

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

COLLECT FOR FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Article: The Supreme Priority

Read: 1 Corinthians 13

Analyzing those words is like taking a beautiful flower and tearing it apart. But some analysis is necessary to fully grasp what Paul is saying here. We should remember that this chapter on love fits beautifully with what the apostle has been talking about in the previous section. In Chapter 12 Paul talked about the gifts of the Spirit. Here in Chapter 13 we come to the fruit of the Spirit. Paul has introduced it with a hint already that the fruit of the Spirit is far more important than the gifts of the Spirit. That we become loving people is far more important than whether we are active, busy people. Both are necessary, but one is greater than the other. Paul has said so: I will show you a still more excellent way. That is the way of love.

I call this the fruit of the Spirit because in the letter to the Galatians Paul details for us what the fruit of the Spirit is. It is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Galatians 5:22-23). All of those qualities really are manifestations of love. This chapter is setting forth that quality of love which is the work of the Spirit of God within us reproducing the character of Christ. Once you have love all these other qualities that are part of the fruit of the Spirit are possible to you. If we have the love of God in our hearts, then we can be patient; we can be peaceful; we can be good, loving, faithful, gentle and kind.

The word love is not the Greek word eros. That word is used to describe erotic love. And the word here is not philia, which means affection or friendship. Paul is talking about agape, which is a commitment of the will to cherish and uphold another person. This is the word that is used to describe the love of God. It is a word addressed to the will. It is a decision that you make and a commitment that

you have launched upon to treat another person with concern, with care, with thoughtfulness, and to work for his or her best interests. That is what love is, and this is what Paul is talking about.

This kind of love is possible only to those who first love God. Any attempt to try to exercise love like this without having first loved God is to present a fleshly kind of love. There are two great commandments. The first is to love the Lord with all your heart. The second is to love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22:37-39). We try to turn that around. Many of us are trying to love our neighbor without having loved God, and it is impossible to do that. It is the love of God shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, as Paul puts it in Romans 5:5, that fulfills the definition that is given in this chapter. You cannot love other people until you first love God.

Love for God is not difficult, because all you need to do is be aware of how he has loved you. Above all else he has loved you in having given his Son for you, having redeemed you and forgiven you. Your guilt is taken away. By these means God has called you to himself and given you a standing before him as a son. To remember all that is to be stirred with love for God. When you love God you awaken your capacity to love people. Love is a supernatural quality. God alone can give this kind of love. God alone can lead you to make a choice to love somebody who does not appeal to you. Yet that is what God's love is. That is what is so desperately needed and so beautifully described in this passage. It can only come as we love God and love is awakened within us by the Holy Spirit.

[Devotion taken from <https://www.raystedman.org/daily-devotions/1-corinthians/the-supreme-priority>]

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Date	Sermon topic		Speaker
22 May	Temples Of The Spirit	1 Corinthians 6:14-20	Ps Lydia Wee
29 May	Up, Up And Away!	Acts 1:1-11 Luke 24:50-53	Ascension Sunday Family Service
05 June	Be Filled With The Spirit	Acts 2:1-12 Mark 16:14-20	Rev Daniel Tong
12 June	1+1+1=1	Galatians 4:4-7 John 3:1-8	Mr Raymond Choo

Prayer and Praise 2022



Date	Topic and Text		Speaker
27 May	Lost Axe Head Recovered	2 Kings 6:1-7	Mr Joshua Goh

Pray for the World

Father, as country borders around the region open and people begin to travel to reconnect with family and for leisure, we give thanks for the renewed freedom and seek your blessing upon our reunions, even as we continue to pray for safety and protection. We continue too, to pray for our healthcare workers, who remain under the strain of caring for the COVID infected, while playing catch-up in the care and treatments postponed due to the pandemic. Not to mention the challenge to manpower due to resignations and other reasons. Lord, bless our healthcare workers renewed strength and relief.

Pray for Singapore

Father, we acknowledge that our government's handling of the pandemic was not perfect, but we give You thanks nonetheless for their selfless best effort these past years in seeking to ensure our health and safety, all the while ensuring we receive our daily necessities and striving to keep our economy afloat. We are aware that not every business and job have survived, and do pray for those directly affected to find a new means of livelihood. We give thanks for businesses which managed to transit over onto digital platforms and survived. Lord, guide and bless our rebuilding efforts.

