

A Lunar New Year Service of Word & Table
Committee on Asian/North American Asian Theologies (CANAAT)
Emmanuel College Chapel
1 Feb. 2017

** indicates an invitation to rise in body or in spirit*
bold *indicates the responses of the congregation*

GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements [Awit]

- including: thanking the CANNAT for their hospitality and leadership today with the Lunar New Year lunch and this service;
- thanking our preacher, Professor Emerita Rev. Dr. Wenh-In Ng; president, Rev John, Young-Jung Lee, graduate of Emmanuel, a former President of Toronto Conference and Chair of the CANNAT;
- thanks to everyone who is giving leadership in the service
- the elements for communion will be gluten free bread at one station; mantou (which contains gluten) at another, and cold Jasmine tea

Territorial Acknowledgement [a student]

As we come together for worship today,
let us acknowledge the sacred land on which we gather.
This land is the territory of the Huron-Wendat and Petun First Nations,
the Seneca, and most recently, the Mississaugas of the Credit River.
We are grateful to have the opportunity to work and worship on this territory.
Let us always be mindful of broken covenants
and the need to strive to make right with all our relations.

. . . a candle is lit. . .

. . . silence is kept . . .

. . . the gong is sounded, calling us to worship . . .

Call to Worship [John]

This is the day that our God has made:

let us rejoice and be glad in it.

This is the time the world needs healing:

let us join all people of good will to work for reconciliation.

This is the hour God calls us once again:

let us dare to respond, "Here we are: send us."

Come, let us worship together.

Prayer of Approach [John]

[Let us pray . . .]

God of the Eternal Now, at the beginning of another new year,

we bring our whole selves before you.

Take us as we are.

For broken promises we regret,

forgive us;

in unfulfilled dreams we lament,

comfort us;

as yet once again we resolve to be more faithful,

fill us with hope.

Guide us with your Star as you once guided the wise ones,

**that we may bring learnings, yearnings, and questions
to lay as gifts before you.**

Amen.

* **Hymn:** "We Give You Thanks for Every Faith"

perhaps a flute/recorder play through of the melody (Saya?)

[see next page]

(♩ = 88)

We give you thanks for ev - ery faith, un - spo - ken or ex - pressed; for
 We give you thanks for what we feel when gath - ered here to pray; your
 We give you thanks for seek - ing hearts, and si - lence brought to birth in
 We give you thanks for what is done, and what is yet to do; we'll

wis - dom span - ning all the earth, u - nit - ing east and west.
 pres - ence bless - es what is real and burns the rest a - way.
 liv - ing, breath - ing, heal - ing arts re - vealed in all the earth.
 chant and sing and dance as one, when we are one with you.

WORDS: Daniel Charles Damon
 MUSIC: Lim Swee Hong

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WORD

Lotus Sūtra Reading: Chapter 2, “Expedient Means” [Culan Liu, in English]

爾時世尊。欲重宣此義。而說偈言

…
 若人於塔廟 寶像及畫像
 以華香幡蓋 敬心而供養
 若使人作樂 擊鼓吹角貝
 簫笛琴箏篪 琵琶鐃銅鈸
 如是衆妙音 盡持以供養
 或以歡喜心 歌唄頌佛德
 乃至一小音 皆已成佛道

妙法蓮華經 (T262: 7c9-9a16).

Gospel Reading: Luke 6:17-26 [Awit Marcelino, in Tagalog]

Then Jesus came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets."

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, O Christ.

* **Hymn:** VU p. 896 "Matthew 5 (Blest Are They)"

Sermon [Wenh-In Ng]

. . . silence is kept . . .

[. . . the service continues on the next page. . .]

... the Tibetan bowl is sounded ... [by Sheng Ping]

Prayers of the People [Sheng Ping Guo, in Mandarin; Eun-Jung An, song leader]

Sung response: Leader: sings it in Korean

All: sing Korean, then English; then alternate Korean and English in the prayer

The musical score is written in G minor, 4/4 time, with a tempo of 60. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a bass line. The lyrics are in Korean and English. The chords are indicated above the vocal line.

System 1: Chords: Unison, B \flat , F/A, Gm, Gm/F. Lyrics: 예수님 나의 구원자 주의 / Ye su nim na ui ku won ja joo ui / Hear my prayer Sav-ior, Je - sus. Hear the

System 2: Chords: E \flat , F \sharp sus4, F7, B \flat , D/A. Lyrics: 이 름 부 름 때 오 소 서 하 나 님, 기 도 합 니 / i rum boo rul ddae o so seo. Ha na nim gi do ham ni / cry with-in my heart, hear my plea. Hear my prayer as I call to

System 3: Chords: Gm, Gm/F, E \flat , F \sharp sus4, F7, B \flat . Lyrics: 다. 나의 소리 듣고 응답 하소서. / da. na ui so ri dud go unng dab ha so seo. / you, Sav-ior, Je - sus, please hear me and an-swer me.

WORDS and MUSIC: Eun-Jung An, Korea

SHINING LIGHT

7.10.8..11.

