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COLLECT TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord God, whose blessed Son our Saviour gave his back to the smiters and did not hide his face from shame: give us grace to endure the sufferings of this present time with sure confidence in the glory that shall be revealed; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

I FCTIONARY READINGS

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Philemon 1-21 Luke 14:25-33

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"For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands" (Isaiah 55:12).

Are you lacking joy in life especially about the things of God? John Piper in his book "Desiring God" says, "The pursuit of joy in God is not optional. It is not an "extra" that a person might grow into after he comes to faith. It is not simply a way to "enhance" your walk with the Lord. Until your heart has hit upon this pursuit, your "faith" cannot please God. It is not saving faith. Saving faith is the confidence that if you sell all you have and forsake all sinful pleasures, the hidden treasure of holy joy will satisfy your deepest desires. Saving faith is the heartfelt conviction not only that Christ is reliable, but also that He is desirable. It is the confidence that He will come through with His promises and that what He promises is more to be desired than all the world."1

The word "joy" is used 93 times in the Old Testament. It's a Hebrew word that means gladness and rejoice. The context of

Isaiah 55 is about the Israelites who were in exile in Babylon. The author used symbols like mountains and the hills – a language common in the book of Isaiah to encourage the people of God on the promises of God in bringing joy to the temple that even nature will rejoice. It is a promise that God's people will be filled with joy despite the bleak future and challenges they face in life.

Perhaps you too are facing challenges. God's desire is to fill you with His joy despite what you are going through. To rediscover God's joy, make effort to spend time in God's presence. Daily enter His gates with thanksgiving, praising Him for His incredible kindness and mercy, and celebrate how great is the love of God. God loves you more than can you imagine, for He is more than ready to pour out His joy.

"Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness. And let steadfastness have its full effect, that you may be perfect and complete, lacking in nothing" (James 1:2-4).

¹ John Piper, Desiring God: Meditations of a Christian Hedonist.

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

THE WORLD

Ukraine

Pray for the protection of Ukraine's Zaporizhzhia nuclear plant, which is Europe's largest nuclear facility; for the immediate withdrawal of military equipment and personnel and for the safety of technicians who are monitoring the condition of the nuclear plant to ensure its operation and avert any nuclear disaster.

Pakistan

Pray also for good organization of relief efforts and for swift international aid to reach 33 million people or more in Pakistan who have been affected by monsoon flooding. According to official reports, more than one thousand people have died since June when the seasonal rains began and nearly a million homes have been destroyed or badly damaged.

SINGAPORE

In June this year, our Deputy Prime Minister Lawrence Wong launched "Forward Singapore", a year-long exercise that will "review and refresh Singapore's social compact". Pray for him and the

4G leadership as they "partner" different segments of our society to explore how we can ensure greater opportunities for all, provide better care for Singaporeans, steward shared resources and foster a greater sense of ownership and responsibility towards shaping the future of Singapore.

DIOCESE

All Saints Church

Pray for participants of the Alpha course to encounter God and to receive salvation in Christ. Pray for baptism candidates to build a strong faith foundation as they prepare for their baptism at the end of this month. Pray also for God's provision of a suitable staff for the pastoral ministry.

CATHEDRAL

Church Leadership

Pray for the church leadership as they seek God and discern His plans for the Cathedral. Pray for divine wisdom, courage and boldness to lay hold of what God has purposed for us. Pray for strong support from the laity, that the church will move together as the one Body of Christ and that through us, God's Kingdom will advance in Singapore and beyond.

Cell Groups

Pray for strong cell groups which are deeply rooted and grounded in the word of God; for members' faithful commitment to Christ and for vibrant witness in their spheres of influence. Pray also for new cell group leaders to be raised and for the CGs to be a powerful engine for church growth and discipleship.

Services at the Cathedral

In English			
Sat 4.00 pm	CNS		
Sat 5.30pm	Pavilion		
Sun 7.30 am 😉	CNS		
Sun 9.30 am 😉	Pavilion		
Sun 11.30 am	CNS		
Sun 1.30 pm (Youth*)	Prayer Halls		
Sun 4.30 pm	CNS		
Wed 12.30 pm	Pavilion		
In other languages			
Sat 2.30 pm (Hokkien)	Chapel for All Peoples		
Sun 8.30 am (Tamil)	Chapel for All Peoples		
Sun 2.30 pm (Myanmar)	CNS		

- * There is no Youth service on the last Sunday of the month.
- Service will be live-streamed at cathedral.org.sg/youtube

