

“Our Vision is to be a House of Healing to the Nations,
Reflecting the Glory of God, Full of Grace and Truth.”

COLLECT FOR 13TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Article: We Love Because God First Loved Us

Read: 1 John 4:7-19

The first thing I wanted to take a look at today is how the text answers the question of “How is/was God’s love presented to us?” There are two verses in particular that sort of address that question today:

This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. (1 John 4:10)

We love because he first loved us. (1 John 4:19)

What is so special about these two verses? They both show the *initiative* of God. Who loved first? God loved first. This isn’t meant to be a dive into predestination or whatever, but to really take a look at the initiative that God takes in his love. And it’s significant, because it shows that God is not *passive*. He doesn’t just sit back and leave us alone to figure this sin problem out, but rather, he takes and is taking an active role in the redemption of his people. Let’s think back to the first couple of the books of the Bible and recall some of the events and characters there.

Noah and the ark. Who initiates there? It was God.

Abraham and his covenant. Who initiates there? Again, it was God.

Moses and the burning bush. Who initiates there? Once again, God.

And once we realize this pattern in the Old Testament

of God initiating and taking an active role, we can recognize that it doesn’t end there. As we keep flipping through the pages, God’s active role continues in the sweep towards the sacrificial work of Jesus on the cross.

How was God’s love displayed and made known to us? Through the death through which Jesus paid, and in return, the life that was given to us. His atoning death has led to the forgiveness of our sin. But what makes that love so grand and almost baffling? It’s that God is not obligated to send Jesus for the forgiveness of sin, he doesn’t *have to* do it, but he does willingly. He takes the initiative and loves first, even if it is for a people that do not—and may not—love him back.

The last thing I wanted to take a look at regarding this passage is how God’s love transforms and changes us. At the beginning of this post, I mentioned how *powerful* God’s love is, and this entire passage really brings that into focus.

Again, God’s love is not a passive love. And in that same way, God’s love does not act passively in us. It drives us, it transforms, and it changes us. It drives us to love one another (v.11), to care for our brothers and sisters (vv. 20-21), gives us confidence towards God even in judgement (vv. 17-18), and transforms us to be more like Christ (v. 17). If God was willing to take the initiative to love and sacrifice Christ for these people, then surely I can go out of my way to love them as well.

[Abridged devotion taken from <https://p2c.com/students/articles/we-love-because-god-first-loved-us-1-john-47-21/>]

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Upcoming Sermons | 2022 Theme: By My Spirit, Says The Lord (Zechariah 4:6)

Date	Sermon topic		Speaker
18 Sep	Our Faith Overcomes The World	1 John 5:4-13	Mr Raymond Choo
25 Sep	Open Topic		Ms Maria Broesma
02 Oct	Praying Confidently To Overcome	1 John 5:14-21 Mark 11:22-24	Revd Daniel Tong
09 Oct	Dealing With False Teachers	2 John	Revd Freddy Lim

Prayer and Praise 2022

Date	Topic and Text		Speaker
23 Sep	Serve God Out Of Freedom	Galatians 5:13-15	Revd Daniel Tong

Pray for the World

Father, we pray for the protection of Your chosen people, the Israelites, that they and their neighbours may live together in peace and harmony. Help all who have suffered hurt and loss be comforted and forgive, and let not anger grow into bitterness and hatred. Help all parties in the conflict accept that all sides need to take responsibility for their respective words and actions, take a step back and compromise so peace may be negotiated and established.

Pray for Singapore

Father, we pray for Your Church in our land, that we stand committed to and faithfully teach Your Word, courageously and compassionately proclaim Your Gospel, and remain lovingly united as Your Body. We give You thanks for the spiritual and material blessings we have received, praying that You teach us not to cling onto them – especially the material things – but freely share all with those as have need. Let us grow in love of You and of each other and of the lost in our world, Lord.

Pray for SACC

Father, we pray for our staff team as they enter into their retreat this coming week, to be refreshed as they spend time with You, to be bound in Your love as a team, and to receive clear guidance from You as they plan for the ministry.

