

...The day of the Lord will come...

1 Thessalonians 5:2

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5.00 pm

## Order of Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

\*Hymn: How Great Is Our God

Scripture Reading: Psalm 149-150 ESV

Message: Praise the Lord with Sword in Hand

\*Hymn: O Praise Ye the Lord

Sharing & Praying with One Another

Offering

\*Benediction

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## Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us. If you are new to Zion Bishan, do speak to an usher or hospitality team member to find out about our faith, or about our activities and programmes. You may also approach the Info Desk after service.

## Our Sunday services and activities

### 8.30 am

English service — *Sanctuary L1*

Children's Discipleship — *please ask at the Hospitality or Info Desk*

Mandarin service — *Chapel L4*

(8.45 am) Domestic Helpers Fellowship — *Room 105 L1*

### 9.00 am

Hokkien service — *Auditorium 2 L4*

### 10.30 am

English service — *Sanctuary L1/2*

Cantonese-Mandarin service — *Chapel L4*

Tamil service — *Music Room L3*

Mandarin-English service — *MPH L1*

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (English-Indonesian) — *Room 103 L1*

Children's & Youth Discipleship — *please ask at the Hospitality or Info Desk*

### 1.30 pm

Adult Discipleship Class — *see below*

### 5.00 pm

English service — *MPH L1*

## Serving You Today

**Speaker:** Mr Vernon Quek

**Worship Leader:** Deacon Chew Meng

### Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
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## **Praise the Lord with Sword in Hand**

Psalm 149 & 150

16 February 2020

Mr Vernon Quek

### **Introduction**

Praise the LORD!

#### **1. Their Reason to Praise:**

Their Context: Book V of the Psalms (Psalms 107-150)

- a. Praise Him for What's Been Done: Salvation (Post-Exile)
  
  
- b. Praise Him for What's Coming: Judgment with Swords?

#### **2. Our Reason to Praise:**

- a. Praise Him for What's Been Done: Salvation (in Jesus!)
  
  
- b. Praise Him for What's Coming: Judgment with the Word

**Conclusion:** The Word that Brings Praise

# Prayer Points

## Our Church

**Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (Budget Approval)** (23 Feb) — Pray for God’s guidance in preparations. Pray that we will have clarity on the budget, which has seen months of work and several rounds of feedback. Pray that God will enable us to commit not just financial resources but also our commitment and prayer to the ministry planned for the year ahead.

**Session Meeting** (18 Feb) — Pray for God’s guidance for our pastors and elders especially with regard to care for the church family at this time.

**Christianity Explored** (19 Feb) — Attendance last week was affected by various reasons including injury and work. Please pray for God to continue working in the lives of those who have attended, and that those who can will return for the remaining sessions.

## Our World

**Coronavirus Response** — Praise God for how Christians have been a light in the sombre situation:

In Wuhan, Christians have borne the risk of persecution and infection to go out on the streets to preach the gospel and give out free face masks. Pray for God to work mightily through their witness.

Here in Singapore, Christians have been part of efforts to care for the homeless and encourage healthcare workers, among others. Pray for many to have eyes to see that all this is done because God gives us His love. Pray for Him to bless ongoing efforts (see p 8).

Pray for Christians and churches to be a witness to God’s peace, overcoming fear, distrust, and selfishness, by our actions and words. Pray that we will respond with God’s grace to the need for security that is revealed in our own and others’ lives. Pray that those who need a “reset” in our spiritual lives will turn to God (see p 7).

Pray for God’s mercy on those infected, especially those in critical condition. We also pray for wisdom and protection for our leaders, healthcare workers and civil servants, as well as for all who work in public daily, providing essential services.

**Yemen** — Aid agencies have reported obstruction, arrests and intimidation. Pray that aid will be freely allowed to get to millions in urgent need.

**East Africa** — Ethiopia, Somalia and Kenya, as well as other countries, face the threat of devastating locust swarms. This could be the biggest infestation in decades. Pray for God’s mercy, that loss of crops and food security may be averted.

## Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 8.30 am	227	6,386.00
English 10.30 am	389	12,040.00
Children's Discipleship	57	
English 5 pm	25	1,204.00
Comb. Chinese Services	153	3,331.00
Hokkien	51	685.00
Tamil	13	755.00
<b>TOTAL (*excl. ADCs)</b>	<b>915</b>	<b>24,401.00</b>
Use of Premises		330.00
Electronic Transfer		26,268.75
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$50,999.75</b>

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2019/20: \$61,901

## Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1487-1493	113,744.00
Electronic Transfer	15,227.25
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>128,971.25</b>
(Weekly Target: \$113,854)	
<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>\$3,983,921.72</b>

## Info for Giving

### General & Missions Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH



### Land Lease Renewal Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

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(please indicate *Land Lease Renewal Fund* on back of cheque)

Please provide your *CONTACT NUMBER* on each cheque



## Your Response

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NAME

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PHONE

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E-MAIL

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You may e-mail your response to **office@zionbishan.org.sg**

PLEASE TICK AS APPROPRIATE

I would like to:

- sign up for an activity
- request prayer
- give feedback
- send a word of encouragement
- other:

RESPONSE DETAILS:

(more space overleaf)

Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.

HAND YOUR RESPONSE TO AN USHER, THE INFO DESK, OR PUT IT IN THE OFFERING BAG

FOLD AND TEAR ALONG LINE TO DETACH

## *Church Family News*

1. Pastor Dev is speaking at Yio Chu Kang Chapel this morning.
2. Quek Tze-Ming is preaching at Herald BP Church today.
3. Pastor Alby is on sabbatical leave till end April.

