

聖公會聖基道堂

(烈治文山堂)

St. Christopher's Anglican Church (Richmond Hill)

7th Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2018
11am
Holy Eucharist

2018-2019 Theme:

Growing in Christ
Living Out His Mission

Processional Hymn

Opening Sentence:

I will not leave you desolate, says the Lord; I will come to you. John 14:18

Hymn

Children Talk

The Gathering of the Community

Collect:

Almighty God, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Mercifully give us faith to know that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever . Amen.

Reader: A reading from Acts 1:1-11

Wei-Li Liu

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me;⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.'⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come

upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹ They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Reader: The word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

Psalm 47

- ¹ Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.
- ² For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.
- ³ He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.
- ⁴ He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- ⁵ God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.
- ⁶ Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- ⁷ For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.
- ⁸ God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.
- ⁹ The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.

Gospel Hymn

Reader: The Lord be with you

Pastor Michele

People: And also with you

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy;⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

Sermon Worship in Unity Pastor Michele
The Nicene Creed
Intercessions Stephen Ho
Confession
The Exchange of Peace
Offertory Hymn

**People: All things come from thee O Lord,
and of thine own have we given thee. Amen.**

Holy Communion
Eucharistic Prayer
The Lord's Prayer
The Breaking of Bread
Prayer after Communion:

Eternal God, may we who share Christ's banquet be one with him as he is one with you. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, the risen and ascended Lord. Amen.

Thanksgiving Prayer
Benediction
Announcements
Recessional Hymn
Dismissal

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

Celebrant: Rev. Bill Craven Preacher: Pastor Michele Taylor
Lay Reader: Rob Li Eucharistic Minister: Gabriel Wong
Server: Jason Chiu Usher: Benjamin Chung
Music: Music Team

English Ministry Announcements

1. Pancake Sunday! After our Brainstorming session and in an effort to build community, RHE will be offering a pancake breakfast prior to Sunday service on the 3rd Sunday of each month. May 20th will be our first one, starting at 9:30am. Everyone is welcome and feel free to bring additional food if you wish!
2. Ping Pong / Games Club

Ping Pong/Games Club is held every Thursday, 2:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. We welcome youth and adults to join us.

3. During our brainstorming session on March 4th it was suggested that we have more casual get-togethers in order to build community. These could either be in people's homes or elsewhere, initiated by members/families. If you would like to host something for us please let Pastor Michele know so it can be announced and put in the bulletin.
4. There is interest among the Ping Pong Club teens to have an Alpha-type small group where they could further explore the Christian faith over a number of weeks. This type of ministry is best carried out by a small team of people, as we would also like to serve food. A time has yet to be established as it would depend on the availability of those interested in helping. Please contact Pastor Michele if you might be able to help with this great opportunity for mission.

General Announcements

1. a. Today we welcome Pastor Pei Jin Lu from Short Term Mission to preach at the Chinese services. May God bless her ministry. We congratulate her on graduating from Tyndale Seminary College for her Master of Divinity.
b. Today is Mother's Day! We thank our mothers for her love and care all through the year.
c. We also thank those parishioners who gave out flowers yesterday to mothers in the neighbourhood at the Leslie Square and at Emperor Fine Chinese Cuisine entrance. Special thanks to organiser Betty Shiu.
2. "We are the Church" Small Group Campaign
Today we will complete "We are the Church" preaching series. Please continue to use the study guide "Membership Commitment" by Gordon Lee. We thank you for your participation! Hopefully we will be serve the Lord with a fervent heart!
3. Prayer Meeting
Prayer meeting will be held at NYC today after service. All are welcome!
4. Praying for the Provincial Election
Many Churches in Ontario launch the 40 Days prayer movement for June 7 provincial election. We pray that more devote Christians may will to serve in the political arena and lift up the Kingdom of God. May our Provincial government follow the guidance of the Spirit. For details,

please visit www.prayon.ca. This week prayer theme: that all parties will take part in the election with integrity.

