



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

Sunday, January 28th, 2024 (10am)
4th Sunday after Epiphany
In-Person & Online
English Morning Prayer Service

This Sunday 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**

Offering Collection: **Sky Boone**

PPT Compiler: **Carol Tam**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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.352) – Justin Kim

Jesus went about Galilee, teaching, preaching, and healing every disease.

See Matthew 4:23

Processional Hymn – Praise Adonai

Who is like Him, the Lion and the Lamb, seated on the throne?
Mountains bow down, every ocean roars to the Lord of hosts.

Praise Adonai,

From the rising of the sun till the end of every day;

Praise Adonai,

All the nations of the earth, all the angels and the saints sing praise.

(Repeat all)

Song leader & guitarist: Justin Kim

Arranger & electronic accompanist: Terence Kim

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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.**

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 >

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 Deuteronomy 18:15–20 – Justin Kim

Reader: **A New Prophet Like Moses**

¹⁵ The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶ This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷ Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹ Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰ But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading from 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 – Silas Seto

Reader: **Food Offered to Idols**

¹ Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that ‘all of us possess knowledge.’ Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. ² Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; ³ but anyone who loves God is known by him.

⁴ Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that ‘no idol in the world really exists’, and that ‘there is no God but one.’ ⁵ Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

⁷ It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ ‘Food will not bring us close to God.’ We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹ But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹ So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹² But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – God is Our Fortress and Our Rock

1. God is our fortress and our rock,
our mighty help in danger;
he shields us from the battle's shock
and thwarts the devil's anger:
for still the prince of night
prolongs his evil fight;
he uses every skill
to work his wicked will---
no earthly force is like him.

2. Our hope is fixed on Christ alone,
the Man of God's own choosing;
without him nothing can be won
and fighting must be losing:
so let the powers accursed
come on and do their worst;
the Son of God shall ride
to battle at our side,
and he shall have the victory.

3. The word of God will not be slow
while demon hordes surround us,
though evil strike its cruellest blow
and death and hell confound us:
for even if distress
should take all we possess,
and those who mean us ill
should ravage, wreck, or kill,
God's kingdom is immortal!

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Hymn Leader: Justin Kim

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Gospel Mark 1:21–28 – 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 Man with an Unclean Spirit***

²¹ They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²² They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³ Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴ and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵ But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶ And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷ They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸ At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.
People: **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Sermon – Billy Ng

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 (P.117 Litany 9) – Justin Kim

Parish: Celebration of New Ministry for Rev. Siu Chun Leung
Deanery: Trinity, Streetsville; Rev'd Robert Hurkmans
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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: Let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy."

Intercessor: Let us ask the Lord for a day of fulfilment and peace.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Let us ask the Lord to teach us to love others as he has
loved us.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Let us ask the Lord for peace and justice in the world.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Let us ask the Lord to strengthen and relieve those who are
in need.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: Let us ask the Lord to renew the Church through the power of his life-giving Spirit.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Collect of the Day (P. 352) – Justin Kim

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Living God,
in Christ you make all things new.
Transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
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 – I Know Who Holds the Future

I know who holds the future, and I know he holds my hand;
With God things don't just happen, everything by Him is planned.
So as I face tomorrow with its problems large and small,
I'll trust the God of miracles, give to Him my all!

(Repeat once)

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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. 353)

All: **God of steadfast love,
may our offering this day,
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
renew us for your service.
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 – Justin Kim

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

1. He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.

(Refrain) He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
By his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
For by his hand he leadeth me.

2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
By waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me. *(Refrain)*

3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me. *(Refrain)*

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When, by thy grace, the victory's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me. *(Refrain)*

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Next Sunday February 4th 10am

5th Sunday after Epiphany

In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service Roster

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Reader 2 (*1 Corinthians 9:16–23*): **Garbiel Kong**

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Meditation & Reflection Article

“God's position in your heart”

Rev. Siu Chun Leung

If I ask you, "What is God's position in your heart?", how would you answer? Notice that I use the word "in your heart," not "in your mind." According to the knowledge that we have gained, we can easily answer the question. We may say, "God is the Lord of life", "Everything in my life depends on God", "God is the Lord of all, the refuge of the universe, and the source of life" etc. But when being asked, "What is the position of God in your heart?", it is a question about your relationship with God. What is the status of God in this relationship? How close are you to God?

When Jesus asked Peter three times: 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?', 'Simon son of John, do you love me?', 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' (John 21:15-18) Jesus was helping Peter to earnestly review his relationship with Him, asking Peter to sincerely rethink the actual position of Jesus and how important Jesus is in his heart.

If a believer is alienated from Jesus, how can he care about Jesus' feelings and thoughts? How can his thoughts be connected to Jesus' teachings? How can he remember the mission and responsibilities entrusted to him by Jesus? Look at Peter. After reestablishing his relationship with Jesus, he regained courage and confidence from fear, cringe, and avoidance, and dared to sacrifice and devote himself to the Lord. Peter gained a spiritual touch and perspective on the people and things that happened to him and around him, and he began to deal with people and things from the perspective of the Lord Jesus. The deeper the relationship with the Lord, the greater the change in life. Only relying on the knowledge about Jesus could not have this vitality and motivation.

Jesus loved Peter, so He cherished and valued him. He supported Peter when he was weak, and restored him when he was lost. Peter loved Jesus, so he worked hard to carry out the commission the Lord had given him until his death. Afterwards, the church was established under the leadership of Peter.

Aren't Jesus' three questions to Peter also the three questions to every one of us?