

26 Mar 2023 - Order of Service Building a Disciple-Making Church

9 am to 10 am, 6 pm to 7 pm

Prelude

Call to Worship

*Hymn of Praise & Adoration Wonderful Grace of Jesus

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil; for Thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

*Hymn of Prayer Just As I Am

Scripture Reading Luke 7:36-50

Worship Leader: This is the word of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Forgiven by Jesus

***Hymn of Response** My Heart is Filled

Welcome & Announcements

Offertory

*Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. AMEN.

*Benediction

*Three-Fold Amen

Postlude

^{*}Congregation to stand

Confidence in Prayer

Many Christians are reluctant to prayer for various reasons. Perhaps we feel a bit self-conscious at times, especially praying in public. Maybe we compare our prayers with the prayers of others, who seem to be more articulate. But prayer, in the Christian life, is as important and natural as breathing. Think about it for a moment. What is the first thing that babies do after being born? They breathe. When it comes to our spiritual rebirth in Christ, prayer is like a baby's breath. What is important to God is not the eloquence of our speech, or the amount of time we spend in prayer. God's desire is that we have open, honest, and heartfelt communication with him. Prayer is an expression of our dependence on God.

The Apostle John offers guidance in prayer in 1 John 5:14-15. He writes, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us. And if we know that he hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of him." How did John arrive at such confidence? It is likely that John's view on prayer is formed on the basis of Jesus' own teaching about prayer, much of which is recorded in John's Gospel. Jesus says, "And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Son may bring glory to the Father. You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it" (John 14:13-14). Certainly Christians should not assume that God will grant just anything he or she might ask for. The qualification for answered prayers, according to John, is that we must pray not according to our own selfish wishes but rather according to God's will.

Interestingly, there are many verses that speak so clearly about the Christian's attitude to be confident in prayer. In 1 John 3, John says "Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask" (vv. 21-22a). But there is a qualification there as well, for the verses immediately go on to add, "because we obey his commands and do what pleases him" (v. 22b).

These verses say a great deal about the nature of prayer. Probably in most people's minds prayer is regarded as the means by which God's will is changed, or at least enlarged to include the concerns of the one praying. According to these verses, prayer is not so much about getting God to pay attention to our requests, as it is getting our requests to align with his perfect and desirable will for us. Prayer is learning to think about God's thoughts and truths, such that we delight in him. When we truly delight in the Lord, our thoughts and desires are changed. Prayer, rightfully considered, is not just asking God to fulfil our own desires, but a means by which our desires may be transformed according to the will of God. Prayer, even more than just talking to God, is listening to him.

SERMON OUTLINE 26 MAR

Forgiven by Jesus
Luke 7:36-50
Introduction:
Realise our need for Jesus
2. Receive the joy of his forgiveness
Conclusion

Bible Readings & Prayer Points

Monday

Read Luke 8:4-10. Why did Jesus speak in parables to the crowd?

Thank God for the successful completion of the Synod AGM last Tuesday evening. Pray that the financial and human resources God has given us will be wisely invested in the growth of our churches.

Tuesday

Read Luke 8:11-12. What was wrong with the first and second categories of hearers? What were their outcomes?

Pray for God's mercy upon the victims of the Turkey and Syria earthquakes and that more resources will be raised and used in the best ways to help the victims.

Wednesday

Read Luke 8:14. What is similar between this third category of hearers and the first and second?

Pray for the EP Holy Week to be used by God to bring renewal to the hearts of many.

Thursday

Read Luke 8:15. What is so good about this fourth category of hearers?

Pray for the participants in our Evangelism Equipping class this evening to gain a deeper grasp of the Gospel so that they may be used by God to reach others.

Friday

Read Luke 8:16-18. What are the promise and warnings that accompany the hearing of God's word?

Pray for good sign-up for the church camp so that we may grow together as a church in our discipleship journey.

Saturday

Read Luke 8:19-21. How does Jesus esteem those who hear and obey God's word?

