



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

Sunday, December 10th, 2023 (10am)
2nd Sunday of Advent
In-Person & Online
English Morning Prayer Service

Theme: Rekindle us to serve God in a changing world

This Sunday 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**

AV Team: **Terence Kim**

Introduction before starting service – Justin Kim

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.269) – Justin Kim

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God

Luke 3:4, 6

Processional Hymn – There's a Voice in the Wilderness Crying

1. There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod:
prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God!
The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low;
make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!
2. O Zion, give voice to good tidings, ascend to the heights and sing!
Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King.
The works of pride all perish, like flowers they shall decay;
the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away.
3. But your word, O God, is faithful, your arm, O Lord, is strong;
you stand in the midst of nations, and you will right the wrong.
You will feed your flock like a shepherd,
and fold the lambs to your breast;
in pastures of peace you'll lead them, and give to the weary rest.

Hymn leader and accompanist: Justin Kim

Music: Henry Hugh Bancroft

Text: Is. 40.3-11; para. James Lewis Milligan

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Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn - He Came Down

He came down that we may have peace; (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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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 >

Grace (P.185) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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.**

Confession (P.45) – Justin Kim

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) – 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.**

1st Reading from Isaiah 40:1–11 – Justin Kim

Reader: **God's People Are Comforted**

1 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God.

2 Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.

3 A voice cries out:

'In the wilderness prepare the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for our God.

4 Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain.

5 Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.'

6 A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?'

All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field.

7 The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the Lord blows upon it; surely the people are grass.

8 The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

9 Get you up to a high mountain, O Zion, herald of good tidings; lift up your voice with strength, O Jerusalem, herald of good tidings, lift it up, do not fear;

say to the cities of Judah, 'Here is your God!'

10 See, the Lord God comes with might, and his arm rules for him; his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.

11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms, and carry them in his bosom, and gently lead the mother sheep.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading from 2 Peter 3:8–15a – Silas Seto

Reader:

⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed.

¹¹ Since all these things are to be dissolved in this way, what sort of people ought you to be in leading lives of holiness and godliness, ¹² waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God, because of which the heavens will be set ablaze and dissolved, and the elements will melt with fire? ¹³ But, in accordance with his promise, we wait for new heavens and a new earth, where righteousness is at home.

Final Exhortation and Doxology

¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ^{15a} and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – He came down

He came down that we may have hope; (3x)

Hallelujah forever more.

He came down that we may have love; (3x)

Hallelujah forever more.

He came down that we may have peace; (3x)

Hallelujah forever more.

He came down that we may have joy; (3x)

Hallelujah forever more.

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Gospel Mark 1:1–8 – 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 Proclamation of John the Baptist***

¹ *The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.*

² *As it is written in the prophet Isaiah,*

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way;

³ *the voice of one crying out in the wilderness:*

“Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight”’,

⁴ *John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean*

countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Justin Kim

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 (2nd Sunday of Advent) – Justin Kim

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

Deanery: Trinity-St. Paul's, Port Credit; Interim Canon Jim Woolley

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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, Joseph Leung's friend Richard Li

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: John the Baptist prepares the way for the coming of the Messiah by helping the people realign their lives. As we gather expectantly in God's presence, let us pray saying, "**Hear our prayer**"

Intercessor: God of cleansing and liberating power, give us the courage and perception to see ourselves as we really are, and repent of our sin; may the whole church be cleansed and renewed.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of wisdom and truth, we pray for the world's leaders and all in authority, that they may lead and govern wisely and honestly, without corruption and for the common good.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of love and faithfulness, may every family be surrounded and upheld by your presence, the conflicts healed and the needs provided for, and every act of kindness blessed.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of wholeness, bring your reassurance and healing, your hope and patience to all who are suffering in any way; bring freedom to all imprisoned by hate, guilt or despair, and a change of heart to all who need to forgive.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of unending life, bring life in its fullness to us here, and to those who have completed their time on earth. May they know the freedom and joy of your heaven.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: God of warmth and brightness, we praise you for all our many blessings, and above all for coming to save us and set us free.
Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

People: **Amen.**

Collect of the Day (P. 269) – Justin Kim

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,
who sent your servant John the Baptist
to prepare your people to welcome the Messiah,
inspire us, the ministers and stewards of your truth,
to turn our disobedient hearts to you,
that when the Christ shall come again to be our judge,
we may stand with confidence before his glory;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (P.54) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: 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 – God with Us

1. Oh You've come to bring peace to be Love To be nearer to us
You've come to bring life to be Light To shine brighter in us
Oh Emmanuel, God with us

(Refrain) Our Deliverer You are Saviour
In Your presence we find our strength
Over ev'rything our Redemption
God with us, You are God with us

2. Oh You've come to bring Hope to this world
For Your honour and name
And You've come to take sin to bear shame And to conquer the Grave
Oh Emmanuel, God with us *(Refrain)*

* You are here, You are holy We are standing in Your glory
*(repeat * x4)*

Lord *(Refrain)*

Oh God with us, You are God with us

Song leader and accompanist: Justin Kim

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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. 270)

All: **God our strength,
we are nothing without you.
Receive all we offer you this day
as you sustain us with your mercy;
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
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.**

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Dismissal – Justin Kim

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – Sing of the Lord's Goodness

1. Sing of the Lord's goodness
Father of all wisdom,
Come to him and bless his name.
Mercy he has shown us,
His love is forever,
Faithful to the end of days.
2. Power he has wielded,
Honor is his garment
Risen from the snares of death.
His word he has spoken,
One bread he has broken,
New life he now gives to all.

(Refrain) Come, then, all you nations,
Sing of your Lord's goodness,
Melodies of praise and thanks to God.
Ring out the Lord's glory,
Praise him with your music,
Worship him and bless his name.

3. Courage in our darkness,
Comfort in our sorrow,
Spirit of our God most high;
Solace for the weary,
Pardon for the sinner,
Splendor of the living God.

4. Praise him with your singing,
Praise him with the trumpet
Praise him with the lute and harp;
Praise him with the cymbals,
Praise him with your dancing,
Praise him till the end of days. *(Refrain)*

Song leader & guitarist: Justin Kim

Text and Music: Ernest Sands

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Next Sunday December 17th 10am

3rd Sunday of Advent

In-Person & Online [English Holy Communion Service Roster](#)

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (*John 1:6–8, 19–28*): **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Isaiah 61:1–4, 8–11*): **Paul Seto**

Server, PPT Compiler: **Fenella Chiu**

Intercessor: **Carol Tam**

Reader 2 (*1 Thessalonians 5:16–24*): **Gabriel Kong** Offering: **Joshua Lau**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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