



Today's Sermon: Sunday, March 25, 2018

"Fig Trees and Palm Sundays"

Mark 11:12-21

Dr. Jonathan Lo

Palm Sunday is the day in the Church calendar that commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem before his death and resurrection—but why should such an event be remembered and in what way should it be seen as “triumphant?” What is the meaning of the fig tree, and why does Jesus curse it? The sobering lesson from this puzzling passage is that the Church must bear fruit worthy of repentance while there is still time, because the coming of the Lord will not be good news for all—the Church that loses sight of its purpose will go the way of the cursed fig tree. Jesus' arrival at the Temple is the theological climax of Mark's narrative and his actions within the Temple continue to challenge and inspire those who profess to be God's people today to live out their identity and mission with courage and integrity.

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Upcoming Sunday Sermons

April 1	Easter Sunday (Family Combined Service at 10:30am)	Pastor Nelson Suen
April 8	The Reconciliation: Peter & Jesus	Pastor Mark Swallow
April 15	The Promise Fulfilled: Coming of the Holy Spirit	Pastor Mark Swallow
April 22	The Remembrance: Communion	Pastor Nelson Suen

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Financial Updates

FY2017/2018	
Annual Budget	\$13,873,650
Last Week's Giving	\$675,347

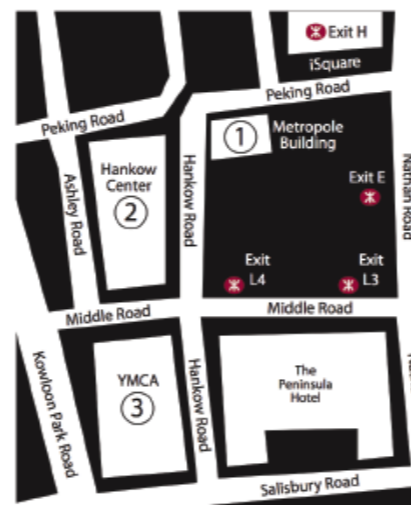
FY2017/2018 (April - February)	
<i>(unaudited figures, excluding designated funds)</i>	
Actual Income	\$8,094,108
Actual Expense	\$8,522,202

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post-date checks.

For US citizens wishing a US tax receipt, please ensure that your check is at least US\$100 (HK\$800) made out to **"Friends of Hong Kong Charities, Inc."** with any designations written on the offering envelope (available at the Welcome Table) - NOT on the check itself. For questions, please email finance@ecchk.org.

Prayer Corner

- Praise God for the AGM last Sunday, where various ministries had the opportunity to share about their past year and upcoming future plans.
- Pray for the team from Children's Ministry who are participating in the elderly visit today, that through games, songs and message, the elderly will hear the gospel and come to know God's love for them.
- Pray specifically for the children and youth in our congregation, that God would continue to use our leaders and volunteers to sow spiritual seeds in their hearts, and that they would have a deepened relationship with God.



ECC Locations

- ① ECC Office & Ministry Center (Metropole MC)
 6/F, Metropole Building,
 53 Peking Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- ② ECC Ministry Center (Hankow MC)
 Unit 417-421, 4/F, Hankow Centre,
 5 Hankow Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon
- ③ YMCA
 (Sunday Worship Services)
 4/F, Assembly Hall,
 41 Salisbury Road, Tsim Sha Tsui, Kowloon

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Evangelical
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Today - March 25, 2018

Welcome to ECC

Welcome to the Sunday worship services at Evangelical Community Church. This is where we pray, sing, and listen to God's Word. We are here to bless one another and lead you into God's presence through Jesus Christ. If you have any questions, please contact our greeters or church leaders. Relax and make yourself at home.

A nursery room is available for your use on this floor. We also have children's classes for the 9:30am and 11:15am services. Please see below for the locations or ask a greeter for assistance.

