

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

19 – 20 February 2022 Holy Communion

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

Speaker: Mrs Florence Ho

Sermon Title: The Gift of Discernment

Text : 1 Kings 3:3-12;

Matthew 22:15-22

But solid food is for the mature, for those who have their powers of discernment trained by constant practice to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:14

Bishop Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Archdeacon Ven Daniel Wee

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)

COLLECT

Second Sunday Before Lent

Almighty and everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ healed the sick and restored them to wholeness of life: look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both men and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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.

Vicar Writes

Dear beloved family in Christ

In the course of my ministry, I met a wonderful Christian couple, John Lim and Song Kheng, who are the founders and life coach trainers for Excelsis Coaching Asia. In their September 2021 issue of Excelsis Coaching Newsletter, they wrote on the topic "Coaching: God's Guidance in times of Uncertainty". I have received their permission to share the contents of this newsletter with you.

I hope that you will find the guidance useful as you seek and depend on the Lord during such challenging times.

Blessings Pas John

Coaching: God's Guidance in times of Uncertainty

As you and I struggle to cope in this pandemic, the challenge we face is akin to driving alone through a dark and unfamiliar road with faulty headlights. We are fearful of getting into accidents, missing important warning signs and losing our way or our lives. As I asked the Lord for help, He reminded me to "**Be still and know that He is God**". The Lord is our guide and we are not alone.

How do we receive God's guidance in this challenging time?

Isaiah 26:3-4 "You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in you. Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD, the LORD himself, is the Rock eternal."

First of all, go to our Lord Jesus, our Rock eternal who can keep us in perfect peace when we fix our mind on Him. We can have peace because Jesus knows the future. He is the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. Jesus is God; He is timeless and limitless.

Secondly, we can depend on Him to guide us. Some of the ways the Lord guides us are:

- He guides us through His Word (2 Tim 3:16)
- He sovereignly guides us through divine encounter (Acts 9:3-6, Rom 8:28)
- He directs us inwardly by the Holy Spirit (Acts 16:6, Rom 8:14)
- He directs us by counsel from mentors/friends (Prov 11:14)
- He directs us by opportunities or open doors (1 Cor 16:9)
- He guides us through the peace by prayer (Phil 4:6-7)
- He directs us when we have a yielded spirit (Rom 12:1-2)
- · He directs us through our spiritual gifts (1 Cor 7:7)
- He directs us through our common sense (Proverbs 16:9)
- He directs us through fasting (Ezra 8:21)

(part 2 will be shared at next week's church bulletin)

Wedding and Marriage solemnisation of Eugene Wee and Goh Xin Ying

We rejoice with Eugene and Xin Ying on their wedding and marriage solemnisation to be conducted by the Vicar on Sunday, 20 February 2022. Value all our prayers for a blessed marriage filled with God's love, joy and peace always.

Church Prayer Meeting

A church prayer meeting will be held on **Friday 25 February 2022**, **7.45 pm** via Zoom. Join us in fellowship to pray for families, unity of the church, and the Covid-19 pandemic. The meeting ID and password will be sent via WhatsApp to the cell leaders prior to the prayer meeting date. Kenneth Sng will lead us in the prayer and the praise team is Shema cell.

Lenten Devotional Booklet 2022

Lent is a period of 40 days before Resurrection Sunday. The Bible Society of Singapore has published the Lent Devotional with the theme "*Up from the Ashes, Hope will Arise*". for use during Lent. You may purchase a copy at \$3.00 at the ushers' table.

Appreciation

Suzanne & Ronnie and family would like to express their heartfelt thanks and appreciation to all church leaders and members for their prayers and condolences during their recent bereavement on the demise of Suzanne's father on 11 February 2022.

Vaccination-Differentiated Settings (VDS) for congregational worship services

The government has confirmed the policy of Vaccination-Differentiated Settings (VDS) for Congregational Worship services. Wef 1 February 2022, only the following will be allowed to attend Onsite worship services: (1) fully vaccinated (a booster dose is required by MOH to maintain the fully vaccinated status for those aged 18 and above. The booster needs to done within 270 days after completing the primary vaccination series), or (2) recovered from Covid (180-day exemption), or (3) medically ineligible individuals, or (4) children aged 12 years and below.

From 1 February 2022, the sanctuary seating capacity (and ticket registration) at both the Saturday and Sunday services will be 100 persons.

The latest MCCY advisory (dated 25 Jan) allows for <u>private worship</u> in a place of worship for one group of up to 5 persons, regardless of vaccination status. For affected members, the Vicar and pastoral team understand your situation and hope to provide continual pastoral care for you. Please feel free to speak with the Vicar or any pastor to request for a private worship session.

Intercession

Power 6.12

Pointers for Prayer & Thanksgiving

- a) Thank God for the regular attendance of the Sec 1 youths and the faithful service of the mentors and power guardians.
- b) Pray for deepening of relationships with each other as we meet on alternate weeks.
- c) Pray for the youths to grow closer in relationship with God and to experience Him so personally for themselves.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 19 Feb 2022	Sunday 20 Feb 2022	Next Saturday 26 Feb 2022	Next Sunday 27 Feb 2022
Worship Officiant	Pas Yun Jing	Kenneth Sng	Pas Yun Jing	Pas Fu-Man
Celebrant	Revd John Lin		-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Pas Yun Jing, Florence Ho & Gabriel Paul	Kenneth Sng, Florence Ho & Patrick	-	-
Praise Team	Ethan		Harmony	
Preacher	Mrs Florence Ho		Revd John Lin	
Psalm Reading	-		Psalm 62	
Scripture Text	1 Kings 3:3-12; Matthew 22:15-22		Genesis 50:15-26	
Sermon Title	The Gift of Discernment		One Story, Two Perspectives, Sovereign Lord	
Scripture Reader	Aileen Tung	Choo Heng Yu	Sonia le	Pas Florence
Treasury Witness	Nellie & Victor	Florence Ho & Ai Min	Nellie & Bee Kuan	Cho Li & Soo Ching
Staff On Duty	Ds Lena & Susan	Pas Shirleen & Susan	Patrick & Doris	Pas Fu-Man & Patrick

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) <u>Internet Bank</u> 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)

According to government restrictions, wef 1 February 2022, "vaccinated status" is required for entry at both Saturday 4.30 pm and Sunday 9.00 am services. The seating capacity is 100 attendees. You can book your ticket at gg.gg/sjcpservices

For affected members, we understand your situation. Please feel free to speak with the Vicar or any pastor to request for a private worship session (*not more than 5 persons*) at St John's Chapel premises.

We will livestream the Saturday 4.30pm English Service. Thereafter, the church service will be available online at this weblink http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/

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,

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