

**WEEK 10**

**LENT 4**

**11 MARCH 2018**



## **THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

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**Welcome to a gathering of God's people.**

### **COLLECT FOR ASH WEDNESDAY:**

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### **COLLECT FOR TODAY:**

Almighty God, grant that we, who justly deserve to be punished for our sinful deeds, may in your mercy and kindness be pardoned and restored; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **During times of suffering and affliction, longing for God's Word:**

**Psalm 73:26** <sup>26</sup>My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.

**Matthew 8:17** <sup>17</sup>"He took up our infirmities and carried our diseases."

**Psalm 121:1-2** <sup>NIV</sup> **Psalm 121:1** A song of ascents. I lift up my eyes to the hills-- where does my help come from? <sup>2</sup> My help comes from the LORD, the Maker of heaven and earth.

**Psalm 121:7-8** <sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all harm-- he will watch over your life; <sup>8</sup> the LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

**Isaiah 43:1** But now, this is what the LORD says-- he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: "Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine.

**Isaiah 43:4-5** <sup>4</sup>Since you are precious and honored in my sight, and because I love you.....<sup>5</sup> Do not be afraid, for I am with you;

**James 5:15-16** <sup>15</sup> And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up. If he has sinned, he will be forgiven. <sup>16</sup> Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.

**Jeremiah 17:14** <sup>14</sup> Heal me, O LORD, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

### **Prayer**

**Lord, when I am sick, I ask You** to lead me to face all the challenges before me. In Jesus' Name I pray. Amen!

### **Question**

How do we continue to trust the Lord in the midst of illness and suffering?

**Welcome** to a gathering of God's people. We gather to worship Jesus. To sing praises to Him, to confess our sins to Him, to listen to His word, to pray to Him, to remember His death and to encourage one another to obey Him in our daily lives.

- **11 Mar (Today) - Pre-marital course** begins. Venue / time: St Michael's Elton Cafe @ 3:00 pm.
- **12 Mar - Keenagers Fellowship.** Venue—Barrett Hall, 8:45 am.
  - ★ **Chinese Cell Group Leaders & Assistant Leaders meeting.** Venue - Grace Hall @ 7:30 pm.
- **15 Mar (Thurs) - 25<sup>th</sup> PCC meeting** at the meeting room @ 7:30 pm.
- **16 Mar (Fri), Alpha Course** commences and will continue for 11 consecutive Fridays. Venue : Barrett Hall, 7:00 pm
- **17 Mar (Sat) - BB Junior camp** at Vision School @ 8:00 am.
- **18 Mar (Sun) - BB Enrolment Service** in church @ 7:00 am

- **17 & 18 Mar - COGS Children Bible Day - Camp** for children in Pr 4 - Pr 6. Venue: Wisma COGS. Beginning @ 8:00 am daily.

- **18 & 25 Mar** — Chi & Eng Sunday Schools in recess.

- **25 Mar (Sun) - COGS 34TH AGM @ 2:00 pm.** Members intending to raise any matters of the Parish, please send in your written notice before Sunday, 18 March 2018 to the PCC Secretary. Please read detailed 'Notice of the AGM' on the notice board.

- ★ **NO Chinese Service** at 2:30 pm.

## Holy Week Services:

- 25 Mar— Palm Sunday Services as usual, except for the afternoon Service.
- 29 Mar— Maundy Thurs Service in church, 7:30 pm
- 30 Mar— Good Friday Memorial Service— Sibuga Anglican cemetery, 7:00 am ;
  - 3-Hour meditation and prayer in church. (12 nn—3:00 pm)
- 31 Mar - Baptism Service at Saturday Evening Service, 7:30 pm
- 01 Apr - Easter Sunday Chi / Eng Services combined @ 7:30 am;
  - light breakfast at Barrett Hall, 9:30 am
  - BM Service, 10:30 am
  - Chinese Service, 2:30 pm



## THE PURE HEART

**Matthew 5:8** <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

- **Your Guilt is Taken Away Isaiah 6:7**

**Isaiah 6:7** <sup>7</sup> With it he touched my mouth and said, "See, this has touched your lips; your guilt is taken away and your sin atoned for."

- **The Necessity for a Pure Heart Psalm 24**

**Psalm 24:3-4** <sup>3</sup> Who may ascend the hill of the LORD? Who may stand in his holy place? <sup>4</sup> He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to an idol or swear by what is false.

- **Walk Away from Sins**

**2 Timothy 2:22** <sup>22</sup> Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart.

### Questions for Discussion

Read Isaiah 6:1-7. What kind of impure thoughts tend to come to your mind when you read the Bible and when you pray?

Read Psalm 24:3-4. In your daily living, what is that likely to cause you to have impure thoughts?

List down some practical ways on how we can walk away from sins.