Pray for our hearts to be filled with thankfulness this Palm Sunday as we remember how Jesus entered Jerusalem to offer His life for us.

MINISTRY THIS WEEK

<u>Date</u>		<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	Venue
Sun	26	9.00 am	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
		9.00 am	Sunday School	Dunman Building
		9.00 am	Youth Service	Chapel
		10.30 am	Youth Fellowship	Chapel
		1.00 pm	Young Adult Bible Study	MR3/Quarters
		4.30 pm	Chancel Evening Choir Rehearsal	Dunman Hall A
		6.00 pm	Sunday Worship Service	Sanctuary
Tues	28	8.30 am	Pastoral Staff Prayer Meeting	Online
		8.00 pm	Lessons on Assurance (L1 of 5)	Online
Wed	29	2.00 pm	Pastoral Staff Meeting	MR2
Thu	30	7.30 pm	Easter Choir Practice	Sanctuary
Sat	1	2.00 pm	Marriage Preparation Class (L2 of 3)	DB6
		2.00 pm	Combined Easter Practice – Handbells & Orchestra	Sanctuary

TITHES & OFFERINGS

ORPC English Congregation

(1) CHEQUE or CASHIER'S ORDER

Please make this payable to "Orchard Road Presbyterian Church" and mail to: No. 3 Orchard Road Singapore 238825

(2) INTERBANK TRANSFER

Beneficiary: Orchard Rd Presbyterian Church – Giro Offering

Bank: UOB/7375/001 Account No: 450-312-122-5

(3) PAYNOW/PAYLAH

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We encourage our ORPC members and regular worshippers to faithfully offer their tithes and offerings and to do so electronically where possible.

This is **not** a general solicitation of funds from the public.

FOR ALL CONTRIBUTIONS:

Please indicate the type of Giving, i.e.

"ENGLISH - MISSION" or "ENGLISH - GENERAL"

- (1) at the back of **Cheque** or
- (2) in "Comments" box for Interbank Transfer or
- (3) in "Reference" box for PayNow

OUR OFFERING

OFFERING	TARGET <u>01.1.23-31.12.23</u>	TARGET TO 19.03.2023	RECEIVED TO 19.03.2023	YTD SURPLUS/(SHORTFALL)
GENERAL	\$1,800,000.00	\$415,384.62	\$402,505.85	(\$12,878.77)
MISSIONS	\$250,000.00	\$57,692.31	\$48,630.00	(\$9,062.31)
TOTAL	\$2,050,000.00	\$473,076.93	\$451,135.85	(\$21,941.08)

PREACHING THEMES - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	26 Mar	2 Apr Palm Sunday	7 Apr Good Friday
		Inter-Generational Sunday	Good mady
Sermon Title	Forgiven by Jesus	How to Hear Jesus	
Scripture Ref	Luke 7:36-50	Luke 8:4-21	
Preacher	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin	Ps Lim Chung Wei
Children's Message		Pr Herna Kong	
Worship Leader	Eld Paul Johnson	Dcn Li-Ki Khaw	Eld Alvin Ooi
	Dcn Andrew Tan	Dcn Alicia Yeo	
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Dr Edward Goh	Rev Dr Clive Chin	
Music Director	Maria Oskar Halim	Dorothy Oskar Lie	
	Lisa Ong	Lye Su-Lin	
Musicians	Eunice Tang	Eunice Tang	
	Sophia Selvarajan (AM & PM)	Hannah Leong	
	Jabez Selvarajan (AM & PM)		
	Hanson Leong (AM & PM)		
	Patrick Harjadi		
Ushers Team/	Team B	Team C	Team G
Leaders	Jimmy Tan	Kenneth Koh	Winnie Wong
	Team H	Team D	
	Dcn Alicia Yeo	Ivy Ang	
	Sanctuary Entrance	Sanctuary Entrance	Sanctuary Entrance
Greeters	Ps Lim Chung Wei	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Rev Dr Edward Goh
	Pr Tan Hui Ru	Eld Gabriel Tan	Eld Dr Chung Lai Hong
	Pr Herna Kong	Rev Dr Edward Goh	
	Eld Paul Johnson	Eld Paul Johnson	
AV Duty Roster	Elson Chan	Jethro Cheung	Selvarajan Rengasamy
	Juniarto Hadiatmadja	Susan Tan	Jabez Selvarajan
	Patrick Chow	Maria Oskar Halim	Mazmur The
	Elson Chan	Huang Junxiong	
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Bold Italics - Evening Service

