

EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

13 - 14 August 2022 Holy Communion

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

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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 Canon Barry Leong

Sermon Title: The Glory of God in the

imitation of Christ

Walk in love

Text : Ephesians 5:1-21;

Luke 12:49-56

COLLECT

Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Father of mankind, who gave your only-begotten Son to take upon himself the form of a servant and to be obedient even to death on a cross: give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus that, sharing his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory; 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.

The Glory of God in the Imitation of Christ – Walk in love Ephesians 5:1-21

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God."

Ephesians 5:1-2

A lot of people have idols, heroes they look up to that they want to be just like. They want to talk like they talk; they want to look like they look; they want to have similar hairstyles, similar fashions, similar personalities. But the problem with most of these idols is that they are spiritually corrupt. Ask a lot of people who their idols are, and they will say singers like Michael Jackson (sexual pervert) or actors like Bruce Lee (drug addict). I am not writing this to discredit these people. All of us are in the same boat. If someone held a magnifying glass up to our life, our sins too would be evident for all. The problem is not in the specific person people idolise, but in ignoring the moral character and focusing on outward looks or life achievements.

As believers, **we should be imitators of God.** He is the One we should look up to and try to emulate. Why? Simply because He is perfect. He is the standard in holiness, love, kindness, righteousness, mercy, justice, etc. We should not model our lives after morally bankrupt superstars, or we will follow the same dark road they do.

We should model our lives after Christ, who lived a perfect life in this world and showed us how to respond to all kinds of problems and temptations. If we have heroes, they should be Christian heroes who modelled Christ in their own lives. We should respect them for their character, not for their looks or life achievements. Paul also said to follow him as he followed the Lord. We can learn from these Christian heroes so that we can better imitate the Lord ourselves in our lives.

While we are to imitate many of God's characteristics, love is the central one for the believer. Love is something we need to live out day to day in both small and big situations. It is not something we can ever take a break from or ever finish. We need to show love whether we are tired, overworked, sick, under pressure, on vacation, at the office, at home, on the road, working, or playing. To do that, we need to be alert and give 24/7 effort. Love could be cleaning the toilet, taking out the trash, sweeping the floor, washing the dishes, filling the report at work that no one wants to, going to the store, making the bed, listening, speaking a kind word, comforting the discouraged, making a phone call to our parents, asking about someone's life or spending quality time with our family.

How high is our standard of love? **Our standard is Christ**, who made the ultimate sacrifice, His own life. There are no restrictions on how much we are to love others. It does not apply to only people we know or only our friends or family. It is applied to strangers, enemies, bosses, and employees. It does not matter if they deserve it. We need to love others wholeheartedly, completely, and all the time.

Talk It over:

- 1. If you are a believer in Christ, you are God's dearly loved child. How does this truth give you strength to love others?
- 2. What is one area where you might sacrifice yourself and things that belong to you for the sake of others?
- 3. How would you explain the idea of "walking" in love? What would the difference be between walking in love and an act of love?

Combined Confirmation Service

There will be a combined Confirmation service on Sunday, 21 August 2022 at 10.00am, presided by Bp Kuan Kim Seng. 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.

Men's Ministry Session

Some of us may have been conditioned to think that men ought to be "strong and silent". But the Bible calls for us to "spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together... but encouraging one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching." (Hebrews 10:24,25) Next session will be on **Our Calling As a Love Giver**, Enoch Ng will be Facilitating the discussion. 20 August 2022 via ZOOM, 8.15am-9.30am. Zoom details: Meeting ID: 964 2229 9981 Passcode: mufc2021

Church Prayer Meeting

The church prayer meeting will be held in the Sanctuary on Friday, 26 August 2022, 7.45pm to 9.15pm. Let's come together as one body to intercede for individuals, families, various ministries in the church, and for Singapore and other nations. Florence Ho will lead us in the prayer, the praise team is Flint homecell. Staff on-duty is Pas Fu-Man & Patrick. To facilitate the gate closure and security, the school main gate will be <u>locked at 8.15pm</u>, thereafter you may park at Blk 4 Farrer Road and enter via Chapel Gate E.

