



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

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024 (10:30am)
3rd Sunday in Lent
In-Person & Online
JOINT Morning Prayer Service

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Preacher, Gospeller (*John 2:13-22*): **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Lay Reader, Psalm (19): **Joel Chiu**

Reader 1 (*Exodus 20:1-17*): **Michelle Zheng**

Intercessor: **Grace Liu**

Reader 2 (*1 Corinthians 1:18-25*): **Margaret Loo**

Greeter, Sidesperson: **Mandy Li**

Envelope Secretaries: **Josephine Cheung, Kenny Pang**

Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu**

PPT Compiler, PPT Controller: **Fenella Chiu**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

Introduction before starting service – Joel 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.290) – Joel Chiu

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

Processional Hymn – Seek Ye First

1. 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)

3. 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)

Song leader and electronic accompaniment: 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) – Joel 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 Exodus 20:1-17 – Michelle Zheng

Reader: **The Ten Commandments**

¹ Then God spoke all these words:

² I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; ³ you shall have no other gods before me.

⁴ You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁵ You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the Lord your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity

of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, ⁶ but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

⁷ You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

⁸ Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹ For six days you shall labour and do all your work. ¹⁰ But the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. ¹¹ For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

¹² Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

¹³ You shall not murder.

¹⁴ You shall not commit adultery.

¹⁵ You shall not steal.

¹⁶ You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

¹⁷ You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

<Sunday School children may exit to classroom>

Psalm 19 – Joel Chiu

God's Glory in Creation and the Law

To the leader. A Psalm of David.

1 The heavens are telling the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

2 Day to day pours forth speech, and night to night declares knowledge.

3 There is no speech, nor are there words; their voice is not heard;

**4 yet their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.**

In the heavens he has set a tent for the sun,

5 which comes out like a bridegroom from his wedding canopy,
and like a strong man runs its course with joy.

**6 Its rising is from the end of the heavens,
and its circuit to the end of them; and nothing is hidden from its heat.**

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;

**8 the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening the eyes;**

9 the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for ever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb.**

11 Moreover by them is your servant warned;
in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can detect their errors? Clear me from hidden faults.

13 Keep back your servant also from the insolent;
do not let them have dominion over me.

Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

**14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

2nd Reading from 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 – Margaret Loo

Reader: **Christ the Power and Wisdom of God**

¹⁸ For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ¹⁹ For it is written,

*'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'*

²⁰ Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? ²¹ For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. ²² For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, ²³ but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, ²⁴ but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. ²⁵ For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – #225 We Love the Place, O God

1. We love the place, O God, Wherein Thine honour dwells;
The joy of Thine abode All earthly joy excels.
2. We love the house of prayer, Wherein Thy servants meet;
For Thou, O Lord, art there Thy chosen ones to greet.
3. We love the sacred font; For these the holy Dove
To pour is ever wont His blessing from above.
4. We love Thine altar, Lord; O what on earth so dear?
For there, in faith adored, We find Thy presence near.
5. We love Thy Holy Word, The lamp Thou gav'st to guide
All wand'ers home, O Lord, Home to their Father's side.
6. Then let us sing the love To us so freely giv'n,
Until we sing above The triumph song of heaven!

Hymn leader: Joanne Loo

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Gospel John 2:13-22 – 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 **John**.

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

Reader: **Jesus Cleanses the Temple**

¹³ The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

¹⁴ In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. ¹⁵ Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. ¹⁶ He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!'

¹⁷ His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

¹⁸ The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?'

¹⁹ Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.'

²⁰ The Jews then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?'

²¹ But he was speaking of the temple of his body. ²² After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

The Apostles' Creed (P.52) – Joel 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 (P.121 Litany 14 Lent) – Grace Liu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: Vestry & 2024 Ministry Plans

Deanery: Church of Holy Spirit of Peace; Canon Susan Climo

Diocesan: The Anglican Fellowship of Prayer

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For Healing: Esther Chen, Susan Xu's mother Dian-Lan Feng, Aileen Lu, Andy Ng's
parents Kim Tung Ng and Sau Fong Cheung, Kingsman Tang,
Pastor Tom Ho

Condolences: Alfred Chiu

Please join in the response indicated by the Intercessor

Intercessor: With confidence and trust let us pray to the Lord, saying,
“Lord, have mercy.”

Intercessor: For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church throughout
the world, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the mission of the Church, that in faithful witness it
may preach the gospel to the ends of the earth, we pray to
you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For those preparing for baptism and for their teachers and
sponsors, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For peace in the world, that a spirit of respect and reconciliation may grow among nations and peoples, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer; for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger; that they may be relieved and protected, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For all whom we have injured or offended, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

Intercessor: For grace to amend our lives and to further the reign of God, we pray to you, Lord.

