

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

29 May 2021 – Evening Prayer 30 May 2021 – Morning Prayer

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

Speaker	:	Mrs Florence Ho
Sermon Title	:	Growing through pains and sorrows
Text	:	Psalm 69:13-21, 29-36



The **steadfast love** of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lamentations 3:22-23

COLLECT

Trinity Sunday

Almighty and everlasting God, you have given us your servants grace, by the confession of a true faith to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity, and in the power of the divine Majesty to worship the Unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith, that we may evermore be defended from all adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

Bishop Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Assistant Bishop and Archdeacon 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 Mandarin Service 11.15 am at Sanctuary Cantonese Service (temporary suspension) Hokkien Service (temporary suspension) Dear church family

I was thinking whether there had been any songs written in the midst of a pandemic. I found one – "A Mighty Fortress is our God" by the great reformer, Martin Luther. The article below was written on 15 May 2020 by Rev Dr Ray Howell III, a senior minister at First Baptist Church, USA. May this well-loved hymn strengthen your faith, encourage your heart and refresh your soul.

Shalom Pastor John

The Bubonic Plague first hit Europe in the 14th century and killed an estimated 60% of the population... For over 300 years there were outbreaks of the disease, including the summer of 1527 in Wittenberg. The entire university left town, most professors and their families fleeing the city, but not Martin Luther. He felt God was calling him to minister to those dying of the plague. He was ready to do battle with the Prince of Darkness himself.

Luther knew all too well the deadly power of this cruel enemy. Two of his brothers died in the pandemic. In spite of the fact that his wife, Katie, was pregnant, Luther turned his home into a hospital to care for the sick and dying. Writing to others about the danger of this mortal ill, Luther said that if you truly love your neighbour, you will self-quarantine to stop the spread of the disease.

The personal strain of living in this world that was "devil filled" threatened to undo Luther. He was slipping into depression, an ancient foe that Luther battled his entire life. But he found great strength and solace in the Word of God, especially Psalm 46 "God is our fortress and our strength, an ever-present help in time of trouble."

Struggling with depression, Luther knew that he, in his own strength, could not prevail. He put his hope and trust in the one who is our refuge and strength. In the midst of a global pandemic as he battled his own personal demons, Luther wrote the enduring words that have lifted millions of hearts throughout the centuries. "*A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing*!"

When you look carefully at the words of this powerful hymn, you can see many references to the devastating pandemic. "Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also; the body they may kill: God's truth abideth still: his kingdom is forever."

As we find ourselves struggling with a flood of mortal ills known as COVID-19, let us find courage and resolve in the words of the great Reformer: "And though this world with devils filled should threaten to undo us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his truth to triumph through us." It is Christ who will win this battle.

Confirmation Class – July 2021

Confirmation Service is scheduled on **Sunday**, **15** August **2021**. We are conducting a Confirmation course for those who were baptised as infants and are now age 14 years old and above, and for adults who have been baptised and yet to be Confirmed. You are much encouraged to attend the course. Details for the course will be announced later. Do approach Ps Fu-Man for any enquiries.

Phase 2B Primary One 2022 registration at Anglican schools

Baptised and Confirmed parents who wish to register their child (*who is a Singapore citizen or PR*) in an Anglican school under **phase 2B** Primary One 2022 registration (26-27 July), please email Doris at <u>admin@patmos.org.sg</u> to request for the necessary diocese forms. For any enquiry, please contact the Vicar or Pas Shirleen.

Congratulations

We rejoice with Alvin and Sheena Ang for God's gift of a baby girl, Hannah Ang, born on 26 May 2021.

Daily Morning Office

The Morning Office is our ancient Anglican heritage which allows the Psalms, Prayers and the Word to shape, edify and cleanse us. It creates a daily pattern and rhythm of life. The Diocese and the Cathedral would like to host a daily morning office via Zoom. From 1st June 21, it will be held every morning from Monday to Friday from 7.30am to 7.50am. Members are encouraged to gather for this daily office and grow in their spiritual formation.

Zoom Link to attend the Morning Office:

https://tinyurl.com/y2h3bdky

YouTube for Morning Office:

https://youtu.be/SNZiZiMyTqQ

Intercession

59J Boys Brigade & 59th Girls Brigade – Greenridge Primary School Theme for 2021: Faith (Hebrews 11:6) Thanksgiving

- 1. We thank and praise God for His provision of dedicated teachers, officers & volunteers from SYFC, and good working relationship with the Principal. The parents have also been very supportive in our on site & online programme with their children.
- 2. We thank God for resumption of physical parade at the beginning of the year. Even with Safe Management Measure in place, we are still able to conduct most of our lesson plans without much interruption.

Prayer Requests

- 1. Pray that God will grant wisdom and understanding to our Boys and Girls during devotion and reflection sessions.
- Pray for God's protection & strength to our teachers, officers and helpers as they engage and nurture our Boys & Girls to live fruitful lives according to God's teaching.

DUTY ROSTER	29-30 MAY 2021	NEXT WEEK 5-6 JUNE 2021
Worship Officiant	Revd John Lin	Pas Yun Jing
Celebrant	-	Revd John Lin
Praise Team	IHMS	Harmony
Preacher	Mrs Florence Ho	Revd John Lin
Psalm Reading	Psalm 46	-
Scripture Text	Psalm 69:13-21, 29-36	Psalm 62; Matthew 11:25-30
Sermon Title	Growing through pains and sorrows	Finding Rest for our pandemic fatigue

In view of Government COVID-19 tightening measures, there will be No on-site physical church services until Sunday, 13 June 2021.

With effect from 15 May 2021, we will only have Online church services. We will livestream the Saturday 4.30pm English Service. Thereafter, the church service will be available online. Please access the online Service using this weblink http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/

Let us gather Online for church services on Saturdays at 4.30pm or Sundays at 9.00am. 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.

Upcoming Events

Suspension of all events till further notice

Church Ministries : Home Cell, Kids-for-Christ, Tekna Youth, Young Adults, Choir, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Sisters' Fellowship, Seniors Ministry

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 <u>admin@patmos.org.sg</u>

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(B) Internet Bank Transfer

Account Name: St John's Chapel

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Remarks:

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- (3) NeedyXXX, Month or
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