# **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH**

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#### **VISION STATEMENT**

To be a caring community of believers in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Saviour. We seek to fulfill the Great Commission in the power of the Holy Spirit.

# Theme for 2025: "Come, follow me" Mark 10:21



14 December 2025

3rd Sunday Of Advent

Almighty God, who sent your servant John the Baptist to prepare your people for the coming of your Son: inspire the ministers and stewards of your truth to turn our disobedient hearts to the law of love; that when he comes again in glory, we may stand with confidence before him as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever

| This Sunday's Sermon                         | Next Sunday's Sermon                         |
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| 3rd Sunday Of Advent<br>Lectionary Preaching | 4th Sunday Of Advent<br>Lectionary Preaching |
| Joy In Christ                                | Love in Christ                               |
| James 5:7-10                                 | 1 John 4:7-19                                |
| Revd Adrian Chong                            | Pastor Geraldine Lau                         |
| This Sunday's Readings                       | Next Sunday's Readings                       |

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Psalm 146:4-10 Psalm 144:1-15 Matthew 11:2-11 Luke 1:26-38

LIVESTREAM OF SERVICE Chinese Service: 9.00am

Worship livestream: https://tinyurl.com/HTCLiveNow

#### **CONTACTING PASTORAL STAFF**

Please contact the pastoral staff if you have any pastoral needs, a request for Holy Communion or if you welcome a physical visit.

## Diocesan Bishop of Singapore:

The Most Revd Dr Titus Chung

## Assistant Bishop:

Rt Revd Low Jee King

### Archdeacon of Singapore:

Ven Daniel Wee Chun Chian

#### **Pastoral Staff**

Acting Vicar: Rt Revd Low Jee King

Associate Vicar Revd Adrian Chong

Pastor James Chan Pastor Geraldine Lau Pastor Zhu Xiaoyun Bro. Lim Ai Chuan

### **Sunday Services**

English 9:00am, 11:00am

Chinese 9:00am

Children Sunday School 9:00am (Chinese), 11:00am (English)

#### Cell Groups

Our various Youth Ministry, Adult, and Young Adult cell groups meet on:

Wednesday Afternoons

Friday 7.30pm & 8.00pm

Saturday 8.00pm 2nd Sunday 1.30pm

For more info, visit:

www.holytrinitychurch.org.sg

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**





#### 1. STAFF MOVEMENT

• Bishop Low – Medical Leave – 26 August-27 December 2025

#### 2. CHILDREN'S MINISTRY NOV-DEC SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

Both FUN and COOL groups will have combined sessions with a special theme: "You are the Light and Salt of the World." Expect fun Bible lessons and mind-blowing object lessons (yes, scientific tricks!) to reinforce their learning!

Mark your calendars:

14 Dec: Ondeh-ondeh making with Grandpa

 21 Dec: All children attend E2 Service \*(Children's Christmas Carnival after Service)

28 Dec: NO Sunday School4 Jan: NO Sunday School

• 11 Jan 2026: Sunday School resumes

#### 3. CHRISTMAS LUNCH - FINAL REMINDER- CLOSING DATE: MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

Date: 25 December 2025 @ 12.15pm

Venue: Qian Xi Farrer Park Restaurant, 60 Tessensohn Road (walk 10 mins)

**Ticket: \$60/pax** *Encourage booking by table*Registration Link: https://tinyurl.com/HTCCTL2025

One-way bus to the restaurant for those truly needed—11:15 am & 11:45 am

#### 4. CHRISTMAS @ PECCO

Date: Saturday, 20 December 2025

Time: 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM

We warmly invite all brothers and sisters to join this event. Thank you for your kind

donations and to everyone who has offered their time and talents

Volunteers meet at 9am at Kg Glam CC.

#### 5. BAPTISM SERVICE, SUNDAY 21ST DECEMBER, 11AM SERVICE

Baptism candidates: Suzanne See, Kwok Hing Yi, Bella, Kimmy, Easter, Olivia, Jonathan Teo, Chloe Chang, Theodore Cheng, Teofilia Cheng, Matthew Low, and Allister Mark Headland (Renewal Of The Baptism Vow). Let's come and support and uphold them in your prayers.

# 6. CHRISTMAS EC COMBINED SERVICE, 25 DEC (THURSDAY) @ 10:00AM, LOWER SANCTUARY

Please pray for and invite your prebelieving friends and relatives to hear the gospel message.

#### 7. HELP SHAPE OUR NEW ROOFTOP SPACE!

As we plan the redesign of our church rooftop, we want to ensure the space reflects the needs and interests of our members. This short survey will help us decide on the features and activities the rooftop will support - https://forms.gle/7qDTBKpfoMV6Z1176



### Prayer Points বিশ্ব শিল্পানী বিশ্ব শিল্পানী কৰি শিল্পানী বিশ্ব শিল্পানী কৰি বিশ্ব শিল্পানী কৰি বিশ্ব শিল্পানী কৰি কৰি বিশ্ব শিল্পানী কৰি

"27 And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God."

(Romans 8:27 ESV)

### 1. Pray for the CHURCH

- For the NET Camp on 14-17 Dec, journey-mercy, fine weather, bonding, and fellowship among the youths. May they encounter God afresh, be transformed, and be equipped to do his will.
- Pray for the outreach event at PECCO on 20 December, that the message shared will touch the hearts of the residents and clearly reveal to them the love of Jesus Christ. May all that we do bring God's love to the community at Kg Glam, honour and glorify God.
- For the baptism candidates: Suzanne See, Kwok Hing Yi, Bella, Kimmy, Easter,
  Olivia, Jonathan Teo, Chloe Chang, Theodore Cheng, Teofilia Cheng, Matthew
  Low, and Allister Mark Headland (renewal). May they grow in faith and depth in
  their love for God and be filled with the power of the Holy Spirit daily to walk in
  righteousness.

