

**ST. ELIZABETH'S** ANGLICAN CHURCH 聖公會頌主堂 Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2024 <u>10:30am</u> Last Sunday after Epiphany, Lunar New Year JOINT Holy Communion Service

### This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (Mark 9:2–9): Rev. Siu Chun LeungLay Reader, Psalm (50:1–6): Billy NgServer: Joel ChiuReader 1 (2 Kings 2:1–12): Michelle ZhengIntercessor: Grace LiuReader 2 (2 Corinthians 4:3–6): Bonny KwokGreeter, Sidesperson: Mandy LiEnvelope Secretaries: Josephine Cheung, Kenny PangBee Team: Ophelia ChiuPPT Compiler, PPT Controller: Fenella ChiuAV Team: Tommy Kung

### Introduction before starting service – Billy Ng

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. 418) – Billy Ng

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

Matthew 17:5

### Processional Hymn - #210 Not always on the Mount May We

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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 (say together)

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. 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. 418) - Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Let us pray.

All:

Almighty God,

on the holy mount you revealed to chosen witnesses your well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured: mercifully deliver us from the darkness of this world, and change us into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

#### 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from 2 Kings 2:1–12 – Michelle Zheng

#### Reader: Elijah Ascends to Heaven

<sup>1</sup> Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup> Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel.<sup>3</sup> The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' <sup>4</sup> Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourselflive, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho.<sup>5</sup> The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

<sup>6</sup> Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourselflive, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup> Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.<sup>8</sup> Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup> When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' <sup>10</sup> He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' <sup>11</sup> As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup> Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

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

<Sunday School children may exit to classroom>

## Psalm 50:1–6 – Billy Ng

#### The Acceptable Sacrifice A Psalm of Asaph.

- 1 The mighty one, God the Lord, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.
- 2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.
- 3 Our God comes and does not keep silence, before him is a devouring fire, and a mighty tempest all around him.

- 4 He calls to the heavens above and to the earth, that he may judge his people:
- 5 'Gather to me my faithful ones, who made a covenant with me by sacrifice!'
- 6 The heavens declare his righteousness, for God himself is judge. Selah

2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from 2 Corinthians 4:3–6 – Bonny Kwok

Reader:

<sup>3</sup> And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup> In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup> For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. <sup>6</sup> For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

## Gospel Hymn – Seek Ye First

 Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, aleluia.

(Refrain) Alleluia, alleluia Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia

2. Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, aleluia. *(Refrain)* 

Ask, and it shall be given unto you,
 Seek, and ye shall find.
 Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you,
 Allelu, aleluia. (*Refrain*)

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## Gospel Mark 9:2–9 – 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 Transfiguration

<sup>2</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup> and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup> And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.'<sup>6</sup> He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup> Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!'<sup>8</sup> Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

#### The Coming of Elijah

<sup>9</sup> As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

### Sermon – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

### The Nicene Creed (P.188) - Billy Ng

Leader: All:	Let us confess our faith, as we say, 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) – Grace Liu

#### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish:	Vestry & 2024 Ministry Plans
Deanery:	Retired Clergy in Mississauga Deanery
Diocesan:	York Mills Deanery
Anglican:	Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan
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) - Billy Ng

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
- 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 – #374 Be Thou My Vision

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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.418) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant:	Holy God, receive all we offer you this day,
	and bring us to that radiant glory which we see in the
	transfigured face of Jesus Christ our Lord.
All:	Amen.

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

### – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: People:	The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b>
Celebrant: People:	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Celebrant: People:	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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.

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#### Prayer after Communion (P.419) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: Holy God, we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. May we who are partakers of his table reflect his life in word and deed, that all the world may know his power to change and save. We ask this in his name.

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.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 – Billy Ng

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. People: Thanks be to God.

#### Recessional Hymn - Shine Jesus Shine

 Lord, the light of Your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us. Set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

(Refrain) Shine, Jesus, shine.
Fill this land with the Father's glory Blaze, Spirit, blaze,
Set our hearts on fire
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy
Send forth Your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presenceFrom the shadows into Your radiance;By the blood I may enter Your brightness.Search me, try me, consume all my darkness.Shine on me, shine on me. (*Refrain*)

3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness. Ever changing from glory to glory Mirrored here may our lives tell Your story, Shine on me, shine on me. (*Refrain*)

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February 14 <sup>th</sup> 7pm Ash Wednesday, Imposition of Ashes In-Person & Online Cantonese Evening Prayer Service Roster				
Celebrant, Gospeller (Mark 6:1-6, 16-21), Preacher: <b>Rev. Siu Chun Leung</b>				
Psalm 51:1-17: Joel Chiu Server: Ophelia Chiu				
Reader 1 (1 Corinthians 5:20 - 6:10): Chiv	•			
AV Team: Tommy Kung				
	t Sunday of Lont Imposition of Ashas			
Next Sunday February 18 <sup>th</sup> 10am 1st Sunday of Lent, Imposition of Ashes				
In-Person & Online English Morning Prayer Service Roster				
Celebrant, Gospeller (Mark 1:9–15), Prea	C			
Worship Leader, Reader 1 (Genesis 9:8–1	(7): Paul Seto Server: Fenella Chiu			
Reader 2 (1 Peter 3:18–22): Gabriel Kong				
Intercessor: Amy Chiu	Offering Collection: Hazel Doiron			
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## **Reflection & Meditation Article**

# The Peak of Liturgical Life (1)

### Rev. Siu Chun Leung

According to the historical development of church liturgy and feasts, Holy Week and Easter are more ancient and important than Christmas. The church began to celebrate Christmas only after the fourth century A.D., when Christianity gradually became the state religion of Rome. However, before that, there was already a celebration of Easter, so the liturgical structure of Christmas was based on the Easter.

Throughout the Easter season, the liturgical structure includes three periods: Lent (preparatory period), Passover Triduum (core celebration), and Easter (continuation celebration). It is the celebration of the passion, death and resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and the core of Christian faith.

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and lasts until the Maunday Thursday. This six-Sunday preparatory period is a time to prepare for the Passover three -day celebration (Triduum). The theme of this period emphasizes repentance and baptism. Believers are reminded of their past baptismal commitments through self-denial practices and good works, and to review whether they have become indifferent to Christ and whether they are living in obedience to the Lord's will. For those who are preparing to be baptized, it is to prepare their whole body, mind and soul for baptism through repentance and vigilance, which means that their lives will be transformed, they will learn the lifestyle and attitude that a Christian should behave, and they will become a new person in Christ. 謝飯歌 Sung Grace

Angela Kwong (English translation)

Louis Bourgeois, 1551





