



Theme: Rekindle us to serve God in a changing world

This Sunday Roster

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

Lay Reader, Hymn Leader: **Wilson Loo**

Server: **Joel Chiu**

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

Greeter, Sidesperson: **Mandy Li**

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

Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**

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

Accompanist: **Joanne Loo**

PPT Compiler: **Fenella Chiu**

Hymn Leader: **Justin Kim**

PPT Controller: **Annie Chan**

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

Introduction before starting service – Wilson Loo

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. 275) – Wilson Loo

I bring you good news of a great joy which will come to all the people;
for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.

Luke 2:10–11

Processional Hymn – #109 O Come, All Ye Faithful

1. O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels;

(Refrain) O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him, Christ, the Lord!

2. God of God, Light of Light
Lo! He abhors not the Virgin's womb;
Very God, begotten, not created: *(Refrain)*

3. Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!
Glory to God, in the highest; *(Refrain)*

4. Yea Lord, we greet Thee, born this happy morning.

Jesus, to thee be glory given;

Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing; *(Refrain)*

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The Gathering of the Community (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.**

Prayer of Purity (P.185) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Almighty God,

People: **to you all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Gloria (P.186) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Leader: Glory to God in the highest,

All: **and peace to his people on earth.**

**Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Collect of the Day (P. 275) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All: **Almighty God,**
you wonderfully created
and yet more wonderfully restored our human nature.
May we share the divine life of your Son Jesus Christ,
who humbled himself to share our humanity,
and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

1st Reading from Isaiah 9:2–7 – Amy Chiu

Reader: ***The Righteous Reign of the Coming King***

*² The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined.*

*³ You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.*

*⁴ For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.*

*⁵ For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.*

*⁶ For a child has been born for us, a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders; and he is named
Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.*

*⁷ His authority shall grow continually, and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom. He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onwards and for evermore.*

The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Choir Anthem – On This Day Earth Shall Ring

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2nd Reading from Titus 2:11–14 – Margaret Loo

Reader:

¹¹ For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, ¹² training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. ¹⁴ He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – #103 Angels We Have Heard on High

1. Angels we have heard on high

Sweetly singing o'er the plains,

And the mountains in reply

Echo back their joyous strains,

(Refrain) Gloria in excelsis Deo, Gloria in excelsis Deo!

2. Shepherds why this jubilee?

Why your joyous strains prolong?

What the gladsome tidings be,

Which inspire your heavenly song. *(Refrain)*

3. Come to Bethlehem and see

Him whose birth the angels sing;

Come adore on bended knee,

Christ, the Lord, the newborn King. *(Refrain)*

Music & text: French traditional carol

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Gospel Luke 2:1–20 – 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**

¹ In those days a decree went out from Emperor Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth, and laid him in a manger, because there was no place for them in the inn.

The Shepherds and the Angels

⁸ In that region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid; for see—I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger.' ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ 'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours!'

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, 'Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.' ¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child; ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them. ¹⁹ But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

The Nicene Creed (P.188) – Wilson Loo

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.120 Litany 13 Incarnation) – Amy Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

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

Deanery:

Diocesan:

Anglican: The Church of England

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: In joy and humility let us pray to the creator of the universe,
saying, "Lord, grant us peace."

Intercessor: By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the
angel, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the submission of the maker of the world to Mary and Joseph of Nazareth, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

Intercessor: Grant that the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; hear us, O Lord.

People: **Lord, grant us peace.**

People: **Amen.**

Confession (P.191) – Wilson Loo

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.**

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.**

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 – #113 Once in Royal David's City

1. Once in royal David's city Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a mother laid her Baby In a manger for His bed;
Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ, her little Child.
2. He came down to earth from heaven Who is God and Lord of all,
And His shelter was a stable, And His cradle was a stall:
With the poor, and mean, and lowly Lived on earth our Saviour holy.
3. Jesus is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us He knew:
And He feeleth for our sadness, And He shareth in our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him, Through His own redeeming love;
For that Child so dear and gentle Is our Lord in heaven above,
And He leads His children on To the place where He is gone.

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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.275) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: God of peace,
your Son Jesus Christ has reconciled us to you.
May all we offer you today
renew us as members of your household.
We ask this in his name.

All: **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer 5 (P.204-206)

– 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, for the gift of a
world full of wonder, and for our life which comes from you.
By your power you sustain the universe.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: You created us to love you with all our heart,
and to love each other as ourselves,
but we rebel against you by the evil that we do.
In Jesus, your Son,
you bring healing to our world
and gather us into one great family.
Therefore, with all who serve you
on earth and in heaven,
we praise your wonderful name, as we sing (say),

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: We give you thanks and praise, loving Father, because in
sending Jesus, your Son, to us you showed us how much you
love us. He cares for the poor and the hungry. He suffers with
the sick and the rejected.
Betrayed and forsaken, he did not strike back but overcame
hatred with love. On the cross he defeated the power of sin
and death. By raising him from the dead you show us the
power of your love to bring new life to all your people.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: On the night before he gave up his life for us, Jesus, at supper
with his friends, took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and
gave it to them, saying, "Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is
my body which is given for you."
After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing,
gave it to his friends, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is the
cup of my blood, the blood of the new and eternal covenant,
which is shed for you and for many, so that sins may be
forgiven. Do this in memory of me."

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Gracious God, with this bread and wine we celebrate the
death and resurrection of Jesus, and we offer ourselves to you
in him. Send your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts, that we
may know the presence of Jesus in the breaking of bread, and
share in the life of the family of your children.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

Celebrant: Father, you call us to be your servants; fill us with the courage and love of Jesus, that all the world may gather in joy at the table of your kingdom. We sing your praise, almighty Father, through Jesus, our Lord, in the power of the Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever. 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 #6 Incarnation) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: We break the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world

All: **God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

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 – Wilson Loo

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 – May My Light Shine

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– #101 The First Nowell The Angel Did Say

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– #112 O Little Town Of Bethlehem

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Prayer after Communion (P.276) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Father of all, the child born for us is the Saviour of the world.
May he who made us your children
welcome us into your kingdom,
where he is alive and reigns with you now and for ever.

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.684 Incarnation) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: May the God of infinite goodness scatter the darkness of sin and
brighten your hearts with holiness; 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 – Wilson Loo

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn - #111 Joy to the World

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come:
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns:
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy, repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found, far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.
4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of his righteousness,
And wonders of His love, and wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders of His love.

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We Wish You a Merry Christmas

We wish you a Merry Christmas; (3x)
and a Happy New Year.
Good tidings we bring to you and your kin;
We wish you a Merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year.

Next Sunday December 31th 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**

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 - Next meeting: **Thu Jan 11, 2024**
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 - Next meeting: **Tue Jan 2, 2024**
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- [Wednesdays 8pm English Prayer Meeting](#)
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 - Meeting ID: **996 5736 5249** Password: **3944**
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