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TORONTO CHINESE UNITED CHURCH

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下主日 NEXT SUNDAY			
英文崇拜 上午九時三十分 ENGLISH SERVICE 9:30A.M.			
主禮：戴永楷	LEADER: Robert Tai		
宣道：伊和牧師	PREACHER: Rev. Ronald Ewart		
音樂：The Talking Donkeys	MUSICIANS: The Talking Donkeys		
讀經：雷善行	READER: Matthew Lui		
司事：曾仲銘	USHERS: Christopher Tsang		
招待：雷李樹鈴家庭	HOSTS: Alice Lui's family		
中文崇拜 上午十一時 CHINESE SERVICE 11:00A.M.			
主禮：招葉中綯	LEADER: Chung Shun Chiu		
宣道：鄭國輝牧師	PREACHER: Rev. Johmann Kwong		
司琴：黃布愛玲	ORGANIST: Regina Wong		
傳譯：曾陳侃明(國語)	TRANSLATOR: Olivia Tsang (Mandarin)		
司事：鍾國榮 鍾蘇寶珍	USHERS: Alfred Chung Frances Chung		
劉黃寶娟 梁杜敏儀	Wendy Lau Loretta Leung		
音響：廖永輝	PA SYSTEM: Peter Liu		
簡報：譚穎嫻	POWERPOINT: Wing Haan Tam		
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戴永楷	戴梁潔玲	Robert Tai	Margaret Tai
李葛燕萍	蕭仁瀚	Claudia Li	Alfred Siu

黎嘉熾牧師：每星期一休假

黃布愛玲行政幹事：每星期三休假

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我們的使命是以耶穌基督為首，
以上帝無條件的愛為心，
把教會帶到人群，
把人群帶到教會。

With Jesus Christ as the Church's foundation,
and living God's unconditional love,
we bring the Church to the people and
we bring the people to the Church.

【本堂使命宣言 TCUC Mission Statement】

將臨節第一主日

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

二零一五年十一月二十九日 November 29, 2015

GATHERING AND PRAISE

GATHERING MUSIC

CALL TO WORSHIP

Waiting can be hard. We are often an impatient people.
And yet, in the midst of our impatience, sometimes God calls us to wait.
We try to be patient, but there is much that makes us anxious.
Much in our world is designed to create a sense of urgency, a sense of panic.
But here, in this place, we pause to hear God's word.
Here, in this place, we patiently wait for God.
Come. Let us worship God!

SONGS OF PRAISE:

"Come, Now Is the Time"

LIGHTING ADVENT 1ST CANDLE

Led by Christopher Tsang and Olivia Tsang
(Liturgy printed in page 5, please follow it to response.
After lighting the candle, sing the song projected on screen, use the tune VU#79)

PRAYER OF APPROACH

Loving God, in our busy and thing-filled world, you call us to be patient.
You invite us to trust, not in the things of this world, but in your everlasting word.
Strengthen us, we pray, to hear your word, to believe your word,
and to respond to your word in our daily living. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

(We greet one another in Jesus' name saying "the Peace of God be with you".)

SCRIPTURE READING: Psalm 25: 1-10
(please follow the projection screen)

SONG OF PRAISE: VU #29
"Hark the Glad Sound"
(Our offering is received during the song.)

OFFERTORY PRAYER *(please stand)*

We offer these gifts to you, O God, in the hope that they might help make your promises come true. We offer you our whole selves as well, dedicated to doing our part to help bring your will into reality in our world. As we give these gifts, we recommit ourselves to exploring ways that we can live the love and justice of Christ's coming every day throughout the year, and not just in this season. Amen
(The young people leave for their groups after the Offertory Prayer)

LISTENING TO THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 21: 25-36
(please follow the projection screen)

REFLECTION "Christ Is Coming – What Are Our Roles?"

