the making of DEACONESSES







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SUNDAY 26 JULY 2020, 5PM

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26 JULY 2020

COLLECT FOR SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; 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

Genesis 29:15-28 Romans 8:26-39

Matthew 13: 31-33, 44-52

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



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BECOMING A Christian

God created the world and made us to be in loving relationship with him. Though created good, human nature became fatally flawed, and we are now all out of step with God. In Bible language, we are sinners, guilty before God and separated from him.

The good news of the Gospel is that God the Father sent his eternal Son into this world to reconcile us to himself, to free us to love and serve him, and to prepare us to share his glory in the life to come.

Jesus enables us by his Holy Spirit to turn wholeheartedly from our sinful and self-centred ways (repentance), and to entrust ourselves to him to live in union and communion with him (faith). In spiritual terms, sin is the way of death, and fellowship with Christ is the way of life.

Turning to Christ brings us into fellowship with God. Baptism, which is the rite of entry into the Church's fellowship, marks the beginning of this new life in Christ. The apostle Peter, proclaiming the Gospel, said, "Repent and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit" (Acts 2:38).

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faith, Through repentance, Baptism we are spiritually united to Jesus and become children of God the Father. Jesus said: "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me" (John 14:6). As we come to the Father through Jesus Christ, God the Holy Spirit enlightens our minds and hearts to know him, and we are born again spiritually to new life. To continue to live faithfully as Christians, we must rely upon the power and gifts which the Holy Spirit gives to God's people.

A clear way to make this commitment of faith and repentance is to offer to God a prayer in which you

- confess your sins to God, being as specific as possible, and repent by turning from them;
- thank God for his mercy and forgiveness given to you in Jesus Christ;
- promise to follow and obey Jesus as your Lord;
- ask the Holy Spirit to help you be faithful to Jesus as you grow into spiritual maturity.

TURNING TO CHRIST BRINGS US INTO FELLOWSHIP WITH GOD.

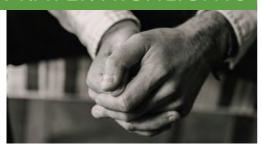
One example of such a prayer is the following:

Almighty Father, I confess that I have sinned against you in my thoughts, words, and actions (especially _______). I am truly sorry and humbly repent. Thank you for forgiving my sins through the death of your Son, Jesus. I turn to you and give you my life. Fill and strengthen me with your Holy Spirit to love you, to follow Jesus as my Lord in the fellowship of his Church, and to become more like him each day. **Amen.**

If you have prayed this prayer and you would like to be a Christian, please contact one of our Cathedral staff (tel: 63376104, info@cathedral.org.sg). We also run the Alpha Course which is suited for those seeking to know more about the Christian faith.

This article is compiled from official Anglican resources, and helps seekers to find out more about the Christian faith.

PRAYER HIGHLIGHTS



THE WORLD

Floods in China, India, Nepal & Bangladesh Weeks of torrential rain in southern China have caused landslides, floods and mudslides. Millions of people have been left homeless and economic losses total billions of yuan. Several dams across the country's largest fresh water lake have burst and the water level of nationwide rivers is at an alarming level; some buildings have collapsed into the water. More than one hundred people are reported to have died and millions have been evacuated. In India, Nepal and Bangladesh, heavy rains have also inundated thousands of villages, killing hundreds and displacing a few million people. Pray for the Lord's merciful intervention to abate the heavy rains and disperse the flood waters. Pray for rescue workers to be speedily deployed to affected areas, for timely aid to reach the affected people and for the release of government funds to rebuild areas devastated by the floods.

SINGAPORE

Pray that the new shape of politics and political debates in the new Parliament will work well for Singapore; that political candidates elected into government will put national interest before party politics (PM Lee). Pray that Members of Parliament will continue to build on the strong foundation laid by their forebears and be divinely guided to address the many and varied concerns of the electorate, especially those of the younger generation, who have different aspirations and life experiences.

DIOCESE

Deanery of Cambodia

Pray for the Dean of Cambodia Revd Steven Seah. Home Base Coordinators Revd Martin Jungnickel and Revd Steven Chong to discern the times and the seasons, and to align the church to God's agenda. Pray that farmers will reap an abundant harvest so that there may be surpluses to feed the jobless and poor; for students to be protected against the virus as high schools reopen in Aug, for the Whitakers to be refreshed by the Lord as they take their furlough in the U.S and for their eldest daughter to settle into university life as she begins her course of study in Aug. Pray for God to bless the evangelistic and discipleship efforts in the provinces, with fruitfulness.

