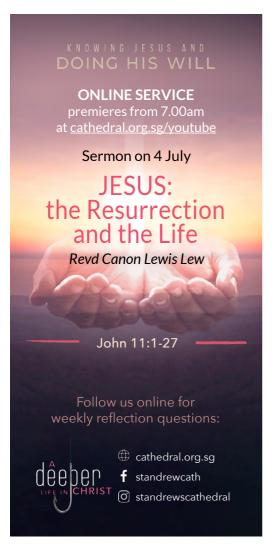


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4 IULY 2021

COLLECT

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, without you we are not able to please you. Mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

LECTIONARY READINGS

2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10 2 Corinthians 12:2-10 Mark 6:1-13



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Overcoming Uncertainties

(Psalm 34)

he first out-break of COVID-19 virus was first reported in Wuhan, China on 31 Dec 2019. World Health Organization declared COVID-19 as a global pandemic a month later on 30 Jan 2020. We have just crossed the 18 month mark since covid was first reported. Singapore has gone through one round of 'Circuit Breaker', and we are currently in Phase 3 (Heightened Alert) after six weeks of tightened restrictions under Phase 2 (Heightened Alert). Some of us are exhausted. some of us are feeling frustrated, while others are anxious about tomorrow and still perhaps some of us may be angry with God for this prolonged suffering. I want to share with you a Psalm that has helped me greatly in this season - Psalm 34.

In your Bible this Psalm is titled – A Psalm of David when he pretended madness before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed. David was a fugitive on the run and had pretended to be insane to avoid being caught (ESV, 1 Sam. 21:10-22:1). This beautiful psalm was written later in the cave of Adullam. David had likely written and sung it to the people who had joined him – "And everyone who was in debt, and everyone who was bitter in soul, gathered to him. And he became commander over them. And there were with him about four hundred men" (ESV, 1 Sam. 22:2).

It will not do justice in this short write-up to give a full exposition of Psalm 34. I urge you to read all 22 verses slowly (one at a time) or have the Bible read for you (Bible Gateway Audio Player). Mark and meditate on the verses that speak most to you. Perhaps it is something that is most relevant to your current situation or how you are feeling. Pray the promises that you find in Psalm 34 and allow the Holy Spirit to minister to you.

Allow me to highlight a few repeated promises in Psalm 34 that we can hold on tightly in this challenging season and beyond: – The Lord hears and answers our prayers (v.4b, 6a, 15b, 17a), the Lord delivers (v.4, 17b, 19b), the Lord protects (v.7, 15a), the Lord is good (v.8), the Lord is against evil (v.16), the Lord is near (v.18a), the Lord saves (v.6b, 18b) and the Lord redeems (v.22a).

Feeling comforted and strengthened already? Why don't we join David in expressing our praises to the Lord in the midst of all the uncertainties – "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together!" (ESV, Psalm 34:1-3). Keep well and remain strong because the Lord is good! Amen!

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

Pray for political stability in Malaysia and for everyone to work together to curb the growing number of infections which have risen to more than 6,000 daily new cases. The new infections have brought the total number of COVID-19 cases to more than 745,000. Pray for God's merciful intervention to reduce and stop the rapid rate of transmission and for increased healthcare capacity to cope with the overwhelming number of cases.

SINGAPORE

Pray for divine guidance as our government leaders and health authorities work on plans to prepare Singapore for life in the new normal with COVID-19 as a recurring, controllable disease. Pray for the recovery of health for those who have been infected and are hospitalized especially those in critical condition in the intensive care unit and those recuperating in community facilities. Pray for continued protection over our frontline and health care workers as well as their families, the elderly and the vulnerable in our communities.

DIOCESE

New postings

Pray for Revd Michael Teh, Revd Peter Chen, Revd Tay Hong Ern, Revd Brandon Loy and Revd Choo Cheng Leong as they prepare for their new postings in August and September. Pray for smooth transition into their assigned parishes and for God's anointing upon them in their ministries.

All Saints' Church

Pray that God will unite the youths in All Saint's Church and bless the Youth Month events in July as well as the upcoming Alpha course, with fruitfulness.

As Anglican High School celebrates her 65th anniversary, thank God for His faithful provision over the years, for caring teachers and for dedicated staff. Pray for good partnership between the chaplaincy and the school, that will produce future generations of godly young men and women who will be future leaders. Pray also for protection and good health of teachers and students with the re-opening of school.

CATHEDRAL

Pray that the Lord will continue to bless and strengthen our community life, stretch our faith and deepen our walk with Him, as we support one another through this difficult time.

