

Second Sunday After Easter

**7 April 2024**

**Morning Worship at 10:30 a.m.**

**Holy Communion Service**

(\*: Congregation stands)



**APPROACH**

**PREPARATION SONG “El Senyor – ( In The Lord) ”**

– Composer: Taizé Com.

In the Lord, I’ll be ever thankful,

in the Lord, I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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**\* CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather in the name of the risen Lord.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather as sisters and brothers of the resurrected one.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to share our faith and to worship God.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

We gather to proclaim the good news of Easter!

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**\* HYMN “At the Dawning of Salvation ”**

– Composer: J. Curle

At the dawning of salvation  
In the morning of the world  
Christ is raised a living banner  
By the love of God unfurled  
Through the daylight  
Through the darkness  
Christ leads on His great array  
All the saints  
And all the sinners  
He has gathered on His way

He is risen in the morning  
He is risen from the dead  
He is laughter after sadness  
He is light when night has fled  
He has suffered He has triumphed  
Life is His alone to give  
As He gave it once He gives it  
Evermore that we may live

For the glory of salvation  
In the dawn of Easter day  
We will praise You loving Father  
We rejoice to sing and pray  
With the Son and with the Spirit  
Lead us on Your great array  
Saints and sinners celebrating  
Your triumphant love today --||--

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God of mercy,  
we come celebrating our unity,  
but we confess the many ways  
that we are divided.**

**Our nationality, ethnic origin, economic status,  
gender, age, and musical preferences  
all too often obscure the common calling  
we share in Christ's name.**

**May our common identity as your children  
and our communal witness to Christ  
bind us together in your name.**

**Forgive our tendency toward separation and division,  
and remind us that we are your Easter people.**

**ALL RESPOND** “Change Our Heart Oh God ”

– Composer: E. Spinosa

Change our heart, O God,  
Make us ever true;  
Change our heart, O God,  
May we be like you.

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## **ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

### **THE WORD OF GOD**

Lord, open our lips.

**And our mouths shall show forth Your praise.**

\* **HYMN** “Lord, I lift Your Name on High”

– Composer: R. Founds

Lord, I lift Your name on high,  
Lord, I love to sing Your praises;  
I'm so glad You're in my life,  
I'm so glad You came to save us.

You came from heaven to earth  
to show the way,  
from the earth to the cross  
my debt to pay,  
from the cross to the grave,  
from the grave to the sky:  
Lord, I lift Your name on high.

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet.

**A light to our path.**

Psalm 133 (O.T.)

**1 How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

**2 It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

**3 It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there, the Lord ordained his blessing, life forevermore.**

Acts 4:32-35 (N.T.)

32 Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.

33 With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.

34 There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. 35 They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

36 There was a Levite, a native of Cyprus, Joseph, to whom the apostles gave the name Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”). 37 He sold a field that belonged to him, then brought the money, and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

Lord, may Your Word live in us.

**And bear much fruit for Your glory.**

## **FAMILY TALK**

## **SERMON**

**\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH – THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son,  
our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended into hell.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**THE OFFERTORY  
CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**ALL RESPOND** “Ubi Caritas” – Composer: Taizé Community  
Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas, Deus Ibi Est. --||--

**OFFERTORY**

**THE HOLY COMMUNION  
THE PEACE**

**HYMN** “You Are Holy” – Composer: P. Harling

**You are holy, you are whole,  
You are always ever more  
than we ever understand.  
You are always at hand.  
Blessed are you coming near.  
Blessed are you coming here  
to your church in wine and bread,  
raised from soil, raised from dead.**

You are holy,  
you are wholeness,  
you are present.  
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia!  
Alleluia our God!  
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## **INVITATION**

## **PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **SANCTUS**

## **WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

## **PRAYER FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in  
heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as  
we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from  
evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and for ever. Amen.**

## **DISTRIBUTION**



## **POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**O Christ, we thank you for this feast of life.**

**Fed by your love,**

**and strengthened by your life;**

**we humbly accept your call to go**

**into this world to live with hope,**

**and to share your joy.**

**You commission us to**

**feed as we have been fed,**

**forgive as we have been forgiven,**

**to serve as you have shown how to serve,**

**and love as we have been loved.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**\* HYMN “The Servant King ” – Composer: G. Kendrick**

From heav'n You came helpless babe

Enter'd our world Your glory veil'd

Not to be served but to serve

And give Your life that we might live

This is our God the Servant King

He calls us now to follow Him

To bring our lives as a daily offering

Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears

My heavy load He chose to bear

His heart with sorrow was torn

Yet not my will but Yours He said

This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King

Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered  
This is our God the Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving

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He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King --||--

**\* COMMISSION and BLESSING**

Go now with the love of God, the grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

**Christ is risen! Alleluia!**

Go to share your faith and your lives.

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Go to proclaim the good news of Easter.

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## **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

*God does nothing except in response to believing prayer.*

– John Wesley

**Please remember as you pray. . .**

- Today is World Health Day, observed annually on April 7th, to commemorate the establishment of the World Health Organization (WHO) in 1948. This special day aims to unite people worldwide to prioritize health and raise awareness about urgent health issues. The WHO plays a crucial role in global health governance, ensuring health is a universal right. With over 4.5 billion people lacking full health coverage, collective action is vital. Let us give thanks to WHO's tireless work: may they guide the path toward equity, cleanse the air, nourish bodies, and banish discrimination. May World Health Day ignite compassion, resilience, and hope for all.
- Devastating drought and famine is affecting rural Zimbabwe and neighboring countries such as Zambia, Malawi, Botswana, Angola, Mozambique, and Madagascar. The region has experienced a cycle of extreme weather conditions, including tropical storms, floods, and prolonged droughts, which have worsened the impacts of climate change. The United Nations Children's Fund has described the situation as overlapping extreme weather crises. As climate change exacerbates these challenges, the need for immediate assistance and sustainable solutions becomes

increasingly urgent. Our thoughts and prayers go out to all those affected (estimated at over 2.7 million) by the drought and famine, and we appeal to the world to extend a helping hand in providing essential aid and support to alleviate their suffering.