CATHEDRAL

Prayer & Praise (28 July, 7.14 pm)

Pray for good attendance as we launch our very first zoom Prayer & Praise meeting on 28 July, for good internet connection and technical support. Pray for a Spirit-led and Spirit filled time of communion with God in prayer; for our hearts to be rightly postured with deep longing to seek His face. Pray that through the fervent, united prayers of His saints, God our Sovereign King, will manifest His presence and bring about the desired change in our nation, our church and our lives, to align with His perfect will.

Family Life Ministry (30 July, 8 pm)

Pray for good response for the Family Life webinar 'Secrets to a Thriving Marriage' on 30 July; for married couples who attend the talk to be blessed and encouraged to take steps to strengthen their marital relationships; Pray for God's anointing on the speaker Mr. Darren Tan. Pray also for other upcoming Family Life courses, i.e. The Marriage Course and The Parenting Course, to reach out to families in the Cathedral and beyond; for divine wisdom and guidance for the Family Life core team as they carry out their mission to help Christ-centred families grow and journey together.



Join us

for a chat with the Vicar, PCC and your Service pastors.

SATURDAY 4:30pm Service "The Upper Room" 9.30am-11.00am To Join, click HERE

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







FOR CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES (CWS)

These weekly Holy Communion Services will be said for up to 50 Cathedral Worshippers.

Each Service will be for an hour and they will be held in the Nave. Worshippers may attend individually or in groups of not more than 5 each.

Sat : 11.30am in Mandarin

: 4.30pm in English

Sun: 7.30am in English

9.30am in Mandarin11.30am in English2.30pm in Mandarin

Wed: 12.30pm in English

Thu: 12.30pm in English

Fri: 10.30am in Mandarin

(wef 17 July)

In the interest of safety against Covid-19,

all worshippers (including their vehicles) are to arrive at the church premises not earlier than 30 minutes before the start of a Service, and leave the premises not later than 30 minutes after the end of a Service. Worshippers must be masked during the Services.

In this early Covid-19 Phase 2, 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.

A special Diocesan on-line Communion Service will be held on 2 August 2020 (details will be available soon).

Worshippers are encouraged to join one of these on-site Services not more than once a month.

This gives other worshippers a chance to come to church to receive Holy Communion. The online Cathedral Services will continue in Phase 2.

Admission to these Services will be by tickets only, free of charge.

Please book your CWS tickets at https://cathedral.org.sg/page/cws or by phoning 63376104. For Services in Mandarin please call 63392435. Bookings for CWS will open at 1pm a week before the Service; they will close at 1pm a day before the Service.

Eg. Bookings for the 11.30am Service on Sunday, 12 July will open at 1.00pm on Sunday 5 July. They will close at 1pm on Saturday, 11 July.

Pedestrian and Vehicular Entry / Exit: Worshippers who are entering the church grounds on foot are to do so only at the MRT Gate (the pedestrian gate next to the Welcome Centre / Café) and leave by the same Gate.

Checks for Safe Entry, Temperature and Health will be conducted after the MRT Gate.



Worshippers who are driving into the church grounds are to do so only at the SRC Gate

(the vehicular gate facing the Singapore Recreation Centre) and leave by the Padang Gate.

For these worshippers, checks for Safe Entry, Temperature and Health will be conducted at the West Door of the Cathedral.

Entry into the Cathedral Nave for all worshippers will be at the Main Door of the Church

ie the West Door. The 2 doors leading into the North and South Transepts are for exit only.

FOR PRIVATE WORSHIP (PW)

Worshippers may enter the Nave for personal prayer.

They may do this individually or in groups of not more than 5 each, and they must be masked at all times.

The Nave is available for PW from Tuesdays to Fridays, 10am to 4pm.

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

All who come for PW will enter the church premises at 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 cathedral.

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

The Listening Room

at 83879914, 10am - 6pm, daily.