YOUTH MINISTRY - SERVICE ROSTER

Sunday Service	26 Mar	2 Apr	7 Apr
Sermon Title	Forgiven by Jesus		
Scripture Reference	Luke 7:36-50		
Preacher	Pr Ho Wei Liang		
Scripture Reader	Heidi Lim		
Worship Leader	Isaiah Tang		
Musicians	James The	Worship in the Sanctuary	Worship in the Sanctuary
	Joel Chua		
	Darryl Yap		
Ushers Team/	Chloe Tjahjono		
Leaders	Shannon Chia		
AV Duty Roster	Marie Tan		
	Miguel Carlos G.		
	Templonuevo		

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY-WED COUPLE

We congratulate Chua Wei Yuan and Sheryl Chong on their holy matrimony on Sat, 25 Mar. We pray for the couple that God blesses their journey together.

FETCHING OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN BY PARENTS AFTER AM SERVICE

Parents of children in Sunday School may fetch the children after 10.10 am.

DISCIPLESHIP COURSE—LESSONS ON ASSURANCE (FROM 28 MAR)

This course will be held over 5 Tuesdays from 28 Mar - 25 Apr, 8 - 9.30 pm, via Zoom. Please see the flyer. Enquiries: email Jane Gan at DG2LoA@gmail.com Registration: https://tinyurl.com/LoAmar23 or scan QR Code.



SOCM ADULT SUNDAY CLASS—THE GOSPEL & THE KINGDOM OF GOD (2 APR)

The class will be conducted by Rev Dr Clive Chin from 10.45 am to 12 pm in the Chapel. All are welcome. Please see the flyer for more details.

APRIL CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER MEETING (5 APR)

Our next meeting will be on Wed, 5 Apr, from 7.30 – 8.30 pm, in Dunman Hall. All are encouraged to attend. Please email Ping at orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg if you have any queries.

EP HOLY WEEK CONVENTION 2023—THE GLORY OF THE CROSS (5 - 7 APR)

We encourage everyone to join the Convention (5 – 7 Apr), especially the Good Friday Service (7 Apr, 10.30 am) at the Expo, which can hold up to 5000 pax. Rev Dr Edwin Tay, Principal of the Trinity Theological College, will take you through selected passages from the Gospel of John. Please see the flyer for details.

ORPC GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE (7 APR)

The Good Friday Service will be held in the Sanctuary from 9 - 10 am.

MEMBERSHIP CLASS (11 APR - 16 MAY)

The membership class will begin on Tuesday, 11 April, 7.30 - 9.30 pm (classes run for 6 consecutive Tuesdays until Tuesday, 16 May). The classes will be held onsite in Su Han Kuen Hall (Dunman Building, Level 2). Regular worshippers who are deciding to become Communicant Members of ORPC by baptism, confirmation or transfer are encouraged to join the class. Membership Service(s) will be on Sunday, 4 June.

 Register via QR code here or <u>http://chms.orpc.org.sg/equipping/registration/20/public</u>



- Download relevant form from https://orpc.sg/forms/membershipforms/
- Submit your form to <u>orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg</u>

The closing date for application is Friday, 31 Mar.

