

## OHI'S EKKLESIA TO THE NATIONS

7 March 2020 - Evening Prayer 8 March 2020 - Morning Prayer

#### **Bishop**

The Rt Revd Rennis Ponniah

Assistant Bishop
The Rt Revd Low Jee King

Vicar Revd John Lin

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Ds Lena Lim

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Pas Loon Fu-Man
Pas Florence Hou
Pas Yeo Yun Jing
Pas Shirleen Yap

Administration
Susan Ling
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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

## A Warm Welcome to all our quests

**Do send your children** to our Children's Ministry. We have a well-supervised and nurturing programme for your children. 'Kids For Christ' (2 to 12 years). There is also a Toddlers' Room upstairs.

**Please do not feel obliged** to participate in the offertory. The offertory is meant for Christians.

After the service, do stay back for a cup of coffee. We would like to get to know you better.

**Do join us again next week.** We look forward to having you worship God with us again.

Speaker: Revd John Lin

Sermon Title: You shall not take the name of

the Lord your God in vain

Text : Leviticus 24:10-16



The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous man runs into it and is safe.

Proverbs 18:10

#### COLLECT

## **Second Sunday of Lent**

Lord God Almighty, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Ash Wednesday**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing you have made and forgive the sins of all who are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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 church family

At the Ash Wednesday service marking the beginning of Lent, the priest places some ash on our foreheads and he 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 **repent of our sins** as we open our hearts to the powerful work of the Holy Spirit. God will forgive us when we truly repent, having 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 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

**Sisters' Fellowship** was started to provide a platform for the ladies in SJCp to get to know one another and walk along side one another as fellow sisters in Christ.

The first meeting started on 28th October 2019, where about 25 ladies came together to share with and pray for one another.

This year, there will be more opportunities for ladies to read God's word together and to encourage and care for one another to point each other towards a gospel-centred life.

Please pray the following for our sisters:

- Pray that the ladies in church will not be caught up by the busyness of life, but would take time to encourage, journey with and pray for one another.
- Pray for opportunities and for the ladies to consistently be able to read God's word together.
- ❖ Pray that our ladies would learn to love and depend on God more as they grow in their understanding of who God is.

#### **Combined Services**

There will be a Combined Service on the following Sundays at 9.00am:

- 1) 12 April 2020 Resurrection Sunday cum Baptism Service (combine with 1 John Service)
- 2) 26 April 2020 Combined with Chinese congregation and followed by church AGM. No '1 John' Service will be held on Saturdays, 11 April and 25 April 2020.

### **Digital Giving of Tithes and Freewill giving**

If you have an 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 refer to the "Digital Giving" insert placed in today's bulletin and also at the Ushers' table.

#### **Baptism**

There will be a baptism class on Sundays, 15, 22, 29 March & 5 April 2020, 11.30am to 1pm in the Shalom Room. Please register with Ps Fu-Man.

The Baptism service is on Resurrection Sunday, 12 April 2020.

### **Holy Week Services**

Maundy Thursday Service is on 9 April 2020, starting at 7.30pm.

Good Friday Service is on 10 April 2020, starting at 10.00am.

Come and join us for the above Services as we observe this Holy Week.

### Men's ministry: MUFC

Calling all Brothers! This year, we will be exploring our identity in Christ and its commensurate responsibilities. Come alongside others as disciples in accountability to fulfil our destiny in Him. The first session of the "Becoming God's Men" series is: The Crisis (Rebellion).

Our next meeting is on 21 March 2020, 7.45am - 10.00am in the Patmos Hall. Sign up at gg.gg/mufcinvite and do join us for breakfast at 7am! Contact Hide (98178281) for more details.

# St. Margaret's Primary School's Fund-raising Charity Golf Tournament 2020

St. Margaret's Primary School will be hosting a Fund-raising Charity Golf Tournament on Wednesday, 29 April 2020 at Tanah Merah Country Club. The proceeds will be channelled towards the construction of the new school building under MOE PERI upgrading. If you are keen to participate in this event, please contact Doris Lee (or Lydia Leong) for the sponsorship details. All monetary contributions will qualify for 2.5 times tax-exemption.

## Appreciation

The Chan family would like to express their appreciation to the staff and congregation for their prayers, condolences and visits during their recent bereavement on the demise of their mother, the late Mdm Loh Yoke Lin on 27 February 2020.

DUTY ROSTER	SATURDAY 7/3/2020	SUNDAY 8/3/2020	NEXT SATURDAY 14/3/2020	NEXT SUNDAY 15/3/2020
Worship Officiant	Ps Yun Jing	Florence Ho	Hide le	Kenneth Sng
Celebrant	-		Revd John Lin	
Holy Communion Assistant	-	-	Ps Fu-Man, Hide Ie & Patrick Lee	Kenneth Sng, Ps Yun Jing & Patrick Lee
Community Praise Team	Ethan		IHMS-Sat	Harmony
Preacher	Revd John Lin		Revd John Lin	
Scripture Text	Leviticus 24:10-16		Exodus 20:8-11; Mark 2:23-28	
Sermon Title	You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain		Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy	
Scripture Reader	Adrienne Soon	Aileen Tung	Victor Tay	Tan Rui Lin
Ushering Team	C2	Flint & Brew It	DR30	PG160
Refreshment	-	Lee May & Sunali	-	Cho Ling & Susan
Treasurer	Merrilyn Ong	Tan Pei Ching	Nellie Nam	Ho Boon Sing
Treasury Witness	Audrey & Julian	Cho Ling & Bee Kuan	Victor Tay	Esther Ling
Staff On Duty	Ps Shirleen & Ps Yun Jing	Ds Lena & Ps Chwee Lian	Ds Lena & Susan	Ps Fu-Man & Ps Alan

### **Upcoming Events**

Maundy Thursday Service on 9 April 2020 Good Friday Service on 10 April 2020 Resurrection Sunday cum Baptism Service on 12 April 2020 Combined Church Service cum AGM on 26 April 2020

**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, please email to <a href="mailto:admin@patmos.org.sg">admin@patmos.org.sg</a>

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School Gate E Open for Entry : Saturday : 7.00 am to 5.00 pm

Sunday: 7.45 am to 12 noon