The Cathedral is Closed on Mondays



2ND AUGUST '20 10.30AM DIOCESAN ONLINE COMMUNION SERVICE

LIVESTREAM [D]



UPCOMING EVENTS

26 JUL Making of Deaconesses

2 AU6 Combined Online

Breaking of Bread Service

8 AU6 Virtual Synod

Integration of ACTS

Centre as My Saviour's

Church English Congregation

6 AU6 Chapel of the Holy Spirit

40th Anniversary Service

23 AUG Ordination Service

30 AUG Thanksgiving and Handing

over of Bishop's Staff



SHARE YOR STORIES.

Bring encouragement to one another during this Covid-19 crisis. Read some of these stories <u>HERE</u>





SEASONS & SOULSCAPE II

The theme for this half of the year is SEASONS with the focus on the book of Ecclesiastes. Our life is never mundane for we travel and see different landscapes. Our soul journeys with us through different soulscapes as well. Perhaps it's time to explore your soulscape through different seasons. Meditation materials will be emailed to you and you are free to use your own materials.

To register, click on link: https://forms.gle/E8KYqRrfLpZ1PutC6
Enquiries email: priscillachua@cathedral.org.sg

9am - 12.30pm

coach and facilitator with Focus on the Family, a certified leader of the "7 Principles of Making Marriage Work" from The US Gottman Institute, and a Family Life Ambassador and a licensed marriage solemnizer with MSF, amongst other qualifications.



SAC RESTORATION WORKS PROJECT, 2020-2022



Project aims to This repair and restore various parts of the Cathedral's historic building succumbed have 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 7 July 2020:

From English Congregation: \$1.2m

From Mandarin Congregation: \$1.2m

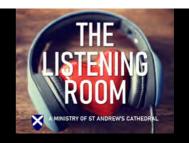
Grant from Preservation of

Sites & Monuments Board: \$0.98m

Donations pledged/received

from SAC members/friends: \$1.34m

Balance to be raised: \$1.28m



No matter what you are going through, you are not alone.

If you need a listening ear or prayer, call us at the **Listening Room: 83879914**. It is a safe space where trained volunteers will be here to listen and pray with you.

Operating hours: 10am-6pm, daily.

POSTPONEMENT OF BAPTISM CLASSES AND SERVICE

In view of the uncertainties of the pandemic, the Baptism Classes scheduled for 19 & 26 July and 2 & 16 August has been postponed together with the Baptism Service which was to be held on 22 August.

The new dates are as follows:

BAPTISM CLASSES

13, 20, 27 September and

4 October

BAPTISM SERVICE

10 and/or 11 October 2020

(all dates are subject to prevailing conditions and advisories from the relevant authorities)





BEFRIENDING MIGRANT WORKERS

Relief Work

In this Covid-19 pandemic, members the Cathedral have gone out of their way to bring tangible relief to others in their difficulty.

At the start of the Circuit Breaker period, the Cathedral partnered Crisis Relief Alliance(CRA), to alleviate the situation in a number of the 110 factory-converted dormitories where migrant workers (mainly Indian and Bangladeshi) were being attended to by the CRA medical teams. With the financial support raised from members, we were able to provide each worker with a whole-fruits pack and snacks/ care pack each week. Volunteers applied precautionary measures and delivered these supplies to an average of 7,400 workers in up to 64 dormitories, weekly.

In post- Circuit Breaker Phase 2, we adjusted our support so that whole-fruits packs were supplied weekly, to workers who were not yet able to leave their dormitories for work. This week (starting 26 July), we will be completing

this relief work of providing supplies to the dormitories. The estimated cost of this project was \$200,000 and the actual cost for this work for 15 weeks amounts to \$215.000.

All contributions collected through the SAC-CRA Covid-19 Relief fund have been fully disbursed. This special account will soon be closed. We would like to thank all who contributed their funds and shared their efforts in making this relief work possible.

While the work of providing relief supplies is now completed, medical support and counselling for the migrant workers is still carried out by the CRA teams. In addition, the Cathedral's BMW (Befriending Migrant Workers) Ministry continues to conduct online English Tuition for the workers in their dormitories

If you are interested to participate in the Cathedral's other works to reach the poor and needy in our community, please visit <u>cathedral.org.</u> <u>sg/neighbour.</u>



FOR TITHES AND GENERAL OFFERINGS

Internet Banking

Account Name: St Andrew's Cathedral

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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

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Account Number: DBS Autosave 033-903411-8

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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 finance@cathedral.org.sg 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 cathedral.org.sg/giving

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