- Brazil and France have announced a joint investment program to protect the Amazon rainforest. The program involves 1 billion euros (\$1.1 billion) in private and public funds over the next four years. The announcement was made during French President Emmanuel Macron's visit to Brazil. The two countries have pledged to work together to combat deforestation in the Amazon by 2030, contributing to efforts to slow global warming. They also expressed commitment to the conservation, restoration, and sustainable management of tropical forests. During the visit, Macron honored Indigenous leader Raoni Metuktire for his fight to protect the rainforest and Indigenous rights. We give thanks for this initiative and pray that more and more countries will collaborate to help to save our planet.
- Taiwan experienced a powerful 7.4 magnitude earthquake on Wednesday, the strongest in 25 years, causing significant damage and claiming at least nine lives. The quake struck the eastern coast, resulting in collapsed buildings, landslides, and power outages. Rescue efforts are underway to save those trapped and provide assistance to affected areas. We pray for the success of the rescue teams so that they may find survivors and provide comfort to the victims and their

families. May those injured receive swift healing and support. May the souls of the departed rest in peace. Our thoughts are with Taiwan during this challenging time.

- The 2023 World Air Quality Report reveals that Bangladesh, Pakistan, and India have the worst air pollution in South Asia. Bangladesh's PM2.5 levels are nearly 16 times higher than the WHO standard, while Pakistan and India also face significant pollution challenges. Factors contributing to poor air quality include industrial emissions, agricultural waste burning, solid fuel usage, and vehicle emissions. The report highlights the detrimental effects on health, including low birth weight and reduced life expectancy. Let us pray for governments and environmental agencies to take responsibility for addressing pollution, unite and take decisive action to protect the health and well-being of millions affected by air pollution in South Asia. May they implement effective measures and find sustainable solutions to improve air quality and safeguard the lives of their citizens.
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- Hongkongers can now change the gender markers on their identity cards without undergoing full sex reassignment surgeries, thanks to revised criteria following a landmark court ruling. The Court of Final Appeal upheld the rights of two transgender residents who sought to change their cards without invasive procedures. The government revised the policy,

considering legal and medical advice as well as practices overseas. Applicants still have to complete select surgical procedures, provide medical proof, and a statutory declaration confirming gender dysphoria. They must also show evidence of hormonal treatment for two years prior to applying. We give thanks for The Court's decision to recognize the infringement on privacy rights and ensures equal treatment for transgender individuals.

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### **For the Ecumenical Prayer Cycle**

We lift up in prayer the churches and people of all faiths in Bulgaria, Hungary, and Romania.

We are **thankful** for:

- the blending of Christian traditions and practices from the West and East
- the faithful witness of churches amid political changes
- those working for more democratic governance in these countries
- those who welcome newcomers and provide for them and others in need.

We **pray** for:

- better relationships among different ethnic groups and traditions

- respect for the rights of children, women, the young and the elderly so they can receive adequate education, jobs and health care
- economic developments that serve all people
- ending practices that harm the air, soil and forests, and installing instead measures to protect the environment.

### **For the Congregation**

- Pray for Paul Wong, Kevin Ng, Jeanette Lee, Hend, Ng Kam Lee, Raymond Lau, Joy Babasa, Julianne Long, Revd. Kwok and Ajmal Samuel are facing health challenges that require body strength restoration.
- We continue to remember our senior members and friends: Mrs. Samuel and the mothers of Alex Melwani and June Tang. May God heal the sick and give strength to those caring for loved ones at home and in care facilities.

### **Announcements**

**Today** - A warm welcome to all who join our worship this morning. Please stay and join us for a time of fellowship after the service.

### **Every Sunday Morning**

Contemplative Prayer – organised by the Christian Education Committee

When: Sunday from 9:00 to 9:30 am

Where: Upper Fellowship Hall

## **Dates For Your Diaries:**

**Sunday, 7 April, 12 noon to 2 pm: ‘Discipleship:  
Then And Now’**



Join us in our third session of the series when we think more about the stories of ‘The Inner Circle’, those disciples most frequently mentioned.

Venue: Lower Fellowship Hall Light lunch provided  
Scan the QR code to reserve your place at lunch.

**Sunday, 12 May – EGM and AGM after worship;  
more details will follow.**



	<b>TODAY</b> <b>7 April</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b> <b>14 April</b>
Liturgist:	Maggie Mathieson	Maggie Mathieson
Preacher:	Phyllis Wong	Sam Dubbelman
Pianist:	Lucy Lim	Katie Ho
Lector:	Paul Wong	Holly Chui
Intercessory Prayers:	Robert Lam	Tory Caplan
Family Talk:	Chan Beng Seng	Maggie Mathieson
Greeter:	Paul Wong Susan Babasa	Lucy Lim Emmanuel Adesina
Offering Rota:	Rose Muiriri Ching So	Thapa Samjhana Edith San Juan
Counting Rota	Ramon Bultron Chan Beng Seng	Lucy Lim
Sunday School Leaders:	Mary Adesina Jailyn Tomitis Estella Yeung	Mary Adesina Jailyn Tomitis Tong Chong Sze Estella Yeung
I.T. Team:	Jen Pang Bervinder Kaur	Venus Cheng Bervinder Kaur