We also raise before You:

- The drawing back home to church of our friends whom we have not seen for some time; and the drawing in of new friends, especially loved ones and neighbours whose salvation we have been praying for.
- Our young ones as they prepare and enter into their year-end examinations, to manage their stress well, be focused on their revisions, and clear-minded when taking their assessments.
- Our daily walk in the marketplace, that we be Your shining light – upholding Your teaching, reflecting Your image, drawing many to You – and kept protected from the fiery darts of the enemy.
- The ill and chronic health a number of us and our family members are facing, for Your divine intervention of healing, peace, and perseverance.

A Prayer Request, Feedback, or Query

Have you a prayer request? Some feedback to share? Queries with regard to our church, how you may serve, or about life? Write to bridget_tan@sacc.org.sg and we will link you with the best person who may help.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

**We have started our 2nd Worship Service,
on 4 September, 11am.**

By now all of you should have received your Service attendance card. Please contact the office @ 65861981 if you still have not received it.



A gentle reminder that this service attendance card only for service use and allow admittance to level 2 Chapel and MPH area during our service timing (Sunday 8.30am to 12noon). If you are visiting any patients in the ward, please follow the hospital guidelines and register at the triage for visit.

Baptism and Confirmation

We will be starting the Baptism and Confirmation Classes. If you are not baptised and confirmed and would like to be baptised on 23 Oct 2022 and confirmed on 6 Nov 2022, kindly register at reception on Sunday.

Staff Retreat

Church Office will be closed from 13 Sept 2022 to 15 Sept 2022 for staff retreat. For urgent matters, please contact 65861981.

Lay Readers Course

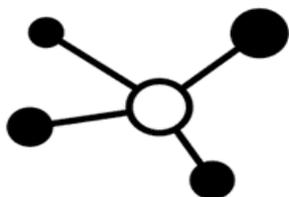
The next Lay Readers Course will run from 1 October to 5 November 2022. Please note that admission to this course is by Vicar/Priest-in-Charge/Dean's nomination only. The cohort will be limited to 50 pax.

Dates & Time: 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 October, 5 November (Saturdays, 2pm)

Venue: 4 Zoom Sessions, 2 On-site Sessions at St Peter's Hall Chapel

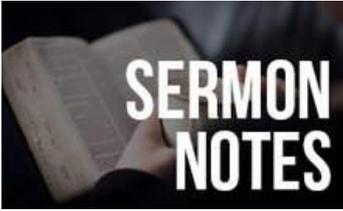
A course fee of \$20 applies.

Please register at the reception on Sunday.



SACC Cell Life – Be Part of it

In our cell groups we fellowship, support each other, and serve the community alongside one another. We welcome you to share and be part of these groups situated in Simei, Tampines and Bedok. Contact us today at admin_info@sacc.org.sg and let's explore together the best for you!



Speaker : Mrs Ruth Sim

Title : We Love Because He First Loved Us

Sermon : 1 John 4:7-19

Introduction

Conclusion

*Our services and sermons can also be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/SACCyoutube>
For more information about SACC, please visit www.sacc.org.sg*

Usher Duty

1 st Sunday	- 5 Loaves & 2 Fish, Loving God 2Gather, 1 Kings 8:5-7
2 nd Sunday	- Oasis
3 rd Sunday	- 1 John 4:19
4 th Sunday	- CLAY, Mark & Agnes
5 th Sunday	- Beacon, Grace@228, Mark & Agnes

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:

<p>SACC (English) T08CC4074CEC1</p>  <p>DBS 029-900919-2</p>	<p>SACC Cambodia Mission Fund T08CC4074CCMF</p>  <p>DBS106-900039-4</p>	<p>SACC Growth Fund T08CC4074CGF2</p>  <p>DBS 106-900038-6</p>
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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)*
 - o SACC English Congregation 029-900919-2
 - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - o SACC Growth Fund 106-900038-6
- 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
 - o SACC (English) 029-900919-2
 - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - o SACC Growth Fund 106-900038-6
- 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 website portal.