Pray for good organization and safety as the Cathedral re-opens for onsite worship services next Sunday. Pray that our Cathedral community will continue to grow strong in faith and in outreach to the lost and the needy. Pray for divine wisdom in the planning of the next Alpha run; for the provision of volunteers with a passion for evangelism and for God to draw many to the Alpha course, that through this platform, they may find salvation in Christ.

Resumption of Onsite Worship Services in the Cathedral

Onsite worship services will resume from Sunday, 11 July. In English In Mandarin In other languages 8.30am (Tamil) 7.30am, 9.30am, 9.30am, 11.30am, Sun - 11 July 2.30pm (Burmese) 11.30am, 4.30pm 4.30pm 2.30pm (Cantonese) Wed - 14 July 12.30pm 11.30am 2.30pm (Hokkien) Sat - 17 July 4.30pm, 5.30pm



No Pre-Event Testing (PET): Max 50 worshippers per service.



Services are kept to under an hour



Serving of Holy Communion is temporarily suspended.



Entry to each service is by ticket only.*

Tickets are open for booking from 4 July, 1pm at cathedral.org.sg

Let's continue to worship together!



Join us in our Sunday 7.30am and 9.30am live-streamed services at cathedral.org.sg/youtube.



The Cathedral Online Holy Communion Service will be live-streamed on the last Sunday of each month.

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DOING JESUS AND

SERMON SERIES PROM APR - AUG

part one: through the lens of John

MAY 23

Life in the Spirit

Ds June Tan John 7:37-39

MAY 30

The Light of the World

Revd Daniel Lim John 8:12-20

JUN 6

The Great Healer

Revd Canon Lewis Lew John 9:1-11

JUN 13

The Door of the Sheep

Revd Christopher Chan John 10:1-9

JUN 20

The Good Shepherd

Revd Joshua Raj John 10:10-18

JUN 27

Jesus and the Father are One

Revd William Chee John 10:22-39

JUL 4

The Resurrection and the Life

Revd Canon Lewis Lew John 11:1-27

JUL 11

The Messianic King

Revd Christopher Chan John 12:12-19

JUL 18

The Servant King

Revd Moses Israeli John 13:1-17

JUL 25

The Way, the Truth, and the Life

Revd Daniel Lim John 14:1-14

AUG 1

The True Vine

Revd Canon Lewis Lew John 15:1-11

AUG 8

The Second Person of the Trinity

Revd Christopher Chan John 16:12-15

AUG 15

God of Second Chances

Ds Ti Lian Swan John 21:15-19

Follow us online for weekly reflection questions at cathedral.org.sg/knowing



Re-imagining of Cathedral Welcome Centre (CWC)

Dear brothers & sisters in Christ, I have been tasked to lead a small group of members to take a fresh new look at the Welcome Centre and its ministry purposes and aims during this lull period as we continue to operate under severe restrictions. We believe that the CWC is our "window to the world", a portal or interface that allows us to project ourselves to the world as well as a door through which seekers and those in need of solace and encouragement may enter. We believe that it should be "A welcoming space to find solace and to be an oasis of peace & tranquility in the City."

Some of the options that are being considered are a heritage component with guided tours, an interactive multimedia historical display, an expanded area for books and gifts related to the Cathedral & the Diocese, Mission Deanery handicrafts for sale, weekly or fortnightly lunchtime TEDx style talks by Christians including marketplace leaders, weekly lunchtime musical performances, pastoral ministry to the distressed, meeting spaces catering to all age groups, Christmas displays and performances etc. We will still have coffee though the Cafe component of the re-imagined Welcome Centre is likely to be significantly different.

I am putting this message out to ask you to share your thoughts and ideas on what you think the purpose of this Welcome Centre should be and what should or should not be included. I am very open to all your suggestions (though, as you will understand, not all will be implemented). If you are able to help in any way in the areas already mentioned, please do write to me, A/Prof. Joseph Thambiah at sacwelcomecentre@gmail.com

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FROM THE GROUND UP

hink Nehemiah. What comes to mind? He rallies the remnant of Israel and rebuilds the wall of Jerusalem in the face of incredible opposition. An amazing achievement of faith, unity, and perseverance! Relatively speaking, however, the wall of stone was the easier part. Nehemiah finished it in 52 days. Only then did his greatest work begin: the reformation of Israel postexile.

Nehemiah spent the next 12 to 15 years of his life rebuilding the spiritual walls of Israel from the ground up. This was his great and lasting work. This is what he wanted to be remembered for. Not the

physical wall. But his faithfulness to duty (NEH 13:29-31).

