



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

Sunday, March 17th, 2024 (10am)
5th Sunday in Lent
In-Person & Online
English Morning Prayer Service

Theme: Take root downwards, Bear fruit upwards, Live in Christ (Isa. 37:31)

This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (*John 12:20–33*), Preacher: **Rev. Siu Chun Leung**

Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Jeremiah 31:31–34*), Intercessor: **Fenella Chiu**

Reader 2 (*Hebrews 5:5–10*): **Gabriel Kong**

Offering Collection: **Sky Boone**

PPT Compiler: **Yvonne Zheng**

AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

Introduction before starting service – Fenella 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.294) – Fenella Chiu

Anyone who serves me must follow me, says the Lord,
and where I am, there shall my servant be also.

John 12:26

Processional Hymn – Create in Me a Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, O God.
And renew a right spirit within me (x2)

Cast me not away from Thy presence, O Lord.
And take not Thy Holy Spirit from me,
Restore unto me, the joy of Thy salvation,
And renew a right spirit within me.

(Repeat the whole song once)

*Song leader: Benjamin Kim Electronic accompaniment: Joanne Loo
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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) – Fenella 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 Jeremiah 31:31–34 – Fenella Chiu

Reader: **A New Covenant**

³¹ The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ³² It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. ³³ But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ³⁴ No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the Lord', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

2nd Reading from Hebrews 5:5–10 – Gabriel Kong

Reader:

⁵ So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

‘You are my Son, today I have begotten you’;

⁶ as he says also in another place,

‘You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.’

⁷ In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰ having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Hymn – Love was When

Love was when God became a man,
Locked in time and space, without rank or place.
Love was God born of Jewish kin;
Just a carpenter with some fishermen.
Love was when Jesus walked in history.
Lovingly He brought a new life that's free.
Love was God nailed to bleed and die,
To reach and love one such as I.

Love was when God became a man,
Down where I could see. Love that reached to me.
Love was God dying for my sin;
And so trapped was I, my whole world caved in.
Love was when Jesus met me now it's real.
Lovingly He came; I can feel he's real.
Love was God; only He would try to reach,
And love one such as I.

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Gospel John 12:20–33 – 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: **Some Greeks Wish to See Jesus**

²⁰ Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. ²¹ They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ ²² Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. ²³ Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. ²⁴ Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. ²⁵ Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. ²⁶ Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

Jesus Speaks about His Death

²⁷ ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸ Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ ²⁹ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ ³⁰ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. ³¹ Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. ³² And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ ³³ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

Sermon – Rev. Siu Chun Leung

The Apostles’ Creed (P.52) – Fenella 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) – Fenella Chiu

Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2024 PAB members & Ministry Plans

Deanery: St. Thomas a Becket; Rev'd David Matthews

Diocesan: Etobicoke-Humber Deanery

Anglican: The Church in Wales

For Healing: Tommy Lam, 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

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. 295) – Fenella Chiu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Most merciful God,
by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ,
you created humanity anew.
May the power of his victorious cross
transform those who turn in faith
to him 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.**

Offertory Hymn – I Will Delight in the Law of the Lord

I will delight in the law of the Lord
I will meditate day and night
Then like a tree firmly planted,
I'll be grounded in Your Word

Blessed is the one
Who follows the way of the Lord
Blessed is the one

(Repeat the whole song 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. 295)

All: **Eternal God,
your only Son suffered death upon the cross
to bring the world salvation.
Accept the praise and thanksgiving
we offer you this day,
in the name of Jesus Christ 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 – Fenella Chiu

Leader: Let us bless the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Recessional Hymn – In Christ Alone

1. In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

2. In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

3. There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4. No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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Next Sunday, March 24th **10:30am**

Palm Sunday

In-Person & Online [JOINT Holy Communion Service Roster](#)

Celebrant, Preacher: **Rev. Siu Chun Leung** Lay Reader, Psalm (31:9-16): **Wilson Loo**
Gospeller (*Mark 15:1-41*): **Wilson Loo, Jason Kong, Paul Seto, Fenella Chiu, Josephine Cheung, Grace Liu, Anna Lo** Server: **Joel Chiu**
Reader 1 (*Isaiah 50:4-9a*): **Amy Chiu** Intercessor, Envelope Secretary 1: **Grace Liu**
Reader 2 (*Philippians 2:5-11*): **Anna Lo** Envelope Secretary 2: **Josephine Cheung**
Greeter, Sidesperson: **Bing Wong** Accompanist, Hymn Leaders: **Joanne Loo, Justin Kim**
Bee Team: **Ophelia Chiu** PPT Controller: **Daniel Liu**
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Reflection & Meditation Article

– Serve with all your heart and bear fruit

Rev. Siu Chun Leung

Jesus told a parable, “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’” (Luke 13:6-9)

In the past, the fig tree had always been used to symbolize the Israelites, God’s chosen people. Jesus’ parable was consistent with God’s will for the Israelites. Through the Israelites, all nations will know God and return to the kingdom of God. This was already revealed when God chose Abraham and made a covenant with him. The Lord said to Abraham, “I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.” (Genesis 12:2-3) God’s chosen people are not only to be blessed; God’s election is to fulfil the responsibilities entrusted by God, to lead people to become God’s people, and to make others equally blessed. The fig tree was supposed to bear fruit in its third year, but it bore no fruit. Therefore, it was a disappointment and took up land in vain, so the owner of the garden ordered the tree to be cut down. Jesus’ parable points out the requirements made by God and depicts God’s tolerance, giving His chosen people the opportunity to fulfil their responsibilities and no longer waste the resources and gifts given by God. Otherwise, God will eventually make the judgement.

Similarly, before Jesus ascended to heaven, he told his disciples, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’ (Matthew 28:18-20) Here, Jesus once again gave the clearest instructions to clarify the direction and goal of evangelical ministry and pastoral work, which is to make people disciples of the Lord, be baptized, and live according to the Lord’s teachings. As a disciple of the Lord, no one can excuse himself or herself by saying that he or she should not put all his or her efforts into bearing fruit and leave it to others. This is not the attitude of discipleship. The Lord Jesus gave His instructions clearly and explicitly, so how can we be vague and careless in rendering our responsibility?