5. 2018 Summer Retreat

The whole church summer retreat will be held on Sat. July 14 at St. John's York Mills, 19 Don Ridge Dr., (York Mills & Yonge). The topic is "Lessons in Love: Bringing Love Back to the Public Sphere." English speaker: Rev. Christian Harvey and Chinese Rev. Dr. Anthony Chow. Registration begins now. For early bird special, please register by today, May 6. Free for St. Christopher's members. For non-member, \$40/person. All are welcome!

6. Executive Committee meeting summary

- a. We need \$48,500 this year for our ministries. Please remember this in your prayer.
- b. With effect from May 1, Pastor Michele's weekly working hours will be increased to 35 hours.
- c. We plan to hire a half-time Chinese ministry pastor.
- d. In remembrance of our parishioner Yong Sin, her family will set up "Yong Sin Education Fund" to support college students who have financial needs. Details will be announced in due course.

7. RHC Garden clean up

On Saturday May 19 at 11 am the Men's Group will lead us to clean up the garden at RHC and plant flowers. Please sign up on the board if you can join us. For details please contact Anthony Leung.

8. Gospel Sunday

June 10 will be a Gospel Sunday especially for all friends and relatives who have yet to know Christ and help them to understand the difference between Christianity and other religions. Please pray for them and invite them to join that special Sunday service.

9. Training for Visitation Team

Would you like to be a member of the Visitation Team to visit our parishioners? Training session will be held on: Wed. May 16, 4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m. at RHC. Please sign up on the board.

10. Outreach Program at NYC

As we wish to reach out to the working class, we will start an evening Tai Chi class from May 24, every Thursday, for 10 weeks, 6-7 pm, in the basement of NYC. \$60 for 10 weeks, and we can only have 16

participants. All are welcome. Please enrol with Alberta Yuen 416 494-6476.

11. Yeah Club (Richmond Hill Chinese Church Every Thursday morning)

iPad Intermediate Class will start on Thursday, May 17, 2018. For four Thursdays, until June 7. Time: 9:45 a.m. to 11:15 a.m. Fee: \$20 per person, \$16 per parishioner. For enrolment, please email info@stchris.ca or call the church office - Rosettie (905) 918 2205. YEAH Club is one of RHC outreach programs. All are welcome!

12. Wednesday Bible Study

Bible study will be held every Wednesday at 10:30 am at NYC. This week we will read Genesis #38. All are welcome!

13. St. Christopher's Fellowship

St. Christopher's fellowship will be held on Saturday, May 26, 4-7:45 pm at NYC. Dinner at \$12/person. All are welcome. Please sign up with Alice Chung.

14. Tri-Church

- a. Fire Drill – will be held next Sunday May 20. Please ensure you know all the fire exits and how to use the extinguishers.
- b. Community Fun Day – Last spring, we received the “Community Builder Award” for organising the community fun day. This year it will be held on Saturday, June 2, 10 am – 12 noon “Tri-Church Community Fun Day: Grow Together!”. We invite you to join the volunteer team: 6 for listening ministry, 4 each for church tables and games table. Please sign up on the board or contact Canon Der.
- c. Annual joint service will be held on May 27. RHC and NYC will join the service at 10:30 am. (English service will be held at 11 am as usual at RHE).
- d. Next year will be the 50th anniversary of Tri-Congregational Church. We invite you to pray for God's vision and prepare for the future of Tri-Church. We thank Arthur Lam for designing the Vision cards and please fill them out which we will post on the west side of the entrance on May 20. (For RHC parishioners please drop them off in the basket at the entrance).