ECM: ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS (28 MAY)

Notice is given for an ECM—Election of Elders and Deacons—to be held on Sunday, 28 May 2023 after morning service by way of electronic means. Please refer to the insert/attachment for more information on the nomination and election process. Nomination Forms can be accessed via this link https://orpc.sg/eldersdeacons/ Alternatively, you may pick up hardcopies of the Nomination Form from the church office or the pigeonhole 'Nomination of Elders/Deacons' located in Dunman Hall.

CHURCH CAMP (9 - 10 JUN)

Our Church Camp is open for registration starting today. To do so, please proceed to the booth at Dunman Hall after both services. If you wish to obtain information, you can send your queries to FISHERSOFPEOPLE2023@gmail.com

The details of the Church Camp are as follows:

Date: Friday 9th June to Saturday 10th June

Venue: PARKROYAL on Kitchener Road Singapore

Theme: Making Disciples Together in Christ

Speaker: Rev Tony Yeo, Senior Pastor, Covenant Evangelical Free Church

Please refer to the flyer.

FLOWER OFFERING

Eld Tatang and Mrs Maria Halim: "We are praising and giving thanks to the Lord our God who is the giver of life."

JOB OPENING IN ORPC

<u>Accounts and Administrative Executive</u>

The position description can be found on our website https://orpc.sg/category/join-our-team/ and interested individuals can send your enquiry to our Church Office Manager, Diane Tee (dianetee@orpc.org.sg).

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

If you have changed your personal particulars recently, or you have queries regarding church events/ministries, please email Ping at orpcenglish@orpc.org.sg or contact the church office (Mon to Fri).

STAFF UPDATE

Rev Dr Clive Chin will be on leave 26-31 Mar.

Rev Dr Edward Goh will be on leave 28 (am), 30-31 Mar.

Ps Lim Chung Wei will be on leave 28 and 30 Mar.

Pr Tan Hui Ru will be on leave 28-31 Mar.

Pr Ho Wei Liang will be on leave 2 Apr.

CHURCH EVENTS: APR - AUG 2023			
Sat 1 & 8 Apr	2.00 pm	Marriage Preparation Class [DB6]	
Fri 7 Apr	9.00 am 10.30 am	Good Friday Service EP Service [EXPO]	
Sun 9 Apr	9.00 am & 6.00 pm	Easter Sunday Services	
Sun 23 Apr	9.00 am & 6.00 pm	Infant Baptism	
Tues 11 Apr - 16 May	7.30 pm	Membership Class [SHK] - Baptism, Confirmation, Transfer	
Sat 13 May		Congregational Fellowship – Talk on 'Dementia' [Dunman Hall]	
Sun 28 May	9.00 am	Extraordinary Congregation Meeting (ECM) - Election of Elders and Deacons	
Sun 4 Jun	9.00 am & 6.00 pm	Membership Sunday	
Fri 9 Jun - Sat 10 Jun		Church Camp [PARKROYAL]	
Sat 17 Jun	2.00 pm	Annual Congregational Meeting	
Sun 2 Jul	9.00 am & 6.00 pm	Inter-Generational & Leaders' Installation Service	
Sat 22 July		Congregational Fellowship – Talk on 'Dementia' for Caregivers [Dunman Hall]	
Sat 5 Aug		Congregational Fellowship Activity [Outdoor]	

