

The Consoling Love of Our Resurrected Saviour

Read: John 20:11-18

John 20:11-18 tells of Mary Magdalene encountering the risen Jesus. In this account, we see Jesus' consoling love that is simple and profound.

Luke 8:1-3 gives the background story of Mary Magdalene's relationship with Jesus. Jesus had healed and forgiven her, restoring her to her family. She even regained the ability to work and means to contribute to Jesus' ministry as they travelled. Mary's backstory shows us that no situation is past saving. It is never too late to be forgiven for the wrong that separates us from God and others.

The narrative of John 20:11-18 describes Mary's weeping several times. The word used means to sob uncontrollably. The agony of



Mary's mourning only deepened when she was unable to pay honour to Jesus' body. She didn't recognize the men in the tomb as angels. They call her by a term of respect (as "woman" was in that day) and ask a question of compassion. Their words are meant to point out that there is really no reason to cry, but Mary is too distracted by her grief.

Mary does not recognize Jesus either until He calls her by her personal name of "Miriam." Then her tears of mourning are turned to rejoicing.

Jesus continues to love those He has redeemed even when we are in agony and unbelief. His love never falters (John 13:1).

When Jesus has restored Mary's joy, He patiently teaches her. He calls to her mind what she had learned from the Old Testament and His own prophecies about His resurrection. She calls him Teacher and recognizes that He is God. She shares the news of His resurrection with the other disciples.

"It is important to remember that Jesus said that others will know we are Christians not by the degree of our theological correctness but by our love for one another." Believer, you are living proof of Jesus' resurrection and the consolation of His love. Do you love others in the patient and faithful way that Jesus loves you?

[Extract taken from https://sermons.gracechurchmentor.org/sermons/2022/2022-04-17--john-20-11-18/]



Pray for the World

Lord, we pray for the continent of Africa, whose citizens of the various nations continue to struggle with poor economy and bad living conditions, not to mention religious and political strife. Have mercy, and raise for the people of this continent leaders with integrity, courage, vision and capability to lead the various nations, and protect its citizens from exploitation and violence. Help all to work in unity to maximise the potential of the people and resources of this continent, and be set free from their poverty and into a better future.

Pray for Singapore

Lord, we pray for our nation to weather well the current economic storm, and lay a good foundation of development and growth for generations to come. Let our nation never sway from the godly values and morals You have established and placed upon humanity, but ever strive to uphold and develop to the best the worth of every individual. Let all family units in our nation be established according to Your design, and continue to serve as the bedrock upon which our society raises the generations and secure the future of our nation.

Pray for SACC

Lord, let us not grow weary in pleading for the salvation of our loved ones and friends, but steadfastly persevere in praying that they respond positively to the Gospel, and surrender their lives into Your hands in trust and faith.

We raise before You this week:

- 1. All discussions raised and decisions made at our Annual General Meeting, asking for both Your wisdom to manage, as well as Your provision of the financial needs of our Parish.
- 2. Our brothers and sisters serving on our Parochial Church Council (PCC), English Congregation Committee (ECC) and Chinese Congregation Committee (CCC) to be guided by Your Spirit in their deliberations and decisions.
- 3. For Rev Luke Ting as he takes on the mantle of Acting Vicar over the next 6 months and leads the Parish.
- 4. For our Parish to always remain committed to Your word and will, and united in the pursuit of the expansion of Your kingdom.



Collect - 2nd Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Vicar on Sabbatical Leave

Dear members of SACC, please be informed that our Vicar, the Rev Daniel Tong, will be on sabbatical leave from **1 May to 31 October 2025**. In his absence, it is the intention of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Titus Chung, to appoint the Rev Luke Ting as Acting Vicar. Kindly keep both our Vicar and Rev Luke in prayer during this time. Thank you.

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Our AGM will be happening on 27 April 2025 at 1pm in the Ferguson-Davie Hall.