From the Ground Up is the theme of this year's 40.Day prayer and fasting season. As we envision the new norm post-COVID it's time to rethink Nehemiah—the man, the mandate. the message.

Please begin now by reading both Ezra and Nehemiah. These are one book in the Hebrew Bible. As you read, prepare your heart. Consecrate July 1st to August 9th as a season of seeking God. Together, in prayer and fasting, let us strengthen the walls of faith, hope, and love in the Singapore Church.

PRAYER GUIDE

- Both the English and Mandarin editions will be published online at the 40.Day 2021 website: www.lovesingapore.org.sg/40day/2021
- You may access the prayer entries one day at a time starting from 0001Hr on Thursday, July 1.

ALL THINGS HOLD TOGETHER

Paul reminds us that our Lord "is before all things and in him all things hold together" (Col 1:17). Do we struggle to "hold all things" in our life together with the many challenges we face? In our new sermon series "In Christ all Things hold Together" at our Wednesday Service, we will see how the Lord holds our life together amidst many challenges daily.

Wednesday Service, 12.30pm

- Jul 14 He gives Power in Weakness Jul 21 He opens the Right Door
 - Jul 28 He gives Rest in Tiredness Aug 4 He gives Life in Death
- Aug 11 He saves from Fear
 Aug 18 He releases from Bondage
 Aug 25 He stands by Us
 - Sep 1 He is our Great High Priest
 Sep 8 He is our Hope of Glory

To register, visit this link: cathedral.org.sg/ws

ONLINE PRAYER & PRAISE 20 Jul 2021 | 7.14pm

IF MY PEOPLE,

who are called by my name,

will HUMBLE THEMSELVES and PRAY and SEEK MY FACE

and turn from their wicked way then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

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Join us on



Meeting ID: 885 3046 4098 Passcode: 752382

cathedral.org.sg/praise



CREATIVE ARTS PROGRAM FOR SENIORS

Senior Members Fellowship will be collaborating with Creative Arts Ministry for the month of July and August.

Come and have fun creating your own art collage.

Date: July 29, 2021 (Thursday)
Facilitator: Steven Wong
(Creative Arts Ministry)

Items needed:
Old newspapers/ Magazines, scissors,
glue, A4 Paper.

Those interested, please text David Ng at 98332786 or email to davidng@cathedral.org.sg

Next session: August 26, 2021 Time: 10.30 AM via zoom

CONFIRMATION

Please pray for these brothers and sisters who will be confirmed on Saturday July 10, 2021 at the Nave 430pm Service.

Ang Si Min Rachel Cheong Zhi En Matthew Chia Seow Hwee Chong Yong Xin Emily Hope Choo Bee Wah Dorcas Lucy Chung Ru Byn Rebecca Fan Sui Kian Carol Forbes Michael Ian Goh Chen Ling Beatrice Hew Kit San Ho Lee Ern Samuel Ho Ming Ern Isaac Kharushni Piretti D/O Asokan Khoo Choon Yub Ellvza Khoo Teng Lau Koh Siew Hwa Joy Kwang Tian-En Lam Yi Zhi Nigel Lee Jia Ying Jenell Lee Sze Hui Clara Lee Wai Bin Lee Wei Yung Lim Boon Kiang David Lim Geok Lian Mary Lim Yu Eryn Lim Yu Yan Julie Martina Ng Aik Lynn Ng Huiling Joycelyn Ng Ka Lerk Ellex Ong Jia Jun Oon Shu-Ching Michelle Param Navin Michael S Roberts Casey Ming Sim Yi Ming Aidan Tan Hai Lee Philip Tan Kai Wen Jonathan Tan Mu Ci Jasmine Tan Pheng Heong (Tony Chen Bingxiong) Tan Rei Soong Joel Tan Yeo Tina Wee Mei Shan Bernice Yap Yi Ching Debbie Yeo Jing Shun Jared

Yew Kai Yi Natanya

ACHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO ACHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO

"God whispers to us in our pleasure, speaks to us in our conscience, but shouts in our pains." This insightful observation by C.S. Lewis is consistent with biblical accounts of adversity experienced by God's people. This workshop will examine what the Bible says about adversity. It aims to offer practical lessons on what Christians could do to turn adversity into advantage and be overcomers and not victims of adverse circumstances.

