

# EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

2 July 2022 – Evening Prayer 3 July 2022 – Morning Prayer

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

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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)

Speaker: Revd Tang Wai Lung

Sermon Title: The Glory of God in

Redemption

Text : Ephesians 1:1-23

# COLLECT

# **Third Sunday after Trinity**

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father. Give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that all mankind may be brought to the glorious liberty of the sons of God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

# The Glory of God in Redemption Ephesians 1:1-14

Ephesians 1:3-14 is one of the most spectacular reminders in the Bible of our position in Christ and His great love toward us. It is filled with rich theological doctrines, each of which has amazing practical implications. Paul spends most of the first three chapters in Ephesians laying out these important spiritual truths and then most of the last three chapters pointing out how they are to be applied in the daily lives of believers.

Whenever you feel discouraged or useless, you should turn to this passage and read it. After reading it, you will feel the comfort and peace of the assurance of your relationship with Jesus fill you.

In Him, we have redemption through His blood – Redemption means that He paid the price for our sins. He freed us from our slavery to sin.

I heard a story of a girl who was being taken to a slave market to be sold. A kind gentleman felt compassion for her. So he bought her and handed her a certificate of freedom and sent her away free. But she started following him saying again and again, "my redeemer." She wanted to spend her life serving such a gracious redeemer who paid the price for her freedom.

Jesus is our redeemer. He offered His own life as a sacrifice. He paid for our freedom with His own blood. Redemption through Jesus was God's plan of salvation from the beginning.

#### Talk It Over

- What does God's redemption look like in your life?
- 2. Will you be like the freed slave girl who followed her redeemer?
- 3. When you consider the descriptions in today's sharing, would you say you are more of "a straw" or "a reservoir"? Why?
- 4. How can you be more generous with your time, talents, and treasures in ways that help others like Jesus redeemed us?

#### Intercession

# **Youth Ministry**

- 1. Pray that the youths will hunger and thirst for God's righteousness and truth, meeting regularly to fellowship and grow in knowing Him.
- 2. Pray for God to raise up disciples and servant leaders who want to make Christ known to others through their lives.
- 3. Pray for breakthrough for youths who are grappling with issues such as anxiety, loneliness and sense of worthlessness, that they will find satisfaction and pleasure in knowing and having Christ.

# 52JBB/52<sup>nd</sup> GB Coy Enrolment & Dedication Ceremony

The Boys' & Girls' Brigade of 52 Coy Enrolment and Dedication ceremony will be held on **Saturday 23 July 2022**, **9.00am** in our sanctuary. We value your prayers for the Boys and Girls, Helpers, Officers and Teachers.

# **Resumption of Church Dialect Services**

With effect from Sunday 3 July 2022, the Cantonese and Hokkien Worship Services will resume in the Patmos Hall at 9.00am and 11.15am respectively.

#### **Confirmation Class**

Confirmation Service is scheduled on Sunday, 21 August 2022. 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 are as follows:

Date / Time : Sundays 24, 31 July, 7, 14 August / 11.30am to 1.00pm

Venue: School IT Conference Room

Confirmed member who would like to attend the course again are also welcomed. Do approach Pas Fu-Man for any enquiries.

### **National Day Thanksgiving Service 2022**

National Council of Churches of Singapore will join Singaporeans to celebrate our nation's 57<sup>th</sup> National Day by holding the National Day Thanksgiving Service (NDTS). You are invited to this annual occasion of worship, prayer and thanksgiving among Christians. The following are the details of NDTS 2022:

Date : Thursday 18 August 2022, 7.45pm to 8.45pm

Venue : St Andrew's Cathedral, New Sanctuary

Speaker: Bishop Dr Gordon Wong

Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore &

Vice-President of the National Council of Churches of Singapore

Message: "Peaceful Peacemakers" based on James 3:13–18

If you are able to attend, please register via this google form by 15 July 2022.

# Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies (DCBS) - Term 3

Registration for the DCBS Term 3, is open!

Course Duration: 7 July- 1 September 2022, Thursdays, 7.30pm to 9.00pm

OT - The Writings I (Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Job)

NT - Non-Pauline Epistles (Hebrews - Jude)

All lessons will be conducted via Zoom. A course fee of \$10 applies.

