



CHURCH of CHRIST
— PASIR PANJANG —



5 July 2020

2020 Theme: Be Strong and Courageous! Joshua 1:9
Worship Theme: God Proposes to Israel- On Eagle's Wing
Today's scripture texts: Ex 19:2-8a; Rom 5:1-8; Ps 116:1-2, 12-19

This Sunday, we start the book of Exodus, beginning at Exodus 19. We start here as thus begins one of the overarching themes of Exodus: The Rebellion of the Israelites (Chps. 15 - 19). As you may recall, Chapters 1-15 discussed the The Israelites' Redemption from slavery, Chapters 20-40 God's Revelation as God gave Moses the Ten Commandments at Mount Sinai.

After the miraculous deliverance from Egypt (Chps. 1-15) and several months of making their way through the desert wilderness (Chps. 16-18) the Israelites arrived at Mount Sinai and were camped at the foot of the mountain (Chp 19:1-2).

Today's text consists of a word from God in a narrative framework (19:2-3; 7-8). A central part of the text is vv 4-6, where God recaps what He has done for His people with a metaphor: "How I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to Myself".

This metaphor indicates an expected response of God's people, especially with regard to obedience in keeping to the Covenant. How the obedience to that Covenant should look is outlined in the Ten Commandments (Chp 20). This word from God includes a promise that these people will be the LORD's treasured possession (v 8).

Finally, the people addressed are identified as a kingdom of priests and a holy nation. If the priest is an entire nation, then the parish is the whole world! The sense of a "Holy" Nation is one that is set apart for a purpose.

There are two key takeaways to note from this week's Scripture: The first is that the texts all speak in some way about God's election of His chosen people, as God's chosen people are His own treasured possession experiencing God's promise, God's presence, and God's love. The second is that God's invitation for us to join him is not only for our sakes. God invited the Israelites, the disciples, and all others to follow the way of Jesus for the sake of others— so they would come to know God's grace and love through those who have chosen to take up God on his invitation.

Ultimately, the clear call of this week is for us to respond to God's invitation by partnering with God in sharing the values, priorities, and purposes of God's Reign with our world. As we respond to God's choosing, we must also acknowledge that being part of His Chosen People means we are likely to endure suffering and persecution (Rom 5:1-8). Such persecution is inevitable because following Jesus' way means being out of step with the society around us; but it also means that whenever we find ourselves being misunderstood, questioned or challenged, we have an opportunity to share the message of Jesus and to demonstrate God's love and grace through our actions.

In Ps 116:12-17, the Psalmist is answers the question "What shall I render the Lord for all his benefits to me" with the answer of a thanksgiving heart. Like the Psalmist, we should respond with a thanksgiving heart when we respond to God's invitation to become part of His Chosen People.

EVENTS

Online Bible Class & Worship

5 July

9.30 am Bible Class
The Parable of the Net
Teacher: Romaine Jackson

11.00 am Worship
God Proposes to Israel - On Eagle's Wings
Preacher: Basil Chong

Wed Online Bible Class

8 July

7.30 pm
Daniel Chapter 11
Lesson 13 Antiochus IV
Teacher: Lim Lian Chye

Zoom Prayer Warriors

8.00 pm
Every 2nd & 4th Tue
Lim Lian Chye



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RESUMPTION OF IN-PERSON CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICE ON 19 JULY 2020. RELIGIOUS SERVICES OF ONLY UP TO 50 PEOPLE WILL BE ABLE TO RESUME WITH STRINGENT SAFE MEASURES IN PLACE (READ PAGES 2 AND 3).

AS SUCH, THE ONLINE WORSHIP AND BIBLE CLASSES WILL CONTINUE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

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.

