



CHURCH of CHRIST
— PASIR PANJANG —



14 June 2020

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

Worship Theme:
Good News of Jesus Extends to All People

Today's scripture texts: John 21:15-19; Acts 10:34-43; Psalms 118:1-2, 14-24

The theme for this Sunday is the resurrection of Christ. This is the good news of the gospel of Jesus that is extended to all people.

In Acts, Peter reminds the gathering in Cornelius' house of the resurrection of Christ, as part of his call for them to believe. Also, the reading of Psalm speaks of restoration and new life that can be experienced by those who have been broken. So, in the gospel of John, even as we walk with the women through the resurrection story, we are called to remember that, as we receive Christ, it becomes our story too.

The Good News of New Life and New Hope

Spend some time with this passage. Hold it in the context of your time of isolation during the lockdown. How has life changed for you? Do you feel your life diminished in any way? Do you ask, "Where is Jesus in all that is happening at the moment"? He's where you least expect to find him.

The first witness of the resurrection was judged hysterical, out of her mind with grief. This scepticism continued among the disciples and in people today who have no knowledge of Jesus, have not developed any personal relationship with him, or cannot accept what seems to be impossible – that a dead person could come back to life. John 20:11-18.

Resurrection is a very difficult concept, yet it is the heart of the Christian message. The Cross is the primary Christian symbol not because it celebrates death, but because it is recognised as a tree of life – a pathway to an existence without pain or suffering. Its starkness announces freedom and hope. Just as the empty tomb causes the mind to ponder deeply the mystery of life, the Cross demands an exploration of the meaning of suffering.

Psalm 118:1-2

- 1 Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!
- 2 Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."

EVENTS

Online Bible Class & Worship

14 June

9.30 am Bible Class

The Parable of the Leaven

Teacher: Lim Cher Yam

11.00 am Worship

Good News of Jesus Extends to All People

Preacher: Shawn Li

Wed Online Bible Class

17 June

7.30 pm

Book of Daniel Chapter 9

Prayers of Daniel

Teacher: Lim Lian Chye

Zoom Prayer Warriors

Every 2nd & 4th Tue

8.00 pm

Lim Lian Chye



Use this QR code to access
Online Worship



SINGAPORE'S COVID-19 CIRCUIT BREAKER ENDED ON JUNE 1. RESTRICTIONS WILL BE EASED PROGRESSIVELY IN THREE PHASES. AT THIS PHASE ONE (SAFE RE-OPENING), IN-PERSON CONGREGATIONAL WORSHIP SERVICES ARE STILL NOT ALLOWED. 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.

Testimonial by SIBI Graduate, Esther Zhang

I am Esther Zhang and I come from the northern part of China. My 2 years with the Sunset International Bible Institute School has been a very joyful and happy time for me. I am thankful to God, my teachers and all my dear brothers and sisters in PPCOC church for my time here. Psalms 65:11 says, "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." Indeed God's grace and love has been bountiful and His blessings countless.



Firstly I want to give honour and thanks to God who led me to this opportunity to study the English Bible in SIBI Singapore. It was a very big challenge in my life. But I love God's words and I also love the Bible in the English version. When I became a Christian, one of my favourite verses in the Bible was Psalms 119:105 "Your words is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path." It remains my favourite verse to this day.

Secondly, I want to thank the Dean of SIBI Terry Harrison and his wife Terilee, Teacher Keith and his wife Janet and all my teachers from different countries. I thank them for the teaching, training and discussions and for building relationships with us. Without God's help and prayers, I couldn't have passed all the exams. Glory be to God! I tried my best to understand and memorize Bible knowledge presented in various courses. I especially want to thank my teachers for trying to understand my "Chinese-English" style of writing and speaking. Thank you for your love and patience! Thanks for the Bible lectures that imparted knowledge and wisdom; for insights that help me to live a disciplined and prudent life, doing what is right, just and fair. I acquired so much knowledge. What are the basics of the Christian faith? What are the principles and requirements in the Christian life? How does the missionary work? What is soul care? But there were courses such as Church history, Homiletics and Apologetics which were very difficult for me to understand. I found that I was still lacking in the knowledge of God's Word. But my intelligent teachers' teaching was encouraging me a lot. I pray that after the completion of the study, I can still maintain the heart of desire and the enthusiasm for learning God's Word daily. Studying His Word will be the most worthy thing to do in my whole life.

Thirdly, I want to thank PPCOC church for accepting me, providing and caring for me, and sharing your love with me. I am also appreciative of all of you, my dear Uncles and Aunties, Brothers and Sisters from the Chinese Congregation, Filipina fellowship and Care Teams. For many years, I was only a Sunday Christian. But in my 2 years in SIBI, I experienced all kinds of activities organised by the church throughout the week, helping me to feel that God is with us always. I learnt what a fellowship group and a care team looked like, what a Bible study group looked like, and what retreats, camps and mission work were like. Through your shining example, your hospitality, generosity, kindness, I learnt what it meant by "Love one another"! You were all excellent role models for me. I pray that God will give you all the rewards you deserve. Keep your faithful heart in God forever and ever. May you enjoy good health and I pray that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well. It is in Jesus Christ's name I pray all these, Amen. Love you ALL.

As for my further steps after this SIBI study, I saw this vision: "Go and preach God's Word". Acts 1:8 says, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." I have heard the voice of God calling.

Isaiah 6:8 says, "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?' and I said, 'Here am I. Send me!'" Indeed I have decided to obey and follow Jesus, to be what God wants me to be and to do what He wants me to do'. Everything is in God's hands. May His will be done in my life.

Proverbs 3:5-6 "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight!"

Again, Thank you very much for your love and prayers. God bless you!
Amen.



