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Theme: Rekindle us to serve God in a changing world

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## This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (*Mark 13:24–37*): **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Lay Reader, Psalm (*80:1–7, 17–19*): **Joel Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Isaiah 64:1–9*): **Martin Lau**

Reader 2 (*1 Corinthians 1:3–9*): **Patrick Lo**

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## Introduction before starting service – Joel 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.

## Prepare for Worship - Come Now is the Time to Worship

### Opening Sentence (P. 268) – Joel Chiu

Look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.

*Luke 21:28*

## Processional Hymn – #93 O Come O Come Emanuel

*Music: Ancient plain song; adapt. Thomas Helmore*

*Text: Ancient Latin antiphons, John Mason Neale, Henry Sloane;*

*Hymns of Universal Praise (1986) #93*

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## 1st Sunday of Advent

Four weeks before Christmas is the period of Advent. During this period, Christians will prepare with anticipation and joy to welcome the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ. Many churches would display the "Advent Wreath". Four candles are usually placed around the garland, representing the four weeks of Advent, and they are burned cumulatively every week. There is also a white-colored candle that will be lit during the Christmas Vigil, symbolizing the light of Christ has come to the world.

Advent wreaths actually originated from Nordic folk custom and are related to the winter solstice. The winter solstice is the day when the sun is farthest from the equator. It is also the day with the least daylight and the longest night in Northern Europe. On this day, people would wrap evergreen branches around the wagon wheels, put candles in them, and then light them to express that they were all looking forward to the sun coming back soon to dispel the darkness of the long night.

Later, Christians began to introduce this custom as a religious ritual, using candlelight to symbolize the presence of Christ.

## Lighting of the Advent Candles

### Hymn - He Came Down

He came down that we may have hope; (3x)  
Hallelujah forever more.

Hymn leader: Justin Kim; Electronic accompaniment: Joanne Loo

Music: Melody African; arr. John L. Bell; Text: African Trad.

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## Confession (P.191) – Joel Chiu

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.**

## Kyrie Eleison (P.186)

All: **Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution (P.192) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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.**

## Collect of the Day (P. 268) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,  
give us grace to cast away the works of darkness  
and put on the armour of light,  
now in the time of this mortal life  
in which your Son Jesus Christ**

came to us in great humility,  
that on the last day,  
when he shall come again in his glorious majesty  
to judge both the living and the dead,  
we may rise to the life immortal;  
through him who lives and reigns  
with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from Isaiah 64:1–9 – Martin Lau

Reader:

- 1 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down,  
so that the mountains would quake at your presence —*
- 2 as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil —  
to make your name known to your adversaries,  
so that the nations might tremble at your presence!*
- 3 When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect,  
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.*
- 4 From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived,  
no eye has seen any God besides you,  
who works for those who wait for him.*
- 5 You meet those who gladly do right,  
those who remember you in your ways.  
But you were angry, and we sinned;  
because you hid yourself we transgressed.*
- 6 We have all become like one who is unclean,  
and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth.  
We all fade like a leaf,  
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.*
- 7 There is no one who calls on your name,  
or attempts to take hold of you;  
for you have hidden your face from us,  
and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.*
- 8 Yet, O Lord, you are our Father;  
we are the clay, and you are our potter;  
we are all the work of your hand.*
- 9 Do not be exceedingly angry, O Lord,  
and do not remember iniquity for ever.  
Now consider, we are all your people.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*<Sunday School children may exit to classroom>*

## Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19 – Joel Chiu

### **Prayer for Israel's Restoration**

**To the leader: on Lilies, a Covenant. Of Asaph. A Psalm.**

*1 Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, you who lead Joseph like a flock!*

*You who are enthroned upon the cherubim, shine forth*

**2 before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh.**

**Stir up your might, and come to save us!**

*3 Restore us, O God; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**4 O Lord God of hosts,**

**how long will you be angry with your people's prayers?**

*5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,  
and given them tears to drink in full measure.*

**6 You make us the scorn of our neighbours;  
our enemies laugh among themselves.**

*7 Restore us, O God of hosts; let your face shine, that we may be saved.*

**17 But let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,  
the one whom you made strong for yourself.**

*18 Then we will never turn back from you;  
give us life, and we will call on your name.*

**19 Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;**

**let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:3–9 – Patrick Lo

Reader:

*<sup>3</sup> Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*<sup>4</sup> I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, <sup>5</sup> for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind — <sup>6</sup> just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you — <sup>7</sup> so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>8</sup> He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>9</sup> God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn – As the Deer

1. As the deer panteth for the water  
So my soul longeth after You  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You

*(Refrain)* You alone are my strength, my shield  
To you alone may my spirit yield  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You

2. You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are my King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than anything *(Refrain)*

3. I want you more than gold or silver  
Only you can satisfy  
You alone are the real joy giver  
And the apple of my eye *(Refrain)*

