

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

2 August 2020 Diocesan Combined Online Communion Service

A Warm Welcome to our Online Service. We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker : Bishop Rennis Ponniah

Sermon Title: Holy Communion - A Provision

Not to be Neglected

Text : 1 Kings 19:1-8; Luke 22:14-22

And Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." And likewise the cup after they had eaten, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

Luke 22:19-20

COLLECT

Eighth Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves. Keep us both outwardly in our bodies and inwardly in our souls, that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BishopThe Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

Assistant Bishop
The Rt Revd Low Jee King

Vicar Revd John Lin

Clergy Revd King Chiew Kwang

Deaconess Ds Lena Lim

Pastoral
Pas Loon Fu-Man
Pas Florence Hou
Pas Yeo Yun Jing
Pas Shirleen Yap

Administration
Susan Ling
Doris Lee
Patrick Lee

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

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

Vicar Writes

Dear family in Christ

In view of the Covid-19 pandemic situation, diocesan bishop Rennis has granted special dispensation for <u>ONLINE Holy Communion</u> to be celebrated for the period 2 August to 31 October 2020.

For the combined Diocese Online Holy Communion service on Sunday, <u>2 August (10.30 am)</u>, and also for subsequent parish online communion, please prepare the following at home:

- (1) Bread on a clean tray/plate
- (2) Wine (or juice) in a clean glass/cup

All consecrated bread and wine (juice) will need to be fully consumed at the end of the service.

You are encouraged to participate in the Online Communion service as a household family, or in a small group gathering of not more than 5 visitors at a home. We should consider gathering in small groups to break bread together (especially the elderly who may be alone at home) because there is a Body aspect, a communal aspect in the breaking of bread. Hence, for this communal reason, you need to follow the service timing of the livestreaming, so as to break bread together with the Body of Christ. For example, at 10.30 am this Sunday 2 August. If you miss the official service timing, you can still view the recorded service, but the holy communion segment will have been digitally removed.

In his teaching video, Bishop Rennis emphasized the importance of **spiritual preparation**.

First, we want to prepare ourselves through "Repentance". We are a people broken by the (Covid-19) adversity, totally dependent on God. We ask God in times of judgement to remember mercy, and to bring us through. So there is a repentant heart we need to bring.

Second, we also need to bring "Longing" because it has been about 3 months since we partook of Holy Communion. The longing to experience that communion with God, that solidarity with one another. We are the people of the risen Lord.

Third, we want to be "<u>Expectant</u>". I want to ask you to prepare and to pray for the experience of Christ' spiritual presence as we break bread simultaneously. I want to ask you to pray that there will be renewed joy and strength and hope, as we have that online communion.

May our hearts be spiritually nourished and strengthened by the Lord as we partake in the breaking of bread together as the redeemed people of God.

Maranatha Pastor John

Diocesan Combined

Online Communion Service

The Diocesan combined Online Holy Communion service on 2 August, Sunday at 10.30 am (via livestreaming) is led by bishop Rennis and bishop-designate Titus. We encourage all members to participate together at the livestreaming with this link https://bit.ly/DOS2Aug

Zoom Questions & Answers Session

A Q&A on *The Bible, Faith and Life* will be held on Tuesdays except for the 3rd week is on a Wednesday, 8 pm - 9.30 pm, in the month of August and September 2020.

Members and their contacts may email questions and mobile number to fuman@patmos.org.sg for registration and Zoom details.

Ordination To The Priesthood

The ordination of the following to the Priesthood will be held on Sunday, 23 August 2020, 5 pm at the St Andrew's Cathedral.

To the Priesthood

Rev Glenn Chan Jian Wen (St James' Church)

Rev Ian Chew Houng Meing (Chapel of the Resurrection)

Rev Ezra Sivakumar S/o Sathiasillan (St Paul's Church)

Rev Lew Kiat Lern (St Andrew's City Church)

Rev Thomas Jacob S/o Isaac (My Saviour's Church)

Joint Ordination with The Church of the Province of Myanmar

To the Priesthood

Rev Moses Israeli

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, you are invited to witness this Ordination at the livestreaming of the Service. Details about the livestreaming of the service will be made known to you later.

DUTY ROSTER	Sunday 2 August	Next Saturday 8 August	Next Sunday 9 August
Worship Officiant	-	Hide le	Ho Boon Sing
Preacher	Bishop Rennis Ponniah	Revd John Lin	
Psalm Reading	-	Psalm 138	
Scripture Text	1 Kings 19:1-8; Luke 22:14-22	Daniel 2:17-30	
Sermon Title	Holy Communion – A Provision Not to be Neglected	Created for a Destiny and Purpose	

St John's Chapel will resume physical congregational worship services with effect from 18 July 2020, with a cap of 50 attendees.

You can book a "ticket" online at

https://www.eventbrite.sg/e/st-johns-chapel-church-services-tickets-112626528980

Livestreaming (and recording) of church services will continue to be available online. We will livestream the Saturday 4.30 pm Service. Thereafter, the Service recording will be accessible online.

Please access the online 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)

Upcoming Events

Suspension of all events 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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