

2020 Year Theme:
Be Strong and Courageous! Joshua 1:9

Worship Theme:
An Extravagant Generous Christian Community
Today's scripture texts: Acts 4:32-35; John 20:19-31; 28-35; Psalm 133:1-3

Christ is Risen! The gospel of John records. But the supporting texts highlight a feature of the resurrection that can easily be missed – the way Christ's resurrection brings us into a unified, loving Christian community in which we share joy and abundant life together.

This week's passage provides an opportunity to explore a well-rounded, mature view of bold, Christian ministry.

In the book of Acts reading, the early church is described as a caring, loving and serving Christian community in which all things were held in common and no one had need. In the Gospel, the first appearance of Jesus includes both the sending of the disciples as Jesus was sent to welcome, forgive and heal – proclaiming God's Reign – and the call to be people of forgiveness, which of course, is a key aspect to settlement or resolution in a unified community. And, the famous Psalm 133 responds and celebrates the joy and life that is found in a united community.

Questions to Wrestle With

1. What demands of Christians does biblical stewardship make?
2. Do the demands of biblical stewardship conflict with our personal beliefs of private ownership?
3. To what extent may God lay claim on our personal possessions? How do we recognize when God is making such claims? (Must we hear the voice of God first? Should people, particularly people we know through Christian fellowship, rightly expect their local church to assist them when they are in need?)
4. From the text, how did the first-century believers regard their possessions in light of their understanding of the gospel?
5. How might you raise the congregation's awareness of opportunities to assist the needy? Are there ways to provide multiple levels of response from low to high commitment to get more people involved with helping others?

May we find life in our connection with each other, with the world, and with God as we worship this week.

EVENTS

Online Bible Class & Worship
10 May

9.30 am Bible Class
The Parable of the Mustard Seed
Lee Hock

11.00 am Worship
An Extravagant Generous Christian Community
Terry Wan

Wed Online Bible Class
13 May

7.30 pm
Study on the book of Daniel
Lim Lian Chye

Zoom Prayer Warriors

Every 2nd & 4th Tue
Lim Lian Chye

5 Jul Youth for Christ (Youth Day)



Use this QR code to access
Online Worship



CIRCUIT BREAKER TO MINIMISE FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19

The Circuit Breaker measures have been in place since 7 April 2020 and will be extended by another 4 weeks until June 1 (inclusive).

YOU can join us in worship by going to www.ppcoc.org and click on our **Online Worship under Resources tab or Quick Links. You can also check the **Donate** tab on how to make bank transfers to the church for tithes and offerings.**

During this Circuit Breaker period, we have missed the chance to gather together and enjoy our Christian fellowship. Even so, one of our weekly practices reminds me that we are still one united family of Christ – the Lord’s Supper. We still eat one bread and drink from one cup, and the spirit of Jesus Christ binds us together in one body.

My family has started baking unleavened bread for Sunday. It is incredibly easy and we would like to share it with you. This could even be a simple family activity to bring everybody together and prepare for Communion as a community.

You will need only 4 ingredients: (1) Plain flour, (2) Olive oil/Butter (either one is fine), (3) Water and (4) a pinch of Salt (optional but I find that it makes the bread tastier). You can bake it with a toaster oven, a conventional oven, a microwave oven or even do it over a non-stick frying pan but for the purposes of this sharing, I will be using a small toaster oven. Do note that the time taken for the bread to be done differs depending on which type of appliance you use so feel free to experiment and be creative! Just remember not to use any ingredients with leavening agents such as yeast, baking powder, baking soda or self-raising flour.

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons plain flour
- 1 tablespoon oil
- 2 teaspoons water
- A pinch of salt



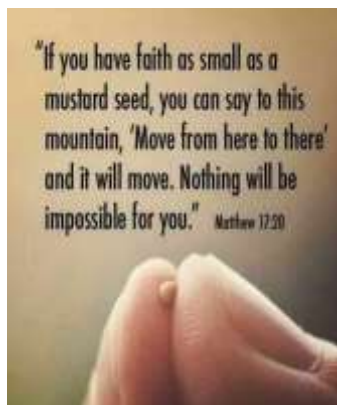
Directions:

1. In a bowl, mix the plain flour and salt well before adding oil and water.
2. Knead to form a soft dough. The dough should be kneaded until it does not stick to the mixing bowl and has a consistent pale yellow colour.
3. Preheat the oven to 160 degrees C.
4. Roll out the dough on a flat surface.
5. Cut the dough into squares, triangles, circles or whatever shape you like to bite-size pieces.
6. Place the cut dough onto a baking tray lined with baking paper. Use a small fork to prick the cut dough.
7. Put the baking tray into the preheated oven and cook for about 10 minutes or until slightly brown and crispy. (** If you have no oven, you can use a non-stick frying pan to cook the pieces like roti prata.)
8. Once baked, remove from the oven and allow the unleavened bread to cool before serving.
9. You can keep it for 1-2 weeks in an air-tight container.