#### 2. Pray for the WORLD

- Especially for those suffering from natural disasters and conflicts, may they find safety, comfort, and protection in Christ Jesus' love expressed through the rescue efforts by NGOs and volunteers. May God strengthen them as they rebuild their homes and lives.
- Pray for believers around the world to enter a season of thoughtful reflection this
  Advent, fixing our hearts on Jesus Christ and trusting Him to guide us through
  the uncertainties and challenges of the coming year.

#### 3. Pray for THOSE IN NEED

• For all those whom we know who are sick or in need.

#### **Service Roster**

| This Week's Roster (14 December) | E1 9 AM Service<br>HOLY COMMUNION          | E2 11 AM Service<br>HOLY COMMUNION   |
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| Preacher                         | Revd Adrian Chong                          | Revd Adrian Chong  |
| Worship Team                     | Isaac Koh                                  | Marcus Chan, Cheryl Sia,<br>Kiang Wenting, Ngiam Siew Ying,<br>Joash Chan, Caleb Kan |
| Service Leader                   | Pastor James Chan                          | Pastor James Chan  |
| Celebrant                        | Revd Adrian Chong                          | Revd Adrian Chong  |
| Chalice Assistant                | Ling Cheoh Wang                            | Francis Tan  |
| Server                           | Alex Tan                                   | Alex Tan   |
| Intercessor                      | Hazel Pang                                 | Richard Chua   |
| Scripture Reader                 | Allister Headland                          | Eunice Sia   |
| Ushers                           | Michael Ang,<br>Diana Heng                 | Angie Loh, Jeffrey Yeo,<br>Adeline Chua  |
| Media Crew                       | Jarrell Wong, Titus Tan,<br>Federico Tiong | Liren Ling,<br>Justin Hou  |

| Next Week's Roster (21 December) | E1 9 AM Service<br>MORNING PRAYER         | E2 11 AM Service<br>MORNING PRAYER  |
|----------------------------------|---|---|
| Preacher                         | Pastor Geraldine Lau                      | Pastor Geraldine Lau  |
| Worship Team                     | Angela Tang                               | Caleb Kan, Grace Tan, Justin<br>Hou, Owen Lum, Joash Chan,<br>Gideon Kan, Chow Tongen |
| Service Leader                   | Pastor James Chan                         | Pastor James Chan   |
| Celebrant                        | NA  | NA  |
| Chalice Assistant                | NA  | NA  |
| Server                           | NA  | NA  |
| Intercessor                      | Michael Ang                               | Lynn Ho   |
| Scripture Reader                 | Angelia Teo                               | Rachel Lau  |
| Ushers                           | Goh Seck Kor, Sharon Tan,<br>Gabriel Chia | Anna Ng, Steph Chua,<br>Adeline Chua  |
| Media Crew                       | Jarrell Wong, Titus Tan                   | Jared Chan, Jaden Chan,<br>Keve Tan   |

**Sermon Note: Advent - Joy In Christ** 

**Text: James 5:7-10 Revd Adrian Chong** 

**14 December 2025** 



Mountaineers spent a large amount of time and even risked their lives to climb Mount Everest. However, they only stay on the summit for 15-20 minutes, some may think if it is worth it.

#### **Background:**

**Book of James: Practical Christianity** 

True nature of faith is action

Warn the rich who are not pious

Encourage the poor to hold firm

The importance of divine wisdom

#### 1. Joy through hard work (v7):

James encourages the listeners to be patient, to labour hard for the Joy promised to them. He likened it to a farmer labouring and waiting for the joy of harvest. Truly, Joy is sweeter with your own sweat and labour.

Labour and patience are also the means by which our Lord trains and prepares His children for His eternal kingdom. Even Jesus affirms that in His saying recorded in John 15:10.

#### 2. Joy by not complaining (v8-9):

Between the two warnings, that time is nearing (v8b & 9b), James reminds them not to grumble. This is because we are supposed to build up one another and prepare ourselves for eternity, just as Paul puts it in Romans 15:10. Grumbling certainly does not contribute to it.

Sometimes, when we share our difficulties in prayer or support groups, we tend to overstate and dwell on the grumbling of our problems. This might lead to discontentment and a negative atmosphere, which will spiral into bitterness. We must always remember that God is in control and He can lead us through all challenges.

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#### 3. Joy throughout the ages (v10):

James closed this segment by asking them to look to the prophets as examples of suffering and patience. He cited Job in the next verse, stating that God has restored all that he has lost. However, not all prophets ended that way. Isaiah died a violent death, Ezekiel died in exile, Daniel died as a high official, and Elijah didn't even die.

What they had in common is stated in Hebrews 11:13, they held to their faith and persevered to the end, receiving eternal togetherness with our Lord. This is the same Joy received throughout all the ages, and the one with patience, we too can be in.

#### The Mountaineers

Although the moment at the summit was short, those are the Kairos moments in our lives. Those moments are carried throughout life and into eternity. Do you have those Kairos moments that you have strived for our Lord?

#### **GIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

For donations via Internet Banking or PayNow, please indicate your name and the purpose of your donation (e.g., Tithe, Welfare, Missions, etc.) under remarks or reference. Donations with no indication will be treated as congregation general offering.

For donations via Cheque, please indicate on the back of the cheque your name and purpose of your donation (e.g. Community Services, Renovation Works, etc.)

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