

# Sunday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (10am) 22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service

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

# This Sunday Roster

Preacher: Wilson Loo

Worship Leader, Gospeller (Matthew 22:34-46): Paul Seto Reader 1 (Deuteronomy 34:1-12), Intercessor: Fenella Chiu

Reader 2 (1 Thessalonians 2:1-8): Gabriel Kong Offering Collection: Sky Boone

PPT Compiler: **Yvonne Zheng** AV Team: **Tommy Kung** Accompanist: **Terence Kim** Song Leader: **Justin Kim** 

### 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.388) – Paul Seto

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.

John 14:23

# 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 Deuteronomy 34:1-12 – Fenella Chiu

Reader: Moses Dies and Is Buried in the Land of Moab

<sup>1</sup> Then Moses went up from the plains of Moab to Mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, which is opposite Jericho, and the Lord showed him the whole land: Gilead as far as Dan, <sup>2</sup> all Naphtali, the land of Ephraim and Manasseh, all the land of Judah as far as the Western Sea, <sup>3</sup> the Negeb, and the Plain—that is, the valley of Jericho, the city of palm trees—as far as Zoar. <sup>4</sup> The Lord said to him, 'This is the land of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, "I will give it to your descendants"; I have let you see it with your eyes, but you shall not cross over there.' <sup>5</sup> Then Moses, the servant of the Lord, died there in the land of Moab, at the Lord's command. <sup>6</sup> He was buried in a valley in the land of Moab, opposite Bethpeor, but no one knows his burial place to this day. <sup>7</sup> Moses was one hundred and twenty years old when he died; his sight was unimpaired and his vigour had not abated. <sup>8</sup> The Israelites wept for Moses in the plains of Moab for thirty days; then the period of mourning for Moses was ended.

<sup>9</sup> Joshua son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, because Moses had laid his hands on him; and the Israelites obeyed him, doing as the Lord had commanded Moses.

<sup>10</sup> Never since has there arisen a prophet in Israel like Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face. <sup>11</sup> He was unequalled for all the signs and wonders that the Lord sent him to perform in the land of Egypt, against Pharaoh and all his servants and his entire land, <sup>12</sup> and for all the mighty deeds and all the terrifying displays of power that Moses performed in the sight of all Israel.

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

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8 – Gabriel Kong

#### Reader: Paul's Ministry in Thessalonica

<sup>1</sup> You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, <sup>2</sup> but though we had already suffered and been shamefully maltreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. <sup>3</sup> For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, <sup>4</sup> but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. <sup>5</sup> As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; <sup>6</sup> nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from you or from others, <sup>7</sup> though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. <sup>8</sup> So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

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

### Gospel Hymn – Here I am to Worship

Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness. Opened my eyes, let me see. Beauty that made this heart adore You Hope of a life spent with You

(Refrain) So, here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me

King of all days, oh, so highly exalted Glorious in heaven above Humbly You came to the earth You created All for love's sake became poor (*Refrain*)

I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross
I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross (Refrain)

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# Gospel Matthew 22:34-46 - Paul Seto

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 Greatest Commandment

<sup>34</sup> When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, <sup>35</sup> and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. <sup>36</sup> 'Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?' 37 He said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." <sup>38</sup> This is the greatest and first commandment. <sup>39</sup> And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." <sup>40</sup> On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.'

#### The Question about David's Son

<sup>41</sup> Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: <sup>42</sup> 'What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?' They said to him, 'The son of David.' <sup>43</sup> He said to them, 'How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

44 "The Lord said to my Lord, 'Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet'"?

<sup>45</sup> If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?' <sup>46</sup> No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

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.117 Litany 9) – Fenella Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: New Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Deanery: St. Elizabeth's

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Michael Pryse

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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, Kingsman Tang

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. 388) - Fenella Chiu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: Lord God our redeemer,

who heard the cry of your people and sent your servant Moses to lead them out of slavery,

free us from the tyranny of sin and death,

and by the leading of your Spirit bring us to our promised land; 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 - Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart, let me be as gold and precious silver Purify my heart let me be as gold pure gold

Refrain: Refiner's fire

my heart's one desire is to be holy

set apart for You, Lord.

I choose to be holy, set apart for You, my Master

ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, cleanse me from within and make me holy; Purify my heart, cleanse me from my sin deep within. (Refrain)

Ready to do Your will.

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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. 389)

All: God of constant love,

you have guided your people

in all times and ages.

May we who offer you our praise today always be ready to follow where you lead; 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 - Sing Glory to God

1. Sing glory to God in the height of the heavens, Salvation and peace to His people on earth; Our King and our Saviour, our God and our Father, We worship and praise You and sing of Your worth.

(Refrain) Creation unites in the pow'r of the Spirit,

In praise of the Father, thru Jesus, the Son. So complex, so simple, so clear, so mysterious,

Our God ever three, yet eternally one.

- 2. Lord Jesus, the Christ, only Son of the Father, The Lamb Who has carried our burden of shame, Now seated on high in the glory of heaven, Have mercy upon us who call on Your name. (Refrain)
- 3. For you, only You, we acknowledge as holy, We name You alone as our Saviour and Lord; You only, O Christ, with the Spirit exalted, are one with the Father, for ever adored. (Refrain)

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### Next Sunday November 5th 10am

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