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## Gospel Mark 13:24–37 – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Reader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to **Mark.**

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

Reader: ***The Coming of the Son of Man***

<sup>24</sup> *Jesus said, 'But in those days, after that suffering,  
the sun will be darkened,*

*and the moon will not give its light,*

<sup>25</sup> *and the stars will be falling from heaven,*

*and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.*

<sup>26</sup> *Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great  
power and glory. <sup>27</sup> Then he will send out the angels, and gather his  
elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of  
heaven.*

***The Lesson of the Fig Tree***

<sup>28</sup> *'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes  
tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. <sup>29</sup> So  
also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near,  
at the very gates. <sup>30</sup> Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away*

*until all these things have taken place. <sup>31</sup> Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.*

### **The Necessity for Watchfulness**

*<sup>32</sup> 'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>33</sup> Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. <sup>34</sup> It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. <sup>35</sup> Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, <sup>36</sup> or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. <sup>37</sup> And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

### The Nicene Creed (P.188) – Joel Chiu

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.119 Litany 12 Advent) – Wilson Loo

Parish: New Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Siu Chun Leung  
Deanery: St. Francis of Assisi; Rev'd Jeff Brown  
Diocesan: St. James Cathedral  
Anglican: The Church of North India (United)  
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: In joyful expectation let us pray to our Saviour and Redeemer, saying, "Lord Jesus, come soon!"

Intercessor: O Wisdom, from the mouth of the Most High, you reign over all things to the ends of the earth: come and teach us how to live.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Intercessor: O Lord, and head of the house of Israel, you appeared to Moses in the fire of the burning bush and you gave the law on Sinai: come with outstretched arm and ransom us..

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Intercessor: O Branch of Jesse, standing as a sign among the nations, all kings will keep silence before you and all peoples will summon you to their aid: come, set us free and delay no more.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Intercessor: O Key of David and sceptre of the house of Israel, you open and none can shut; you shut and none can open: come and free the captives from prison.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Intercessor: O Morning Star, splendour of the light eternal and bright Sun of righteousness: come and enlighten all who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Intercessor: O King of the nations, you alone can fulfil their desires: Cornerstone, you make opposing nations one: come and save the creature you fashioned from clay.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

Intercessor: O Emmanuel, hope of the nations and their Saviour: come  
and save us, Lord our God.

People: **Lord Jesus, come soon!**

All: **Amen.**

## The Peace (P.192) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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 – #399 Open My Eyes That I May See

領詩 Hymn leader: 盧頌欣 Joanne Loo

伴奏 Accompaniment: [www.smallchurchmusic.com](http://www.smallchurchmusic.com)

曲、詞 Text and music: Clara H. Scott 譯詞: 范約翰、黃永熙 Hymns of  
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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.269) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: God of love and power,  
your word stirs within us  
the expectation of the coming of your Son.  
Accept all we offer you this day,  
and sustain us with your promise of eternal life.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

## The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 2 (P.196-7)

### – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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: We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,



through whom you have created all things.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit  
he took flesh of the Virgin Mary  
and shared our human nature.  
He lived and died as one of us,  
to reconcile us to you,  
the God and Father of all.  
In fulfilment of your will  
he stretched out his hands in suffering,  
to bring release to those who place their hope in you;  
and so he won for you a holy people.  
He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross,  
that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.  
By his resurrection  
he brings us into the light of your presence.  
Now with all creation we raise our voices  
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: Holy and gracious God, accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;  
who on the night he was handed over  
to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."  
In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.  
When you do this, you do it in memory of me."  
Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.  
We ask you to send your Holy Spirit  
upon the offering of your holy Church.  
Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit

and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.  
All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and for ever.

People: **Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer (P.211) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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 #5 Advent) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: God of promise,  
you prepare a banquet for us in your kingdom.

All: **Happy are those who are called  
to the supper of the Lamb.**

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 – Joel Chiu

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 – Star Child  
– God with Us

Prayer after Communion (P.269) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: God for whom we wait,  
you have fed us with the bread of eternal life.  
Keep us ever watchful,  
that we may be ready to stand before the Son of man.  
We ask this in the name of Christ the Lord.

People: **Amen.**

Doxology (P.214) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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. Siu Chun Leung

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 – Joel Chiu

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn - #95 Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne and Thy Kingly Crown

領詩 Hymn leader: 林致恒 Ada Lam

伴奏 Accompanist: 尹容賢 Daniel Yoon

曲 Music: Timothy R. Matthews; 詞 Text: Emily E. S. Elliott, 楊蔭瀏譯

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Next Sunday December 10<sup>th</sup> 10am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Advent

## English In-Person & Online Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (Mark 1:1–8): **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Isaiah 40:1–11*), Intercessor: **Justin Kim**

Reader 2 (2 *Peter 3:8–15a*): **Silas Seto**

Offering: **Sky Boone**

PPT Compiler: **Carol Tam**

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