AGM 2025 EC Nominations

Nominated EC candidates and PCC positions for election:

1. People's Representative



CHOY GAN KAREN HONG



2. Ordinary Members



LEE POH CHIN RUBY



KEK WEE HONG



SAMUEL PRABAHARAN



JOSHUA GOH TECK WEE

3. Congregation Committee



MARCUS CHING



JOSEPH FRANKLIN THANGARAJ DEVARAJ

AGM REPORT 2025

If you would like a physical copy of the report for the upcoming AGM, do approach
the admin staff before or after service or contact them on WhatsApp at 90186851.
 You may also scan the QR code below to request access for a digital copy (do note
that this report currently does not include the budget and audit report).



- English Congregation admin staff:
 - 1. Ms Zhang Xin, Renee (Executive Officer)
 - 2. Mr Justin Cheang (Administrative Assistant)



ACTIVITIES @ THE FRIEND SPACE

Please click on this link for the events at TFS: https://thefriendspace.sg/events/



Ukulele Lessons Apr – Jun 2025 (Wed) 9am -10am

The Parenting Teenagers Course 3, 10, 24 & 31 May 2025 (Sat) 9:30am - 12pm



Decoupage 15 May 2025 (Thu) 10am – 12pm —

Celebrate Parents' Day 31 May 2025 (Sat) 11am – 4pm







Button Pouches for Singapore Nurse's Day 8, 22, 29 May & 19 Jun

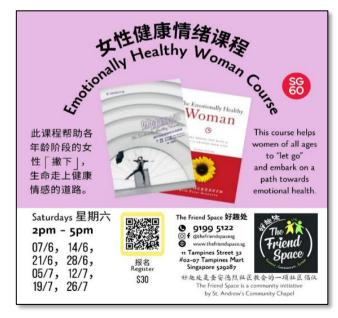


Emotionally Healthy Woman Course 7, 14, 21, 28 June & 5, 12, 19, 26 July (Sat) 2pm – 5pm





Learn to Make Nyonya Otak 5 Jun 2025 (Thu) 10am – 12pm



Idli with Sambar – Racial Harmony Culinary Demo 21 Jun 2025 (Sat) 10am – 12pm



SERVICES @ SACC



Sunday Service



Transformed by Love

John 20: 11-18

Pastor Raymond Sim

Date: 27 April 2025 Time: 9 am & 11 am

Venue: St Andrew's Community Chapel



Clay Youth Ministry

Equipping Youth Series



DATING

Preacher: Mrs Ruth Sim

Sunday, 27 April 2025 @ 9am St Andrew's Community Chapel



SACC GIANT CHILDREN MINISTRY (7-12 YEARS OLD)



DAVID HIDES FROM SAUL

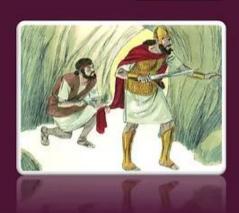
Not getting even with those who hurt us 1 Samuel 21, 22: 1-2

Date: 27 April 2025

Time: 9 AM

St Andrew's Community Chapel

<u>Teachers</u>
Poh Chee Yang
Jenny Kee
Larry Kee
Mary Poh



SACC OLO Children's Ministry (3-6 years old)

David & Goliath

1 Samuel 17

Sunday, 27 April 2025 @ 9 AM St Andrew's Community Chapel

Teachers:

Lena Tan, Janice Ting, Angelina Rani



STAY CONNECTED WITH SACC

Join a Cell Group

All members are encouraged to join a cell group to learn God's Word, fellowship and pray together as a community. If you are interested, please let us know by completing this google form https://forms.gle/xNKmMKq8Gvsux5gM7



USHER ROSTER

Ushering Roster for 2025 (from 5 Jan)

Week	9am Service - FDH	11am Service - Chapel
1 st Sunday (Holy Communion for 1 st Service + Prayer over children)	CLAYERS + John 13:34	Company of Christ
2 nd Sunday	Beacon	Grace@228
3 rd Sunday	1 John 4:19	5 Loaves & 2 Fish
4 th Sunday	Oasis	Koinonia
5 th Sunday (Est 4 times per year)	1 Kings 8:57	Fuel+

