



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

Sunday, December 24th, 2023 (10am)
4th 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 (*Luke 1:26–38*): **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**
Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16*), Intercessor: **Fenella Chiu**
Reader 1 (*Romans 16:25–27*): **Terence Kim** Offering Collection: **Gabrielle Seto**
Accompanist: **Daniel Yoon** Hymn leader: **Justin Kim**
PPT Compiler: **Yvonne Zheng** AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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.271) – Fenella Chiu

I am the servant of the Lord; let it be to me according to his word.

Luke 1:38

Processional Hymn – When the King Shall Come Again

1. When the King shall come again, all his pow'r revealing,
splendor shall announce his reign, life and joy and healing,
earth no longer in decay, hope no more frustrated.
This is God's redemption day longingly awaited.
2. In the desert trees take root, fresh from his creation;
plants and flow'rs and sweetest fruit join the celebration.
Rivers spring up from the earth, barren lands adorning.
Valleys, this is your new birth; mountains, greet the morning!
3. Strengthen feeble hands and knees, fainting hearts be cheerful!
God, who comes for such as these, seeks and saves the fearful.
Deaf ears, hear the silent tongues sing away their weeping;
blind eyes, see the lifeless ones walking, running, leaping.
4. There God's highway shall be seen where no roaring lion,
nothing evil or unclean Walks the road to Zion.
Ransomed people, homeward bound, all your praises voicing,
see your Lord with glory crowned; share in his rejoicing!

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Lighting of the Advent Candles

Hymn - He Came Down

He came down that we may have love; (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) – 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) – 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 2 Samuel 7:1–11, 16 – Fenella Chiu

Reader: **God's Covenant with David**

¹ Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ² the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.'
³ Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

⁴ But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵ Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶ I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷ Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸ Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹ and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰ And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹ from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house.

¹⁶ Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading from Romans 16:25–27 – Terence Kim

Reader: **Final Doxology**

²⁵ Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶ but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith — ²⁷ to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever!
Amen.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

1. Come, Thou long-expected Jesus, Born to set Thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us; Let us find our rest in Thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art;
Dear desire of every nation, Joy of every longing heart.

2. Born Thy people to deliver, Born a child, and yet a King.
Born to reign in us forever, Now Thy gracious kingdom bring.
By Thine own eternal Spirit Rule in all our hearts alone;
By Thine all-sufficient merit Raise us to Thy glorious throne.

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard; Text: Charles Wesley

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Gospel Luke 1:26–38 – 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 **Luke.**

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

Reader: ***The Birth of Jesus Foretold***

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷ to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸ And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹ But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰ The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹ And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³² He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³ He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴ Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵ The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶ And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷ For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸ Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

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 (4th Sunday of Advent) – Fenella Chiu

Parish: New Priest-in-Charge: Rev. Siu Chun Leung
Deanery: St. Thomas a Beckett; Rev'd David Matthews and Rev'd Ginnie Wong
Diocesan: Children's ministry in the Diocese
Anglican: The Episcopal Church in the Philippines
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: God's promised kingdom, announced both to King David in ancient times and to Mary by the angel Gabriel, will go on forever.

Gathered as the Church of God in this place let us pray together for the coming of the kingdom.

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, may the Church be quiet enough to hear your voice, humble enough to move your way and excited enough to spread the good news.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, bless all who lead with integrity and respect for others; bless all in positions of authority with humility and a sense of right; may unjust practices be changed for good and conflicts of great tension be peacefully resolved.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, make our homes places of loving acceptance and developing faith; teach us in our friendships to grow in generosity of spirit.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, give patience and courage to all who have to wait, when the waiting is long and painful; bring healing to all who are wounded, whether physically or emotionally, and give them the assurance of your presence.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, welcome into your eternity those who have died to this life and whose hope is in you. Comfort those who mourn them and reach into their pain with your love.

Lord in your mercy,

People: **Hear our prayer**

Intercessor: Lord of heaven, we thank you for your faithful promise to us, fulfilled in the coming of Jesus. We welcome his kingship in our lives.

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. 272) – Fenella Chiu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Heavenly Father,
who chose the Virgin Mary, full of grace,
to be the mother of our Lord and Saviour,
now fill us with your grace,
that we in all things may embrace your will
and with her rejoice in your salvation;
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) – 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 – O Jesus, I Have Promised

1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

2. O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;
But, Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

3. O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen, Thou guardian of my soul.

4. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my friend.

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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. 272)

All: **Gracious God,
by the power of the Spirit
who sanctified the mother of your Son,
make holy all we offer you this day.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 – Fenella Chiu

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – Silent Night

1. Silent night, holy night, All is calm, all is bright
Round yon Virgin Mother and Child. Holy infant so tender and mild,
Sleep in heavenly peace, Sleep in heavenly peace.
2. Silent night, holy night, Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar. Heavenly hosts sing alleluia;
Christ, the Savior, is born! Christ the Savior, is born!
3. Silent night, holy night, Son of God, love's pure light
Radiant beams from Thy holy face, With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth, Jesus, Lord, at Thy birth.

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Monday December 25th **10:30am** Christmas Day

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

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (*Luke 2:1–20*): **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Lay Reader: **Wilson Loo**

Server: **Joel Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Isaiah 9:2–7*), Intercessor: **Amy Chiu**

Reader 2 (*Titus 2:11–14*): **Margaret Loo**

Greeter, Sidesperson: **Mandy Li**

Envelope Secretaries: **Kenny Pang, Grace Liu**

Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**

PPT Compiler: **Fenella Chiu**

PPT Controller: **Annie Chan**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung, Terence Kim**

Next Sunday December 31st **10am**

1st Sunday after Christmas

In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (*Luke 2:22–40*): **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Isaiah 61:10–62:3*), Intercessor: **Justin Kim**

Reader 2 (*Galatians 4:4–7*): **Silas Seto**

Offering Collection: **Marissa Lau**

PPT Compiler: **Fenella Chiu**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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