SONG OF PRAISE: MV #80
"Beyond the Beauty and the Awe"

SENT TO LIVE THE WORD

ANNOUNCEMENTS *(please see p. 6 – 10)*

M&S FUND TODAY – MINUTES FOR MISSION
"Future Lives"

PRAYERS FOR THE COMMUNITY

SONG OF PRAISE:
"God of Wonders"

DISMISSAL & BLESSING

Go in peace into this day, this week, and this season of anticipation. Do not let yourselves be so caught up in the busyness and craziness of this time that you lose sight of the simple truth: God loved the world so much. God sent Jesus to be our friend, our companion, and our saviour. May you experience the wonder and joy of Christ's presence with you each and every day. **Amen.**
After the song "Amen" we take a few moments of quiet

We thank everyone who shared their ministries in worship today

LEADER: Samuel Yoon
REFLECTION: Calin Lau
MUSICIANS: The Talking Donkeys
READER: Chauncey Hui
USHERS: Kristen Choi
HOSTS: Robert and Margaret's family
AV/SANCTUARY: Matthew Lum/Joanne Chan, Kin Chan,
Simon Fung/Chauncey Hui/Chris Tsang
SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS: Sarah Wong

上午十一時中文崇拜程序 CHINESE WORSHIP SERVICE

主禮：蕭仁瀚
宣道：劉鎮康
司琴：廖琪珍
傳譯：曾陳侃明(國語)
司事：陳永佳 陳孔玉娟
梁祖欽 梁盧潤儀
音響：廖永輝
簡報：鍾國榮

Leader: Alfred Siu
Preacher: Calin Lau
Organist: Kitty Liu
Translator: Olivia Tsang (Mandarin)
Ushers: Edwin Chan Janet Chan
Charles Leung Yun Yee Leung
PA System: Peter Liu
Power Point: Alfred Chung

電琴序樂

ORGAN PRELUDE

唱詩第87首

OPENING HYMN #87

「久望耶穌歌」

"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"

宣召

CALL TO WORSHIP

著往 (第625首)

INTROIT (#625)

同唱「主在聖殿中」

"The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"

燃點將臨節第一支燭光

LIGHTING THE ADVENT 1ST CANDLE

燃點者：廖嘉祐、廖溫翠屏
(禮文刊於第5頁，請一同回應；
燃點燭光後同唱普天頌讚第92首
第一節)

Lighting by Ka Yau & Chui Ping Liu.
(Liturgy listed in page 5 for responses. After
lighting the candle, please sing HUP#92 verse 1)

祈禱

PRAYER

主禱文 (第649首)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (#649)

同唱「我們在天上的父」

"Our Father ..."

獻詩

ANTHEM

「頌讚耶和華」
(歌詞請閱大螢幕)
指揮：梁敏明
伴奏：黃淑薇

"Rejoice In the Lord" (arr. By Vincent Knight)
(Lyric on the projection screen)
Conductor: Timothy Leung
Accompanist: Grace Wong

問安

PASSING OF THE PEACE

啓應文

RESPONSIVE READING

詩篇25:1-10 (舊約第674頁)

Psalms 25: 1-10 (NEB p. 628)

讀經*

路加福音 21:25-36 (新約第115頁)

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 21:25-36 (NEB p. 104)

唱詩第90首

HYMN #90

「歡聲歌」

"Hark! The Glad Sound! The Saviour Comes"

宣道

「耶穌的來臨—我們應如何配合？」

SERMON

"Christ Is Coming – What Are Our Roles?"

榮耀頌

(歌詞在聖詩封底內頁)

GLORIA PATRI

(Hymn book inside back cover)

會務報告

PARISH CONCERNS

奉獻

(歡迎同道使用插在長椅內的捐
封，也供忘記攜帶捐封者。)

THE OFFERING

(Donation envelopes are available in the pews for
Visitors or those who forgot to bring their own
assigned one.)

獻禮文 (第644首)

「萬物都是從主而來」

OFFERTORY PRAYER (#644)

"All Things Come of Thee"

互相祝福

(同讀以弗所書6:23-24)
「願平安，仁愛，信心，從父上帝和
主耶穌基督，歸與弟兄姊妹們。並願
所有誠心愛我們主耶穌基督的人，都
蒙恩惠。阿們。」

BENEDICTION TO ONE

ANOTHER

Read together Ephesians 6:23-24:
"Peace to the brotherhood sisterhood and love,
with faith from God the Father and the Lord
Jesus Christ. God's grace be with all who love
our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen."

