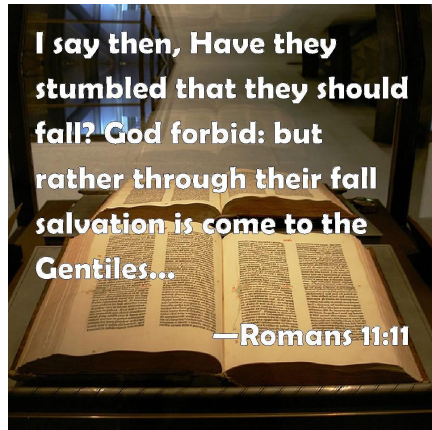


Sunday Worship at CPC
Seventh Sunday after Epiphany
February 20, 2022 @ 11:30am



Jewish Roots of Christianity
Mrs. Anna Bortsova,
Chosen People Ministries
Romans 11

ORDER OF WORSHIP SERVICE

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English Sunday Worship Service on Zoom:

On [CPC Zoom](#) Meeting ID: 416 977 5625 Passcode: torontocpc

Join by Phone:

647 558 0588 Meeting ID: 416 977 5625# Password: 4703591748#

Weekly Groups:

Sunday Morning Bible Study at 10:00AM: On Zoom. Contact Lily Chong (lilychongchong@gmail.com)

Children Sunday School at 10:30am on CPC Zoom: For details, contact Pastor Alan (alan.goh@torontocpc.com) or Joanne Li Yu (joanne.li.yu@torontocpc.com).

Wednesday Prayer Time: 7-8pm on CPC Zoom.

Thursday Mandarin Bible Study-10:30am to 11:30am:

Studying book of Genesis. Facilitated by Heung Ling Liu 廖享寧弟兄, Theology student at Tyndale University. Contact Pastor Mary Lee 李鄧碧真牧師 (mary.lee@torontocpc.com).

Thursday Cantonese Bible Study and Prayer Group – 8-9pm:

Join for Bible Study and Prayer in Cantonese. Contact Pastor Mary Lee.

Becoming an Encouraging Church

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:24, 25

Welcome and Announcements:

We Welcome Today's Guest Speaker – Anna Bortsova, Chosen People Ministries (Canada):

Anna was born and raised in St. Petersburg, Russia. Her father coached a Soviet Olympics team and her mother taught English as a Second Language.

After Anna married Vladimir Bortsov, they lived and worked in one of the southern republics of former USSR.

In 1991, both Vladimir and Anna accepted the Lord. Vladimir followed the call of God to go into full-time ministry, quitting his job as an airline pilot. Anna continued working as a teacher and translator. They planted a church; many people were reached for the Lord.

In 1998, Vladimir began to sense God's call to go to Canada. They decided to test his leading to see if it was true. They went to Moscow and applied for independent immigration to Canada. **Their immigration was approved on the same day, without an interview!**

When they came to Canada in 1999, it became clear that the Lord was calling them to minister in Toronto, where the majority of Russian Jewish people live.

The population of Russian immigrants in the Greater Toronto Area is about 300,000 people; 65% of them are Jewish! This group of immigrants has been overlooked for many years, so the need to reach out to them is great.

At this time, Anna ministers at Chosen People Ministries with a focus on discipleship and ministry to Russian Jewish women and in the area of evangelism.

Sunday Mandarin Bible Study on Zoom – February 20, 10:00AM

The CPC Sunday Mandarin Bible Study is starting again. All are welcome to join in studying the Acts of the Apostles. Our next meeting will be Sunday February 20, 2022, from 10:00 AM to 11:15 AM via Zoom. For details and other questions pertaining to the Bible study, please contact Michael & Ann Ho (michaelannho@gmail.com). For Zoom details and other software-related questions, please contact Richard Liu (rzf.liu@outlook.com).

Next Week is Communion Sunday (February 27): Join us for Communion online.

Where do we go from here? The pastor's view

Fourth Townhall meeting studying the traditional and progressive views on human sexuality

As a result of our denomination (the PCC) adopting a new definition of Christian marriage and permitting the ordination of LGBTQI teaching and ruling elders, all congregations are encouraged to study the issues and the implications of this change in church doctrine and polity. The fourth townhall meeting is **Sunday, February 27th** on Webex. This meeting will be held in both English and Cantonese, and will involve presentations, Q & A, and group discussions.

