

Congregational Worship Service

#### 11 OCTOBER 2020

## COLLECT FOR EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

#### **LECTIONARY READINGS**

Exodus 32:1-14 Philippians 4:1-9 Matthew 22:1-14

## CHURCH ONLINE

We invite you and your family to worship the Lord with us online. **Join us by clicking on these links:** 

English Service (every Sunday from 7am)

**Mandarin Online Service** 



Vicar General and Archdeacon of Singapore The Rt Revd Low Jee King
Acting Dean Revd Canon Dr Titus Chung Vicar Revd Canon Terry Wong
Clergy Revd Canon Rinji Kwashi, Revd Bertram Cheong, Revd Joshua Raj,
Revd Hambali Leonardi, Revd Calvin Wee, Revd Moses Israeli
Auxiliary Clergy Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay, Revd Soon Soo Kee, Revd Christopher Tan, Revd Freddy Lim
Deaconesses Ds Bessie Lee, Ds June Tan, Ds Grace Tan, Ds Ti Lian Swan

### THE VICAR WRITES

## The Essence of Things

For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking but of righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. Romans 14:17

We are running our first baptism Service for the year this weekend. Congratulations to those who followed the Lord in baptism and welcome to the church family. Under present circumstances, we could not practise immersion but we do have permission for the pouring of water instead. Pouring of water, along with sprinkling are accepted modes of baptism which have deep historical roots in the life of the church. It is not difficult to imagine why there was a range of practices given the weather, healthhygiene issues and simply the non-

availability of pools or streams in some areas. Health issues have of course influenced the way we do baptism this weekend.

What is important is that it is done in the name of Christ (see Acts 19:3-5) and in the context of a local church community (see Acts 9:10-19). The essence or meaning of baptism needs to be captured and this matters most. We are all creatures of habit and often we are more attached to the forms than the essence of Christian practices.

Forms will always change faster than essence. If we learn to hold on



to the latter rather than the former. we will often cope better with the changes. I was asked recently to share honestly how I feel about being posted to the parish which is less than 10% of the current one I am in. I reminded this person that I have pastored smaller parishes before, the smallest being Jurong Christian Centre in the early 90's. The key with adjustment is about focusing on the essence of ministry. These are essentially the same wherever a clergy finds himself in. People are pastored "one person at a time." And whether you are preaching to five hundred or fifty, a sermon is still a sermon. It requires the same effort in prayerful and careful preparation.

Undoubtedly, we are living in a season of radical changes. We are still unsure what shape the ministry of the church will take post-Covid19. Some of our regular Service times will change along with the length of some Services. Will we be able to serve Communion the same away? Drinking from the cup was almost negated by SARS. Will Covid19 sound the death knell for the intinction method?

Whether it is immersion, pouring or sprinkling and whether it is drinking, intinction or self-administering, forms will continue to evolve or change.

So, let's learn to focus on the essence of our faith and practices.

# The Lord Is With Us

### PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS

#### THE WORLD

#### Uganda

In recent months, there have been multiple deaths in Uganda's capital Kampala, due to blood shortages. Among those in need of frequent blood transfusions are women with pregnancy complications, children and patients going into surgery. The pandemic has led to a decline in the number of blood donors in Uganda and even in parts of Europe such as Romania where patients in urgent need of blood, have had to bring their own donors in order to survive. Pray that there will be no fear of infection among regular blood donors and they will continue to donate blood to help those in urgent need; that more people will respond to the urgent call to meet the shortages especially in needy countries so that lives may be saved.

#### **SINGAPORE**

Pray for DPM Heng Swee Keat and his team from the Ministry of Finance to be divinely guided as they deliberate on how to reallocate funds in light of Singapore's weaker revenue position and the rise in expenditure as the government continues to provide support for residents and businesses. Pray for wisdom to invest in national priorities which will help develop our economy and society, without "squandering" the reserves past generations have built up. Pray also for creative ways to fund Singapore's growth, sustainably, that generations to come can have a better future.

#### DIOCESE

#### **Bp Designate Canon Dr. Titus Chung**

Pray for our Bp Designate Canon Dr Titus Chung, his wife Connie and their two sons Theodore and Thaddeus as they continue to prepare themselves for their new roles and responsibilities leading up to Bp Designate's installation and enthronement as the tenth Bishop of our Diocese. Pray also for Bp Designate Titus as he waits upon the Lord for the future direction of the Diocese, with the strong support of a united clergy and laity.

