two Sons

²⁸ *'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.*

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

Sermon – Rev. Canon Victor Li *(In Cantonese and English)*

The Apostles' Creed (P.188) – Wilson Loo

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.**

Parish Anniversary Prayers of the People (P.671) – Grace Liu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Transition Period
Deanery: St. Thomas a Beckett; Rev'd David Matthews
Diocesan: North Peel Deanery
Anglican: The Anglican Church of Japan (The Nippon Sei Ko Kai)
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, "We thank you, Lord."

Intercessor: For the Church universal, of which these buildings are a
visible symbol,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For your presence whenever two or three have gathered in
your name,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For this place where we may be still and know that you are God,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For our past and a vision of the future that lies ahead,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the pardon of our sins when we have fallen short of
your glory,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the holy eucharist in which we have a foretaste of your
eternal kingdom,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the blessing of our vows and the crowning of our years
with your goodness,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the faith of those who have gone before us and for our
encouragement by their perseverance,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For all the benefactors of this place who have died in the
peace of Christ and are at rest, (especially N)

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Intercessor: For the fellowship of all your saints, and especially for N,
our patron,

People: **We thank you, Lord.**

Parish Anniversary Prayer (P.672) - Grace Liu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

People: **O God,**

from living and chosen stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

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 – #403 Take My Life that I May Be

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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.673) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Father, hear the prayers of your faithful people.
Grant that all who celebrate this eucharist
may please you by the offering of themselves
and the fulfilling of your will.
This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 3 (P.198-200) – 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.**

(Proper Preface P.673)

Celebrant: Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth;
heaven itself cannot contain you
and your glory fills all the world.
You accept our setting apart of places for your worship
and in them pour out your gifts of grace
upon your faithful people.

This table is a sign to us of the heavenly altar,
where your saints and angels praise you.
Here we have recalled the sacrifice of your Son;
here we have been fed with the body and blood of your Son;
here our sins have been forgiven;
here we have tasted the joys of your eternal kingdom.

Grant that in these mysteries
we may be united with one another
and strengthened for service in your world.

Therefore with angels and archangels
and those who worship you in every age,
we raise our voices in joyful praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

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: We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.

In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,
a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, " Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,
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."

All: Therefore, Father, according to his command,
**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

Celebrant: and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all;

presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,
to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.
Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever.

People: **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

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 – Eat this Bread

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Prayer after Communion (P.673) – Rev. Canon Victor Li

Celebrant: Father, you have given us this time of joy
and have nourished us in heavenly things.
Grant that we may show in our lives the love of Christ
who is our God and Saviour.

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)**

Announcements

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Dismissal – Wilson Loo

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – St. E Anniversary Song

1. Here at St Elizabeth's seekers will find
Fellowship and warmth with those who follow Christ.
Through the toil and hardships our faith will prevail
As silver refined by the fire.

(Refrain) Let us tell of His Grace with a joyful song.

Laughs and tears, both we've shared
throughout all these years.

By the rod and the staff, Christ, He leads us on.
His blessings ever endure.

2. Hearts as one we set out to carry His cross.
Through the desert wilderness we journey on.
At the promised land, that's where we'll build His Church,
And ever his glory proclaim!

(Refrain)

3. By His new commandment let's all live in love.
Let the Holy Spirit's flame our hearts inspire.
Christ as our example we set forth once more,
In God we trust, His will shall be!

(Refrain)

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Next Sunday October 8th **10am**

19th Sunday after Pentecost, Thanksgiving Sunday

English In-Person & Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

Preacher: **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Worship Leader, Gospeller (*Matthew 21:33-46*): **Justin Kim**

Reader 1 (*Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20*), Intercessor: **Carol Tam**

Reader 2 (*Philippians 3:4b-14*): **Gabriel Kong** Offering Collection: **Joshua Lau**

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