CPC Webex Link: <https://torontochinesepresbyterianchurch.my.webex.com/join/cpc>

Join by Phone: 647-484-1598

Access code: 132 134 0153

Valentine's Day Greetings of Love for All Front Line / Essential Service Staff Working Bravely and Tirelessly throughout this Pandemic: Thank you to all members of CPC, children and adults for creating such beautiful and heartwarming Valentine's Day Cards/pictures to show our appreciation and encourage all front line / essential service staff! Greetings of Love cards/pictures will be shown for the rest of February so there is still time to create an expression of appreciation and email it to the church office or

CPC communication this month. These cards will be given out by the family/individual to any front line / essential service staff that they wish. Email: office@torontocpc.com or communication@torontocpc.com

Silent Prayer

INVITED TO WORSHIP

One: Take delight in the Lord;

All: For God will give us the desires of our hearts.

One: Trust in the Lord;

All: For God will give us security and strength.

One: Come, let us commit our ways to the Lord.

All: Let us worship the One who is our refuge in any time of trouble.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

Faithful God,

You have gathered your people in faithfulness throughout many generations.

You have offered your blessing to us through their examples,

and led the Church through many changes and challenges by your Spirit.

Draw near to us this day to guide us in these uncertain times.

Root our faithfulness in the compassion and courage we meet in Jesus.

Renew us through your steadfast love

so that we may dare to trust our future to you.

All praise and honour are yours, O God,

Source, Saviour and Spirit of Life.

Gracious God,

you test the mind and search the heart,

so you know the thoughts and intentions we keep hidden.

Trusting in your wisdom and mercy,

we confess the ways we have failed to love one another,

the times we looked the other way when someone needed help,

and the ways our actions betrayed your goodness.

(Keep a brief silence)

Forgive us for missing opportunities to share your love,

and carrying grudges that keep us from offering the forgiveness we hope for.

Renew us with your mercy

to become more merciful to others we meet,

in the example of Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Hear and believe the good news: anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.

The old life is gone, and new life has begun. Trust that you are forgiven by God's generous love,

and have the courage to forgive one another for Christ's sake.

Pass the Peace of Christ

Since we are reconciled to God in Christ,

let us share the peace with one another.

May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
All: **And also with you**

INVITED TO HEAR

Children's Moment

Songs of Worship and Praise

Scripture Reading

Romans 11 New International Version

The Remnant of Israel

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

What then? What the people of Israel sought so earnestly they did not obtain. The elect among them did, but the others were hardened, as it is written:

"God gave them a spirit of stupor,
eyes that could not see
and ears that could not hear,
to this very day."

And David says:

"May their table become a snare and a trap,
a stumbling block and a retribution for them.
May their eyes be darkened so they cannot see,
and their backs be bent forever."

Ingrafted Branches

Again I ask: Did they stumble so as to fall beyond recovery? Not at all! Rather, because of their transgression, salvation has come to the Gentiles to make Israel envious. But if their transgression means riches for the world, and their loss means riches for the Gentiles, how much greater riches will their full inclusion bring!

I am talking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch as I am the apostle to the Gentiles, I take pride in my ministry in the hope that I may somehow arouse my own people to envy and save some of them. For if their rejection brought reconciliation to the world, what will their acceptance be but life from the dead? If the part of the dough offered as firstfruits is holy, then the whole batch is holy; if the root is holy, so are the branches.

If some of the branches have been broken off, and you, though a wild olive shoot, have been grafted in among the others and now share in the nourishing sap from the olive root, do not consider yourself to be superior to those other branches. If you do, consider this: You do not support the root, but the root supports you. You will say then, "Branches were broken off so that I could be grafted in." Granted. But they were broken off because of unbelief, and you stand by faith. Do not be arrogant, but tremble. For if God did not spare the natural branches, he will not spare you either.

Consider therefore the kindness and sternness of God: sternness to those who fell, but kindness to you, provided that you continue in his kindness. Otherwise, you also will be cut off. And if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again. After all, if you were cut out of an olive tree that is wild by nature, and contrary to nature were grafted into a cultivated olive tree, how much more readily will these, the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree!

All Israel Will Be Saved

I do not want you to be ignorant of this mystery, brothers and sisters, so that you may not be conceited: Israel has experienced a hardening in part until the full number of the Gentiles has come in, and in this way all Israel will be saved. As it is written:

"The deliverer will come from Zion;
he will turn godlessness away from Jacob.
And this is my covenant with them
when I take away their sins."

As far as the gospel is concerned, they are enemies for your sake; but as far as election is concerned, they are loved on account of the patriarchs, for God's gifts and his call are irrevocable. Just as you who were at one time disobedient to God have now received mercy as a result of their disobedience, so they too have now become disobedient in order that they too may now receive mercy as a result of God's mercy to you. For God has bound everyone over to disobedience so that he may have mercy on them all.