Date: 6 July 2021 Time: 7.30-9.30pm



Facilitator: Dr Gilbert Tan

Via Zoom





Registration is required. Please register at https://tinyurl.com/CSWCJuly

Organised by Cathedral Social & Welfare Committee

ANGLICAN CARE CENTRE

The Anglican Care Centre (Bukit Batok) is looking for volunteers to serve at the "Something Old, Something New" thrift shop as a store lead/coach. Find out how you can get involved in this meaningful cause at https://bit.ly/vontr





DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF

BIBLICAL STUDIES ONLINE

1 JULY - 26 AUGUST 2021 THURSDAYS 7.30 PM - 9 PM



MODULE 2B (OLD TESTAMENT)

THE PENTATEUCH (II)

Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy

INSTRUCTORS:

Ds Grace Tan (SAC), Ms Brenda Goh (SJSM), Mr Kwan Fook Seng (COOS)

Register for Module 2B (9 Thursdays)

MODULE 9
(NEW TESTAMENT)

THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts of the Apostles

INSTRUCTOR: Ps Stanley Tay (SJSM)

Register for Module 9 (9 Thursdays)



For more details, visit <u>cathedral.org.sg/dcbs</u>

Course Fees (payable via online modes or crossed cheques made payable to St Andrew's Cathedral): \$10 per module; \$5 for written examination.

STAY CONNECTED

with the Cathedral

Word Study & Discussion with the Pastors



If you are missing church life and wish to stay connected with the community during this period, we welcome you to join ONE of these ZOOM meetings with our pastors to be refreshed as we get into the Bible and discuss the Online Service sermons.

UPPER ROOM

Sat 10am
To Join, click HERE

THE EARLY RISERS

Sun 6.30 am Pre-Service Prayer 8.35am Zoom Meeting To Join, click <u>HERE</u>

SOJOURNERS

Sun 11.00am To Join, click <u>HERE</u>

EVENING BREEZE

Sun 4.30pm To Join, click <u>HERE</u>

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Morning (Office

Be shaped, edified and cleansed by developing a daily pattern and rhythm of life through the Psalms, Prayers and the Word of God. Join the morning office daily (Mon to Fri) from 1 June, 7.30am to 7.50am via:

> Zoom Link to attend the Morning Office: http://bit.ly/mo-zm

YouTube for Morning Office: cathedral.org.sg/r/morning

We encourage members to gather for this daily office and grow in their spiritual formation.

PRIMARY ONE REGISTRATION (PHASE 2B)

Registration for Primary One (Phase 2B) for children born between 2 January 2015 and 1 January 2016 (both dates inclusive) and who are Singapore Citizens or Singapore Permanent Residents whose parents are Anglican Church Members. Foreign students are not eligible for Phase 2B.

Schools:

St Andrew's Junior (boys)
St Hilda's Primary (co-ed)
St Margaret's Primary (girls)
Full details are available HERE

SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022

This Project aims to repair and restore various parts of the Cathedral's historic building that have succumbed environmental and tear. The wear Restoration Works will involve plastering and re-painting of interior and exterior walls, timber carpentry, stone works, metal works, electrical works, plumbing and roof works. The Project is expected to take 3 years. The cost of \$6million will be paid out from the Cathedral Heritage Fund (CHF) set up to fund this Project as well as future heritage and building works.

HOW TO GIVE

Cheques – Pay to "St Andrew's Cathedral". Write "Heritage Fund" on the reverse side and include your name and mailing address.

Online transfer

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral

Account Number:

DBS Autosave 033-019550-8

PayNow:

Heritage Fund UEN - T08CC4055LHF1

The CHF, as of 21 June 2021:

From English Congregation: \$1.2m

From Mandarin Congregation: \$1.2m

Grant from Preservation of

Sites & Monuments Board: \$0.98m

Donations pledged/received

from SAC members/friends: \$1.68m

Balance to be raised: \$0.94m

GIVE tithes and offerings



2 WAYS TO GIVE



Online

Internet Banking

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

PayNow

PayNow Name: St Andrew's Cath Parochial Church C UEN: T08CC4055LT01

For tithes and general offerings

You may indicate the Service you attend and/ or Tithing number (if any) under remarks or reference.

For other specific donations

(eg. Welfare, Missions, etc)

You may indicate the purpose of your donation (eg. Welfare, Missions, etc.) under remarks or reference. For donations with no indication, it will be treated as general offering. Please email finance@cathedral.org.sg if you require clarification.

Receipts will not be issued for on-line givings.

Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

On the reverse side of the cheque, you may indicate your Tithing number (if any).

For specific donations

On the reverse side of the cheque, please indicate the purpose of your donation eg. Restoration Works, Welfare, Missions, etc. If you would like a receipt, please write your name and mailing address.

Cheques can be mailed to St Andrew's Cathedral, 11 St Andrew's Road, Singapore 178959