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Lee Hock:

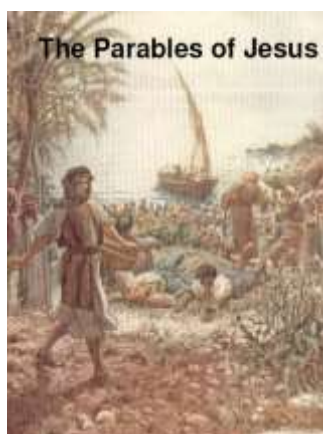
For this Sunday's 9.30am Bible class, I will be sharing on the Parable of the Mustard Seed.

A mustard seed is very tiny, it could look in a mirror and say "I'm just a tiny seed, I can't do much. So why even try to be anything more. I'm content to just be the seed that God made me."

This belief could not allow the seed to be planted, to germinate, to reach, stretch and become something bigger.

But with enough faith in God, this little seed can grow to be a beautiful plant that will produce more seeds and will continue on for generations, fulfilling the destiny of God's plan.

If we are this seed, God can take those of us with enough faith to allow ourselves to develop in ways God has intended, and make us into a beautiful field of blessings to all around us. Don't we deserve to give God the chance to do something wonderful with us? Faith is the seed to growth and development. In God we trust.



The Parables of Jesus

The parables of Jesus are among the most beloved of all stories in the Bible, or ever told.

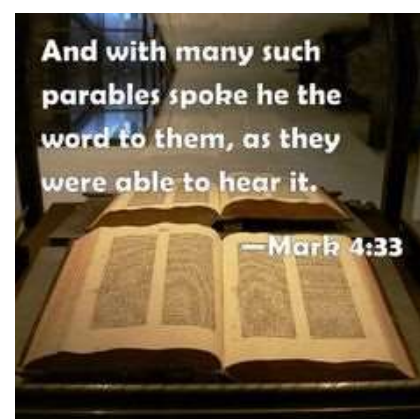
Unique in approach, these simple and colorful stories were effective, because they played to the everyday experiences of people, with poignant endings that brought the message home powerfully.

Jesus' parables were often surprising and paradoxical. Someone once said that listening to Jesus tell a parable must have been a little like watching someone throw a ball into the air. Instead of reaching its apex and returning directly to earth, this particular ball starts back down and then veers off at a right angle. We watch astonished, and search for answers.

Today, a detailed study of the parables can benefit us as well, as we search for our own answers. However, there is much more than can be covered in this 2nd quarter. There are over 40 parables and parabolic sayings covered in this outline, and that is not exhaustive.

We encourage all members to attend the Online Sunday 9.30am bible class to study the parables in depth on their own time at home during the Covid-19 CB.

This is simply a study tool – let God's word be your guide.



Tim Loy Hwee Sieu is warded in NTF W12 B21. Visitors are not allowed because of circuit breaker. Uphold him in prayer for God's favours and healing.

Give a Little – Help a Lot (Food Aid for India & Philippines)

The COVID-19 pandemic has hit some countries harder than the others, particularly in the villages or remote areas of the poorer countries.

Recently, PP leaders have received requests for funds to buy food from our brethren in India and the Philippines.

The leaders have decided to send some money to help out and want to give the opportunity to members who would also like to contribute.

It doesn't take much from each of us but collectively we can help feed hundreds of families for several weeks.

Please send your contribution by 13 May to bro. Peter Lim through PayLah or PayNow (HP No.: 92745457) and indicate "Food Aid" in the remarks section.

All contributions will be counter checked by the church treasurer and sent to the respective brethren in India and Philippines to distribute to the villages in need.



Nuggets of Wisdom by Lee Hock

The Bible has many stories of disrupted plans. On his 2nd missionary journey, Paul wanted to bring the gospel into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus stopped him (Acts 16:6-7).

This was mystifying: Why did Jesus disrupt plans that were in line with a God-given mission?

The answer came in a dream one night: Macedonia needed him even more. There, Paul would plant the 1st church in Europe.

Solomon also observed, "Many are the plans in a person's heart, but it is the Lord's purpose that prevails" (Proverbs 19:21). It's sensible to make plans.

A well-known adage goes, "Fail to plan, & you plan to fail." But God may disrupt our plans with His own.

Our challenge is to listen & obey, knowing we can trust God. *If we submit to God's will, we'll find ourselves fitting into His purpose for our lives. Peace, joy & confidence will be the fruits of obedience.



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- Please address the cheque to "Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang"
- Please write the following at the back of the cheque
 - Account number you wish to give to
 - Your name, contact number and address
- Please deposit your cheques at POSB or DBS branches. Please do not mail the cheques to the church office as our staff are working from home.

(B) Donate via BANK TRANSFER

ACCOUNT NUMBERS

1. General Fund bank account number: 063-001497-4
 - No further action is required
2. Mission Fund bank account number: 063-001495-8
 - Please inform Sis Annie (receipt given)
3. Building Fund bank account number: 063-007311-3
 - Please inform Pledge/BF Committee (Peter, Jim or Grace) (receipt given)

(C) Donate via PayNow (QRCode)

1. Scan the QR code using your mobile banking app
2. Verify that it shows: Church of Christ PPG, S765S0008AGFD
3. Indicate your name in the "Reference No." (optional)
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