## *Looking Ahead*

### **Friday 21 February**

**8.00 pm: Friday Prayer Meeting, MPH, Level 1.** Faith Cluster chairing.

### **Sunday 23 February**

*Worship Ministry Team: C. Music Team: C.*

**8.30 am: Coordinator:** Kemp Aw & Jonathan Teo.  
*Worship Ldr:* Elder Jeffrey Lim. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Janet Wang. *Scripture Reading:* Nathanael Kusanda.

**10.30 am: Coordinator:** Dharma. *Worship Ldr:* Elder Michael Gan. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Hia Lin Choo. *Scripture Reading:* Victor Quek.

### **Morning Service Series: The Thessalonian Letters**

23 Feb 1 Thess 4:13-18 Hope for Those who are Asleep — Mr Ng Zhiwen

### **Evening Service February Series:**

#### **Songs of Experience**

16 Feb Psalms 149–150  
Mr Vernon Quek

23 Feb Psalm 119 (excerpts)  
Deacon Chan Kin Yip

*THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!  
YOU MAY HAND IT TO AN USHER  
OR THE INFO DESK, OR PUT IT IN  
THE OFFERING BAG*

## **What's in a Virus?**

I find it strange that 10 years after leaving the world of medical research, I'm once again inundated by articles on virology! Suddenly the whole world has become infectious disease experts—or perhaps you may have come to the hard realisation that there is still a lot we do not know and certainly cannot control.

*Why is God doing this?*

Like all forms of suffering, our first question when it hits close to home is 'why'. There are usually no direct answers—at least while the suffering is going on. What we can know for sure, as Christians, is that this virus is from the Lord and it is to further His purposes in Christ Jesus. Take for example this verse we went through a few months ago in Amos:

*Amos 4:10: "I sent among you a pestilence after the manner of Egypt... yet you did not return to me," declares the LORD.*

So let's be clear: God is in control of this epidemic (pandemic?), God knew when and where it would start, how long it will last and how it will spread. If we know this, then how are we to react?

I think our first reaction of fear, anxiety and retreat is understandable, but the more important question is—now we've reacted and had time to think—what is the next step? Will we go towards God, or will we go away from Him? Will we move towards His people (in safe ways please) or will we isolate ourselves further? Will we open our hands to our neighbour, or will we clench our fists and hoard?

For God's people, this is certainly a test of where our hearts lie.

If we find ourselves struggling and scrambling, it's not a failure. The Lord is kind, and so—as He says in Amos—He has open arms for us to return to Him. This may be an opportunity to reset our spiritual lives and find new hope in the gospel. With so many things cancelled, now we have the time to spend reading His Word, re-forming our prayer lives, sharing devotions with our children, meeting 1-to-1 with our AG members, finding a mentor or spiritual counsellor.

As I said in the first sermon of the year: this year, we focus on 'rest'. God has made a way for us, has He not? What will you do with this virus-ridden 2020?

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# Announcements

## Heart for our Healthcare Workers

Consider writing a note of encouragement to our nation's healthcare workers at NCID/TTSH, at the table in the fellowship hall after morning service. Your note needs to be written and submitted **by today**. For details, contact Ng Zhiwen: 90926095

## Zion Bishan Kindergarten

### 2021 Registration

Phase 2 registration for church members: **14–28 February**. Kindly submit your registration to the kindergarten office by 8 February. Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 am – 4 pm. Tel: 6353 8083. E-mail: [admin@zbc.edu.sg](mailto:admin@zbc.edu.sg)

## Extraordinary Congregational

### Meeting (Budget Approval)

**23 February, 1.30 pm, Sanctuary**

All communicant members are required to attend. Please inform the church office if you are overseas.

If you are unwell, on a leave of absence or quarantined because of the coronavirus situation, we are experimenting using the Zoom platform for you to join the ECM virtually—if you inform the office by 22nd February.

## God, Are You Really There?

### An Evangelistic Outreach Event

**15 March, 1.00–2.30 pm, Chapel**

Testimony sharing by Tony and Ashley Low. Invite your friends to hear how God restored Tony from his coma, and the couple's amazing journey over the years. This is a story about our eternal hope and how we can learn to trust God's guidance in our lives. If lunch is required, please sign up at the Info Desk.

## Church WhatsApp Broadcast

To receive the church bulletin and announcements via WhatsApp, please follow **both** steps below:

1. **Save 9422 5703 to your contacts**
2. Send a WhatsApp message with your full **name and contact number** (e.g. *Freddie Mao 98765432*)

**PDPA Notice:** By providing your name and contact to this number, you agree that Zion Bishan BP Church may collect, use and disclose your personal data for the purpose of disseminating the church bulletin and announcements to you, in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act 2012 and our data protection policy details on our website at [www.zionbishan.org.sg](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg)

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*PS: In terms of action steps, our church has formed a COVID-19 task force, which is advising the ministries and congregation members. We have also introduced temperature screening, some level of contact recording and increased the cleaning regimes for the premises. Yet we need everyone's help to keep things as safe as possible—particularly for the vulnerable (the elderly and those with lower immune systems).*

*If you wish to help in any way, please contact Vernon Quek or Deacon Paul.*

You may use the tear-off response slip on p5 to sign up for activities.

Please approach the Info Desk if you would like to find out more.