

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

1 Thessalonians 5:2



**10.30 am Live Streaming**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Lord Be Glorified

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 1.1-12 ESV

Message: "The Suffering continues"

Response Hymn: Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Corporate Life & Prayer

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 drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week. <http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf>

## Our Sunday services at a glance

**All physical services are cancelled until further notice.**

**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

(English) — *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 — *Chapel*

**Join us for our livestream.**

**8.30am**

Mandarin & Cantonese-Mandarin service

**10.30am**

English service

## Serving You Today

**Speaker:** Pastor Dev Menon

**PA:** Soh Kok Hong

**Songs for personal worship and reflection:**  
[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection)

## Looking Ahead

**Friday, 24 April**

**8 pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting (Registration required):

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting)

**Sunday, 26 April**

Morning Service Livestream

“Warning: Fake News! Stand Firm!”

by Dn Danny Chua

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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## **The Suffering Continues**

2 Thessalonians 1.1-12

19 April 2020

Pastor Dev Menon

### **What Happened?**

### **What Could Have Happened?**

### **Why Did This Happen?**

#### **Questions for reflection:**

1. What did you remember from the sermon or the passage?
2. Why do you think God allows suffering?
3. What does suffering do to us?
4. What is different about suffering for the sake of Christ?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Church shelter (20 Apr)** – Many shelter seekers are displaced due to safe-distancing measures causing reduced housing availability. Session has approved and responded to MSF's appealed for churches to provide temporary housing for displaced people during Circuit Breaker. From 20 April to 4 May, Zion Bishan will open five rooms on the ground floor as temporary housing for five individuals. The Living Room café will be providing meals for them.

### **ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund (p.6)**

– In these times of manifold needs everywhere, do pray that we, and for all churches, to rise up, “stand in the gap” (Ez 22:30-31) and provide relief for the saints. The majority of us may have our lifestyles disrupted in this season. But for many others, including church members, their livelihoods are in jeopardy. Session has approved the commencement of the Zion Bishan COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund and we invite you to prayerfully consider partnering with us in this endeavour.

### **Our People**

**Domestic Helpers** – Lev 19:34 exhorts us to “love the alien [in our midst] as yourself.” Pray for domestic helpers who take care of our families, while they are apart from theirs. Pray also for

employers and families to understand their blessed position to be faithful stewards of the lives that God has entrusted to them. May they consider how to show God's love to their helpers and share the gospel of Jesus Christ with them.

### **Our World**

**West Bengal, India** — In the midst of India's lockdown, we thank God for a ministry partner who visited families and identified, and addressed food concerns in the neighbourhood.

In collaboration with the community, the mission partner managed to provide rice and dhal for the needy. Praise God for this initiative.

Pray for their protection from the virus even as they use protective gear and practice safe distancing. May they persevere in reaching out to the community even as the lockdown extends beyond the intended deadline.

### **Ministry Partner in Central Philippines**

— Update on Primen, who has heart problems. Thank God a cardiologist is able to examine him. Do pray that necessary medical facilities will be available for his examination.

Pray also for Primen who stays alone in the Cebu Mission Centre, for healing and financial provision for the medical examination and follow-up treatment.

## Last Week

### Good Friday Service Attendance Offering (\$)

English 10.30 Livestream	*1,035
Chinese 8.30 Livestream	*87
Tamil Zoom	22
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,144</b>

### Easter Service Attendance Offering (\$)

English 10.30 Livestream	*593	600.00
Chinese 8.30 Livestream	*87	
Tamil Zoom	23	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>703</b>	

*\*Peak concurrent viewers on livestream*

Electronic Transfer \$53,112.01

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$53,712.01**

*Weekly offering to meet budget for 2019/20: \$62,189*

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1533-1534	10,500.00
Electronic Transfer	29,432.47

**Weekly Total \$39,932.47**

*(Weekly Target: \$113,854)*

**Total To Date \$4,176,574.10**

## 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

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

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

Please provide your *CONTACT NUMBER* on each cheque



## Your Response

19 April 2020

*Thank you for joining us today!  
If there's anything you would like the church to know, do reach out to us online or via email.*