Visit <a href="mailto:sph.org.sg/school-of-biblical-studies">sph.org.sg/school-of-biblical-studies</a> for registration details.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 2 July 2022	Sunday 3 July 2022	Next Saturday 9 July 2022	Next Sunday 10 July 2022
Worship Officiant	Patrick Lee	Kenneth Sng	Pas Loon Fu-Man	
Celebrant	-		Revd Canon Barry Leong	
Holy Communion Assistant	-	-	Revd Tang, Pas Fu-Man & Gabriel Paul	Revd Tang, Pas Fu-Man & Kenneth
Praise Team	Livingstreams		Harmony	
Preacher	Revd Tang Wai Lung		Revd Canon Barry Leong	
Scripture Text	Ephesians 1:1-23		Ephesians 2; Luke 10:25-37	
Sermon Title	The Glory of God in Redemption		The Glory of God in Reconciliation	
Scripture Reader	Aileen Tung	Choo Heng Yu	Joshua Tung	Goh Xin Ying
Ushering Team	Youth Team	PG160	Selah	Shema
Floral	Janet Kua		Helen Liew	
Treasury Witness	Li Jie & Judy	Pei Ching & Cho Ling	Nellie & Victor	Florence & Aimin
Staff On Duty	Pas Florence & Susan	Patrick & Doris	Doris & Ji Yin	Susan & Doris

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
- MissionXXX, Month or (2)
- (3) NeedyXXX, Month or
- BuildingXXX, Month

(where XXX is your Tithe number)

#### (C) PayNow using UEN

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**Remarks:** (same as

above)

# **Upcoming Events**

Confirmation Class on Sundays, 24 & 31 July & 7 & 14 August 2022 Gospel Sunday on 31 July 2022 National Day Thanksgiving Service on 18 August 2022 Confirmation Service on Sunday, 21 August 2022

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 admin@patmos.org.sg

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# The Glory of God The Book of Ephesians

#### **Overview**

The Glory of God is not only the **MOTIVATION**, but it is also the **GOAL OF GOD'S SOVEREIGN WORK AMONG HIS PEOPLE** as we see it in the following examples:

- 1. Moses' highest ambition and most noble request was to see the Glory of God (Exodus 33:17–18).
- 2. The first coming of Christ was a display of the Glory of God (John 1:14; Matthew 16:27–17:8).
- 3. The Apostle Paul was encouraged and sustained by his awareness of God's glory (2 Corinthians 3:7-4:18).
- 4. The Apostle Peter found the revelation of the "Majestic Glory" of our Lord a witness to the truthfulness of the prophetic word revealed through the Apostles (2 Peter 1:16-21).
- 5. Our Lord's second coming will be a revelation of His glory, and the cause for the Christians' rejoicing (1 Peter 4:12-13).
- 6. The supreme goal of every Christian action is to do all to the Glory of God (1 Corinthians 10:31).

# The Book of Ephesians

The Book of Ephesians draws our attention to the Glory of God.

- Ephesians 1-3 concentrate on the Glory of God as brought about by the Gospel - the Glory of God in His Church.
- 2. Ephesians 4-6 focus on the Glory of God in man's obedience to the Gospel the Glory of God through His Church.

Chapters 1-3 of the Epistle to the Ephesians urge us to be more heavenly minded so that, in obedience to the instruction laid down in chapters 4-6, we may be of more earthly good, to the Glory of God.

# 1. Chapters 1-3 - The Glory of God in the Church

a. Chapter 1: The Glory of God in Redemption

b. Chapter 2: The Glory of God in Reconciliation

c. Chapter 3: The Glory of God in the Revelation of the

Mystery of the Church

# 2. Chapters 4-6 - The Glory of God through the Church

a. Chapter 4

i. 1-16: The Glory of God in the unity and growth of the

Church

ii. 17-32: The Glory of God in the New Life (Life in the

Spirit)

b. Chapter 5-6

i. 5:1-21: The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ –

Walk in love

ii. 5:22-33: The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ –

**Husbands and Wives** 

iii. 6:1-4: The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ –

Parents and Children

iv. 6:5-9: The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ –

Masters and Bondservants

c. Chapter 6:10-24 The Glory of God in Victory of Christ

# Talk It Over

- 1. A short write-up and discussion questions of each topic will be posted in the bulletin weekly for reflection.
- 2. To go deeper in the reflection, the cell group may follow the sermon series discussion questions for Growing in Christ-likeness as members learn and encourage one another to live out Biblical truths.