

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

6 August 2022 – Evening Prayer 7 August 2022 – Morning Prayer

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

Bishop Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Archdeacon Ven Daniel Wee

Acting Vicar
Revd Canon Barry Leong

Clergy Revd Tang Wai Lung

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

Speaker: Revd Tang Wai Lung

Sermon Title: The Glory of God in the New Life (Life in the Spirit)

Text : Ephesians 4:17-32

COLLECT

Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of his grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; 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 New Life Ephesians 4:17-32

"... to put off your old self, which belongs to your former manner of life and is corrupt through deceitful desires, and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and to put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." Ephesians 4:22-24

In Ephesians 4:1, Paul commanded the Ephesians to "walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called". Walking is an action verb that denotes the fact that the believer's life is one of action. Being a follower of Jesus is not only about what we believe or think. It is about what we do. Saying we are to "walk" in a certain way means we are to live that way. Believers are to live out the teachings of Jesus each day in their everyday life at home, at work, at school, in private and in public.

Ephesians 4:18-19 gives a clear picture of the old way of life. It is separate from God, foolish, hardened to sin, and given over to sinful desires. It is depraved both in the mind and in behaviour. This is a bleak picture of the human race. But there is hope.

Before trusting in Christ, we cannot do what is right. Try as hard as we can, we cannot have victory over sin. We may have tried to lay aside our sin a hundred times, but failed. But after believing in Christ, we have a choice. We have the power from God to change our habits to say "NO" to sin and to live transformed lives. But notice that it is still a choice we have to make. It does not happen automatically.

Thank God that we can renew our minds by the Holy Spirit through the spiritual disciplines of Prayer, Bible reading, Worship, Fasting, and Fellowship. All of these things help us to focus on God and make our choice to "take off the old, but replace it with the new". If we do not replace it, the old will come back again. The new self comes from God. It is by His grace we can do what is right. If we do not have a relationship with God, it will be impossible no matter how hard we try.

Ephesians 4:25-32 discusses the negative what not to do, and the positive what to do of many aspects of the Christian life based on Paul's general principle - "take off the old, but replace it with the new". Paul concludes this passage with a positive command – "Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you". Through our words and actions, we are to pass on God's kindness to those around us.

Talk It over:

- 1. Go through the following areas Our Speech (vv. 25, 29 & 31), Our Temper (vv. 26 & 31), Our Work (v. 28) and Our ways of relating (vv. 25 & 32). Each person pick one area where they need to grow. Share what challenges you face in this area. Decide on a specific application of a way you can improve this week. Write it down. Keep that paper all week and check off each day whether you did it or not, how you succeeded or how you failed. Also, pray for that area each day. At the end of the week, evaluate your progress and share it with your partner. Finally, pray for each other.
- 2. What is one way you can improve in your regular devotion times with God?

Combined Confirmation Service

There will be a combined Confirmation service on Sunday, 21 August 2022 at 10.00am, presided by Bp Kuan Kim Seng. Please pray for the following eight confirmands and their families:

Chern Siang Sin, Lee Yok Lan, Teo Keat, Joshua Sit Chi Yuen, Chan Beng Yeow Ian, Zavier Chan Jing Jie, Eugene Wee Chong Guan, Serene Lee Bee Loon

A buffet lunch will be served after the service. '1 John' Service will not be held on Saturday, 20 August 2022. Rehearsal for the confirmation candidates will be held on Sunday, 14 August 2022 at 1.15pm in the sanctuary. Do approach Pas Fu-Man for any enquiries.

GB Fortnight 2022

This year GB Fortnight is from 30 July to 11 September. We appreciate your generous donation to enable God's work in 31st Coy, 52nd Coy and 59th Coy, to continue to train and disciple GB Girls and Leaders, to Seek, Serve and Follow Christ. Please refer to the attached flyer for more information.

Renovation work at Chancel Steps and Altar Platform

Please note that the renovation work for the replacement of the Chancel Steps and varnishing of the whole altar area platform, which commenced on 1 August 2022 will take more than a week to complete.