Get in touch with us:

- ☐ If you are joining us for the first time
- ☐ to find out more
- ☐ to request prayer
- ☐ to provide feedback
- ☐ to send a word of encouragement

*You may find our response form [www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)*

*Or email us at [office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Confidential care & counselling matters, please email [care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)*

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

## *Zion Bishan COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund*

Dear Zion Bishan Members,

We are in troubled times! Not only is our way of life affected, but for many, their means of life are also threatened. These include our church members, the surrounding community, and our mission partners who co-labour with us to proclaim the Gospel. Hence, the Session has set up a designated Zion Bishan COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund. This Fund serves three purposes.

Firstly, in-reach to our members. If you are affected by the current situation and need help, please reach out to your AG leader, Cluster leader, any pastors or ministry staff. Even if you are not affected financially, we have a group of Peer Support Group volunteers who stand ready to support you spiritually and emotionally. We want to be of help!

Secondly, outreach to our community. There are many in our community who are elderly and limited in mobility like some in the Golden Jasmine retirement block near us. We wish to be their neighbour in their times of need (Luke 10:25-37). We are also in touch with the community leaders and have identified a few such seniors who need help with groceries and meals.

Thirdly, outreach to our mission partners. Many of our mission partners are facing dire needs not only concerning their own livelihood but also the ministry as well. In peace times, we support them in propagating the Gospel in Word. In such trying times, we want also to be supporting them in proclaiming the Gospel in works—Love your neighbour as yourself.

Hence, we would also like to appeal to those of you whom God has blessed much with to prayerfully consider this:

1. Give towards this Fund for the relief of the saints.
2. There is a nation-wide movement from those who may not need the latest \$600 government subsidy to give towards a worthy cause. Do consider giving your \$600 subsidy to one of these. If you wish, you may also give to our ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund.

As in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), we are reminded that we are only stewards of what God had entrusted to us. Let us then strive, to always *proclaim the Word*, and where needed, to *proclaim in works* our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pastor Alby

*\* You may give to the General & Missions Fund but include the designation **CV-19 MRF**. Indicate this under 'remarks' if you're doing so via electronic means.*

*\* Kindly note that any residual funds will be channelled to the GMF upon the cessation of this Fund.*

# Announcements

## **Domestic Helpers Fellowship Missions at Your Doorstep**

God cares about migrant workers (Lev 19:34)! If you need help with discipling or sharing Christ with your helper, the Domestic Helpers Fellowship might be able to help you.

Email us at [ziondhf@gmail.com](mailto:ziondhf@gmail.com) and we will follow up with you.

For suggestions and information, visit [www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

## **Friday Prayer Meeting Friday, 8.00pm, Zoom Meeting**

Attendance has been very encouraging as more people are joining from home!

We will be praying especially for our church, nation and the world in this critical time.

To join us on Zoom, register with Lydia. Call **6353 8081** or sign up online at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting)

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## **COVID-19 Ministry Support Initiatives**

### **ZB COVID-19 Survey #2**

The first survey we administered a fortnight ago was helpful for highlighting areas of need and possibilities for service.

Follow-up actions were taken.

Since then, we have entered the Circuit Breaker season - this is affecting us in various ways.

Please take a moment to fill in our follow-up survey #2 - to be completed by Monday 20 Apr.

The survey will include an opportunity for business owners and freelancers to add to an inventory of businesses that ZB members can consider supporting.

To access the survey: <http://tiny.cc/ZBsurvey2>

### **ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund Application and Information**

Refer to Pastor Alby's write up on p.6 which explains the purpose of this Fund, and how donations can be made.

If you wish to apply for relief through this fund for yourself or for your household, please complete and submit the online application form here: <http://tiny.cc/ZBrelief>

This is for ZB members or regular attendees only.

The same eligibility criteria as the Government's Temporary Relief Fund apply, though we may consider exceptions on a case-by-case basis. Applications will be accepted up to 31 Dec 2020.

Contact your Cluster leader or email [care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg) for inquiries.