People: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

Collect of the Day (P. 290) – Grace Liu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Father of mercy,
alone we have no power in ourselves to help ourselves.
When we are discouraged by our weakness,
strengthen us to follow Christ,
our pattern and our hope;
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.**

General Thanksgiving (P.129) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Leader: Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory throughout all ages.

All: **Amen.**

A Prayer of St. Chrysostom (P.143) – Joel Chiu

Leader: Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life.

All: **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn – Refiner's Fire

Purify my heart, Let me be as gold and precious silver
Purify my heart, Let me be as gold, pure gold

(Refrain) Refiner's fire

My heart's one desire is to be holy
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be holy,
Set apart for You, my Master
ready to do Your will.

Purify my heart, Cleanse me from within and make me holy;
Purify my heart, Cleanse me from my sin, deep within. *(Refrain)*

*Song leader and Accompanist: Justin Kim
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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. 291)

All: **Gracious God,
we know your power to triumph over weakness.
May we who ask forgiveness
be ready to forgive one another,
in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.**

Blessing (P.684) – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Celebrant: May the God of mercy transform you by his grace, 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 – Joel Chiu

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – #276 I Love Thy Church O God

1. I love Thy Church, O God;
The house of Thine abode,
The Church our blest Redeemer saved
With His own precious blood.
2. For her my tears shall fall,
For her my prayers ascend,
To her my cares and toils be given
Till toils and cares shall end.
3. Beyond my highest joy
I prize her heavenly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows,
Her hymns of love and praise.
4. Jesus, Thou friend divine,
Our Saviour, and our King
Thy hand from every snare and foe
Shall great deliverance bring.
5. Sure as Thy truth shall last,
To Zion shall be given
The brightest glories earth can yield,
And brighter bliss of heaven.

頌詩 Hymn leader: 趙韻詩 Amy Chiu

伴奏 Accompaniment: www.smallchurchmusic.com

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Next Sunday, March 10th, 2024 (10am)

4th Sunday in Lent

In-Person & Online English Holy Communion Service Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (*John 3:14–21*), Preacher: **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Numbers 21:4–9*): **Paul Seto** Server: **Fenella Chiu**

Reader 2 (*Ephesians 2:1–10*): **Silas Seto**

Offering Collection: **Hazel Doiron**

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Reflection & Meditation Article

– “Is baptism necessary to enter the Christian life?”

To understand the meaning of baptism in all its fullness, it is necessary to see how it was practiced by the early disciples of Christ. During the first Christian Pentecost, those who listened to Peter were “cut to the heart” when they realized that they had been unable to see in Jesus the One sent by God. Full of regret, they asked the apostles, “What should we do?” And Peter replied, “Change your hearts and let each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you too will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit” (Acts 2:37-38). Baptism thus expresses on the one hand the metanoia, the basic change of orientation caused by an encounter with God, and on the other hand the welcome of the Spirit of God which turns human beings into new creatures (see 2 Corinthians 5:17). It transforms sterile regret into a repentance which is the gateway to a life of communion.

Far from being simply an outward ritual of initiation to mark the fact that one is joining a new human association, baptism thus implies the profound transformation of human beings by the Breath of God. It is in some sense a permanent Pentecost that builds up the Church down through the ages. (We should not forget that, in the early Church just as in the Eastern Churches still today, baptism properly speaking is not separated from confirmation.) By opening their hearts to the newness of God, the baptized welcome a seed of Life that will transform them and allow them to live in a new way (see 1 Peter 1:22-23).

Because this life is essentially a life with others, of necessity it has an external aspect. The transformation of the heart remains essential, but it is expressed by a tangible and visible change in one’s way of life; henceforth one belongs to a community of prayer and sharing with a universal outlook (see Acts 2:42-47). “Whoever does not love their brothers and sisters, whom they see,” writes Saint John, “cannot love the God they do not see.” (1 John 4:20). This love is not first of all a feeling, but a life lived with others that makes our fellowship with the invisible God a lived-out reality. Baptism is therefore also a public act by which the community of believers welcomes a new member into its bosom.

God wants the fullness of life for us, and we have access to this life in his Son (see 1 John 5:11). Jesus is thus God’s definitive “yes” to us. Through baptism, Christ links us to his “yes,” which becomes the “yes” that we express to God in return (see 2 Corinthians 1:19-20). This yes spoken at our baptism will then be made concrete in all the choices, big and small, that we undertake in order to live out our faith. In this sense it can be said that the whole of Christian life is nothing other than a progressive discovery of all the dimensions of the yes of our baptism. Those who were baptized very young and whose commitment was taken in their name by their loved ones, as well as those who took themselves the step to ask for the sacrament, are equally called to translate the meaning of their baptism into their daily existence, by setting out over and over again in the steps of Christ.

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