



3 April 2022

A CALL TO RADICAL FORGIVENESS

*"Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."
(Luke 23:34 ESV)*

These were some of the last words of our Lord Jesus Christ, who was crucified on the cross.

There He was, hanging and bleeding from wounds inflicted by the Romans who hated him, and scorned by the ones whom He still loved. In the final moments of Jesus' life on earth, He chose to intercede for others; those who opposed Him. While suffering in what must have been excruciating pain, He chose forgiveness over taking revenge.

Jesus chose to extend grace and mercy to those responsible for pinning Him on the cross – the Romans, the Jewish leaders, and those who mocked and scoffed at Him. He also meant to forgive everyone He was dying for, which includes you and I. This is radical forgiveness - total unreserved forgiveness for the undeserved.

Christ also died for the two thieves who were crucified alongside Him. While one chose to remain unrepentant, the other put aside his pride and recognised Jesus to be a guiltless sacrifice, and His deity.

And he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." (Luke 23:42 ESV)

And he said to him, "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise." (Luke 23:43 ESV)

As Easter approaches, let us remember Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for us on the cross as we celebrate the empty tomb. For our King has risen, and He is alive. We have the privilege and access to join Him in heaven one day because He bore our sins and took our punishment.

It is easy to live in the forgiveness that Jesus died for. Yet, it can sometimes be difficult to 'pass it on' to others.

When was the last time you felt betrayed, humiliated, or offended? Especially in the virtual space?

What was your initial response?

We live in a time when social media is ubiquitous, and people get offended easily by 'keyboard warriors' or comments that are lost in translation. Social movements like 'cancel culture' also lead to more bashing and bullying. How do we navigate such tricky spaces as Christians? By following the example of Jesus who modelled it from the start, until His last breath.

Radical forgiveness is not something we can do naturally or within our own will. We love and forgive because He first loved and forgave us.

So when we find ourselves offended by others even after Easter, let us remember what Jesus chose to say and do from the cross. May we follow in His example as we aim towards sincere progression as true disciples.

Joshua Chong
Care Group Leader



• CHILDREN'S SERVICE

Starting 1 May, there will be 2 options for Children's Service for Primary levels:

(i) 9am on-site. Weekly registration will open on Sundays (from 24 April) and close on the following Thursday. To register, click <https://bit.ly/3DisxJk>.

(ii) 11am on Zoom

Preschool will remain online at 10:15am until further notice. To register, please write to children@gospellight.sg.

• YOUNG MUMS PRAY AND SHARE

Are you a young mum of a newborn or primary school children? Mothering is a high calling and not an easy one. We understand and hope to support you in your parenting journey. Join us twice a month on Zoom to connect, be encouraged and equipped to be the mum that God wants you to be!

Date: Thu, 7 Apr | Time: 9pm - 10pm

Click Zoom link: <https://bit.ly/39TmGNQ>

Meeting ID: **865 7673 8143**

Password: **mums**

• GOOD FRIDAY 2022

Which is the darkest moment in history? Is it the Covid-19 pandemic, which has claimed over 6 million lives? Was it World War 2 which saw 70 million lives perish? Instead, why does the bible center the darkest moment in history on the death of one man? Why will no event, past or future ever eclipse the tragedy of this Friday so long ago? Join us as we gather to remember why we call that tragic Friday, 'Good'

Date: **Fri, 15 Apr** | Time: **8pm**

English Service: Shine Auditorium

Chinese Service: Gospel Auditorium

• RECRUITMENT

1. Finance Executive

If you or anyone you know would be interested to serve with us for the above position, please contact Benita Teo at benita.teo@gospellight.sg. Details of the job position are available via our website under gospellight.sg Contact > Careers.

• VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Hospitality is key to gospel-centered fellowship. We're bringing our Pre-Covid after-service food experience back soon. And we need support to make the flavour of Gospel Light a memorable one. Volunteer in our Food Ministry today! No experience needed and training will be provided. Please write in to shine@gospellight.sg or call 9117 6000 to indicate interest.

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20



CLASSES & TRAININGS

• SILVER JOY MINISTRY TALKS

Topic: **Otago-Based Falls Prevention Exercise (Via YouTube)**

Date: **Thur, 7 Apr 2022**

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Dr. Tiffany Shubert

Registration is required via <https://bit.ly/3GGCUXR>

Topic: **Smiling Through The Silver Years**

Date: **Thur, 21 Apr 2022**

Time: 10:00am to 11:30am

Speaker: Dr Joshua Chong, Dental Surgeon

Registration is required via <https://bit.ly/34Zl9Gi>

More info at gospellight.sg > **Connect** > **Community Engagement** > **Silver Joy Ministry**

• SEEKERS CLASS – COME EXPLORE CHRISTIANITY!

Where can I find lasting happiness? What is the meaning and purpose of life? Does God truly exist? There is a God-shaped hole in everyone's heart and only the Bible has the answers to fill it. If you are exploring Christianity, sign up today.

Date: **17 Apr – 22 May** (6 weeks)

Time: 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Register at gospellight.sg > **Connect** > **Events** or scan the QR Code.

Registration deadline: **Sun, 10 Apr**



• MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Membership in Gospel Light is only for baptized believers of the Lord, and must be of age 16 and above. Attendance at both membership classes 1 & 2 is a prerequisite for membership application.

English

Date: **Sat, 14 & 21 May**

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Venue: Zoom

Chinese

Date: **Sun, 15 & 22 May**

Time: 10:45am – 11:45pm

Venue: Level 2, Gospel Auditorium Cry Room

Register at gospellight.sg > **Connect** > **Events** or scan the QR code.