## FAMILY MATTERS

- **Confirmation classes** will commence in April. If you are prepared for confirmation, please hand in your filled-in form to the church office.
- **COGS Education Award** will be awarded soon to students with excellent results for the UPSR, PT3, SPM & STPM in 2017.
- **Tadika Good Shepherd**—vacancy for a teacher is available. Qualification / requirement: SPM, diploma in Early Childhood Education. Languages—BM, Eng & Chi. Please contact Mrs Alice Y M Liew.
- **COGS Logo competition**—the winners are Aldalina Tan Nyek Mei (1st & 3rd prizes) & Voo Li Joo (2nd prize). Winners, please contact the church office.
- Our deepest sympathy and condolences to Mr & Mrs Simon Wong, Mr & Mrs Ngo Su Hian over the recent bereavement of their father / father-in-law, the late Mr Wong Vun Boh who was called to eternal rest at the age of 80, on 06 March.

### Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chinese [Sat] - 7:30 pm	223	166
Chinese [Sun] - 7:00 am	204	191
English [Sun] - 9:30 am	157	141
BM [Sun] - 9:30 am	281	218
Chinese [Sun] - 2:30 pm	85	65
Mawar Children	38	
Labuk Children (Ch)	74	
Labuk Children (En)	45	
BM Children	88	
<b>Total</b>	<b>1195</b>	<b>781</b>

## Lord, teach us how to pray ...

- ✧ **For Our World - NETHERLANDS — population 16.8 million.**
  - Economy — strong industrial, agricultural and trading economy.
  - Church — pray for the church as less than 20% attend church worship services.
  - Main line churches—both Roman Catholic and Protestant churches also suffer rapid decline in church attendance.
- ✧ **For Malaysia - National Airlines.**
  - Safe air travel in both domestic and international routes.
  - For MAS, our national airline to achieve profitability soon.
  - For achievement of reasonable, fair and affordable airfares for all domestic routes.
- ✧ **For Our Diocese - Gereja Kristus Gunung Batu, Kopri.**
  - Revd Jakobus Chong.
  - For care of all children and elderly members.
  - Care of mid-week small group members.
- ✧ **For Our Parish - COGS Chinese Worship Services.**
  - For growth in attendance of all three Chinese Services.
  - More members to join the care groups especially in Sibuga & Mawar area.
  - God to raise more care group leaders.
- ✧ For the sick: **Mr Francis Lam, Mr Yim Tin Yau, Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mdm Teo Joo Lian, Ps N F Soo, Mdm Lee Soi Chin, Mr Eng Fook Kit, Mdm Chang Suk Heng, Mdm Emily Lau, Miss Vivian Chin, Mdm Lai Nyuk Jin, Mdm Chia Soon Yin, Mr Leong Kam Lun, Mdm Tay Phui Teen and Mr Chong Hyun Vui.**
- ✧ **For personal requests.**

<b>Order of Service</b>	<b>This Sunday</b>	<b>Next Sunday (18/03/18)</b>
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	<b>The Church's one foundation (HfTC 501)</b>	<b>Crown Him with many crowns (HfTC 174)</b>
<i>Greetings</i>	Stephanie Chin	Dr T M Thian
<i>Praise &amp; Worship</i>	Claudia Lopez	Ang Pian Ming
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	<b>Isaiah 6: 1—7</b> Loh Leong Len	<b>Ps 24: 1—6</b> Margaret Hon
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	<b>John 3: 14— 21</b> Stephanie Chin	<b>John 12: 20—33</b> Dr T M Thian
<i>Message</i>	<b>“THE PURE HEART”</b> Rev'd Timothy Jerry	<b>“ THE LISTENING HEART “</b> Ad Yong Thiam Choy
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	<b>Low Mooi Gaik</b>	<b>Choo Peng Yeang</b>
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	<b>In the Hour of Trial (HOP 224)</b>	<b>The old rugged cross (HOP 100)</b>
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing &amp; Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	<b>There is a fountain (HOP 158)</b>	<b>I know whom I have Believed (HOP 146)</b>

Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	<b>LOGOS 3 (Ho Sui Loon)</b>	<b>LOGOS 4 (Choo Peng Yeang)</b>
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr &amp; Mrs Francis Lo</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Benjamin Chow, Priscilla Chow, Ho En Han</b>
Sidesmen	<b>Mr Ngu Ngok Yoon Mr &amp; Mrs Chin Nyuk Fatt Ho En Han</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Dennis Chong Yee Chee Hong, Margaret Ho</b>
Server	<b>Lam Kai Kwong</b>	<b>Foo Chee Hiong</b>
Prayer Ministry	<b>Ho Sui Loon Betty Kwan</b>	<b>Ho Sui Loon Denny Chong</b>
Offertory Count	<b>Lily Mok ( C ) Yuen Kat Ming, Rona Yuen Emily Ng, Lena Wong Mark Mak</b>	<b>Alice Y M Liew ( C ) Mr &amp; Mrs Loh Leong Len Hee Pui Lee Ho Sui Loon, Francis Voo</b>
Washing up	<b>Maggie Yap, Lily Ho</b>	<b>Mr &amp; Mrs Choo Peng Yeang</b>

<b>WEEKLY SERVICES</b>
<i>Saturday</i>
7:30 p.m. Chinese
<i>Sunday</i>
7:00 a.m. Chinese
9:30 a.m. English
9:30 a.m. Bahasa M'sia
2:30 p.m. Chinese
<b>CHAPEL PRAYERS</b>
Wed - 7:00 a.m.
Thur - 6:30 a.m.
Sat - 4:30 a.m.
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