Family Talk

A Family Talk organized by Chinese Congregation, will be shared by the well-known counsellor, Yuan Fong Choo. There are 4 sessions with different topics on 4 Saturdays, 10.00am to 12.00pm in September 2022. We welcome members to participate or to take this as a platform to invite friends. Please register with the QR code provided on the flyer.

GB Fortnight 2022

This year GB Fortnight is from 30 July to 11 September 2022. 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.

National Day Thanksgiving Service 2022

The National Day Thanksgiving Service to celebrate our nation's 57th National Day will be held on Thursday 18 August 2022, 7.45pm to 8.45pm in the St Andrew's Cathedral, New Sanctuary. You are invited to join other Christians in this nation at this meaningful occasion of worship, prayer and thanksgiving where we seek the Lord together for Singapore.

The speaker is Bishop Dr Gordon Wong, Bishop of the Methodist Church in Singapore & Vice-President of the National Council of Churches of Singapore. The message is "Peaceful Peacemakers" based on James 3:13–18. **Registration is not required.**

Intercession

We give thanks to God for his grace and mercy upon the following brothers and sisters who will be confirmed on 21 August 2022. Let us remember them in prayer in their discipleship journey.

Chinese congregation: Chern Siang Sin, Lee Yok Lan, Teo Keat, Joshua Sit Chi Yuen

English congregation: Chan Beng Yeow Ian, Zavier Chan Jing Jie, Eugene Wee Chong

Guan, Serene Lee Bee Loon

| DUTY ROSTER | Saturday 13 August 2022 | Sunday 14 August 2022 | Next Saturday 20 August 2022 | Next Sunday 21 August 2022 | You may return your tithes to the Lord and give freewill offering through the following ways: (A) By cash or cheque |
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| Worship Officiant | Pas Loon Fu-Man | Florence Ho | | Pas Yun Jing | |
| Celebrant | Revd Tang Wai Lung | | | Revd Canon Barry Leong | using the envelopes |
| Holy Communion Assistant | Revd Canon Barry, Pas Fu-Man & Mun Loong | Revd Canon Barry, Florence Ho & Boon Sing | | Revd Tang Wai Lung, Ds Lena, Pas Alan, Pas Yun Jing & Kenneth Sng | (B) Internet Bank Transfer Account Name: |
| Praise Team | IHMS | | No '1 John' Service Combined Confirmation Service on Sunday 21 August 2022 | Livingstreams | St John's Chapel |
| Preacher | Revd Canon Barry Leong | | | Bishop Kuan Kim Seng | DBS Account Number: 008 002 5860 |
| Scripture Text | Ephesians 5:1-21; Luke 12:49-56 | | | Leviticus 27:30- 33; Matthew 6:19-24 | Remarks: (1) TitheXXX, Month or (2) MissionXXX, Month or (3) NeedyXXX, Month or |
| Sermon Title | The Glory of God in the imitation of Christ – Walk in love | | | 'GST for Jesus' | |
| Scripture Reader | Aileen Tung | Goh Xin Ying | 2022 | Eileen Chiu | (4) BuildingXXX, Month (where XXX is your Tithe number) |
| Ushering Team | C2 | FH50K | | Shema | |
| Floral | Audrey Kua | | | Luanna Yau | (C) PayNow using UEN |
| Treasury Witness | Merrilyn & Victor | Cho Li & Soo Ching | | Boon Sing & Eileen Mok | St John's Chapel's UEN: T08CC4079E |
| Staff On Duty | Doris & Susan | Pas Fu-Man & Susan | | Patrick & Doris | Remarks: (same as above) |

Upcoming Events

National Day Thanksgiving Service on 18 August 2022 Confirmation Service on Sunday, 21 August 2022 Church Prayer Meeting on 26 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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111 Farrer Road, Singapore 259240

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家庭讲座系列

实体进行

四个星期六 | 早上10.00-中午12.00



地点:圣约翰堂@拨摩堂 111 Farrer Road Singapore 259240

03/09/2022

做女人的艺术

10/09/2022

男人的任务

17/09/2022

关于独身的恩赐

24/09/2022

婚前婚后为何大不同

讲员: 袁凤珠传道

心理治疗师, 翱翔辅导服务中心主席



询问 → 6468 8425 Lydia

报名 → 请点击链接或扫描QR码

报名截止日期: 28/8/2022 星期天

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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.