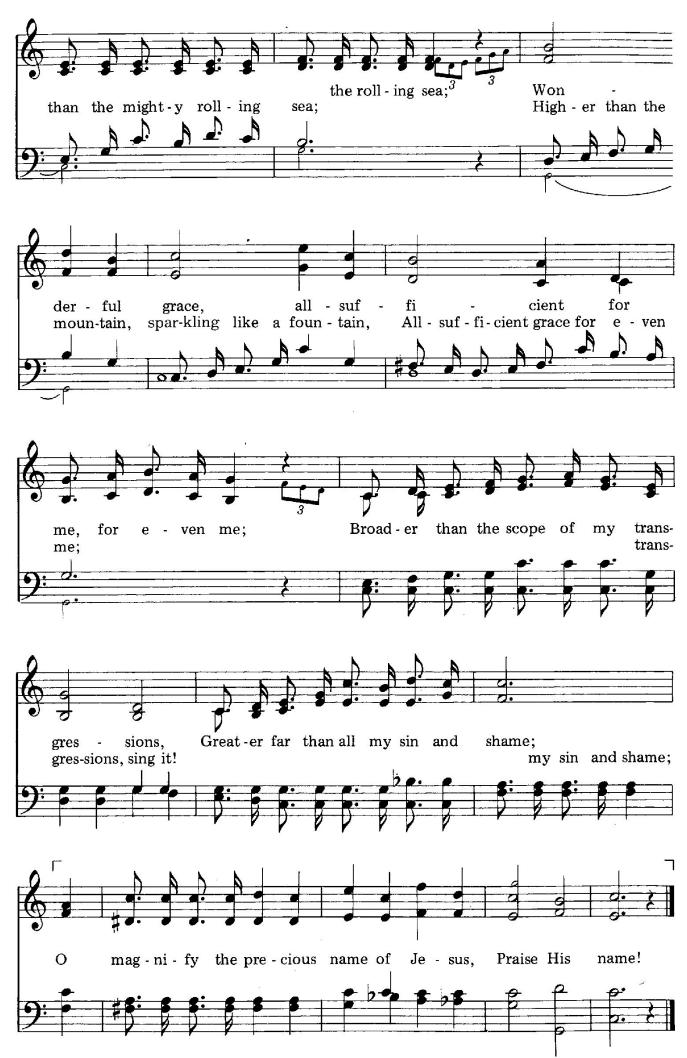
Hymn of Praise & Adoration



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WONDERFUL GRACE

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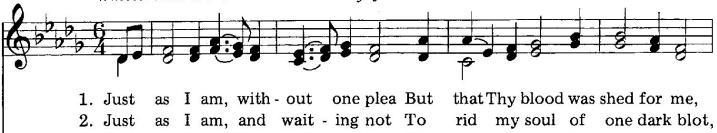
Hymn of Prayer

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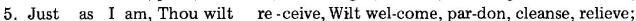
Just As I Am

Whoever comes to Me I will never drive away. John 6:37

I am, tho tossed



a - bout With man -y a con-flict, man-y a doubt, I am, poor, wretched, blind-Sight, rich-es, heal-ing of the mind, 4. Just







come! And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come! I To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come! I come! Fight-ings and fears with - in, with-out, O Lamb of God, I come! I come! Thee to find- O Lamb of God, I come! I come! need in Be - cause Thy prom - ise I be-lieve, O Lamb of God, I come! I come!