Holy Communion services will be held as follows

Weekly	Wed 12.30pm Sun 7.30am, 8.30am (Tamil), 11.30am, 2.30pm (Myanmar)		
1st & 3rd Week	Sun 4.30pm	1st Week	Sat 2.30pm (Hokkien)
2nd & 4th Week	Sat 4pm Sun 9.30am	Last Week	Sat 5.30pm



Children Ministry (Preschool - Sec 2)

Shalom Friends *

Sat - 2.30pm ▶ Prayer Halls

CITYKids

Sat - 4.00pm ▶ Prayer Halls

Faithkids 1

Sun - 10.30am ▶ Online

Faithkids 2

Sun - 11.15am ▶ Prayer Halls

* Shalom Friends reaches out to children with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Due to the nature of the ministry, Shalom Friends will cater for children and youths from 6 to 16 years old.

To find out more, visit <u>cathedral.org.sg/nextgen</u> or contact <u>nextgen@cathedral.org.sg</u>

Wednesday 12.30pm Holy Communion Service at the Pavilion

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Prayer is seeking God in our hearts.
How do God's people in the Old Testament seek him in their hearts in the different circumstances of their lives?

AUG 3 Prayer of Jonah

AUG 24 Prayer of Nehemiah

10 Prayer of Hezekiah

31 Prayer of Solomon

17 Prayer of Moses

Sep 7 Prayer of Daniel

2022 FOCUS A DEEPER LIFE IN CHRIST

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Unity and Maturity in the Body of Christ

Sep 3 & 4

The Church: Made One in Christ Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew

Sep 10 & 11

The Mystery of the Gospel Revealed

Ds Ti Lian Swan

Sep 17 & 18

Strengthened with Power through the Spirit
Revd Joshua Raj

Sep 24 & 25

The Church: Unity in the Body of Christ

Revd Christopher Chan

Oct 1 & 2

A New Way of Life
Revd Daniel Lim

Oct 8 & 9

Love One Another: Members of One Body Revd Moses Israeli

Oct 15 & 16

Walk in Love as Children of Light Revd Christopher Chan

Oct 22 &23

Love One Another: Wives and Husbands
Revd Canon Dr Lewis Lew

Oct 29 & 30

Love One Another: Children and Parents Mr Jason Wong

Follow our weekly reflection questions at: cathedral.org.sg/ss





ONLINE - 2022 Term 4

Old Testament

The Writings 2

9 Lessons, every Thursday 15 Sept to 10 Nov 7:30pm to 9:00pm

Instructors

Revd. Steven Seah Mr. David Ng Mrs. Pat Aw Ms. Veronica Wong

Books covered

Ruth Esther Daniel Ezra - Nehemiah Song of Solomon Lamentations 1 & 2 Chronicles

Exam Date - 19 Nov

New Testament

The Book of Revelation

12 Lessons, every Thursday 15 Sept to 8 Dec* 7:30pm to 9:00pm * 1 week break on 27 Oct

Instructor

Ps. Stanley Tay

Synopsis

The Book of Revelation has both terrified and fascinated Christians throughout church history. Revelation is a powerful letter which reiterates that Christ has already won. As such, it is an important discipleship manual that challenges every generation of God's people to remain faithful until the return of the King.

Exam Date - 17 Dec



Register Now!

Click or scan the QR codes to sign up for one of the modules!

Course fees: \$10.00 | Exam fees: \$5.00

Payable on registration, via bank transfer or crossed cheque.

Registration closes on 21 Sept 2022

Exam is optional. For more information on DCBS, please visit this link:

https://sph.org.sg/school-of-biblical-studies/
For other enquiries, write to dcbs.sph@gmail.com





9-11 Sep 2022 (Fri-Sun)

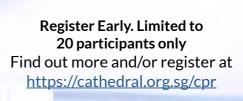
via Zoom



Retreat Fee: \$20

Spiritual Directors:

Ps Simon and Rinda Tan



DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES

Doctrine of God the Holy Spirit: The Person and Work of the Holy Spirit

Teaching Team: Revd Gary Chng, Revd Canon Terry Wong,
Ps Gabriel Justin Tan, Revd Daniel Teo, Revd William Chee &
Mdm Tie Siew Ngo

Dates: 20th Sept - 8th Nov 2022 (8 Tuesdays)

Time: 7.30 - 9.30 pm Cost: \$20.00 Via Zoom

To register: https://tinyurl.com/2p93us4x

Enquiries: Ms Lucilla Teoh lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com





In a renewed church-wide effort to care for the Cathedral members, we are pleased to announce the launch of the Member Care ministry from 1 Jan 2022.

