

Sunday Worship at CPC
First Sunday after Epiphany
January 9, 2022 @ 11:30am



*"God's story: My Story: Our Story:
Strangers in a Strange Land"*
Mr. Tony Lai
Esther 4:12-14 NIV

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English Sunday Worship Service on Zoom (effective Dec 20th):

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 (New Time): On Zoom and at
CPC._Contact Lily Chong (lilychongchong@gmail.com)

Monday Young Adults Group: On Break. Anyone interested in joining for
online games & Bible Study, contact Naomi Cheung
(ncheung1225@gmail.com).

Wednesday Prayer Time: 7-8pm on CPC Zoom.
[Meeting ID: 416 977 5625 Passcode: torontocpc.](#)

Thursday Chinese Bible Study-10:30am to 11:30am:
Studying book of Exodus. 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 (mary.lee@torontocpc.com).

Thursday Cantonese Bible Study and Prayer Group – 8:00pm to 9:00pm:
Join for Bible Study and Prayer in Cantonese. Contact Pastor Mary Lee.

*I am the LORD All-Powerful.
So don't depend
on your own power or strength,
but on my Spirit.*

Zechariah 4:6b CEV

Announcements:

NEW CHANGE in CPC's Covid protocols

"In light of the present rapid increase in COVID cases, CPC has suspended in-person worship and church gatherings effective Monday, Dec 20th, 2021, until further notice. Ministry and church staff may continue to lead from the church but the congregation will worship and meet online only. Our Health and Safety Team will continue to monitor the situation and will recommend our next steps."

January 9, 2022 Financial Update: The Finance Committee of the Board of Managers is thankful for the trust you have placed in us to manage your tithes and offerings.

Here is our financial position as at Dec 31, 2021 (Revised):

	Actuals as at Dec 31	Budgeted as of Dec 31	Surplus/(Deficit)	Full Year Budget
General & Thanks Offerings	389,686	382,150	7,536	382,150

Thanks to God's provision and you, our faithful members and friends for your prayers and financial support.

Small Groups - Besides regular attendance at worship, every member is invited to belong to a small group and to be serving in some area of church life. A "Join a Small Group at CPC" questionnaire has been sent out (attached). Please complete and return to Pastor Alan by Jan 23.

January 23rd, 2pm- Third 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 next townhall meeting is **Sunday, January 23rd** on Webex to inform and educate our congregation on the progressive view on human sexuality. This meeting will be held in both English and Cantonese, and will involve presentations, Q & A, and group discussions.

Join a Small Group at CPC

Besides regular attendance at worship, every member is invited to belong to a small group and to be serving in some area of church life. A small group is a gathering of 3 to 12 persons meeting regularly for mutual caring and connecting, learning and serving. Place a ✓ beside the small group(s) in which you are interested. Please return form to Pastor Alan by Jan 23, 2022. Thank you!

Worship (*"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength."* Matthew 22:37)

- ☐ Worship Band small group (for musicians, vocalists, A/V tech support)
- ☐ Worship Leaders small group (for those leading in the worship service)
- ☐ Hospitality small group (for those organizing the before and after worship food and beverages)

Ministry (*"Love your neighbor as you love yourself."* Matthew 22:39)

- ☐ Good Deeds small group (i.e. Evangel Hall food and clothing drive, serve meals)
- ☐ Visitation small group (following-up with newcomers, visiting in hospitals and homes)
- ☐ Ministry Partnership small group (i.e. with TCBC, IVCF)

Evangelism (*"Go and make disciples of all nations..."* Matthew 28:19)

- ☐ Badminton Outreach small group (Tue/Thu evenings)
- ☐ Pickle Ball Outreach small group (Mon/Wed evenings)
- ☐ Mission small group (praying for our missionaries, promoting mission work)

Fellowship (*"Baptizing them [the way new believers enter into the fellowship of a local church] in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."* Matthew 28:19)

- ☐ Prayer small group (praying for the congregation and for each other)
- ☐ Congregational Events small group (planning and carrying out events for the congregation)
- ☐ Men's / Women's small group (connecting with the men and women of the congregation)

Discipleship (*"Teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you."* Matthew 28:20)

- ☐ Bible Study small group (meeting to study and apply God's Word)
- ☐ Baptism/Confirmation small group (confirming the faith of seekers and new believers)
- ☐ Spiritual Formation small group (learning the principles of spiritual growth)

☐ Other small group ideas? _____

Name _____ Interested in leading small groups? Yes / No

Phone _____ Email _____

INVITED TO WORSHIP

Moment of Silent Prayer

Call to Worship (*Calling God's People into God's Presence*)

One: Beloved, God chooses us and calls us by name.

All: We belong to God. Alleluia!

One: Our lives have purpose because we belong to God.

All: We are called to be like Christ and follow him.

One: We will find joy, peace, and restoration through God's amazing grace.

All: Let us worship God who claims us and loves us! Praise be to God!

Assurance of Pardon

Do not be afraid, for Christ has redeemed you.

Baptized in the deep waters of death, he has washed away your sins.

Risen from death, he invites you to be washed in the cleansing tide of God's mercy.

Your sins are forgiven; be at peace with God, with yourself, and with each other.

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

Children's Moment

Songs of Worship

INVITED TO HEAR

Along the Journey Reading

The New Year is a time for new traditions. Each week we will read a portion of Scripture that is chosen to follow the Church Calendar. As we do this we share our journey along with believers around the world who will also hear this reading today from Isaiah 43:1-7

But now, this is what the Lord says—

he who created you, Jacob,

he who formed you, Israel:

"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;

I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

When you pass through the waters,

I will be with you;

and when you pass through the rivers,

they will not sweep over you.