National Day Thanksgiving Service 2022

The National Council of Churches Singapore will join Singaporeans to celebrate our nation's 57th National Day by holding the National Day Thanksgiving Service. We invite you to join other Christians in this nation at this meaningful occasion of worship, prayer and thanksgiving where we seek the Lord together for Singapore. **Registration is not required.**

Date/Time: 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

Intercession

Chinese-speaking Work Sunday

- 1. Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead, guide and unite the congregation planting team from Chapel of the Resurrection as they share the gospel and make disciples of Christ.
- 2. Pray that the Lord will send labourers from other parishes to participate in the congregation planting work and that He will provide for the work financially.
- 3. Pray for the Tamil congregation, English and Mandarin congregation plants of Church of the Epiphany to be a good witness, to exhibit love and be a light to the community.

For Singapore

- 1. Pray for Singapore as we celebrate our nation's 57th National Day.
- 2. Pray for the 4G Government to have God's wisdom to lead the country, to maintain peace and harmony.
- 3. Pray for the fear of the Lord to be upon our Government and courage to make the right decision to uphold family units.

DUTY ROSTER	Saturday 6 August 2022	Sunday 7 August 2022	Next Saturday 13 August 2022	Next Sunday 14 August 2022
Worship Officiant	Patrick Lee	Pas Loon Fu-Man	Pas Loon Fu-Man	Florence Ho
Celebrant	-	-	Revd Tang Wai Lung	
Holy Communion Assistant	-	-	Revd Canon Barry, Pas Fu-Man & Mun Loong	Revd Canon Barry, Florence Ho & Boon Sing
Praise Team	Harmony		IHMS	
Preacher	Revd Tang Wai Lung		Revd Canon Barry Leong	
Scripture Text	Ephesians 4:17-32		Ephesians 5:1-21; Luke 12:49-56	
Sermon Title	The Glory of God in the New Life (Life in the Spirit)		The Glory of God in the imitation of Christ – Walk in love	
Scripture Reader	Joshua Tung	Choo Heng Yu	Aileen Tung	Goh Xin Ying
Ushering Team	Flint	PG160	C2	CA338/NON
Floral	Helen Liew		Audrey Kua	
Treasury Witness	Lijie & Judy	Florence Ho & Ai Min	Merrilyn & Victor	Cho Li & Soo Ching
Staff On Duty	Pas Fu-Man & Pas Shirleen	Pas Florence & Doris	Patrick & Doris	Pas Fu-Man & 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) 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

St John's Chapel's **UEN**: T08CC4079E

Remarks: (same as

above)

Upcoming Events

Confirmation Class on Sundays, 24 & 31 July & 7 & 14 August 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 Girl's Brigade Singapore

We are a Uniformed Youth
Organisation and an Institution of
Public Character, recognised by the
Ministry of Education as a cocurricular activity in Singapore
Schools.

GB Fortnight

GB Fortnight is our annual donation drive that supports our effort to help every Girl fulfil her fullest potential. Help Girls to create positive change in society and inspire them to encourage others to follow in their footsteps. Be the reason our Girls can flourish and benefit other younger leaders.

Every Girl invested is a Gift that keeps on Giving

68%

of your giving will go directly to the Programme and Leadership development of Girls.



21%

of your giving will impact Community Development and National Events.



11%

of your giving will aid in our Organisational Development and Administration.



GB FORTNIGHT

SJCp is involved in 3 GB Coys

Scan the QR code to donate to the respective coys



31st Coy at St. Margaret's Secondary School



52nd Coy at Pei Tong Primary School



59th Coy at Greenridge **Primary School**

FAOS ?



Why is the payment reflected as Omise and not The Girls' Brigade Singapore?

Omise is an online payment gateway that powers our online donation platform. All sensitive data will be protected through a secure encryption technology when you donate through our payment gateway.

Are my donations entitled to tax deductions?

Individuals or corporations with tax-deductible status are entitled to tax deductions of up to 2.5 times the amount when a donation has been made.

Will I receive a receipt of acknowledgement for the donation made through your portal?

We will send a receipt of confirmation through your stated email address for every donation.