Special Service Roster for 2025

Christmas Service (25 Dec, Thu): Oasis

UPCOMING SERMONS

2025 Theme: Resilience Anchored in Christ (Ephesians 6:10)

Date	Sermon Topic		Preacher
4 May	How to Age Gracefully & Beautifully	Psalm 92: 12-15 3 John 1: 1-4	Rev Freddy Lim
11 May	Alive with Hope	Luke 24: 13-25	Ps Raymond Sim



SERMON NOTES

Speaker: Ps Raymond Sim
Topic: Transformed by Love

Text : John 20: 11-18

Introduction

Mary's encounter with Jesus teaches us that the profound impact the love of Christ can have on a person's life.

3 learning points in this encounter with Jesus

1. The Pain of Grief (from verses 11-13)

2. The Power of Love (v. 14-16)

3. The Preaching of the God's Love (v. 17-18)

Conclusion

Colossians 1: 3-4, 9-10

We always pray for you and we give thanks to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. For we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and your love for all of God's people... We ask God to give you complete knowledge of His will and understanding. Then the way you live will always honour and please the Lord, and your lives will produce every kind of good fruit.





TITHES AND OFFERTORY

Members are encouraged to remember our Lord and His house, and continue to tithe. You may do so remotely by scanning the following QR Codes:

SACC (English) T08CC4074CEC1	SACC Cambodia Mission Fund T08CC4074CCMF	SACC Growth Fund T08CC4074CGF2
PAY NOW	PAY	PAY NOW #
DBS 029-900919-2	DBS106-900039-4	DBS 106-900038-6



Remember to indicate your tithe number & purpose of transfer.

Transferring of Tithe/Offering via DBS/POSB banking platform

1) digibank Mobile

- Log in to digibank Mobile with your Touch / Face ID or digibank User ID & PIN.
- Tap Pay & Transfer and select Local.
- Select the **Recipient** you wish to transfer to: (For Recipient's list refer to Add a Recipient)

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- Select the Fund Source you wish to transfer from (e.g. saving account) and enter the Amount you wish to transfer
- Enter your tithe number in 'Reference'
- Tap **Next** to review the details, and tap **Transfer Now** to complete the transfer.

2) Via Paynow

- Select 'PAYNOW' in your banking app
- Bank will send you a 6 digits OTP
- Key in the UEN T08CC4074CEC1 / T08CC4074CCMF / T08CC4074CGF2
- Key in the amount to be transferred.
- Key in your **Tithe number** in the 'Reference' space
- Click 'Transfer'
- Bank will send a text message to you that the amount has been transferred.
- You can send this message to church office.



3) DBS/POSB ATM

- Insert your ATM/Debit Card and key in your PIN.
- Press Button for More Services.
- Press Button for "Funds Transfer/Fixed Deposit".
- Select the Account Type to Debit (your own bank account)
- Select the saving account type and number to Credit

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- Enter the amount.
- Verify the **Details of the Transaction** and press **Confirm**.
- Key in your tithe number under reference/bill or send a text to the church office of the transaction: Date of transfer; tithe & amount

4) digibank Online

- Open ibanking portal, login with your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Select **Transfer** and click **Other DBS or POSB Account**.
- Log in with your 6-Digit iB Secure PIN.
- Choose the **Recipient** you wish to transfer your money to.
- Select the **Account** you wish to transfer from.
- Select the Currency and indicate the Amount you wish to transfer.
- Click Next.
- To transfer to a particular payee, you will need to have him/her in your recipient's list.

Adding a recipient to your list.

- Open the ibanking portal, login with your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Select Transfer and click Add New DBS or POSB Recipient and complete the Authentication Process.
- Indicate the Recipient's name and Account number, click Next.
- Verify the **Details of the Transaction** and follow the **2-Factor Authentication Instructions**.
- Click **Submit** to complete the request.

Digibank Online allows you to set a monthly transfer on desired date.

Follow the instruction in the 'More Services' button.

Transfer from Other banks.

Please check with your bank's website portal.