When you walk through the fire,

you will not be burned;
the flames will not set you ablaze.
For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour;

....

v5 Do not be afraid, for I am with you;
I will bring your children from the east
and gather you from the west.
I will say to the north, 'Give them up!'
and to the south, 'Do not hold them back.'
Bring my sons from afar
and my daughters from the ends of the earth—
everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

Scripture Reading

Esther 4:12-14 NIV

When Esther's words were reported to Mordecai, he sent back this answer: "Do not think that because you are in the king's house you alone of all the Jews will escape. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance for the Jews will arise from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. And who knows but that you have come to your royal position for such a time as this?"

Message: Mr. Tony Lai "God's Story: My Story: Our Story: Strangers in a Strange Land"

Prayer of Commitment

INVITED TO RESPOND

Response Song

Offering: Prayer of Dedication

In the season of Epiphany, God's gift to us in Christ is revealed to the world. Our gifts to God in Christ's name reveal our commitment to the love and mercy, the forgiveness and hope we have received. Our gifts proclaim that we are beloved to God and God is beloved to us.

God our Maker, we bring our gifts to you in thanksgiving for your gifts to us in Christ and in creation. Bless what we bring and who we are, so that our gifts will bless the world you love in Christ's name. **Amen.**

Prayers of the People

INVITED TO BLESS OTHERS

Sending Song

Charge & Benediction

Silent Prayer

Fellowship Time in Breakout Rooms online

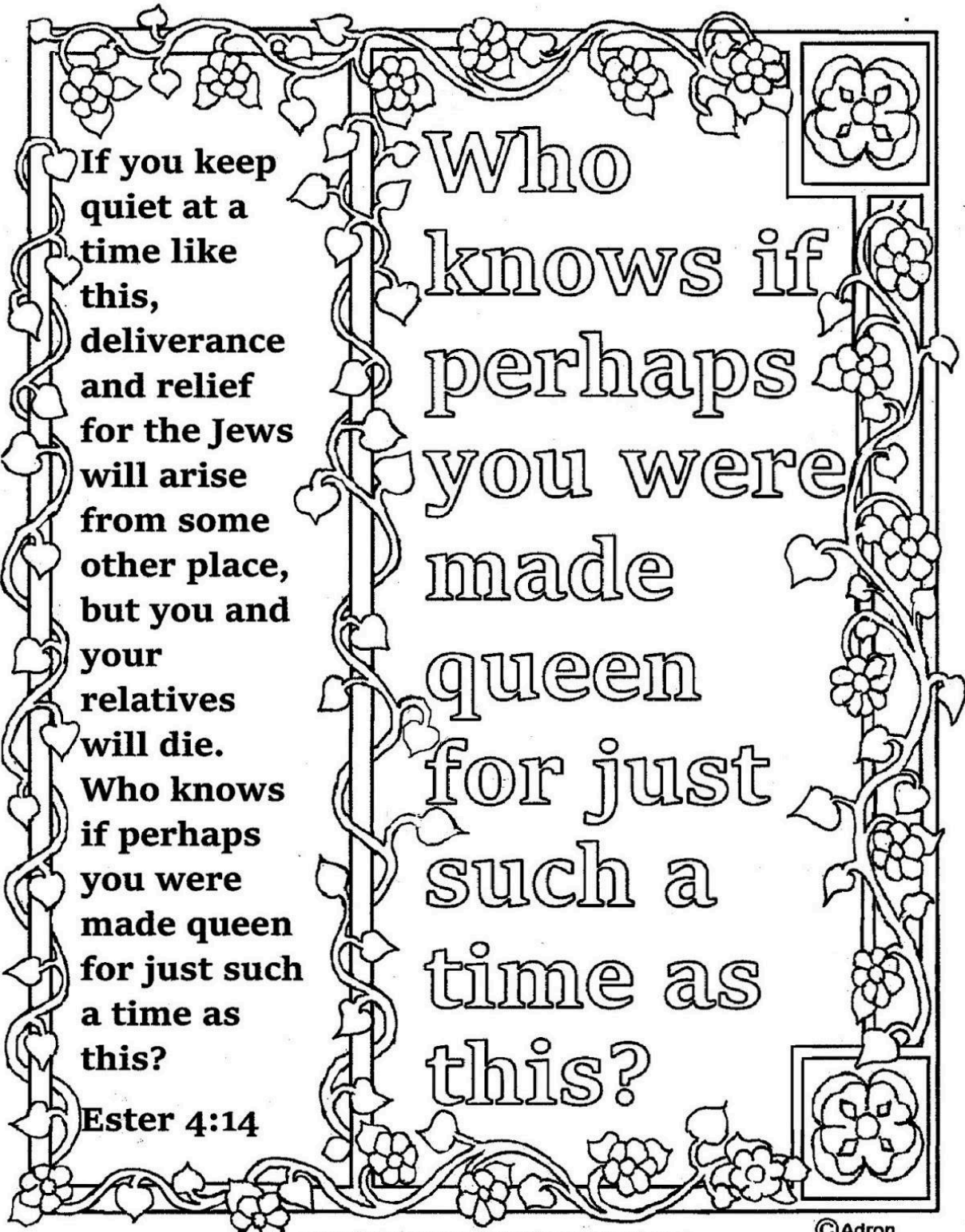
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A Jew named Mordecai worked in the palace of King Xerxes. When Xerxes was looking for a new queen, he chose Mordecai's cousin Esther. - **Esther 2**

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**If you keep
quiet at a
time like
this,
deliverance
and relief
for the Jews
will arise
from some
other place,
but you and
your
relatives
will die.
Who knows
if perhaps
you were
made queen
for just such
a time as
this?**

Ester 4:14

**Who
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