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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
Mandarin Service
11.15 am at Sanctuary
Cantonese Service
(temporary suspension)
Hokkien Service
(temporary suspension)

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

5 – 6 March 2022 Holy Communion

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

Speaker : Revd John Lin

Sermon Title : Lent: Repentance,
Restoration, Renewal

Text : Psalm 51; Luke 18:9-14

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Psalm 51:17



COLLECT

First Sunday of Lent

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent. Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect forgiveness and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 church family

In the Church calendar, Ash Wednesday falls on 2 March this year, which marks the beginning of the **LENT** season. **LENT** is a 40-day period of reflection, repentance and renewal. The liturgical colour is purple, signifying penitence and mourning. It is a time of deep spiritual reflection and honest heart-searching repentance. It is a season when we give ourselves devotedly to grow in Christlikeness. This growth in Christlike character requires spiritual disciplines in extended times of fasting, praying and reading the Scriptures.

At the Ash Wednesday service, the priest places some ash on our foreheads and says, "you are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Genesis 3:19b). This is a clear reminder that our bodies are frail and mortal. Because of sin, man has fallen short of the glory of God. But thanks be to God for the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. In Christ, we are set free from our bondage to sin and death.

During this Lent season, firstly, let us <u>reflect and give thanks to God</u> for the life and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. Jesus walked the way of the cross in submission and obedience to His Father's will. May our hearts be ever grateful to Jesus and follow his example of humble obedience.

Secondly, let us <u>repent of our sins</u> as we open our hearts to the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. God will forgive us when we truly repent and have a transformative inward change of heart. May we seek to live a life of holiness and godliness.

Thirdly, let us <u>renew our first love for God</u> and our commitment to discipleship in the kingdom of God. Take time to slow down during Lent and spend time with Abba Father in the Word and in prayer. Be restored in your soul and inner being. May we grow daily in our relationship with God and in Christlikeness.

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." Psalm 51:10-12

Maranatha Pastor John

Intercession

Young Adults Ministry

- 1. Pray for each young adult to abide in Christ, to love and learn from His Word, experience His presence and grace daily, and "not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of [their] minds" (Romans 12:2)
- 2. Pray for the young adult cell groups to not give up meeting together, but continue to encourage each other through God's Word and in friendship.
- 3. Pray for young adults to have God's wisdom for their relationships and vocations.
- 4. Pray for the leaders and mentors to have God's wisdom to know how best to serve and support the young adults, and commitment in engaging them.

Finding the God Who Loves Us - Devotional Bible-Reading with Lectio Divina

Lectio Divina (Latin for "Divine Reading") is a traditional contemplative practice of scriptural reading, meditation and prayer that encourages communion with God and drawing strength from His Word. Our sister **Genevieve Koh** has written a booklet sharing her experiences and reflections on *Lectio Divina* and how the Lord has used this spiritual discipline in strengthening her faith and comforting her soul in the midst of her life's challenges and struggles as she experienced the power of God that gave her victory and peace. May God's Word minister to your soul during this season of Lent. The booklet is available free for self-collection at the Usher's table.

Request for expiring ART kits for use by church staff

Our church staff are doing ART regularly for *ministry purposes*, especially before worship services, home visitation to the elderly and at school chaplaincy. If you may know of people or businesses who are giving away ART kits which are due to expire soon within the next few weeks or months, the church is happy to receive them. Please contact Patrick or Doris, and if needed, we can collect from the donor. This ART donation will help the church to save on some ART expenditure in the long run.

"Live Lent wisely" by Bishop Titus

As we enter the season of Lent on 2 March, Bishop Titus brings a word of encouragement to all the parishes to live Lent wisely, via this video weblink https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6iju1iioB8U

Season of Lent at Daily Morning Office

During the Lent season beginning 2 March, St Andrew's Cathedral will host the **Daily Morning Office** from Mondays to Fridays at 7.30 am. Feel free to participate via zoom or youtube and be spiritually enriched and renewed in your soul.

Zoom: https://tinyurl.com/y2h3bdky Meeting ID: 892 0263 0770 Passcode: 737881

YouTube: http://cathedral.org.sg/r/morning

Holy Week Services

- Maundy Thursday Service on 14 April 2022 at 7.30 pm.
- Good Friday Service on 15 April 2022 at 10.00 am.
- Resurrection Sunday service on 17 April 2022 at 9.00 am.

There will be no '1 John' Service on Saturday, 16 April 2022.

May the Holy Spirit guide our hearts in worship and devotion this coming Holy Week.

Arrangement for "Private worship"

For church members affected by the VDS setting for worship services, the Vicar and pastoral team understand your situation and hope to provide continual pastoral and spiritual care for you. The latest MCCY advisory (dated 25 Jan) allows for private worship in a place of worship for one group of up to 5 persons, regardless of vaccination status. Please feel free to contact the Vicar or any pastor to arrange for a private worship session at our church sanctuary.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 5 Mar 2022	Sunday 6 Mar 2022	Next Saturday 12 Mar 2022	Next Sunday 13 Mar 2022
Worship Officiant	Hide le	Ho Boon Sing	Hide le	Florence Ho
Celebrant	Revd John Lin		-	
Holy Communion Assistant	Hide Ie, Peter Soon & Ds Lena	Boon Sing, Pas Yun Jing & Patrick	-	-
Praise Team	David's Legacy		IHMS	
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Canon Yee Ching Wah	
Psalm Reading	-		Psalm 27	
Scripture Text	Psalm 51; Luke 18:9-14		Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35	
Sermon Title	Lent: Repentance, Restoration, Renewal		Wait for the Lord	
Scripture Reader	Joshua Tung	Eileen Chiu	Victor Tay	Esther Cheng
Treasury Witness	Merrilyn & Victor	Boon Sing & Eileen Mok	Lijie & Judy	Pei Ching & Cho Ling
Staff On Duty	Pas Florence & Pas Shirleen	Patrick & Doris	Pas Fu-Man & Doris	Ds Lena & Susan

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,

please email to <u>admin@patmos.org.sq</u>

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