#### **Church of Our Saviour**

Pray for the smooth resumption of the English Services in Church of Our Saviour and for those who need the onsite Services more to be given priority. Pray also for doors to be opened so that missionaries can return to the countries they had been serving.

#### **Church of the True Light**

Pray for unity in the Spirit and zeal for the Lord, among the multi-ethnic congregations in the church; for the absence of physical church Services to create greater hunger for the things of God and for a greater desire to connect with the church community through small group in person meetings or via online platforms. Pray also for church members to bring the living hope of Christ to others and for boldness to share the Gospel.

#### **CATHEDRAL**

#### Church at Home (Online Holy Communion Service on 25 Oct, 10.30 am)

Pray for good organisation of the Cathedral's first online Holy Communion Service on 25 October; that members will take the initiative to organise themselves into small groups within the permitted number, and include those who are not able to attend our onsite Services due to age or mobility issues. Pray that members will have a meaningful time of connecting with one another in the celebration of Holy Communion.

## The Parenting Children Course (24, 31 Oct; 7,14,21,28 Nov; 5, 12 Dec 2020)

Pray that the Lord will create a strong desire in parents to learn and strengthen their parenting skills; for the Family Life core team to be divinely led as they prepare and equip the small group hosts to facilitate and support the course participants; for the time set aside by participants & small group hosts to be guarded so that they can participate fully in every session and for every parent who attends the course to catch the vision and calling to be godly parents to their children.

## All are welcome to worship in the Nave CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP

#### WEEKLY HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES

The Services on Saturdays and Sundays will be conducted for up to 100 worshippers.

Services held on the weekdays will be for up to 50 worshippers.

Each Service will be for about an hour. Worshippers may attend individually or in groups of not more than 5 each.

| Sat | :<br>: | 11.30am<br>4.30pm | in Mandarin<br>in English |
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| Sun | :      | 7.30am            | in English                |
|     | :      | 9.30am            | in Mandarin               |
|     | :      | 11.30am           | in English                |
|     | :      | 2.30pm            | in Mandarin               |
|     | :      | 4.30pm            | in English                |
| Wed | :      | 12.30pm           | in English                |
| Thu | •      | 12.30pm           | in English                |

#### **ADMISSION**

Please book your preferred date and time of Service; only worshippers who book may be admitted into the Services.

Worshippers can do this online at <u>cathedral.org.sg/cws</u> or phone 63376104. Bookings open at 1pm, a week before the day of the Service (eg. booking for a Sunday Service on 30 August will be open at 1pm on Sunday,23 August), and close at 1pm a day before the Service. For Services in Mandarin please call 63392435. Walkins will not be allowed entry.

### PEDESTRIAN AND VEHICULAR ENTRY & EXIT

If you are coming to the Cathedral on foot, use the MRT Gate (the pedestrian gate next to the Cathedral Café) for entry and exit.

#### If you are driving,

enter by the SRC Gate (the vehicular gate facing the Singapore Recreation Centre) and exit by the Padang Gate. Worshippers may park their vehicles in the allocated parking space.

## Please arrive early, but not earlier than 30 minutes before the start of a Service.

Worshippers (and their vehicles) must leave the church premises not later than 30 minutes after the Service ends.

#### For weekday Services,

worshippers will enter the Nave by the North Transept Door and exit by the 2 doors leading to the North and South Transepts.

#### For weekend Services,

the first 50 worshippers will enter by the North Transept Door and be seated in the Upper Nave (pews in the front of the Nave). They will exit by the 2 doors leading into the North and South Transepts. The other 50 worshippers will enter by the West Door and be seated in the Lower Nave (pews at the back of the Nave). They will exit by the same door.

#### SAFE ENTRY

- 2 Safe Entry stations are located at the MRT Gate and the Tent next to the Nave. Proceed to either one and ...
- 1) Present your **e-ticket**. Your attendance will be time-stamped.
- 2) Have your **temperature taken**. If it is 37.5 degrees C or lower,
- 3) Check-in using **Safe Entry** QR Code, Singpass or NRIC/FIN.

### COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES\*: Masks

must be worn at all times, except when communicants are partaking of the bread and wine.

#### Mingling

Worshippers are reminded not to mingle before and after each Service, and to leave the church premises promptly after the end of the Service. The gates will be closed 30 minutes after the end of each Service.

