

# He is Risen Indeed!

*And you killed the Author of life,  
whom God raised from the dead.  
To this we are witnesses*

*Acts 3:15 (NSRV)*



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Lent

Dear Members and Friends of CCMC

Greetings in Jesus Christ most holy and precious Name

How time flies. We are again approaching that important time of the year: Holy Week, where we remember the last 7 days of the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ. Those were the days that were spent by Him in Jerusalem leading to the Cross and the empty Tomb. Without Holy Week there is nothing special about Christmas! Christmas becomes what it is today because of what was accomplished by Him during that first Holy Week more than 2000 years ago.

Canon Michael Green was Pastor of St. Aldate's church in the University town of Oxford for many years, not too long ago. In fact, many Singaporeans studying at Oxford would also attend St. Aldate's, in those days. Speaking of his experience commending the Christian Faith to many critical undergrads from around the world, Michael Green identified 3 basic life questions often raised by them to him: 'Does God exist?', 'How can I find truth in religion?', and 'Is there life after death?' These questions and our personal answers to them will influence how we see Life and meaning. Green acknowledged that many have engaged with these important life questions merely at the philosophical level. Well, there is nothing wrong with doing that, except that, often, philosophy is better at raising questions rather than providing clear, helpful answers. Hence, the advice of the great theologian Paul Tillich: 'Let philosophy ask the questions, but let theology give the answer!' Green believes that all these great questions of life can be decisively answered with satisfaction by the historical fact of the Resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

If Jesus has truly risen from the dead, within the continuums of space and time, just as He promised that He would, then the 3 great questions of Life, have only one simple answer: The Resurrection of Jesus! *Does God exist?* Yes, the God who raised Jesus from the dead is the God who truly exists. A real resurrection from the dead would require a genuine act of God. And only the true and living God can carry out an Act of God! *How do we know where to find truth?* Well, the Christian affirmation is not only that Christ is risen. We affirm 'firmly and truly', that Christ is risen, JUST AS HE SAID (Matthew 28:6). Therefore, the words of Jesus receive validation and vindication by their actualization in reality, i.e. that Christ is risen, JUST AS HE SAID. Then surely the words of Jesus are true! In life we often judge what is uncertain by what is certain. Therefore, in matters of religious truth, we judge all uncertain claims to truth by the words of Jesus Christ, whose words have already been demonstrated to be true, in a very real and serious way. *Is there life after death?* As Jesus said: 'Because I live you will also' (John 14: 19 nsrv) Indeed, His resurrection is the guarantee that death is not the end of us, if we trust in Him. No wonder Michael Green declared, 'the resurrection of Jesus Christ is the cornerstone on which the whole of Christianity is built. If it is false, the entire edifice collapses. If it is true, the consequences for our world and for our lives are immense!' By the one single Act of God in raising Jesus from the dead, the 3 great questions of human existence receive a decisive and meaningful Answer. No wonder local theologian, Dr Simon Chan from Trinity Theological College once said: 'There is nothing from the desperate cry of every human heart that cannot be answered satisfyingly by the Gospel of Jesus Christ'. If this is true, then we surely have Good News to share with Others.

May we in CCMC never stop proclaiming to all who will hear us: 'Christ has Died, Christ is Risen and Christ will come Again!' Together, with my fellow Pastors, the Rev Fred Tan, the Rev Ian Lee; as well as the Rev David CS Wee and the Rev Park Joheun, the leaders and staff (Pastoral and Admin) of CCMC, together with our beloved family members, may I wish all of you a Blessed Lent and Easter Season 2018. The CCMC Holy Week 2018 Services are listed below. Please bring your pre-believing friends and loved ones with you, to celebrate Holy Week with us, while also praying for their spiritual awakening. To God be the Glory! See you in church! He is risen indeed, just as He said! (Matthew 28:6) Hallelujah!

Grace and Peace



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**Palm Sunday** begins Holy Week which celebrates the last 7 days of the earthly life of our Lord Jesus Christ. The Season of Lent ends on a climax with the Triduum (3 days) of Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday which focus respectively on the Last Supper, the Crucifixion, and Entombment of the Lord Jesus Christ preceding His resurrection from the dead.

<b>25<sup>th</sup> Mar Palm Sunday – Holy Week Begins / Infant Baptism</b>		
<i>Enter the Donkey</i>	Rev Ian Lee	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)

 <b>HOLY WEEK</b>	<b>CCMC Holy Week Renewal Services</b> <b>“The Sign of Jonah and Christ Crucified”</b> <b>Jonah 1-4, Matthew 12:38-41</b>	
<b>26<sup>th</sup> Mar (Mon)</b> <i>Jonah the Runaway Prophet of God (Chapter 1)</i>	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	8pm (Chapel)
<b>27<sup>th</sup> Mar (Tues)</b> <i>The Dark Night of the Soul for Jonah (Chapter 2)</i>	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	8pm (Chapel)
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Mar (Wed)</b> <i>When Jonah was Angry with a Merciful God (Chapter 3 &amp; 4)</i>	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	8pm (Chapel)

<b>29<sup>th</sup> Mar Maundy Thursday (Holy Communion Service)</b>		
<i>In Remembrance of Me</i> <i>I Corinthians 11:23-26</i>	Rev Fred Tan	8pm (Chapel)
<b>30<sup>th</sup> Mar Good Friday</b>		
<i>Calvary and the Law of the Kinsman-Redeemer</i> <i>Ruth 2:20, Hebrews 2:17-18</i>	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Mar Holy Saturday (No Services)</b>		
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Apr Easter Sunday (Resurrection of the Lord / Holy Communion only at 9am &amp; 11am services)</b>		
<i>He Lives!</i>	Rev Ian Lee	6.30am, Sunrise Svc (Amphitheatre)
<i>What does the Resurrection of Jesus prove?</i> <i>Acts 3:13-15</i>	Rev Malcolm T.H. Tan	9am (Auditorium) 11am (Chapel)