



Sermon Notes



Chapel of the Resurrection

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COLLECT FOR 25 - 26 August 2018

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Heavenly Father, You anointed Your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to us the blessings of Your kingdom. Anoint Your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; 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 for ever.

Feline or Canine Theology?



“Meow...meow... meow!” The persistent cry of Ginger for her owner pierced the tranquility in our quiet neighbourhood. Ginger is the pet cat of Sarah, my next-door neighbour. Usually nowhere in sight, Ginger is off in her daily adventure early in the day, returning only at night, when it’s time to be fed and to rest. In contrast to Ginger, Yubi is always close by Cecilia’s side. Yubi is my sister’s pet dog, a shih-poo - a cross breed between a shitzu and a poodle. Every morning, she waits for Cecilia to wake, greeting her enthusiastically the moment she is in sight. Yubi is always at her beck and call, always ready to draw near to lavish her affection on her mistress.

Some years ago, Bob Sjoren and Gerald Robison wrote a book entitled “Cat & Dog Theology: Rethinking Our Relationship with Our Master. Living Passionately for the Glory of God”. In the book, the authors categorised Christians according to what they named as “cat and dog theology.” They liken the God-given traits of cats (“You exist to serve me”) and that of dogs (“I exist to serve You”), to the relationships Christians have with God.

Those who subscribe to the feline theology are like Ginger – we believe that our Master lives to meet our needs. We return to God only when we need His favor. Indeed, Tim Keller commented that this self-centred attitude is prevalent in our time. In many affluent societies where most human needs are met, there is no need for God. On the other hand, when life circumstances become unfavorable, we similarly conclude that there must be no God. The reasoning is simple: if God does exist, He should have fulfilled His responsibility to take care of our needs in the first place! Those who subscribe to the canine theology live their lives quite differently. Like Yubi, their Master is the centre of their lives. They are attentive to God, always ready to respond to Him. Indeed, that is one understanding of our worship in the New testament. One of the Greek words translated as “worship” in the New Testament is the word “proskuneo”. It is a compound made up of 2 Greek words “pros” meaning “to come near”, and “kuneo” meaning to “lick” - a picture of a dog drawing near and affectionately licking its master. What a beautiful depiction of worship! The Westminster shorter catechism states that “the chief end of man is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.” The reason for our existence is to serve God. He is the center of our world and our lives, not us nor anything else. Pleasure is derived not when our needs are met but when God is glorified. So which theology do you subscribe to? Do you belong to the feline or the canine theological family? “Hey, stop licking me, Yubi!”

- Rev. David Lee

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MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

“how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.”

Acts 10:38 ESV

Prayer Points



Monday (27/8) – COR: Holistic Healing

The Hebrew word for peace (shalom (שלוּם)) is derived from a root denoting wholeness or completeness. Let's pray for the wholeness and complete healing of body, mind and spirit of our brothers and sisters in COR.

Tuesday (28/8) – COR: Hope in God

Almighty God, our hope is in You who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us. To You be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Ephesians 3:20)

Wednesday (29/8) – Diocese: Giving a Legacy

Pray that Anglicans will support this legacy project through their Wills. They can come in the form of property, sums of money, or proceeds from sale of stocks and shares to support the Diocese of Singapore, various parishes, deaneries or special purposes.

Thursday (30/8) – Singapore: Welfare of our nation

(Jeremiah 29:7) Pray for the welfare of our nation that as Singaporeans, we will live up to our Pledge; "We, the citizens of Singapore, pledge ourselves as one united people, regardless of race, language or religion, to build a democratic society based on justice and equality so as to achieve happiness, prosperity and progress for our nation."

Friday (31/8) – World: Mexico

Mexico is a growing nation that is still discovering its own identity. Pray that Mexicans, both indigenous and mestizo, might find their ultimate identity and destiny in the love of Christ and the purposes of God. Pray for the millions of Indians representing nearly every language of Mexico. Very little is being done for their spiritual needs. (Source: Operation World)

Saturday (1/9) – The Sick

Pray for those you know who are not well. Pray that in this difficult period, there is hope and trust in the faithfulness of God. Pray also for God's healing grace and touch.

If you have any confidential prayer requests, please email suatngoh@cor.org.sg.

Service Timings



ENGLISH CONGREGATION

Saturday Praise Service (SPS)

Sat, 4.30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Service (SWS)

Sun, 10.00 am, Sanctuary

Mustard Seed Service (MSS)

Sun, 10.00 am, Shaw Hall, #03-09

KINGDOM CHILDREN CHURCH

Joyful Preschoolers

3 to 4 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #01-16
Sun, 10.00 am, #01-16

Caring Kindees

5 to 6 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #02-15
Sun, 10.00 am, #02-15

Explorer Kidz

7 to 8 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #02-11
Sun, 10.00 am, #02-11

Praise Kidz

9 to 10 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #02-11
Sun, 10.00 am, #02-11

Faithful Kidz

11 to 12 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #02-11
Sun, 10.00 am, #02-11

CHINESE CONGREGATION

Mandarin Service

Sun, 1.45 pm, Sanctuary

New Life Service

Sun, 1.45 pm, #01-14

Canto-Hokkien Service

Sun, 10.00 am, #01-14

Children's Service

3 to 12 years old
Sun, 1.45 pm, #01-16, #02-11

EXTENSION CENTRE

Century Christian Fellowship

Sun, 4.00 pm
407 Jalan Kayu

Announcements



1. Anglican Response To Laos' Flash Floods And Lombok's Multiple Earthquakes

GIVE

Cheques should be crossed and written to **Diocese of Singapore**, indicate **ACROSS – Laos & Lombok** at the back.

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Missions Schedule:

Mission 1: **8 to 16 Sep 2018**

Mission 2: **15 to 23 Sep 2018**

Mission 3: **6 to 14 Oct 2018**

Mission 4: **13 to 21 Oct 2018**

Contact fuwen@anglican.org.sg (Diocesan Missions Coordinator) to join the mobilisation list.

2. Tithe And Offering

Apart from the usual way of using the pledge envelopes for tithe and pledges, you can now opt to give through online banking.

If you would like to make use of this mode of giving, please email jacquelinezhang@cor.org.sg or visit the Information Desk for our bank details.

Please indicate the purpose of giving in your remarks – tithe, pledge, or name of project/funds.

Dance



"The most valuable thing the Psalms do for me is to express the same delight in God which made David dance." - C. S. Lewis, Reflections on the Psalms

C.S. Lewis highlights how dynamic the Psalms are in expressing our love for God in different ways: songs, poetry and dance! Apart from singing, there are many other expressions of worship that we may not be used to. Yet, when David wrote the Psalms, he understood that the posture of worship requires one's whole being; that at times, one can't help but dance, or paint as a way of expressing one's worship of the God who created everything! For today's service, we will see dance being used to express what it means to worship with one's whole being, to express the very same delight in God which made David dance!

Sermons

THIS WEEKEND		NEXT WEEKEND	
SPS 25 Aug	When God Is Silent Psalm 77 Rev. David Lee	SPS 1 Sep	Nehemiah: Praying For Favour Nehemiah 1:1-11; Luke 1:67-79 Rev. Dr Timothy Chong
SWS 26 Aug		SWS MSS 2 Sep	
MSS 26 Aug	Ambitions - Is Having Them Good Or Evil? James 3:13-18 Ian Chew		

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