As a church family, we remember the needs of the church and our brothers and sisters in Christ:

- May the Holy Spirit enlighten us to discern God's will and be His faithful servants. Pray for new parishioners' pursuit of spirituality.
- May the Holy Spirit enlighten the heart of non-believers that they may commit to follow Jesus Christ.
- For those in need among us: Jennifer Pang (Margaret Cheung's mother - lung Cancer), Marilyn Yeung (recovery from knee replacement), Maggie Duong (Physical and mental health), Pao Lin Li (adapting in Senior home), Koon Yuk Chan (mental health), Reggie Leung, Jenny Chan, Marilyn Wellington, Winson Yick, Clive Baron and others. Also pray for the victims and injured by the van attack on Yonge Street.
- Pray for those who have birthday this week: Zhe Lan Cheung
- For all those looking for work, the sick, the lonely and the elderly

Worship in Unity

The most important contributor to a successful worship is---YOU.

1. Early to bed Saturday night, prepare yourself with a refreshing spirit to meet the blessings of God.
2. On the way to Church, say to yourself: This is the day the Lord has made I am overjoyed in it.
3. Upon entering the door of the Church, praise the Lord, saying: Oh, Jerusalem, my feet have stepped into your door. Here are the blessings Jehovah has ordained to pour over to the pilgrims.
4. Sitting in the worship hall, pray silently: Oh, Lord, your presence is my greatest delight.
5. Eyesight casts toward the preacher, lay reader, lead singer, pianist(organist), the choir, musicians...,and bless them all.
6. Listen carefully to the lay reader, saying "Amen" with proper volume of your voice.
7. At the time to sing, sing loudly, fully devote yourself to the hymns and meditate on the meaning of the lyrics.
8. Let the wings of the hymns lift you up to the throne, to receive God's healing, accept the renewal of the Holy Spirit, accept the grace of the Savior and revel in the melody of His Holiness.
9. Help the neighbor to look up and read out the bible, diligently meditate on the power of God's Word.
10. When listening to the sermon, pray for the preacher: May the Lord anoint His servant with His grace and Spirit.

Reading & Prayer Cycle for the week of May 13, 2018

	Reading	Intercession for
Monday	Matthew 8:5-17	Chun Nam & Vivian Fong
Tuesday	Matthew 8:18-27	Lai Shan Fong
Wednesday	Matthew 8:28-34	Eddie & Karen Fung/Chloe/Kaylee
Thursday	Matthew 9:1-8	Mandy Fung
Friday	Matthew 9:9-17	Billy & Fun Ho/Esther/Enoch
Saturday	Matthew 9:18-26	Sunday Worship

Last Sunday Attendance and Offering

	Attendance	Amount
NYC Chinese Service	44	1875.00
RHE English Service	32	275.00
RHC Chinese Service	61	1690.00
Weekly Smart Stewardship Program	--	1206.58
Total	137	4996.58
FaithWorks		0.00

Thank you for your continual support and participation in our ministries. We need approximately \$7660 on a weekly basis to support our regular and developing ministries. Offering is a Christian’s responsibility and our response to God’s love. Please consider applying for the “Smart Stewardship Program”, a monthly auto-donation program as a great way to support our ministries. Application forms are available by the front door.

Parish of St. Christopher's Mission Statement

"Through Jesus Christ, we unite to

- *Reach up to worship and deepen our communication with God*
- *Reach in to care, nurture and equip disciples*
- *Reach out to evangelize and serve the community"*

Sunday Service

9 am Chinese service at North York Church
(2nd Sunday Chinese prayer meeting after service)
11 am English service at Richmond Hill Church
11:15 am Children Sunday School at Richmond Hill Church
11 am Chinese service at Richmond Hill Church
(1st Sunday Chinese prayer meeting after service)

English Service Activities

Alternate Friday Youth Group & Acts 29
Once a month Young Couples Group
Thursday 2:30 pm Youth Ping Pong/Board Game Club

Chinese Service Activities

Sunday, 2:00 p.m. Cooking for Fun at RHC
Tuesday, 1:00 p.m. Ping Pong for adults at RHC
1:15 pm Line Dance at NYC
Thursday, 10 am YEAH Club at RHC
Tai Chi at NYC
1:15 pm Line Dance at NYC
Friday, 10:15 a.m. Ping Pong for adults at RHC
Saturday 10 am Tai Chi at RHC

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