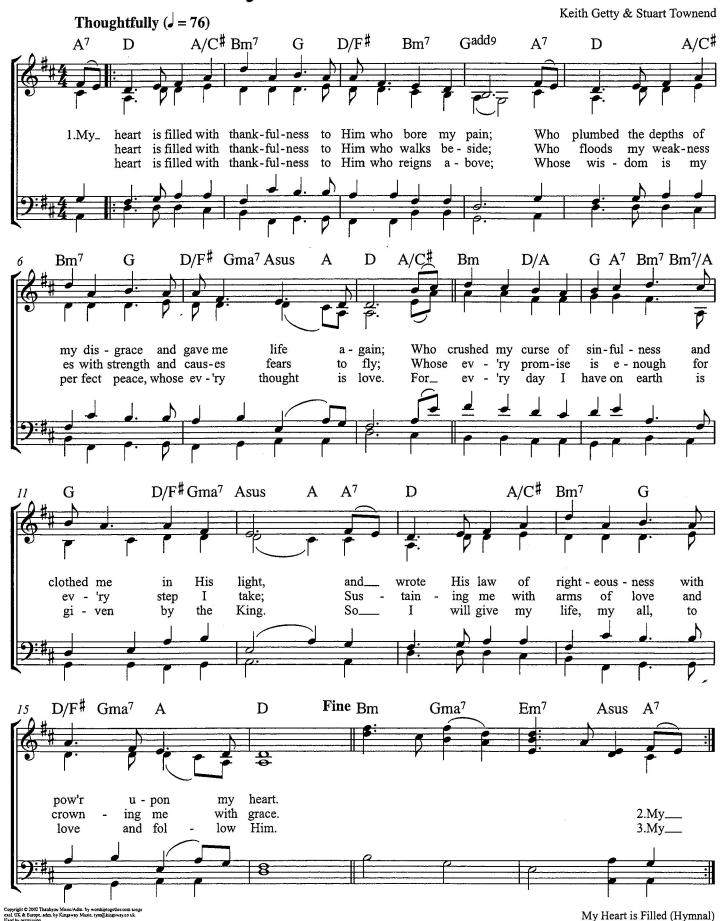


TEXT: Charlotte Elliott MUSIC: William B. Bradbury WOODWORTH L.M.

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My Heart is Filled



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- Discipleship Course -

Lessons on Assurance

- ✓ Are you a new believer?
- ✓ Or a long time Christian seeking to refresh and review the fundamentals of your faith?
- ✓ Perhaps you wish to equip yourself to help a loved one?

If your answer is YES, then this is the course for you!

Lessons on Assurance is a series of 5 topical bible studies on the timeless promises God gives to Christians. [Course facilitators: Jane Gan and Benjamin Goh]

Topics include

Assurance of salvation ♦ Answered prayer ♦ Victory over sin ♦ Forgiveness ♦ Guidance

Time / Dates: 8.00 - 9.30pm, Mar 28, Apr 4, 11, 18 & 25 2023 (Five Tuesdays)

Online: Via Zoom

Enquiries: email Jane Gan at DG2LoA@gmail.com

Registration: https://tinyurl.com/LoAmar23 or scan QR Code







The Gospel - the doctrine of first importance

2 April 2023

10.45 am - 12 noon Venue: The Chapel

Conducted by Rev. Dr. Clive Chin

The Gospel & the Kingdom of God

This class will explore further the important question – what is the Gospel? If we understand the Gospel as Paul defines it in 1 Cor 15:3–4 – the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ – it naturally begs the question if Jesus preached the Gospel.

We know from the four gospel accounts that Jesus preached the Kingdom of God. Is the Gospel according to Paul different from the Gospel according to Jesus? Some Christian leaders would go so far as to say that "I don't believe in the Pauline gospel, but I believe in the Kingdom gospel."

Understanding the Gospel presupposes a certain way of reading the Bible storyline. In this class, we will discuss:

- how to read the synoptic gospel accounts,
- the nature of the Kingdom of God, and
- how to reconcile the apparent tension between the Pauline gospel and the Kingdom gospel when it comes to sharing the good news with others.

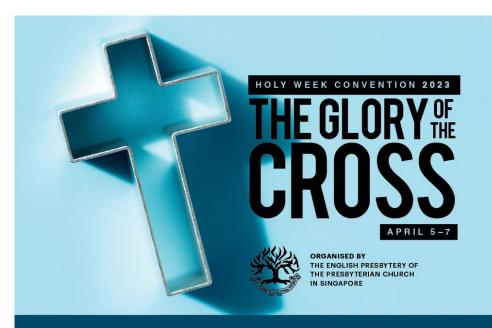


Good Friday

But He was pierced for our transgressions. He was crushed for our iniquities...

Isaiah 53:5





THE CROSS, A SYMBOL OF SUFFERING AND DEATH IN THE ANCIENT WORLD, HAS BECOME THE DEFINING SYMBOL OF CHRISTIANITY.

The New Testament writers are united in their witness to the central importance of the death of Christ for the salvation of the world. For the glory of God is revealed in and through the cross of Calvary.