三一頌

(歌詞在聖詩封底內頁)

DOXOLOGY

(Hymn book inside back cover)

唱詩第281首

「耶穌普治歌」

RECESSIONAL HYMN #281

"Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun"

電琴殿樂

ORGAN POSTLUDE

後座有即時傳譯設備，譯為國語(撥M字)。如需聽筒或簡體字聖經請向司事長索
取。Simultaneous translation into Mandarin (switch to M) is available. Please obtain the
headphone or Simplified Chinese Character Bible from the Chief Usher.

LITURGY OF LIGHTING THE ADVENT 1ST CANDLE: HOPE

One: As we begin the Advent season, we are aware that much of the world is already preparing to celebrate Christmas.

All: People are buying gifts, making plans, and decorating their homes.

One: In the church, we have the Season of Advent to help prepare our hearts to celebrate, once again, that Jesus comes to be among us.

All: In our waiting, we are filled with hope that God's promises – made long ago – will continue to come true in our world.

One: And so we light the first Advent candle, and remind ourselves of the journey to Christmas that we undertake together.

All: And now we wait...

(Lighting the Advent's 1st Candle)

Sing altogether (use the tune VU #79):

Place hope into our minds
as we sing songs of praise.
And let us search for all the signs
that lead to Christmas Day.

將臨節第一主日燃點燭光禮文：盼望

領：當將臨節開始，我們察覺到世界大部份地區準備慶祝聖誕節。

眾：人們去購買禮品，做計劃，和佈置家園。

領：在教會裡，我們已經在將臨節預備自己的心再一次來慶祝耶穌基督來到我們當中。

眾：當我們等待的時候，我們充滿希望，上帝很久以前的應許將繼續實現在人間。

領：所以我們燃點將臨節第一支蠟燭，藉此提醒大家，我們共同承擔聖誕之旅。

眾：我們現在等候...

(燃點將臨節第一支蠟燭)

(會眾同唱普天頌讚第92首第一節)

大門敞開，抬起頭來，
榮耀君王正在等待；
萬王之王今已接近，
救世恩主快要來臨。

本主日獻花 DONATIONS FOR SUNDAY FLOWER :

黃偉雄

趙柏林、張瑞芳

陳永佳、孔玉娟

本主日獻刊 DONATIONS FOR SUNDAY BULLETIN :

黃偉雄

何荇芳

趙柏林、張瑞芳

陳永佳、孔玉娟

歡迎 WELCOME :

- ❖ 歡迎你出席本堂主日崇拜！英文崇拜後在懷熙中心有茶聚，歡迎各位參加。

Welcome to our Sunday Service! After 9:30am service please join us for fellowship and refreshment in the T.H. Chan Memorial Hall.

- ❖ 兒童主日學分別在9:30時崇拜和11:00時崇拜在5-6室，7-8室及圖書室授課。歡迎2-17歲兒童青少年們參加。

Our Sunday School teachers look forward to learning with you again. Children from 9:30am and 11:00am worship services will meet in Rooms 5-6, 7-8 and Library. Everyone in the ages 2-17 is welcome to attend.

本週聚會與活動 ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK	
今日下午12:15 Today 12:15pm	英文崇拜歌頌小組在正堂練習 The Talking Donkeys' rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
今日下午1:30 Today 1:30pm	教會詩班在正堂練習 Church Choir' rehearsal in the Sanctuary.
團契健康排舞由十一日八日至十二日六日休假 No Fellowship Line Dance from November 8 to December 6.	
星期一晚上7:30 Monday 7:30pm	羽毛球活動在運動場進行 Badminton in the gym.
星期五晚上7:30 Friday 7:30pm	地板曲棍球活動在運動場進行 Floor Hockey in the gym.

代禱事項 PRAYER CONCERNS :

1. 盼望的上帝，我們所等待是你，我們所渴望的是你的來臨，是你的統治我們做好準備，在你面前我們感到歡欣鼓舞。願你打開我們的眼睛使我們可以看到你，打開我們的心使我們可以迎接你，張開我們的嘴唇使我們可以讚美你，打開我們的手使我們竭誠事奉你。在這個將臨節的來臨，聚集了你從各處來的兒女，毫不服畏懼地忠心服侍你和人群。

God of hope, for you we wait, for your coming we watch, for your reign we prepare, in your presence we rejoice. Open our eyes that we may see you. Open our hearts that we may receive you. Open our lips that we may praise you. Open our hands that we may serve you. In this Advent season, gather your children from east and west that we may serve you and all people without fear.

