



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

Sunday, May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 (10am)  
**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
In-Person & Online  
English Morning Prayer Service

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

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## This Sunday Roster

Celebrant, Gospeller (*John 15:9–17*): **Rev. Siu Chun Leung** Preacher: **Billy Ng**  
Worship Leader, Reader 1 (*Acts 10:44–48*), Intercessor: **Fenella Chiu**  
Reader 2 (*1 John 5:1–6*): **Silas Seto** Offering Collection: **Gabrielle Seto**  
PPT Compiler: **Paul Seto** AV Team: **Tommy Kung**

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## 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.341) – Fenella Chiu

If you love me, you will keep my word, and my Father will love you,  
and we will come to you. *See John 14:23*

## Processional Hymn – Cry of My Heart

*(Refrain)* It is the cry of my heart to follow You.  
It is the cry of my heart to be close to You.  
It is the cry of my heart to follow  
all of the days of my life.

*(Refrain)*  
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,  
so I can walk in Your truth.  
Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,  
and make me wholly devoted to You. *(Refrain)*

Open my eyes so I can see  
the wonderful things that You do.  
Open my heart up more and more,  
and make me wholly devoted to You. *(Refrain x2)*

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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.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> Reading from Acts 10:44–48 – Fenella Chiu

Reader: ***Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit***

*<sup>44</sup> While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. <sup>45</sup> The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, <sup>46</sup> for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, <sup>47</sup> 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' <sup>48</sup> So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 98 – Fenella Chiu

### **A Psalm.**

1 Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things;  
his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**2 The Lord has made his salvation known  
and revealed his righteousness to the nations.**

3 He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**4 Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth,  
burst into jubilant song with music;**

5 make music to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the sound of singing,

**6 with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn –  
shout for joy before the Lord, the King.**

7 Let the sea resound, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it.

**8 Let the rivers clap their hands,  
let the mountains sing together for joy;**

**9 let them sing before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.**

**He will judge the world in righteousness and the peoples with equity.**

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading from 1 John 5:1–6 – Silas Seto

Reader: ***Faith Conquers the World***

*<sup>1</sup> Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?*

### ***Testimony concerning the Son of God***

*<sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.*

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Hymn – More Love to Thee, O Christ

1. More love to Thee, O Christ, More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make On bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

2. Once earthly joy I craved, Sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek, Give what is best;  
This all my prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

3. Let sorrow do its work, Come grief and pain;  
Sweet are Thy messengers, Sweet their refrain,  
When they can sing with me,  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

4. Then shall my latest breath Whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry My heart shall raise;  
This still its prayer shall be:  
More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!

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## Gospel John 15:9–17 – 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:

<sup>9</sup> *Jesus said, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.*

<sup>12</sup> *This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>13</sup> No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. <sup>14</sup> You are my friends if you do what I command you. <sup>15</sup> I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant] does not know what*

*the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. <sup>17</sup> I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."*

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

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

## Sermon – Billy Ng

### 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.122 Litany 15 Easter) – Fenella Chiu

#### Parish Cycle of Prayer

Parish: 2024 Ministry Plans

Deanery: Trinity, Streetsville; Rev'd Robert Hurkmans

Diocesan: New Curates of the Diocese of Toronto

Anglican: Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil

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: In joy and hope let us pray to the source of all life, saying,  
"Hear us, Lord of glory!"

Intercessor: That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That isolated and persecuted churches may find fresh strength in the Easter gospel, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That he may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That he may provide for those who lack food, work, or shelter, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That by his power wars and famine may cease through all the earth, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, the weak, and the dying, that they may be comforted and strengthened, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Hear us, Lord of glory!**

Intercessor: Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen.**

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

## Collect of the Day (P. 341) – Fenella Chiu

Intercessor: Let us pray.

All: **Merciful God,  
you have prepared for those who love you  
riches beyond imagination.  
Pour into our hearts such love toward you,  
that we, loving you above all things,  
may obtain your promises,  
which exceed all that we can desire;  
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 – Prayer of St. Francis

Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there is hatred let me bring Your love;  
Where there is injury, Your pardon, Lord;  
And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*(Refrain)* O Master, grant that I may never seek  
So much to be consoled as to console;  
To be understood as to understand;  
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.