If today's message has moved your heart, you may download the audio mp3 recording at www.ecchk.org. If you wish for someone to pray for you this morning, please come to the colorful banner near the stage after the benediction.

Order of Service (9:30am and 11:15am)

Welcome & Invocation	Staff
Worship in Song*	Congregation
Worship through the Word	Dr. Jonathan Lo
Worship through Communion*	Congregation
Responsive Worship*	Congregation
Worship through Tithes & Offering*	Congregation
Announcements	Staff
Benediction	Elders

Happening Today

9:30am / 11:15am	Worship Services	4/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Team Noah (0-2 yrs)	Room 5, 4/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Team Miriam (3-4 yrs)	Room 305, 3/F, YMCA
9:30am / 11:15am	Children's Ministry: Teams Ruth, Joshua, Paul & Timothy (5-12 yrs)	Hankow MC
11:15am	Axiom Academy	Room 4/5, Hankow MC
12:45pm	Filipino Ministry: Lunch Fellowship	Main Hall, Metropole MC
1:30pm	Choir Rehearsal	Main Hall, Hankow MC

*If you would like to enjoy the music used for this week's worship, please use the QR code to open our playlist.



General News and Upcoming Events

Children's Ministry Pre-Easter Outreach: TODAY

Sunday, March 25, 1:00pm - 2:30pm, Haven of Hope Yee Ming Day Care Centre, Tseung Kwan O
Contact: Kevin Chan / deacon-children@ecchk.org or Iris Wong / iris.wong@ecchk.org

Pray for the families that are visiting an elderly home this afternoon, that they will make God's love and peace known to the elderly through games, worship songs, and the message they share.

Sound Team Monthly Training

Wednesday, March 28, 6:30pm - 8:30pm, Main Hall, Hankow MC
Contact: Charles Liu / charlessliu@gmail.com or Greg Ng / gregng@ecchk.org

The Sound Team is looking for more volunteers to help with our services set up and sound board engineering. Training will be provided on the last Wednesday of each month.

Good Friday Family Services

Friday, March 30, 3:00pm & 5:00pm, Main Hall, Hankow MC
Contact: Sarah Cox / sarah.cox@ecchk.org

Come to remember Christ's sacrifice on the cross with worship and reflection on Good Friday.

Church Wide Easter Outing: Boating & Hiking Trip

Saturday, March 31, 2:30pm - 5:30pm, meet at Sai Kung Pier Bus Terminal (near Circle K Convenience Store)
Contact: Sarah Cox / sarah.cox@ecchk.org

We will spend a half day out with a small boating and hiking trip at Yim Tin Tsai. Please sign up at the Welcome Table. Tickets will be \$50 a person. Strollers are not recommended.

Easter Sunday Family Combined Service

Sunday, April 1, 10:30am, 4/F Assembly Hall, YMCA
Contact: info@ecchk.org

Come join us to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Please note we will only be having one worship service next Sunday. Please join us for fellowship on the podium after service.

Prayer Class

Sunday, April 1, 1:00pm - 3:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC
Contact: weeklyprayer@ecchk.org

Jesus is the resurrection and the life. How can this truth impact our life and prayer? We will study the Bible and pray for one another. Please sign up at the Welcome Table.

Alpha Spring 2018

10 Thursday nights, April 12 - June 14, 7:00pm - 9:30pm, Rooms 1,2,6,7, Hankow MC
Contact: Sarah Cox / sarah.cox@ecchk.org

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions in both English and Cantonese that freely explores the basics of the Christian faith in a friendly and informal environment. This is a great opportunity for you to reach out to your friends and family members. For registration, please sign up at the Welcome Table. If you are interested in being involved as a volunteer, please contact us by email.

Mongolia Short Term Mission Trip Info Session

Sunday, April 15, 1:30pm - 3:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC **Trip Dates:** July 20-30
Contact: Carmen / mongolia@ecchk.org or Sarah / sarah.cox@ecchk.org

Making plans for this summer? Want to do something meaningful while soaking in Mongolia's beautiful landscapes? We will be having our STM information session on April 15. Sign up at the Welcome Table today for more information!