2. 公義的上帝，興起世界各地公正和正直的領導人，使人民可以在安全、正義與和平地生活。願你的光映照所有處於黑暗裡的人，以及那些需要幫助的人；特別是正在等候救援的難民，使他們可以在其他國家定居。

God of righteousness, raise up just and righteous leaders throughout the world, that people may live in safety, justice and peace. Give light to all who sit in darkness and be present with all who are in need, especially refugees waiting to be accepted and settled in other countries.

3. 恩典的上帝，求你保守本週起程的加拿大聯合教會中國訪問團，帶領整個旅程圓滿結束，各人得著理解和喜樂。願兩地的教會找到共通點，建立友誼和橋樑。

God of grace, grant the United Church delegates to China this week traveling mercies, and help them bring understanding and joy. May both churches find common ground as bridges and friendship are made.

會務消息 CHURCH NEWS :

1. 聖餐主日 Communion Sunday

下主日是聖餐主日，請弟兄姊妹預備心靈領受餅及杯，並攜帶各種不易腐爛的食物捐給本市食物銀行，藉此實現邀請貧窮的人與我們一同在聖桌前分享上帝的恩賜。

Next Sunday is Holy Communion Services, please prepare yourself to receive the Bread and Wine. You are invited to bring a non-perishable food item for contributions to our local food bank. With this small gesture we hope to remind ourselves that it is especially the poor and vulnerable who are invited to be fed at the table of the Lord and our sharing is one way of making that a reality.

2. 將臨期 Advent Season

聖誕節前四個禮拜稱為「將臨節」，信徒在此時期內，預備心靈迎接救主誕降。今年的將臨期於今主日開始，教會聖壇的旗幟換上紫色，象徵悔罪、儆醒和準備。

本堂在崇拜中進行燭光禮，提醒我們基督是世界的光，祂為世人帶來信望愛、平安和喜樂。邀請以下弟兄姊妹於中文或英文崇拜擔任燃點將臨節燭光及誦讀禮文：

- (1) 將臨節第一主日(十一月二十九日)：
曾仲銘、曾陳侃明，廖嘉祐、廖溫翠屏
- (2) 將臨節第二主日(十二月六日)：
尹容俊家庭，劉明新、劉黃寶娟
- (3) 將臨節第三主日(十二月十三日)：
林善哲、林陳頌恩，陳廷龍、吳純儀
- (4) 將臨節第四主日(十二月二十日)：
黃美珍、Alina Yin，李開基、李葛燕萍

The season of Advent starts from this Sunday. Advent is the four weeks before Christmas when Christians are expected to prepare their hearts to receive the New-Born King our Savior. Historically, the sanctuary banner is purple symbolizing repentance, watchfulness and preparation.

In the Sunday service, we will light the Advent candles to remind us that Jesus Christ is the light of the world, he brought us hope, love, peace and joy. There will be candle-lighting by the following members at the 9:30am and 11am worship service:

- (1) Advent 1st Sunday, November 29th:
Christopher Tsang, Olivia Tsang, Ka Yau & Chui Ping Liu.
- (2) Advent 2nd Sunday, December 6th:
Samuel Yoon's family, Felix & Wendy Lau.
- (3) Advent 3rd Sunday, December 13th:
Chris & Joanne Lam, Alan Chan, Gloria Ng.
- (4) Advent 4th Sunday, December 20th:
JoAnn Wong, Alina Yin, Claudia & William Li.

