



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

Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023 (10am)  
23<sup>rd</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: **Billy Ng**

Worship Leader, Gospeller (*Matthew 23:1-12*), PPT Compiler: **Fenella Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Joshua 3:7-17*), Intercessor: **Carol Tam**    Offering Collection: **Hazel Doiron**

Reader 2 (*1 Thessalonians 2:9-13*): **Terence Kim**    AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

Accompanist, Song Leader: **Daniel Yoon, 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.389) – Fenella Chiu

You have one Father, who is in heaven. You have one teacher, the Christ.

*Matthew 23:9, 10*

## 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 Joshua 3:7-17 – Carol Tam**

**Reader:**

*<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Joshua, 'This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, so that they may know that I will be with you as I was with Moses. <sup>8</sup> You are the one who shall command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, "When you come to the edge of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan."'" <sup>9</sup> Joshua then said to the Israelites, 'Draw near and hear the words of the Lord your God.' <sup>10</sup> Joshua said, 'By this you shall know that among you is the living God who without fail will drive out from before you the Canaanites, Hittites, Hivites, Perizzites, Girgashites, Amorites, and Jebusites: <sup>11</sup> the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is going to pass before you into the Jordan. <sup>12</sup> So now select twelve men from the tribes of Israel, one from each tribe. <sup>13</sup> When the soles of the feet of the priests who bear the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan flowing from above shall be cut off; they shall stand in a single heap.'*

*<sup>14</sup> When the people set out from their tents to cross over the Jordan, the priests bearing the ark of the covenant were in front of the people. <sup>15</sup> Now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest. So when those who bore the ark had come to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, <sup>16</sup> the waters flowing from above stood still, rising up in a single heap far off at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, while those flowing towards the sea of the Arabah, the Dead Sea, were wholly cut off. Then the people crossed over opposite Jericho. <sup>17</sup> While all Israel were crossing over on dry ground, the priests who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan, until the entire nation finished crossing over the Jordan.*

**Reader:** The word of the Lord.

**People:** **Thanks be to God.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13 – Terence Kim

Reader:

<sup>9</sup> You remember our labour and toil, brothers and sisters; we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you while we proclaimed to you the gospel of God. <sup>10</sup> You are witnesses, and God also, how pure, upright, and blameless our conduct was towards you believers. <sup>11</sup> As you know, we dealt with each one of you like a father with his children, <sup>12</sup> urging and encouraging you and pleading that you should lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

<sup>13</sup> We also constantly give thanks to God for this, that when you received the word of God that you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word but as what it really is, God's word, which is also at work in you believers.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn – Blest are the Pure in Heart

1. Blest are the pure in heart,  
For they shall see our God;  
The secret of the Lord is theirs,  
Their soul is Christ abode.
2. The Lord, who left the heavens  
Our life and peace to bring,  
To dwell in lowliness with men,  
Their pattern and their King.
3. Still to the lowly soul  
He doth Himself impart,  
And for His dwelling and His throne  
Chooseth the pure in heart.
4. Lord, we Thy presence seek;  
May ours this blessing be:  
Give us a pure and lowly heart,  
A temple meet for Thee

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## Gospel Matthew 23:1-12 – 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: **Jesus Denounces Scribes and Pharisees**

*<sup>1</sup> Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> ‘The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat; <sup>3</sup> therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practise what they teach. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup> They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. <sup>6</sup> They love to have the place of honour at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup> and to be greeted with respect in the market-places, and to have people call them rabbi. <sup>8</sup> But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. <sup>9</sup> And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup> The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup> All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.*

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

## Sermon – Billy Ng

### 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.112 Litany 2) – Carol Tam

Parish: New Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Siu Chun Leung  
Deanery: Trinity, Streetsville; Rev’d Robert Hurkmans  
Diocesan: All Saints Church - Community Centre  
Anglican: The Anglican Church of Mexico (La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico)

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 with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

Intercessor: O Lord, guard and direct your Church in the way of unity, service, and praise.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Give to all nations an awareness of the unity of the human family.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and selfishness, and inspire us to hunger and thirst for what is right.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Teach us to use your creation for your greater praise, that all may share the good things you provide.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Strengthen all who give their energy or skill for the healing of those who are sick in body or in mind.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Set free all who are bound by fear and despair.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Intercessor: Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to all who are dying, and your comfort to those who mourn.

People: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

## Collect of the Day (P. 390) – Carol Tam

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,  
whose chosen servant Abraham obeyed your call,  
rejoicing in your promise  
that in him the family of the earth is blessed,  
give us faith like his,  
that in us your promises may be fulfilled;  
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) – 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 – Sister, Let Me Be Your Servant

1. Sister let me be your servant,  
Let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace  
To let you be my servant too.

2. We are pilgrims on a journey,  
Fellow travellers on the road;  
We are here to help each other  
Walk the mile and bear the load.

3. I will hold the Christ-light for you  
In the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
Speak the peace you long to hear.

4. I will weep when you are weeping;  
When you laugh I'll laugh with you.  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
Till we've seen this journey through.

5. When we sing to God in heaven,  
We shall find such harmony,  
Born of all we've known together  
Of Christ's love and agony.

6. Brother, let me be your servant,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
Pray that I may have the grace to  
let you be my servant too.

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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. 390)

All:           **God of freedom,  
accept all we offer you this day.  
May we embrace the law of your service  
and know the glorious liberty of the children of God.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 – Ye Watchers And Ye Holy Ones

1. Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
Bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,  
Raise the glad strain, Alleluia!  
Cry out, dominions, principedoms, powers,  
Virtues, archangels, angels' choirs,

*(Refrain)* Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. O higher than the cherubim,  
More glorious than the seraphim,  
Lead their praises, Alleluia!  
Thou bearer of th'eternal Word,  
Most gracious, magnify the Lord, *(Refrain)*

3. Respond, ye souls in endless rest,  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,  
All saints triumphant, raise the song, *(Refrain)*

4. O friends, in gladness let us sing,  
Supernal anthems echoing,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
To God the Father, God the Son,  
And God the Spirit, Three in One, *(Refrain)*

*Music by: Geistliche Kirchengesang; Text by: Athelstan Riley  
Hymns of Universal Praise (1986) #217*

Next Sunday November 12<sup>th</sup> 10am

24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost, Remembrance Sunday

In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service Roster

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Reader 2 (*1 Thessalonians 4:13-18*): **Silas Seto**

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