Registration deadline: **Sun, 17 Apr**



• EXPOSITORY BIBLE STUDY – BOOK OF ROMANS

This Tuesday, 5 April 2022, we will be revising Romans 3:21-26, where we learnt about God justifying everyone who believes in Jesus. Further, we will also be looking at a new passage, Romans 3:27-31, where we will learn about God justifying men without the deeds of the Law. Do come and join us. The Zoom dial-in details for our session are as follows:

By: Brother Jerry Koh

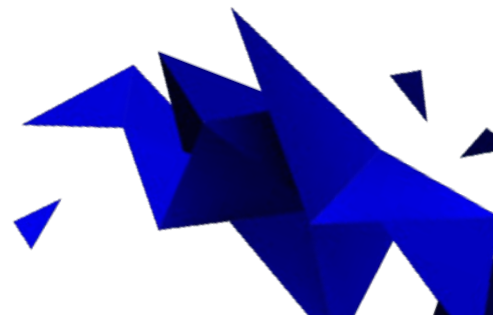
Date: **Tues, 5 April 2022**

Time: 8pm

<https://bit.ly/3uGYRSj>

Meeting ID: **814 1788 7223**

Passcode: **324803**



• WORSHIP SERVICE

Following the latest measures by MCCY (26 Mar 2022), some of the key changes we will be implementing with effect from 29 March 2022 are:

1. No need for online registration to attend worship services.
2. Free seating, no zoning required.
3. Capacity limits for the various congregations are revised and listed in the table below.
4. Congregational singing is permitted with masks on.
5. Post service fellowship is permitted but limited to group sizes of 10, with 1m distancing between groups.
6. Gospeliters may bring their own food for consumption on-site subject to the following:
 - a. Food must be in individually packed portions, no sharing of food;
 - b. Group size is limited to 10 pax, with 1m distancing between groups;
 - c. No intermingling of groups whilst consuming food;
 - d. Food must be consumed whilst stationary, no walking about; and
 - e. Write in to shine@gospellight.sg to book venue and indicate that your group will be consuming food.

(A) Worship Services for **Vaccinated Worshippers ONLY**

Congregational Service	Day and Time	Capacity for On-site	Livestream Link
English @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 9am	640 pax	http://bit.ly/38BU0rA
Chinese @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 9am	220 pax	http://bit.ly/2Ng0TXT
Filipino @ Gospel Auditorium L2	Sunday at 2pm	220 pax	http://bit.ly/30FjYFU
Youth @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Saturday at 4:30m	220 pax	https://bit.ly/2AaF8C3
Varsity @ Shine Auditorium (L4)	Sunday at 2:30pm *no service on 5 th week	640 pax	Subscribe to Varsity announcement channel https://t.me/+WDu3myEwjpcxZWU1
Bahasa @ Hall 3 (Attic)	Alternate Sunday at 10:30am	65 pax	<u>Nil</u>
Telugu @ Gospel Auditorium (L2)	Sunday at 5pm	220 pax	http://bit.ly/30G4fXl

- Vaccinated individuals refer to those who have:
 - o Been fully vaccinated, i.e. has received the appropriate regimen of World Health Organisation Emergency Use Listing (WHO EUL) vaccines including their respective duration post-vaccination for the vaccine to be fully effective, and had their vaccination records ingested in MOH's national IT systems; or
 - o Recovered from COVID-19 within the last 180 days
- From 14 February 2022 onwards, persons aged 18 years and above who have completed the primary vaccination series of COVID-19 vaccines and are eligible for booster vaccination will be considered as fully vaccinated for 270 days after the last dose in their primary vaccination series. The same will apply to persons aged 12-17 years old from 14 March 2022. Persons who have recovered from COVID-19 and have completed their primary series vaccination do not require an additional booster dose at this point in time.
- Only vaccination records that are available via HealthHub app or TraceTogether app/token are accepted.
- We seek your understanding that worshippers who do not fulfil the above vaccination criteria will be turned away on-site.
- English Meet the Pastor Session will be at 10:20am.

(B) Children Service

For details on Children's Service, please refer to page 2 of this bulletin.

For detailed advisory, please visit gospellight.sg>visit>service venues and timings



WEEKLY MEETINGS

- **Meet Your Pastor! – Sunday 10:20am:** <https://bit.ly/2SMYSH4>
Meeting ID: 836 428 872 | Password: Pastor
- **Wednesday Prayer Meetings – 8pm:** <https://bit.ly/35HS8uy>
Meeting ID: 812 885 158 | Password: Wednesday
- **Sunday Prayer Meetings – 8:15am:** <https://bit.ly/3drPHPn>
Meeting ID: 858 855 0326 | Password: Sunday

- If you are interested to receive our weekly prayer list, please email shine@gospellight.sg



GIVING ONLINE

You may give your offerings in the following ways:

1) PayNow

Under the UEN/Bill Reference No. section you can:

- State "NA" - Offering will go towards General Fund
- State Missions - To designate the offering

(a) Via "Scan and Pay"

- Open up your bank app and select "Scan and Pay"
- Scan the QR code below:



(b) PayNow UEN

You can also opt to key in the UEN:

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2) Internet Banking

- Add payee as Gospel Light Christian Church
- Account Number: **033-021695-5**
- Name of Beneficiary Bank: DBS Bank
- Under the Remarks section, you can leave it blank for the offering to go towards the General Fund or indicate Missions if you want to designate the offering.

3) Cheque

- Crossed cheque made payable to "Gospel Light Christian Church"
- On the reverse of the cheque, write **Gospel Light Christian Church** and the respective bank account numbers:
 - General Fund - **033-021695-5**
 - Missions Fund - **001-042653-2**
- Cheques can be deposited at any POSB or DBS bank into the church's accounts.

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