3. 黎牧師正訪問中國 Rev. Dr. Alan Lai ' s Trip to China

黎嘉燐牧師正出席加拿大聯合教會應中國基督教協會和中國基督教三自愛國運動委員會邀請的中國訪問，他將於十二月八日返回多倫多。是次訪問期間的行程將上載於 <https://chinadelegationucc.wordpress.com>，歡迎瀏覽。

本堂荷蒙劉鎮康弟兄擔任今主日宣道；伊和牧師和鄺國輝牧師應邀擔任下主日中、英文崇拜宣道和主持聖餐禮，深表謝忱。黎嘉燐牧師出埠期間，同道如有事務，請聯絡黃布愛玲行政幹事或堂會主席何洪標以作安排。如有特別關懷將由本堂義務支援牧師鄺國輝牧師處理。

The Rev. Dr. Alan Lai is attending the visitation initiated by the China Christian Council and the National Committee of Three-Self Patriotic Movement for The United Church of Canada delegates. He will be back to Toronto on December 8th. Visit the blog to follow their updates at <https://chinadelegationucc.wordpress.com>.

We are to have privileged to have Calin Lau to be a preacher for today's services, The Rev. Ronald Ewart and The Rev. Johmann Kwong will be the presiders and preachers for next Sunday services. During his absence for church business, please contact our administrative secretary Regina Wong or Church Board Chairperson William Ho for arrangement. Any special pastoral care will be handled by Rev. Johmann Kwong, our Voluntary Associate Minister.

4. 慈幼托兒中心聖誕聯歡會 Cheer Day Care Centre Christmas Festival

本堂慈幼托兒中心將於十二月四日(星期五)下午五時三十分至七時三十分在本教會正堂舉行聖誕聯歡會。各班學生在正堂表演後，托兒中心敬備茶點招待，歡迎撥冗光臨指導。欲知詳情請與慈幼托兒中心董事會書記黃美心聯絡，或週日辦公時間致電(416-292-4720)托兒中心主任Petty Yang查詢。

Please come and join the Cheer Day Care Christmas Festival on Friday, December 4, 2015 from 5:30pm to 7:30pm at Toronto Chinese United Church. After the children's performance at the Sanctuary, all guests are cordially invited to refreshments downstairs in the Day Care Centre. Those who are interested, please inform Mabel Wong, the Secretary of the Cheer Day Care Centre Board of Directors, or contact Petty Yang, the Supervisor at 416-292-4720.

5. 請領湯點 Please pick up your Soup order

非常感謝大家對我們此次湯點籌款活動的支持！凡已訂購南瓜湯的朋友，請於今主日英文和中文崇拜後領取。鑑於芝麻糊廣受歡迎，首二十名預購者可在今主日(11月29日)領取；餘下的訂單將於下主日(12月6日)派發。

A big thank you to everyone who supported our fundraising soup sale! For those who have placed orders for the pumpkin soup, please do not forget to pick up your soups after today's services. Due to popular demand of the sesame soup, the first 20 orders will pick up their orders after service on November 29th and the rest of the orders will be delivered after service on December 6th.

6. 徵求義工 Volunteers for Out-Of-The-Cold Program

本堂參與Knox聯合教會舉行的Out-of-the-cold活動。我們需要義工協助烹調食物及派餐給露宿者或有需要的人士：10-12名義工於2015年十二月十一日(星期五)晚及5-6名義工於十二月十二日(星期六)早晨。義工登記表已張貼在英文事工壁報版上，有意者請在報名表填上你的名字。你也可以捐贈新的，稍微用過冬天的帽子，手套，圍巾給客人。並可向雷李樹鈴查詢詳情。

Our church will be participating once again in the Out-of-the-Cold program at Knox United Church. We need 10-12 volunteers during the evening of Friday, December 11, 2015 and 5-6 volunteers for the morning of Saturday, December 12, to cook and serve food to the homeless and less fortunate. We would also appreciate those willing to contribute towards the cost or sponsor food items. A sign-up sheet is posted on the EM notice board in the Fellowship Lounge. You can also donate new, slightly used winter hats, gloves, scarf to the guests. Please speak to Alice Lui if you are interested.

7. 《靈命日糧》“Our Daily Bread”

2015年12月至2016年2月《靈命日糧》家庭及個人靈修材料之中，英文書籍已放在友誼廳供弟兄姊妹索取。讓我們每天一起閱讀上帝的話語。歡迎領取中文大字版送贈親友，將福音傳開。

Copies of “Our Daily Bread – For Personal and Family Devotions” June to August 2015 are ready for you to pick up in the Fellowship Lounge. Let us spend time each day studying God's word together.

