



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

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COLLECT FOR 11TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

O God, you declare your almighty power most chiefly in showing mercy and pity: mercifully grant to us such a measure of your grace, that we, running the way of your commandments, may receive your gracious promises, and be made partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Article: The Meaning of Mercy

Read: Luke 10:25-37

Some have called this story the parable of the merciful Samaritan. Mercy is different from goodness. The Samaritan who acted with mercy is a depiction, an example of mercy. The word *eleos* implies something broader than the juridical sense we often bring to the concept of mercy, and it means something more than forgiving a debt or an offense. *Eleos* suggests blessing and unwarranted compassion as well as leniency. It is about pardon, kindness, strength and even rescue and generosity. It is a word that can hold a lot.

It is a word at the heart of many prayers. *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner.* These are the words of the ancient Jesus Prayer, prayed in silence, prayed with the rhythm of breathing or prayed aloud as a mantra with others. *Have mercy*, say congregants who pray intercessions. In one of these prayers, listed in my Protestant service book as based on the Eastern liturgies of St. Basil and St. John Chrysostom, the response comes 14 times: *Lord have mercy*. There are petitions for peace, for salvation, unity, church leaders and all the people, for all nations and all cities, for good weather and abundant crops, for travelers, the sick, the suffering and those in captivity. After each petition, all respond *Lord have mercy*. Mercy is at the heart of the church's prayers. Mercy is our intercession before God when we call upon God's covenant loyalty, God's faithfulness, God's steadfast love.

I asked a priest in the Eastern Orthodox Church, "When is *Lord have mercy* said the most? What one service or combination of services on any given day or feast day would have the most repetitions of *Lord have mercy*?" I know there are many repetitions of this response. Some

prayer litanies have triads of this mercy response. Some have tenfold groupings. Some have 40-fold groupings. Sometimes there is one service (Divine Liturgy), and sometimes the hours are prayed in addition to the liturgy. The priest said the answer was obvious from the Slavic tradition of the church: the vigil for the elevation of the cross (with the litya and rite of elevation) on the eve of September 14. That liturgy had the most repetitions of *Lord have mercy*. How many times? Six hundred thirty-six times.

That's an abundance of mercy speech.

I believe that what we pray gets into our bones. Time after time, Sunday after Sunday, litany after litany, prayer after prayer: *Lord have mercy* gets into our bones. *Have mercy on us, O God* gets inside of us. Standing alongside family and friends and strangers petitioning God and calling down God's mercy, we begin to see ourselves linked as the mercy-needing ones. All of us with our hard lives. All of us with sins and regrets. All of us in need of strength and blessing and rescue. All of us at the hands of robbers, and as the robbers. All of us on the road. All of us who have had wine and oil poured on our wounds. All of us made neighbors in Jesus Christ. *Have mercy, O God. Make us merciful. Make us mercy bearers. Make us bear the fruit of mercy. Make us more than good, make us merciful. Beyond bloodlines and country and creed: make us mercy to all we meet.*

[Abridged devotion taken from
<https://www.christiancentury.org/article/2010-06/meaning-mercy>]

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

Date	Sermon topic		Speaker
04 Sep	Test The Spirits	1 John 4:1-6 Matthew 7:15-20	Revd Daniel Tong
11 Sep	We Love Because He First Loved Us	1 John 4:7-19	Mrs Ruth Sim
18 Sep	Our Faith Overcomes The World	1 John 5:4-13	Mr Raymond Choo
25 Sep	Open Topic		Ms Maria Broesma

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

Lord, various parts of the world are experiencing very difficult and opposing climate challenges. We pray for mercy for the citizens of these lands, especially those experiencing drought, that their daily water needs be met. While the news currently highlights nations unused to such extreme weather, let us not forget that many other lands have been experiencing these difficulties – especially drought -- for many, many years. We pray for Your mercy upon these lands, and their citizens. Let those of us who have give you thanks and generously share.

Pray for SACC

Lord, we give thanks that You have made our Parish – English and Chinese Congregations – one; and pray Your continued guidance to help us grow in relationship and support of one another, that we might be Your shining witness of life in and as the Body of Christ.

Entering into this week we pray:

1. To grow in maturity as Your children, dying to ourselves and growing into Your image in greater and greater measure with each passing day.
2. For courage and ongoing opportunities to proclaim the good news of salvation in You to our loved ones and neighbours, praying Holy Spirit that You would convict all we pray for and share with to turn to You.
3. To lift our daily walk in the marketplace – be it at home, work or school – into Your hands, that we might walk the straight and narrow according to You word at all times without wavering or losing faith and hope.
4. For your divine intervention in our personal lives, and that of our loved ones and neighbours currently undergoing trials – of health challenges, work difficulties and family challenges – for perseverance and deliverance.

Pray for Singapore

Lord, as the repeal of Section 377A of our Penal Code is set in motion, we continue to pray for the upholding of the heterosexual view of all marriage unions, but most of all the upholding of Your biblical truths in our land. We thank you for the stand our government is taking, and pray for you to guide their hand as they prepare the necessary amendments to the Constitution of our land. We pray that others in our world will respect this decision, and that our approach to the issue will encourage other governments around the world to make a stand on Your standard for marriages.

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 will be starting our 2nd Worship Service next week,
4th September 2022, 11am.**

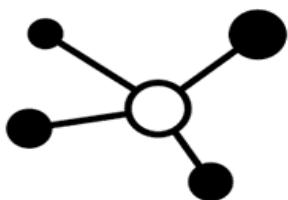
OLO/GIANT children's ministry will be appreciating all our teachers on 4 September. We would like all parents to encourage your children to write a card and give to their teachers on that day.

If you have any enquiries, contact Pastor Raymond at 96906191.



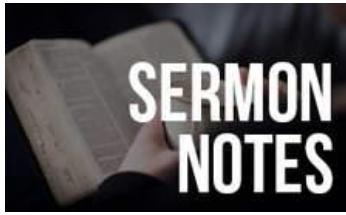
Projectionist Recruitment

Calling to anyone who has a willing heart to serve as Projectionist. If you love to use computers and like music, you are the one we are looking for! No pre-requisites just need to know Microsoft PowerPoint. There will be an upcoming training for all existing and interested members on 28 Aug 2022. Do sign up with Josephine/Bridget at front 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 : Mr Stanley Tay

Title : The Look Of Love

Sermon : Psalm 145:8-9
Lamentations 3:22-23
Luke 10:25-37

Usher Duty

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| 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:

SACC (English)
T08CC4074CEC1



DBS 029-900919-2

SACC Cambodia Mission Fund
T08CC4074CCMF



DBS106-900039-4

SACC Growth Fund
T08CC4074CGF2



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*)
 - SACC English Congregation 029-900919-2
 - SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - 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.