THIS SERIES OF HOLY WEEK SERMONS

will trace the journey of Jesus from the Upper Room to Golgotha through selected passages from John's Gospel. They will explore the glory of God's love, sovereignty, and power in the cross of Christ.



REV DR EDWIN TAY PRINCIPAL TRINITY THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE

PROGRAM

TIME 8PM SESSION 1 THE CROSS REVEALED

(JOHN 17)

VENUE: TRUE WAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

APRIL 2023 TIME 8PM SESSION 2

(JOHN 18)

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VENUE: TRUE WAY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

2023

TIME 10.30AM

SESSION 3 THE CROSS RAISED

(JOHN 19) **VENUE: EXPO HALL 1 (APEX)**

NOMINATION & ELECTION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Session is calling for an election of Elders and Deacons to be held on **Sunday, 28 May 2023**. Those elected will serve a three-year term from 1 July 2023.

ORPC members are entitled to nominate other ORPC members who have been serving faithfully in ORPC and demonstrated leadership qualities, for election as Elders or Deacons.

The closing date for nominations is **Sunday**, **16 April 2023**.

Session will interview all candidates with their spouses (if any). Those who qualify and are deemed to be suitable nominees will be recommended and announced to the congregation on three Sundays (7, 14, 21 May 2023) prior to the election date.

To be duly elected, candidates must receive at least (a) two-thirds of the votes cast for Elders and (b) half of the votes cast for Deacons.

WHAT DO ELDERS AND DEACONS DO?

Elders and Deacons are voluntary office bearers in the Congregation. They join the pastoral staff in pastoral leadership and oversight, oversee the management of ORPC, assist in the administration of ORPC and in all matters concerning the building-up and growth of ORPC.

Elders serve primarily in Session and may also be appointed to the Board of Management (BoM). Session is the final decision-making body in ORPC and has particular responsibility for the spiritual mission and growth of ORPC.

Deacons serve in the BoM and have particular responsibility for the pastoral care of God's people and for managing the material resources of ORPC to serve its spiritual mission.

WHO CAN BE NOMINATED AND ELECTED?

- Elders and Deacons must meet the biblical qualifications according to 1 Timothy 3:1-13 and Titus 1:6-9.
- Nominees must be communicant members of ORPC for more than three years.
- All nominees are expected to have served in at least one area of ministry in ORPC for a minimum period of one year prior to being nominated.
- Elders must have served for at least one term of three years as a Deacon.
- Spouses of Elders and Deacons must also be communicant members of ORPC.
 Divorcees and those with previously-divorced spouses do not qualify for nomination.

- Elders and Deacons must assent to the basic creeds and confessions of the Presbyterian Church, the Apostles' Creed, the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Constitution of the Synod of the Presbyterian Church in Singapore and the Constitution of ORPC.
- Elders and Deacons must attend regular Session/BoM meetings, congregational monthly prayer meetings, ministry/committee meetings as assigned, leaders' retreats, annual and extraordinary congregational meetings. They must also share in pastoral visitation and undertake other duties relevant to their office and other assigned responsibilities as decided from time to time.

HOW TO NOMINATE?

Elders and Deacons must be proposed and seconded by other communicant members of ORPC.

A member who wants to nominate another member should first check the eligibility of that other member (please see above) before making any nomination.

The proposer needs a seconder for the nomination. After both the proposer and the seconder have signed the nomination form, the nominee must sign the form to confirm his/her consent to the nomination.

Nomination forms are available on our website or the Church Office. All completed nomination forms must be submitted, for the attention of the Session Clerk, to the English Congregation Executive (yongping@orpc.org.sg) by **Sunday, 16 April 2023**.

Elder Philip Ong Session Clerk 19 March 2023



FIRST ORPC CHURCH CAMP IN 4 YEARS!



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9-10 JUNE 2023

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SPEAKER: REV TONY YEO
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