

# Sunday, January 21st, 2024 10am 3rd Sunday after Epiphany English Holy Communion Service

# This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (Mark 1:14-20): Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (Jonah 3:1–5, 10): Paul Seto Reader 2 (1 Corinthians 7:29–31), Intercessor: Carol Tam

Accompanist: Michelle Zheng Hymn Leader: Justin Kim

Server: Fenella Chiu Offering Collection: Gabrielle Seto

PPT Compiler: Yvonne Zheng AV Team: Tommy Kung

#### Introduction before starting service – Paul Seto

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. 350) - Paul Seto

Jesus said, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel."

Mark 1:15

## Processional Hymn – Sing a New Song Unto the Lord

(Refrain) Sing a new song unto the Lord

let your song be sung from mountains high.

Sing a new song unto the Lord,

singing alleluia.

1. Shout with gladness, dance for joy.

O come before the Lord.

And play for him on glad tambourines, and let your trumpet sound. (Refrain)

2. Rise, O children, from your sleep your Savior now has come.
He has turned your sorrow to joy, and filled your soul with song. (Refrain)

3. Glad my soul for I have seen the glory of the Lord.

The trumpet sounds, the dead shall be raised.

I know my Savior lives. (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

Celebrant: 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.

 ${\bf Lord\,Jesus\,Christ, only\,Son\,of\,the\,Father,}$ 

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. 351) - Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Let us pray.
All: Almighty God,

by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

#### 1st Reading from Jonah 3:1-5, 10 - Paul Seto

Reader: Conversion of Nineveh

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> 'Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.' <sup>3</sup> So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from 1 Corinthians 7:29–31 – Carol Tam

#### Reader:

<sup>29</sup> I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup> and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, <sup>31</sup> and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader: The word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.** 

## Gospel Hymn – Will you come and follow me

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and never be the same? Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known, Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

- 2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name? Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same? Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
- 3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
- 4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name? Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around, Through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
- 5. Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
  Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
  In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.
  Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

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#### Gospel Mark 1:14-20 - 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 *Mark*.

People: Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### Reader:

#### The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

<sup>14</sup> Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup> and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.'

#### Jesus Calls the First Disciples

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

# Sermon - Rev. Siu Chun Leung

# The Nicene Creed (P.188) – Paul Seto

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.115 Litany 6) - Carol Tam

#### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Deanery: St. Elizabeth's; Rev. Siu Chun Leung
Diocesan: Canadian Council of Churches
Anglican: The Church of South 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, Joseph Leung's friend Richard Li

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor Intercessor: Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: For the whole People of God, that each one may be a true

and faithful servant of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those drawing near to the light of faith, that the Lord

will bring them to true knowledge of himself, let us pray to

the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For our families and friends, that the Lord will give them joy

and satisfaction in all that they do, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For those who are lonely, sick, hungry, persecuted, or

ignored, that the Lord will comfort and sustain them, let us

pray to the Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.** 

Intercessor: For our country, that the Lord will help us to contribute to its true growth and well-being, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

Intercessor: For the whole human family, that we may live together in

justice and peace, let us pray to the Lord.

People: Lord, have mercy.

<Silence for praying, people may pray for their needs>

## Confession (P.191) – Paul Seto

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

 $\label{eq:celebrant: Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you. \\$ 

People: And also with you.

< Please greet each other in the name of Christ>

## Offertory Hymn – Just as I am

1. Just as I am, without one plea, But that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,

O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

2. Just as I am, and waiting not To rid my soul of one dark blot;

To Thee whose blood can cleanse each

To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot,

O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

3. Just as I am, though tossed about With many a conflict, many a doubt; Fightings within, and fears without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

4. Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; Sight, riches, healing of the mind; Yes, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

5. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

6. Just as I am, Thy love unknown Has broken every barrier down; Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come!

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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.351) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Loving God,

before the world began you called us. Make holy all we offer you this day, and strengthen us in that calling.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 #2) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

All: We, being many, are one body,

for we all share in the one bread.

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

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 – Eat this Bread Drink this Cup

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## Prayer after Communion (P.351) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Gracious God.

our hands have taken holy things;

our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son.

May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

People: Amen.

## Doxology (P.214) - Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Glory to God,

ΔII· 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 – Paul Seto

Leader: Let us bless the Lord. Thanks be to God. People:

## Recessional Hymn - How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord

- 1. How clear is our vocation, Lord, when once we heed your call: to live according to your word, and daily learn, refreshed, restored, that you are Lord of all, and will not let us fall.
- 2. But if, forgetful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear; if worldly pressures fray the mind and love itself cannot unwind its tangled skein of care: our inward life repair.
- 3. We mark your saints, how they became in hindrances more sure; whose joyful virtues put to shame the casual way we wear your name, and by our faults obscure your power to cleanse and cure.
- 4. In what you give us, Lord, to do, together or alone, in old routines or ventures new, may we not cease to look to you, the cross you hung upon, all you endeavoured done.

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# Next Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> 10am 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Epiphany In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (Mark 1:21-28): Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Preacher: Billy Ng

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (Deuteronomy 18:15-20), Intercessor: Justin Kim

Reader 2 (1 Corinthians 8:1-13): Silas Seto

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## Reflection & Meditation Article - "An Old Cherokee"

An old Cherokee (one of the indigenous peoples of the Southeastern woodlands of the United States) taught his grandson about life.

"A fight is going on inside me," he said to the boy.

"It is a terrible fight and it is between two wolves. One is evil – he is anger, envy, sorrow, regret, greed, arrogance, self-pity, guilt, resentment, inferiority, lies, false pride, superiority, and ego."

He continued, "The other is good – he is joy, peace, love, hope, serenity, humility, kindness, benevolence, empathy, generosity, truth, compassion, and faith. The same fight is going on inside you – and inside every other person, too."

The grandson thought about it for a minute and then asked his grandfather, "Which wolf will win?"

The old Cherokee simply replied, "The one you feed."