Pray for SACC

Father, we thank you for the grace and hospitality Saint Hilda's Primary School plus others have extended us these past 2+ years when we had to decant from our regular gathering venue. Bless them! With the lowering of restrictions, guide our every effort to return speedily to our Parish's home.

1. We pray for the return of all our members to church, and pray for Your blessing as we work toward the return of our gatherings to our pre-COVID meeting venues, and the rebuilding of our services and ministries.
2. We pray for Your guidance as we look afresh toward reaching out to our loved ones and community with the Gospel, praying for grace and favour in our efforts to establish a strong community outreach.
3. We pray for the ongoing care and development of every member of our Parish, that all would grow in personal relationship with You, and under the empowering of You, Holy Spirit, boldly step forward to serve and evangelise.

We pray for our forthcoming EC Retreat, for our speaker, Bishop Ng Moon Heng, to be given Your word for us; for all to make every effort to sign up and be present at this Retreat; and for Your presence to be mightily with us at the Retreat to draw us ever deeper into You

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

SACC Local Outreach

We are looking for people interested to reach out to our community. Register your interest or sign up for our Volunteer Training through our QR code in the flyer below.

SACC EC Retreat 2022 - LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

After 3 years, we are finally able to have a retreat! SACC cordially invites you to join us to have a blessed time with God and a time of fellowship with the brothers and sisters of SACC.

Date: 10 – 12 June

Venue: Village Hotel Katong

Speaker: Bishop Ng Moon Hing

More information can be found on our website at:

<https://www.sacc.org.sg/saccretreat22>

Registration opens 3 May 2022

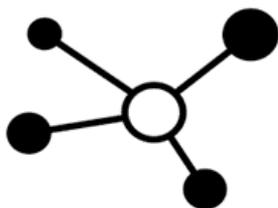
We encourage you to sign up early to avoid disappointment and we will see you there!

Opening at Trinity Theological College

Trinity Theological College seeks Admin Assistant for Chinese & English departments.

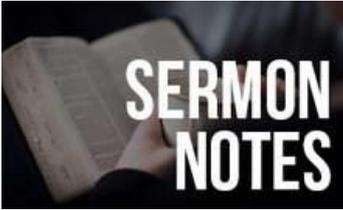
Details: <https://ttc.edu.sg/english/serve-at-ttc/openings/>

For more information or to send CV, please email christineting@ttc.edu.sg



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 : Revd Daniel Tong

Title : Without Love, We Are Nothing

Scripture : **1 Corinthians 13:1-13**

Introduction

Primacy of Love

1. Without Love

2. The Inspiration

3. Temporal Versus Eternal

Conclusion

For Reflection

1. What do we fear about the manifestation of the gift of the Holy Spirit? How might we manage this fear without inhibiting the manifestations?
2. Our strengths may also be our weakness. Discuss how love may be a double edged sword in the manifestation of the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

Listening ears, Beautiful Feet

WE WANT YOU!

We're looking for people who are interested in reaching out to the community by:

- **Being listening ear**
- **Conducting home visits**
- **Running errands**



Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/gfNajN38nbvUMKkK6>

SACC OUTREACH TEAM

VOLUNTEER TRAINING

"In the same way, let your light shine before others,
that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."
- Matthew 5:16

**Want to get involved in volunteering, but don't know how
or where to start?**

Here's your chance! Come find out more about volunteering
with SACC Outreach Team.

Let us respond to Christ's call to be salt and light to the
world that more may praise our Heavenly Father!



Sign up here: <https://forms.gle/sZSYrTZsM8GHVHcn8>

SACC OUTREACH TEAM

SAINT ANDREW'S COMMUNITY CHAPEL PRESENTS



LIFE IN THE SPIRIT

English Congregation Retreat
and Children's Camp

10.06.22 TO 12.06.22

Village Hotel Katong
25 Marine Parade Rd, S449536

Scan the QR code
or use the link below
to register:



<https://tinyurl.com/saccretreat22>

Usher Duty

1 st Sunday	-	1 John 4:19 / Grace @228
2 nd Sunday	-	Mark & Agnes / Fuel+
3 rd Sunday	-	1 King 8:57 / Oasis
4 th Sunday	-	5 Loaves & 2 Fish / Beacon

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>
<p>Remember to indicate your tithe number / purpose of transfer.</p>		

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.