2. Make me a channel of Your peace.  
Where there's despair in life  
let me bring hope;  
Where there is darkness, only light;  
And where there's sadness, ever joy. *(Refrain)*

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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. 342)

All: **God of glory,  
accept all we offer you this day,  
and bring us to that eternal city of love and light,  
where Christ is King.  
We ask this in his name.  
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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## Recessional Hymn – All Things Bright and Beautiful (Rutter)

*(Refrain)* All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful,  
The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings. *(Refrain)*
2. The purple-headed mountain, The river running by,  
The sunset, and the morning That brightens up the sky,
3. The cold wind in the winter, The pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them, everyone. *(Refrain)*
4. He gave us eyes to see them, And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. *(Refrain)*

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## Dismissal – Fenella Chiu

Leader: We are raised to new life with Christ.  
Go in his peace. Alleluia, alleluia.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



## Reflection & Meditation Article – Psalm 1

By Rev. Tim Ehrhardt from the Book, “Psalms: Anatomy of the Soul” (2019)

*1 Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers; 2 but their delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law they meditate day and night. 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither. In all that they do, they prosper.*

Near my home is a small grove of oak trees. Every chance I get, I stroll through the little forest of majestic trees with their strong trunks, thick bark, and gnarled branches. I must confess that there are four particular trees that I talk to on a regular basis. I call them “Mama Oak,” “Papa Oak,” “Grandfather Oak,” and “Elmer” (“Young Oak”) because they stand together looking like a family. I speak to them for the primary reason that they are good listeners. I also speak to them because, as God’s creation, I have this intuition that they can actually hear me.

In his book The Hidden Life of Trees, veteran forester Peter Wohlleben has written a winsome and fascinating account of what he has learned about trees. His primary thesis is that trees are social—they communicate with and care for each other. Trees planted by streams of water are not a group of individual trees. Rather, through their extensive root system in the ground, they share vital nutrients with each other when one of them is sick; send something akin to electrical impulses with one another to warn of danger; and take ownership of helping the entire forest grow together in health and strength. And they are not in a hurry. Their slow growth is deliberate and careful, a testament to their resilience and longevity. Wohlleben describes this intricate care and communication system as “the wood-wide web.”

As we move through the season of Lent, we are not alone. We do not attempt to shed the old sinful nature by ourselves through sheer willpower. We assist one another. We depend upon the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. We embrace the slow, patient, and deliberate work of soul-craft as we anticipate meeting Jesus.

Prayer: God Almighty, your strength and wisdom are seen in all of creation. May you enable me, together with all your people, to embrace the path of patient righteousness and forsake the way of hurried wickedness. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the power of your Holy Spirit, amen.

## English Ministry Programs

Date and time	Events	Notes
Sundays 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Multipurpose Room	Timothy Group	Age group: grade 4 and up
Sundays 11 a.m.-12 p.m. Sunday School Classrooms	Children Sunday School	Age group: toddlers to grade 3
Sundays 11 a.m.-12 p.m. <b>Next Meeting: TODAY May 5</b> Old Worship Hall	Adult Faith Group	All are welcome
<b>THIS Wed May 8 (Ch. 6),</b> Wed May 22 (Ch. 7, 8) 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	Book Study lead by Rev. Leung- "Introducing the Christian Faith" by Arthur Michael Ramsey	Zoom Meeting ID: <b>996 5736 5249</b> Password: <b>3944</b>
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of month <b>Next Meeting: NEXT Sun May 12</b> 11 a.m.-12 p.m.	Women's Group ( <i>Adult Faith Group cancelled</i> )	All ladies are welcome
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday every other month <b>Next Meeting: NEXT Sun May 12</b> (after all services) ~12:30 p.m.	Family Fellowship	Contact Ernest if interested or for more info <a href="mailto:info@stechurch.com">info@stechurch.com</a>
Wednesdays <b>Next Meeting: May 15</b> 8:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m.	English Prayer Meeting ( <i>Cancelled when Book Study group meets</i> )	Zoom Meeting ID: <b>996 5736 5249</b> Password: <b>3944</b>
Once a month <b>Next Meeting: May 29 (Tentative)</b> 9:00 p.m.	Fathers' Group	Contact Martin if interested or for more info <a href="mailto:info@stechurch.com">info@stechurch.com</a>

Next Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> 10am

7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter, Mother's Day

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