

3 May 2020

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Susan Ling

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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

Cantonese Service

9.00 am at Patmos Hall

Mandarin Service

11.15 am at Sanctuary

Hokkien Service

11.15 am at Patmos Hall

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

Speaker : Pastor Yeo Yun Jing

Sermon Title : **The God-Story of
Our Lives**

Text : Ephesians 1:3-14

 **How precious to me are your thoughts,
O God! How vast is the sum of them!**

Psalm 139:17

COLLECT

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in him: raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may seek the things which are above, where he 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 missionary church of Spirit-filled committed disciples of Jesus Christ, always ready to take the gospel to the nations.

Vicar Writes

Dear family in Christ

During such challenging and difficult times of Covid-19 pandemic, some Christians have asked, “***Is Jesus Christ returning very soon?***” Well, the short answer(s) to this very important question is this: “Yes and No”.

Why “**YES**”? When we look at the trends and signs of the times, they seem to fulfil the prophecies of Jesus in Matthew 24. For example, we see earthquakes, famines, wars, violence, persecution, false teaching, lawlessness, drifting away from God, etc. In 2 Timothy 3:1-5, the apostle Paul taught that in the last days, “*men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God*”.

Why then “**NO**”? Because the preaching of the gospel in the whole world is yet to be completed. In Matthew 24:14, Jesus declared, “*And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to **ALL “NATIONS”** (ethnic people groups), and ***then the end will come.***”*

According to statistics by Joshua Project

(https://joshuaproject.net/people_groups/statistics), there are 10,435 unique ethnic people groups across all the countries in the world. Out of these, 4,605 are **unreached** people groups, located at places where there are zero or very few people who identify as Christian, with little or no history of Christianity.

Many churches, para-churches, mission agencies, Bible translators and missionaries are working hard to reach out to these remaining unreached people groups with the gospel. Let us be in fervent prayer and practical support for this important work. Meanwhile, let us continue in faithful evangelism and outreach at where God has placed us in our family, school, workplace, neighbourhood and nation. In times like this, people need the Lord, because in Jesus Christ, there is gracious merciful salvation and the hope of eternal life.

Maranatha
Pastor John

Announcement

Financial Hardship and Loss of Job

Members facing financial hardships due to sudden loss of job or substantially-reduced income, please feel free to speak with the Vicar or a pastoral staff or your cell leader about your situation. We would be glad to come alongside you to render some help and support.

Mental and Emotional Well-Being

Members who are struggling mentally and emotionally in coping with the Covid-19 situation, please know that you need not journey alone in your struggles. Our church pastors, staff and cell leaders are ready to come alongside you with a listening ear and an encouraging “virtual” presence. We are near with just a phone call away... no matter how far the distance.

Postponement of church AGM

In view of the circuit-breaker period, our parish AGM scheduled for 26 April has been postponed. Bishop Rennis and the Standing Committee are studying the feasibility of having a virtual AGM for our parishes. The diocese is forming a Taskforce Resource Panel, which consists of 2 representatives from each parish. Elly Chiu and Alvin Ang will represent our parish on this panel.

Digital Giving of Tithes and Freewill giving

If you have online banking facility, you may return your tithes to the Lord and give freewill offerings via *Internet bank transfer*. If you have a mobile phone banking app, you may do the same via *PayNow*. For the full banking details, please request for the “Digital Giving” flyer from your cell leader. You can also continue your giving by mailing a cheque to our church office. Please do not send cash by mail.

Intercession – 52J Boys Brigade & 52nd Girls Brigade – Pei Tong Primary School

Theme for 2020: Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving

- We thank God that this year is the 20th Anniversary for 52J BB & 52nd GB since the companies were started in the year 2000.
- We thank God for the commitment and dedication of our teachers, officers and helpers who have served in this ministry.
- We thank God for the privilege and opportunity to bless and share the gospel with many boys and girls throughout these years.
- We thank God that we were able to have meetings and activities with our boys and girls in school for the whole of Term 1 before the CCA was suspended.

Prayer Requests

- Pray that God will continue to watch over our boys and girls and have a good bonding time with their family members during this time.
- Pray for the well-being of our teachers, officers and helpers and that they will be able to continue the engagement with our boys and girls through virtual means.
- Pray that more boys and girls will be blessed and have a personal relationship with our Lord Jesus through this ministry.
- Pray that God will continue to watch over and bless this ministry with more officers and helpers.

DUTY ROSTER	SUNDAY 3 MAY 2020	NEXT SUNDAY 10 MAY 2020
Worship Officiant	Pas Yeo Yun Jing	Revd John Lin
Preacher	Pas Yeo Yun Jing	Revd John Lin
Psalm Reading	Psalm 139	Psalm 42
Scripture Text	Ephesians 1:3-14	Romans 15:7-13
Sermon Title	The God-Story of Our Lives	Where there is God, there is Hope

As announced, the government has suspended all religious services and activities until 1 June 2020.

St John's Chapel will release the English On-line Service every Saturday at 4.00 pm.

Please access the On-line Service using this weblink
<http://www.sjcp.org.sg/service-live-streaming/>

It will be good to prepare our hearts, Bible and media, so as to be ready to commune and worship the Lord together in spirit and in truth.

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
- (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)

Upcoming Events

Suspension of all events in May 2020 till further notice

Church Ministries : Home Cell, Kids-for-Christ, Tweens, Tekna Youth, Young Adults, Choir, Marriage & Family Life, Pastoral Care and Visitation, Men's Fellowship, Sisters' Fellowship
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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