Resumption of In-Person Congregational Worship Service

We are happy to announce that in-person congregational worship service will resume from **19 July 2020**. Although the worship service will be conducted with restrictions, coming together still has benefits aside from worship; for instance, giving members the opportunity to see one another physically and to conduct fellowship outside of the worship and church premises (with compliance within the 5 persons regulation). It also gives the church an opportunity to prepare for further easing of restrictions in the future. In order to comply with the limitations and requirements for the resumption of worship services and to ensure that it is conducted in a safe and organized way, please take note of the following main points:

- Up to **50 persons** are allowed for in-person congregational worship (excluding church staff and supporting workers – eg. men to serve) – please refer to procedure below on how the 50 persons will be selected.
- Only the **11.00 am worship service** will be conducted in-person. Live streaming of the worship service will continue.
- Sunday Bible class will be uploaded online from 8.00 am and the Wednesday Bible Class from 7.30 pm.
- Worshippers have to observe a 1 metre safe distance between others if they are worshipping individually. You may also worship in groups of no more than 5 persons, adhering to the 1 metre safe distancing between groups.
- All person present must wear a face mask at all times.
- Singing is not allowed (as this is considered a higher risk activity).
- There will be no reception or mingling between worshippers, before, during or after each worship service.
- There will not be a children class so children will have to sit with their parents or guardians if they are attending.
- You may park your car along the church driveway. If you park at the Alpha carpark, please note that the bus shuttle service will not be available.

Note: We seek your patience and understanding as we implement the procedures and measures. The leaders will continue to monitor and review them as necessary so that all of us can continue to worship together safely and in compliance with the authorities' guidelines.

Do's and Don'ts for attending the worship services

Do

- Ensure that you wear a mask throughout the service except when partaking of the communion.
- Continue to practice good hygiene.
- Comply with the safe management measures (i.e. use of Safe Entry, Trace Together, temperature screening).
- Follow the signages for entry and exit from the church premises.
- Exercise safe distancing when using the toilet facilities and avoid queues from forming.
- Inform the church leaders or staff immediately if you feel unwell during the worship service. They will advise and assist you accordingly.

Don'ts

- Attend the service if you are feeling unwell, are undergoing quarantine or have been in contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case.
- Mingle amongst worshippers, before, during or after each worship service.

Conduct of the Worship Service

- If you are attending individually, please keep at least 1m safe distance from the others.
- If you are attending as a group, you may be seated together (up to 5 persons) and keep at least 1m safe distance between groups and other individuals.
- As singing is not allowed, songs with congregational singing will be shown on the screen for all the segments with songs (i.e. opening and closing songs, communion songs, etc.).
- Disposable communion sets will be pre-positioned on the pews. Leave the used items on the pews and these will be collected and disposed after the worship service.
- You are encouraged to continue with the online giving or PayNow. If you need to give in cash, there is a collection box at the rear of the auditorium that you can deposit your cash before you leave.

Procedure for Selection of 50 worshippers

- Each week, members are to submit their intention to attend the coming Sunday's worship service before 12 noon Friday. Submission will be through the online form on the ppcoc.org website.
- You can submit as an individual or as a family or group if you are planning to come together.
- Please submit only if you have the intention and are able to attend the worship service. As we are only allowed up to 50 persons, we want the allocated slots to be optimally used.
- Balloting on the submitted names will be conducted on Friday afternoon.
- Those names chosen will get to attend the coming Sunday's worship service.
- Those names not chosen will have priority for the following Sundays' worship service.
- Results of those chosen during the ballot will be made known to them on Friday or Saturday. If you have not been contacted, it means that your name is not chosen.
- There will be no replacement if the member is unable to attend. Please don't swop names as it will add to the administrative workload for the leaders and staff.
- You will need to submit your name/group every week so that it can be matched with the rollover names from previous week/s.

Other Information

- Solemnizations, funeral services, baptisms can be conducted at the church premises subject to restrictions on the number of people attending and in compliance with safe management measures. Details will be provided to members who wish to have the above activities.
- The church office will be opened during the week with the staff working on split shifts.

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Elaine is doing well, physical and medical needs well taken care of by St Andrews nursing home.

She does not seem interested in her food although she can feed herself. She is in her own world looking out of the window at mealtime. Please continue to pray for her mental well being to remember the Lord. Thanks.



A call to prayer for Christians in the upcoming General Elections 2020.

Almighty God, help us remember that governments or government leaders neither take Your place, nor should we treat them as such, no matter how much we honour or admire them. But we shouldn't reject whatever authority you have put in place, for to not submit to their derived authority is also sin.

Help us to look beyond them to You, our sovereign God and King. This way, we know we can submit to them not just out of the fear of punishment but for the sake of our conscience. (Romans 13:5) Help us, Lord, to submit out of reverence for Christ. (Ephesians 5:21)

Uphold prayer for safe and smooth delivery of **Josephine & Johnston Seah's** first born due on 14 July.

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