OUR VISION

Every person salved, secure and significant in Christ, living the abundant life, for the glory of God!

OUR MISSION

To journey with people toward wholeness, by offering the gift of our presence, a listening ear, a compassionate heart; to pray with, give encouragement and practical help for the way ahead, with reliance on God and the help of His Holy Spirit.

Our Care Teams are organised as follow:

- Care for the Elderly
- Care for the Young (the teens to 20s)
- Care for Married Couples and Families
- Care for Divorcees and Separated (Renewing Streams Ministry)
- Care for the Sick
- Care for the Bereaved
- Care for all Others (who do not fall into the above categories)

If you are facing challenges and would like the ministry to reach out to you, do contact us at membercare@cathedral.org.sg or call 6337 6104. To find out more about the ministry or volunteer

with us, please visit https://cathedral.org.sg/care



We continue to praise and thank God for the consistent number of workers on the site. Most of the workers are now deployed externally. The plaster removal at the North side is nearing completion. We can expect similar works to continue on the South side next week. Bricks surface preparations have commenced at the East and North

sides, where the plaster has been removed. The consultants will carry out inspections to these areas before giving the go ahead for plastering works to proceed.

We seek prayers for the availability of all materials needed for the ongoing works and that any "hold ups" that are causing the delay in the delivery will be resolved at the soonest possible time.

The external scaffolding at the South side is now connected to the East side. We now have scaffolds all around the Main building, except for the bell tower. The erection of the scaffold at the bell tower will commence this week and is expected to take two full months to complete. More scaffolding works will also take place at the internal of the main building (Nave area) as well as extending upwards the existing external scaffolds to wrap around the spires at the transepts. This will take place in September.





Top: Scaffold from South side reaching East side Left: Removal of wall plaster at West Porch Right: Bricks surface preparation works

Works inside the Nave have been slow as the workers are presently deployed externally. They are redeployed to carry out internal works only during wet weather. Removal of plaster at the columns at West Porch are near completion. Biocide treatment as well as salt treatment will take place at these areas within the week.

Please continue to pray for God's favour over the restoration – for skilled workers to be available, a safe and peaceful environment for the work to continue, minimal disruptions and distractions from internal and external sources, and wisdom and practical abilities for the project teams to give of their best to this work. "Unless the LORD builds the house, the builders labour in vain" applies very much to the restoration of the Cathedral Nave.

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with the Cathedral



For children, youth and young adults

Find out about our Sunday School, Youth and Young Adult ministries:



cathedral.org.sg/nextgen



Cell Group

Being part of a cell group allows us to grow in our Christian faith as we share our lives with each other. Join one at:



cathedral.org.sg/cell-groups



NAVE RESTORATION PROJECT

Visit the web page for updates or drop us an email to find out more:



m cathedral.org.sg/restoration





Member Contact Details

Update your contact details held in the SAC records at:



cathedral.org.sg/membership





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The following pastoral positions are open for application:

- Children Ministry Pastoral Staff/Worker
- Worship Ministry Pastoral Staff
- Youth Ministry Pastoral Staff/Pastor

Find out more at



CAR PARK

Members who wish to park at the SAC car park with member rates must submit their application at: https://cathedral.org.sg/carpark For enquiries, please email carpark@cathedral.org.sg



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CYCLE OF PRAYER 2022



DIOCESAN DIGEST July 2022 https://anglican.org.sg/diocesan-digest/



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GIVE tithes and offerings



2 WAYS TO GIVE



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Receipts will not be issued for online givings.

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Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

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

If you would like a receipt, please also write your name and mailing address.

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

FOR TITHES AND OFFERINGS.

Tithes & Offerings: Your tithes and offerings will be used to support the ministries of the Church as well as the wider body of Christ in the world. Your givings enable the Church to carry out our mission according to the Church's budget plan, as well as to respond to the needs around us.

Designated Givings: As Cathedral is required to comply with applicable laws and regulations, including those governing charities, the Church can accept designated givings only for such mission partners and/or causes as the Church may determine at its discretion from time to time. Givings to other mission partners or causes will be treated as general offerings to support the ministries of the Church. Please email finance@cathedral.org.sg for clarification on designated mission partners and causes.

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Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-019550-8

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