Doxology

Oh, the depth of the riches of the wisdom and knowledge of God!
How unsearchable his judgments,
and his paths beyond tracing out!
Who has known the mind of the Lord?
Or who has been his counselor?"
Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?"
For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

Message: Mrs. Anna Bortova – Jewish Roots of Christianity

Prayer of Commitment

INVITED TO RESPOND

Response Song

Offering and Thanksgiving

God is the source of all goodness. Through our offering, we express our thanks for every good thing we enjoy, and we share good things with those in need. Be generous, as God is generous, so that the world may know that God is good.

God of generous love, we bring our gifts with grateful hearts,
for we have received so much through your kindness.
Bless our gifts, and use them to touch lives in situations we cannot even imagine with your love.
Make us a blessing in our community for the sake of Christ, our Friend and Saviour. Amen.

Prayers of the People

INVITED TO BLESS OTHERS

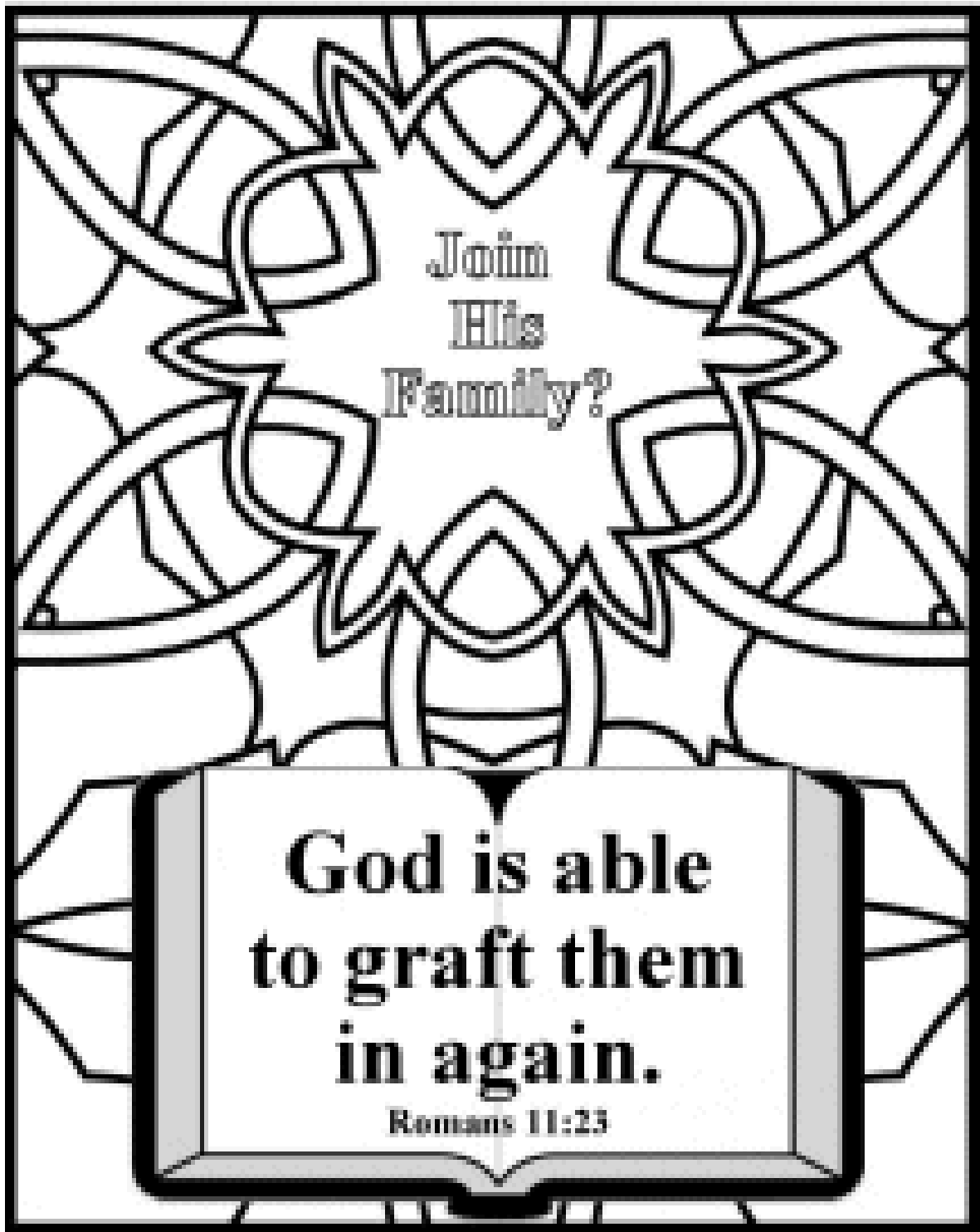
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