#### Seniors (70 years and older)

are not yet encouraged to come to church to attend Services. They are advised to join in the Cathedral's weekly on-line Services. They can also contact the pastoral team of their Services to request for Holy Communion to be administered to them at home.

#### **PRIVATE WORSHIP**

#### DAILY, FROM 10AM TO 4PM

Except on Mondays, Saturdays and Sundays, worshippers may enter the Nave for personal prayer, individually or in groups of not more than 5 each.

#### **BOOKING A PRAYER SESSION**

Each session is for 30 minutes, starting on the hour. Please phone 63376014 to book an appointment. Subject to availability, walk-ins may be permitted.

#### **ENTRY INTO THE CATHEDRAL**

All will enter the Cathedral premises by the MRT Gate (next to the Welcome Centre / Café). There will be no entry to vehicles; drivers are advised to park their cars in the carparks outside the church.

## COVID-19 PRECAUTIONARY MEASURES\*:

The advisory for Congregational Worship applies.

If you need prayer or someone to talk to, please phone

The Listening Room at 83879914

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THE CATHEDRAL IS CLOSED ON MONDAYS





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#### THE REVD CANON DR TITUS CHUNG

AS THE 10TH BISHOP OF SINGAPORE

4PM, SUNDAY 18 OCTOBER 2020 ST. ANDREW'S CATHEDRAL



THE SERVICE WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED AT bit.ly/DOS-18Oct

We warmly invite you to gather as the Body of Christ to witness this sacred and momentous occasion.



In the midst of the Covid-19 pandemic, how should we live our lives well? What guidance can we have from the Bible for these present times? This sermon series will explore issues raised in the later chapters of the Book of Romans and St Paul's Letter

# lving Right

11 October
Whatever is True, Whatever is Honourable
Phil 4:1-9



## Join us

to the Philippians.

for a chat with the Vicar and your Service pastors.



## SUNDAY 7 am Service

6.15 - 6.45am Pre-Service Prayer 8.20am to 9.30am Zoom Meeting To Join, click HERE

8 am & 11.15 am Services 10.30am to 11.15am To Join, click HERE

9 am Service 9.00am to 10.30am
To Join, click HERE

#### **THANKSGIVING**

We thank God for the life of Daniel Tan Teng Yong who went home to be with the Lord on 6 October 2020.



Gather in groups
(within the permitted number)
in homes to celebrate
holy communion
together.
(Heb. 10:24-25).

Online Holy Communion Service

25 October, 10.30 am



#### **BAPTISM**

Please pray for these brothers and sisters who will be baptised on Sat, 10 Oct 2020 at the 4.30pm Service.

Cai Zhonghan Chablani Sameer Ashok Chan Sye Gek Audrey Chan Lon Hoe Christopher Cheong Lin See Rosalind Chng Lixian Rebecca Chua Yi Da Dib Ilhem Gobinath Chanelle Goh Chor Lim Kartoyono Anita Koh Jeannie Elizabeth Koh Boon Yi Joyian Koh Cheng Hwee Kwek Lay Yong Lynn Lau Lut Ching Leong Wonn Woei Lim Peiving Lim Mei Sian Diana Lim Ai Qi Grace Lim Thiam Poh Alan Lin Zhixin Emma Rose Linn Justin Low Sze May Leona Matthew Ng Wan Ting Sherleen Ng Weihan Benjamin Ong Jin Teong Pillay Charlene Poh Shi Yang Sean Quek Zi Qian Christian Elliot Sim Zhao Hui Polly

Tan Boon Swan

Tay Guek Lay Aileen

Yap Wei Tat Anthony

Tay Florence

Tay Guek Ng Teoh Hui Huang

Wang Khai Yau

Wong Kee Kah

## SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022



This Project aims to repair and restore various parts of the Cathedral's historic building have succumbed environmental wear and The Restoration tear. Works will involve re-plastering and 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 6 October 2020:

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: \$1.37m

Balance to be raised: \$1.25m



#### FOR TITHES AND GENERAL OFFERINGS

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

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)

• 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

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 <a href="mailto:finance@cathedral.org.sg">finance@cathedral.org.sg</a> if you require clarification.

Receipts will not be issued for on-line givings.

#### **CHEQUES**

• Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

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

#### For specific donations

• Pay to: "St Andrew's Cathedral"

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

For more information, please visit <a href="mailto:cathedral.org.sg/giving">cathedral.org.sg/giving</a>

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