Testimonial by SIBI Graduates

Nang Suan Khim:

First of all, I want to thank God for everything that he has done in my life. Without God I will never get the opportunity to study in SIBI. Without God I will never be in Singapore. Without God I will not know you. Without your love for Christ, I will not get the opportunity to have fellowship with you. Without your love for Christ I will not be blessed as I am blessed now. I come here empty-handed but you have provided for all my needs. Without the help of God and SIBI school I will never be who I am.

Please continue to uphold me in your prayer and remember me for I want to continue my study. Praise be to the Lord Jesus!



Bles Payawal:

Grace and peace, to all my teachers and mentors at SIBI. Thank you so much for your efforts and excellence in teaching us and for sharing your life with us. SIBI-Singapore has helped develop in me a heart to serve.

The school also helped me understand my purpose and mission as a servant Christian. To all my brothers and sisters at PPCOC, thank you so much for your loving-kindness, care, and support for us students and for the SIBI school.

I thank God for all of you. I will surely miss you, but the beautiful memories will remain and I will cherish them in my heart.



Family News, Concerns & Prayers

Phase 1 Church Re-opening – What can be done?

Private Worship

Worshippers may only pray individually or together if they are members of the same household. There can be up to 5 members of the same household praying together at any one time in the place of worship. Up to 5 households are allowed for private worship in the place of worship at any one time.

No singing. Now, baptism is not allowed. No physical interaction between worshippers from different households. Worshippers must also minimise their time in the place of worship, and not engage in other religious activities on-site. Avoid physical greetings and contact, adopt alternatives to shaking hands.

We will put up announcement once requirements are set up and submitted.

Weddings & Funeral-Related Activities

1. In-person marriage solemnizations can involve up to 10 persons (excluding solemnizer), who are immediate family members of the couple with the exception of the two witnesses who may be non-family members. But, couples are encouraged to consider the alternative of marriage solemnizations via video link.
2. Wakes, funeral rites and the installation of niches can continue to involve up to 10 persons at any one time (excluding religious and supporting workers, which must be kept to a minimum).
3. Minimise social interaction between attendees at marriage solemnizations and funeral-related activities. Attendees must leave the place of worship immediately after the event, and not gather for a post-event reception/meal.

Praise God that **Gladiolus Place** allowed our Devotional Team to resume our fortnightly sessions with the girls last Monday 8 June 2020 via Zoom.

Sis Serene Kuek shared a lesson on "How to experience God's peace?".

We were also told that the girls enjoyed very much the 5 meals prepared by Then Cafe, sponsored by church brethren, and sent to them last month in May.

Should you be interested to volunteer for this work, please chat with Sis Lucy / Sis Catherine.



3rd Quarter Daily Care

Because the church is still unable to meet during this Phase1, we'll mass mail **Daily Care** for the months, July - September, to members before end of the month.

If anyone needs more copies please let the church staff know.



Our Filipino sister **Alma Castellano** is looking for a new employer as her current employer needs to let her go due to financial hardship.

She comes with good references, can cook, do household chores and look after children and the elderly.

Please contact her at 88133812 if you or your friends are interested.

What Can Rob Our Peace?

Worries: Let's Look at the statistics

- 40% of our worries never happen.
- 30% already happened. So we can't change that.
- 12% are needless worries about what others think of us.
- 10% are petty & unimportant, e.g. what to wear, what to eat, where to eat, what if....etc.
- Only 8% of our worries actually happen.
- Of this only 4% are beyond our control. i.e. health, death or natural disaster.
- **Only 4%** of what we worry about, we have some control over.

HOW CAN WE EXPERIENCE PEACE?

PRAY UNCEASINGLY (1 Thess 5:17)

- Peter writes: "casting all your care upon Him, for He cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7).
- "If you do this, you will experience God's peace, which is far more wonderful than the human mind can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:7).

TRUST IN JESUS & Focus on His Word

- Jesus rebuked His disciples for not believing in Him. He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"
- "Faith comes by hearing the Word." (Romans 10:17).
- The more we know who Jesus is, the more we will trust Him.

STORMS* will come, but they don't have to OVERCOME us.

- Jesus never promised us a life without storms, but He did promise to be our peace in the midst of those storms
- Peace comes from knowing that **God is in control**

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Intercessions

The good news of new life and new hope invites prayers of thanksgiving – but also prayers for those for whom the lockdown has drained resources, created fear, presented unexpected difficulties...

- Pray for yourself, your loved ones, your neighbours, your town/city/nation
- Pray for the quick development of a cure for Covid-19 and for the scientists engaged in this work
- Pray in thanksgiving for the gift of life – that there might be a new awareness of its value through this troubled time
- Pray for the medical teams who are upholding lives while risking their own
- Pray for the sick and the dying
- Pray for a lasting appreciation of community and togetherness beyond this pandemic – and perhaps because of it.

Prayer of Praise

Alleluia! He is risen!

Lockdown, though it separates us from those we love, cannot destroy love or separate us forever.

The resurrection of Jesus is our victory and our hope.

We give you thanks and praise, O God.

Alleluia!

O God of new life and new hope,

Open our hearts,

that we might experience you anew.

Open our lives,

that we may be faithful witnesses to your resurrection.

May we, with shouts of joy, proclaim your steadfast, liberating love to all people, everywhere.

In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

SUNDAY GIVING

FACTS  FIGURES

7 June - \$11,181

WAYS TO GIVE

(A) CHEQUE

- 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, S76SS0008AGFD
3. Indicate your name in the “Reference No.” (optional)
4. Enter the amount you wish to contribute
5. Click next, verify the details and confirm.



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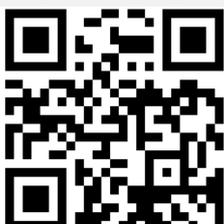


Missions Fund
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