Financial Year Closing

Please note that the final date for receiving tithes and offering as donations for this financial year (2017/18) is March 31, 2018 in the Metropole Office. Donation receipts for Hong Kong income tax filing will be issued to all donors who have requested receipts by the end of April.

Friendly Reminders:

1. Please do not eat or drink in the Assembly Hall during worship services.
2. Please turn your phone and electronic devices to silent mode during worship services.

Other On-going Ministry Opportunities

Axiom Youth Ministry

Contact: Nikky Sepnio / axiom@ecchk.org

Axiom aims to cultivate lifelong followers of Jesus Christ by making Him known in the lives of young people, through the teaching of God's Word and discipleship. We welcome all who are currently in middle school or high school.

Axiom will be on break over the Easter weekend. There will be no Axiom Friday on March 30, and no Axiom Academy class on April 1.

Children's Ministry

Contact: Nonette Tsang / childrensministryecc@gmail.com or Iris Wong / iris.wong@ecchk.org

Children's Ministry is a vibrant, thriving ministry where children come to worship God and are equipped with the knowledge of who God is and has created them to be. All children are welcome!

We are launching a Bible Memorization Challenge to motivate children to know and love the Word of God more. The focused verse for March is John 4:42.

Filipino Ministry

Saturdays, 2:00pm - 6:00pm, Metropole MC / Sundays, 12:45pm - 9:30pm, Metropole MC
Contact: Ellen Ibarra / ellen.ibarra@ecchk.org / 5545 7746

Lunch Kaarawan Fellowship	1st Sundays	12:45pm
Lunch Fellowship, Prayer & Singing,	2nd to 4th Sundays	12:45pm onwards
Bible Study in Small Groups		
Blue Jeans Day (outreach)	5th Sundays/Saturdays	2:00pm onwards
Counselling & Prayer	Saturdays/Sundays	5:00pm onwards
Fellowship / Bible Study	Saturdays	2:00pm - 6:00pm

Prayer Ministry

Wednesdays, 7:30pm - 8:30pm, Room 6, Hankow MC
Contact: weeklyprayer@ecchk.org

Please go to our website's Prayer Ministry section to learn about prayer, request a prayer visit, or submit emergency prayer requests. Join us on Wednesdays by praying wherever you are, or with us at the prayer meeting, using the weekly prayer list as a guide. Subscribe to the list using the QR code.



RightNow Launch

Contact: ecchk.org

This new online media resource library is a wonderful way to gain access to a large amount of Christian media. This will be helpful for personal home access, small groups, children's teaching, and various ministry uses. Please go to ecchk.org and click on the link to sign up.

Small Group Ministry

Contact: sg.ministry@ecchk.org / sarah.cox@ecchk.org

Looking to get plugged in to the church community? Joining a small group is a great way to get involved in ECC's family. Contact us for information on new groups starting!

Wednesday Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays, March 28, 10:00am - 12:00pm, Room 6, Hankow MC
Contact: Suet Ha Yeung / fredsuettha@gmail.com or Cathy Cheung / cathywaung@yahoo.com

Ladies, do you want to know the secret of contentment? Join us this week as we look at Philippians 4:10-23 and learn Paul's secret of contentment! All ladies are welcome!

Job Openings at ECC

Contact: jobs@ecchk.org

Application Deadline: March 25, 2018

We are now accepting applications for the position of Pastoral Support Associate. Please refer to ecchk.org/about-us/job-opportunities for details.

Friendly Reminders:

Ministry Leaders: Bulletin announcements for your ministry must be submitted to bulletin@ecchk.org **no later than 2:00pm, Wednesdays**. Please refer to **For-Ministry-Leaders** on our website for guidelines. Late submissions will not be entertained. Thank you.