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We thank you, O God for the bounty of the earth in the Year of the Rooster, and for every form of witness to your light in times of darkness. We pray for all those who work for healing and hope: for pastoral care workers and community activists who persist even in places of heartbreak or terror. We remember, in particular, those who were killed or injured at prayer in the Quebec City Islamic Centre on Sunday, their families, friends and neighbours. Help us to find ways to reach out to one another, to resist and overcome the forces of division and suspicion, hatred and violence that threaten our life . . . **R (in Korean)**

We pray for all those who learn and teach, for students and teachers, elders and spiritual leaders. Today, especially, we remember the Very Reverend Dr. Sang Chul Lee, former Moderator of the United Church of Canada and Chancellor of the Victoria University in the University of Toronto, and all those who gathered to mourn his death and give thanks for his life. We thank you for his strong, loving and wise leadership, and pray that we may testify to the promise of his life beyond death, in our lives . . . **R (in English)**

We pray for all those who struggle for freedom and justice, and for those who live in despair or fear. We pray for those who work on behalf of others, and for those who speak their own truth to those in power. And we pray for ourselves, that we may never cease to bear witness to the way of Christ, in ways great and small. . . **R (in Korean)**

Amen. **Amen.**

TABLE

Invitation & Peace [John]

In the name of the One who said, "I am the bread of life,"

I invite you to come and eat.

In the name of the One who said,

"I am the true vine,"

I invite you to come and drink.

In the name of the One who said,

"Love one another, as I have loved, you,"

I invite you to the table of Jesus Christ.

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast.

As we gather this afternoon,

we thank God's creation of making us all differently

and remember our sisters and brothers

celebrating the start of a new lunar calendar year,

the year of the rooster,

all around the world.

All are invited and all are welcome.

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

As we come to the Table, let us share signs of peace and reconciliation.

. . . peace is shared . . .

*** Presentation Hymn: "All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly"**

gluten free bread, mantou (contains gluten), and (cold) Jasmine tea are brought forward by the servers

♩ = 55 D Em/D A⁹/D D G D/F# Em A

All who hun - ger, gath - er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.
 All who hun - ger, nev - er strang - ers, seek - er, be a wel - come guest.
 All who hun - ger, sing to - geth - er; Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.

D Em/D A⁹/D D G/B D/A A⁷ D

Come from wil - der - ness and wan - der - ing Here, in truth we will be fed.
 Come from rest - less - ness and roam - ing. Here, in joy, we keep the feast.
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here, in peace, we have been led.

Em C/G Em⁷ A Em⁷/G D/F# E F#

You that yearn for days of full - ness, all a - round us is our food.
 We that once were lost and scat - tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat - i - tude.

Bm F#m/A G D/F# Em D/F# A⁷/G A D

Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

WORDS: Sylvia G. Dunstan
 MUSIC: Lim Swee Hong

COMMONWEAL
 8.7.8.7.D.

Great Thanksgiving [John & Wenh-In]

John: The Holy One is here.

God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to offer thanks and praise.

John: It is indeed good and right
to give you thanks and praise,
O God of many names.
You made a covenant with Noah
and caused nations, in their amazing diversity,
to spread over the face of the earth.
As of old you led your people
out of a land of enslavement to a land of promise,
so, too, you led our ancestors, and some among us,
into new lands of possibility—there to find you anew.

Wenh-In: In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus,
in every aspect human as we are.
He grew up in a small town in Galilee,
far from the seat of religious and civil power.
He spoke with a distinct accent.
He learned of the breadth of your grace
from a Gentile mother.
Beside Jacob's well,
he was moved by an encounter with a minority woman
and disclosed his messianic identity.
Therefore, with these and our other ancestors in the faith,
both named and unnamed,
who through the ages and all over the world
have borne courageous witness to the hope within them,
we praise you: [*said*]

**Holy, holy, holy God,
Power of life and love!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory!
Hosanna through the ages!
Blest is the One who comes
to bring your justice to earth!**

John: On the last night he spent with his friends,
Jesus took an age-old tradition of his people
and transformed it into something new.
He took bread, staple food of his land,
as we now take this rice cake, popular with Asians and many in the diaspora, he
blessed and broke it, and gave it to those around him saying,
“Take, eat, this is my body, broken for you.
Whenever you do this, remember me.”

Wenh-In: After supper he took a cup of wine, common drink of his people,
as we now take this tea, favourite drink of many in this world,
and gave it to them, saying,
“Drink this, all of you, this is the new covenant in my blood.
Each time you do this, remember me.”
By remembering Jesus in this way now,
we claim our common heritage
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.**

John: Send, O covenant God, your Holy Spirit
upon us and what we do here,
that we and these gifts, empowered by your Spirit,
may become signs of shalom
to one another and to all peoples of the earth.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all glory is yours everywhere, now and forever.

Amen.

The Prayer of Jesus

Wenh-In: We gather these and all our prayers in the words of Jesus, each
praying in our own tongue:

you are invited to pray the Lord's Prayer in the language or version of their choice

Communion

The bread of life, shared with you.

The cup of the new covenant, shared with you.

Amen.

Music during Communion:

VU 34 "Come Now, O God of Peace (O-So-So)" (English and Korean)

[VU 955 "Grant to Us Your Peace (Dona nobis pacem)" (English and Latin)]

Prayer after Communion: (Wenh-In & John leading the whole community)

**For the bread we have eaten,
for the wine we have tasted,
for the life we have received,
we thank you, God.**

**Grant that what we have done and have been given here,
may so put its mark on us,
that it may remain always in our hearts.**

**Grant that we may grow
in love and understanding,
and that ours may be lives of faithful action,
in Christ's name.**

Amen.

* **Hymn:** VU 578 "As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

* **Sending Forth and Blessing**

John: Go now into a fresh, renewed world,
the world of "new spring" with its promises,
giving thanks for what is past,
looking with hope towards what is to come;

Wenh-In: And the blessing of the Ever-new One
of the Redeemer, who enables redressing of past wrongs,
and of the Spirit, Sustainer of our present and future,
be with us at the beginning of this lunar new year
and remain with us till its end.

Amen.

Postlude