上主日講章簡述

「揭開新一頁」(約翰福音18: 33-37)

人生就好像寫書一樣，我們把我們的經驗寫下來。有時帶有詩意，有時只不過是將事實記錄下來。有時我們長篇大論；有時我們不知道如何繼續寫下去。但無論故事是長或短，精彩或沉悶，經驗是那樣的痛苦或值得留戀，總有結束的一刻。我們需要停下來，向前望，揭開新的一頁，寫新的故事。巴黎恐怖分子槍殺事件直接挑戰我們的信念，阻攔我們揭開新的一頁。是在這個時刻我們聽見聲音說，要抗拒敘利亞難民進入我們的國家。這個聲音來自恐懼，反映人對難民及過去歷史膚淺的認識。這個心態抹煞我們發出憐憫他人的心。我們知道並不單是巴黎被襲擊，也有黎巴嫩及非洲的肯亞。恐怖分子與回教徒實屬兩類不同的人。恐怖分子也襲擊回教徒。我們要揭開新的一頁。

彼拉多問耶穌，你是否猶太人的皇。耶穌不是要作皇，不是凱撒大帝那類的皇。耶穌關心飢餓的人，被人誤解的人。他關心孤兒寡婦，女人的地位。耶穌沒有興趣作皇。但若果他是皇的話：他的國度是關心貧窮人的，他不會拒絕接待在患難中的人。他不會散播仇恨，只有歡迎及諒解。在患難時我們要替他人祈禱。但祈禱不能代替我們切實的行動。屬靈的操練要求我們禱告，但這只不過是屬靈操練的一部份，另外一部份就是當我們禱告之後，我們作出什麼行動來。祈禱過後沒有適切的生活行動，只不過是心理作用。社會關懷是反映耶穌不一樣的國度的真理。這種行動是基於聖經的教導，神學的反省，及向歷史學習。

加拿大聯合教會代表團訪問中國是一個新的開始。這次的訪問是回應中國基督徒協會及三自愛國運動委員會的邀請，進行十日對話及交流，祝進兩個教會的關係。中國教會經過多重的變移及挑戰，她曾經歷創傷，這是揭開新一頁的時候。“基督君王主日”是教會的年曆最後一天，等待將臨節的來臨。

LAST SUNDAY'S SERMON SUMMARY

“Turning a New Page” (John 18: 33-37)

Life is like writing books. We write down our experiences. Sometimes, it is quite poetic; sometimes, we just record what happened. Sometimes we describe it in length; sometimes we don't know how to continue. But no matter how long or short, exciting or boring, sweet or bitter, there is always a need to end. There is always the last paragraph. Then we stop, reflect, look ahead, and turn a page. We write something new. What happens in Paris, in Beirut, and in Kenya, directly challenge our beliefs. Those events can potentially stop us from turning a page. It is in this time we hear voices that said we should close the door to Syrian refugees. Those voices come from the mindset of fear. Those voices reflect how poorly people understand the situations of refugees and world events, This mindset closes the door for compassion. Terrorists and Muslims aren't the same. Terrorists also attack Muslims. We must turn a new page.

Pontius Pilate asks Jesus, “Are you the King of Jews?” Jesus isn't interested to be king, our usual understanding of king. No, Jesus isn't interested to be king, but if he were a king, in his kingdom, the poor will be cared for, the hungry will have enough food to eat, the outcast will be welcome. Women will not be treated as properties of men. In times of trouble, we pray. But we also need to ask, “What do we do after we pray?” To care for the world is to live out faith as taught by Jesus, as members of a different kind of kingdom.

The delegation team going to China is a new beginning. This trip is to respond to the invitation initiated by the China Christian Council and the Three-Self Patriotic Movement Committee. Its purpose is to engage in dialogue and to deepen our relationships. Christianity in China has experienced much change and challenge. She had suffered much. This is a time to turn the page. The Reign of Christ Sunday is the last Sunday in the church calendar. We wait for the coming of the season of Advent.