

OHN'S EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

4 - 5 April 2020 Palm Sunday

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Worship Service on Saturday

English Service 4.30 pm at Sanctuary

Worship Services on Sunday

English Service
9.00 am at Sanctuary
Cantonese Service
9.00 am at Patmos Hall
Mandarin Service
11.15 am at Sanctuary
Hokkien Service
11.15 am at Patmos Hall

A Warm Welcome to all our guests

Do send your children to our Children's Ministry. We have a well-supervised and nurturing programme for your children. 'Kids For Christ' (2 to 12 years). There is also a Toddlers' Room upstairs.

Please do not feel obliged to participate in the offertory. The offertory is meant for Christians.

After the service, do stay back for a cup of coffee. We would like to get to know you better.

Do join us again next week. We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker: Revd John Lin

Sermon Title: Living the Way of Christ in a

Pandemic

Text : Psalm 118:19-29:

Matthew 21:1-11



Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma. Ephesians 5:1-2

COLLECT

Palm Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards mankind sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Mission and Purpose: As we see the gracious salvation plan in the missional heart of God, may we be a missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

Vicar writes

Dear family in Christ

We commemorate **PALM SUNDAY** today. Our Saviour Jesus Christ had set his heart to walk the way of the cross to Calvary. He rode into Jerusalem city on a humble donkey (Matthew 21:1-11). The excited Jewish crowds carried the expectant hope of the conquering Messiah and king who would come to liberate them from the tyrannical Romans.

As they followed Jesus along the city streets, they shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" But five days later, loud voices cried out, "Crucify him! Crucify him!".

As we go into Holy Week, let us keep our focus on Jesus Christ and His sacrificial obedience to the will of God the Father. As we remember the series of events during this significant week, may our hearts be filled with gratitude and may our wills be resolved to walk the way of the cross.

- 1. Washing the disciples' feet (John 13:1-17): Servanthood, humility and love for one another must be the hallmark of a committed disciple of Jesus.
- 2. Passover meal (Matthew 26:17-29): Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper (body and blood) as an important remembrance of God's new covenant of His grace and mercy.
- **3. Garden of Gethsemane** (Matthew 26:36-46): Jesus was in deep agony and sorrow, yet He was fully obedient to the will of His Father.
- **4. Betrayal, arrest, trial** (Luke 22:47 23:25): Jesus was mocked, beaten and humiliated, yet He was meek, "*like a lamb that is led to the slaughter*".
- **5. Crucifixion, death, burial** (Luke 23:33-56): In great suffering and painful shame, Jesus gave His life sacrificially on the cross in atonement for our sins and the sins of the world.
- **6. Resurrection** (Matthew 28:1-10): *Hallelujah. He is Risen*. Praise and thanks be to God for the victory over sin and death, and the blessed hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

"I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

Maranatha Pastor John

Digital Giving of Tithes and Freewill giving

If you have online banking facility, you may return your tithes to the Lord and give freewill offerings via *Internet bank transfer*. If you have a mobile phone banking app, you may do the same via *PayNow*. For the full banking details, please refer to the "Digital Giving" flyers placed at the Ushers' table or you may request a copy from your cell leader. You can also continue your giving by cash or cheque.

Weekend Services and Church Events in April

There will be a suspension of all weekend services and church events in April 2020 till further notice.

Holy Week Services in April

There will be no Maundy Thursday Service. The Good Friday Service on 10 April (at 10.00am) and Resurrection Sunday on 12 April (at 9.00am) will be via On-line service.

Church Bulletin

You can access church bulletin on our SJCp homepage at http://www/sjcp.org.sg

Government Help Schemes for Seniors

To help the seniors (aged 50 and above) in Singapore to foster positive workplaces and active ageing, **Centre for Seniors** has consolidated all the government help schemes on their website http://www.silverschemes.sg/

It provides helpful information and guidance on available government benefits from various ministries in four areas: Financial, Work, Social and Health. Please feel free to check out the website and also share this information to friends and family who may need help, especially during this current Covid-19 health situation.

Intercession

Men United for Christ (MUFC)

Men need men. We need role models - broken, humble, and authentic - to help us navigate our identity in Christ and our journey of manhood in a world that seeks to draw us into lukewarm leadership, comfortable macho silence, and the self-seeking pursuits of power, sex and money.

For 2020, we are going back to the heart of the matter - the matter of the heart. What is in our hearts? Who are we in Him? Who has He called us to be? Our sessions are held every 3rd Saturday. Every session starts with praise and worship at 745am (breakfast at 7am), a welcome and testimony from one of our brothers, a concise but pointed plenary surrounding an issue pertaining to Godly manhood, and break-out group discussion and prayer.

Prayer pointers:

- 1. For God to lead this ministry and His Name be Glorified in MUFC.
- 2. For men in SJCp to draw closer to God and walk in His ways.
- 3. For men in our community to rise up, take hold of what God has called us to be.
- 4. For men to reach out to one another and journey with one another in Christ

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY & SUNDAY 4 & 5 APRIL 2020	NEXT SATURDAY & SUNDAY 11 & 12 APRIL 2020
Worship Officiant	Ps Yeo Yun Jing	
Preacher	Revd John Lin	
Scripture Text	Psalm 118:19-29; Matthew 21:1-11	No Service on both Saturday & Sunday
Sermon Title	Living the Way of Christ in a Pandemic	Details of the sermon will be advised.
Staff On Duty	Saturday: Doris Lee & Ps Roger	

As announced, the government has suspended all religious services until 30 April 2020.

St John's Chapel will release the English On-line Service every Saturday at 4.00 pm.

Please access the On-line Service using this weblink http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/

It will be good to prepare our hearts, Bible and media, so as to be ready to commune and worship the Lord together in spirit and in truth. You may return your tithes to the Lord and give freewill offering through the following ways:

- (A) By cash or cheque using the envelopes
- (B) Internet Bank Transfer

Account Name:

St John's Chapel

DBS Account Number: 008 002 5860

Remarks:

- (1) TitheXXX, Month or
- (2) MissionXXX, Month or
- (3) NeedyXXX, Month or
- (4) BuildingXXX, Month

(where XXX is your Tithe number)

(C) PayNow using UEN

St John's Chapel's UEN: T08CC4079E

Remarks: (same as above)

: 6468 8425

Upcoming Events

Suspension of all events in April 2020 till further notice

Church Ministries: Home Cell, Kids-for-Christ, Tweens, Tekna Youth, Young Adults, Choir, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Sisters' Fellowship **Outreach**: SMSS Chaplaincy, The Boys' Brigade & The Girls' Brigade, Befrienders Club

If you wish to know more about the ministries and outreach, please email to admin@patmos.org.sg

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