



YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.
ACTS 1:8

Palm Sunday

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

(10.30 am & 1 pm)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-22 ESV

Message: Who is This?

(3 pm & 5 pm)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 6:9-10 ESV

Message: Thy Kingdom Come

Response Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Mission Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

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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

In-Person Sunday Services

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/services

8.30am Mandarin/Cantonese service

9.30am Tamil/Hokkien service

10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm

English service

11.30am Mandarin-English service

Join us for our livestream

www.youtube.com/zionbishan

8.30am Mandarin & Cantonese service

10.30am English service

Join DHF Bible Study Groups

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

8.45am Domestic Helpers Fellowship 1
(English, Tagalog & Myanmar groups)

2.30pm Domestic Helpers Fellowship 2
(Indonesian group)

9.15pm Domestic Helpers Fellowship 3
(in English)

Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Rev Daniel Tan (Mt Hermon) (10.30am & 1pm),
Rev Luwin Wong (Mt Hermon) (3pm & 5pm)

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Deacon Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Elder Foo Say Chiang

AV: Ravi, Goh Han Teck, Steve Nathan, James Kok,
Gary Lee. *Pianist:* Grace Yan.

Vocalists: Goh Su-ling, Josey Saradetch

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Pastor Zheng Haoren

AV: Benny Ling, Nurman Kusanda

Vocalist: Kwek Khee Leng

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Gan

AV: Darren Lee, Wilson Lee, Paul Huang, Bethia Soh

Pianist: Joy Soon

Vocalists: Olive Ranasi, Joy Lim & Joy Wong

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Danny Chua

AV: Jonathan Teo, Kim Seo Yeon. *Pianist:* Timothy
Low. *Vocalists:* Rachel Tan & Priscilla Chew

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Who is This?

Matthew 21:1-22

Our Humble King

Our Inclusive & Incisive King

Our Judge & Powerful King

Reflection Questions:

1. How might the sovereign Lordship of Jesus be seen in our decision-making?
2. In what ways can we contribute to increasing the inclusiveness in church?
3. Since Jesus is both Redeemer and Judge, how might it transform our attitudes towards evangelism and missions?

Thy Kingdom Come

Matthew 6:9-10

Seek the Kingdom of God

Do the will of God

Praise the God whose name is Father.

Reflection Questions:

1. We often think of the gospel as the good news of salvation, or forgiveness, or eternal life. How does the concept of the Kingdom add to your understanding of the gospel? Why is having a King good news?
2. Is your life contributing to the coming of God's Kingdom here on earth today? In what ways? What changes need to be made so that your life is lived for the Kingdom?
3. Although God is our King, the NT describes the Christian not primarily as a servant, but as the "child of God". Pray and thank God for being a Father whom we can trust and joyfully obey, knowing that he has our best interests at heart.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday – In the coming week, we remember the death and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God for His glorious plan to save and make us His children. Thank God we are able to hold the upcoming services in-person or on live-stream, and even host fellow BP churches at our premises. Pray for our hearts to be turned to Christ and His word.

Christianity Explored – The English run of CE has ended, and the Mandarin one finished on Saturday, 27 Mar. Thank God for all who served as table host and facilitators in extending the gospel to those who had come to find out more about Jesus. Pray for the follow-up actions needed to nurture the gospel seeds that have been planted.

Our People

Vernon Quek – will be ordained on Friday, 2 Apr (see p.6). Praise God for his life and service in sharing the gospel of Jesus. Pray for him and his family as they embark on their next phase of ministry.

Pastor Ebi's wife, Priya – was warded in hospital on Wednesday, 24 Mar, suspected of suffering from a mild stroke after she complained of severe headache and double vision. Scan showed a blood clot in her brain which is now being treated with medication. Please pray for God's healing and speedy recovery and for His peace to be upon her and Ps Ebi.

Our World

Palm Sunday – We are into the final week for Harvest Lent Prayer with the focus on the lost in our social networks and those in other countries. Let us remember that Jesus went to the cross with the world in mind; not just for Jews in Jerusalem, but for all races in all places, to the ends of the earth.

Malaysia – Thank God for what we have heard at today's mission focus regarding our partner Wawasan Penabur (or "Sower's Vision") to grow the faith of the next generation of Bahasa Melayu speaking Christians in Malaysia. Pray for their plans to develop and distribute Christian resources, in hopes, to nurture and strengthen the knowledge of God in the hearts of all Bahasa speaking Christians. Pray that this will grow their faith and ability to reach out to others with the love of Christ.

Myanmar – Pastor J sent these prayer requests: 1) Pray for the restoration of law, order, stability and peace. 2) Pray for a genuine democracy to be established. 3) The need for more spiritual, mental and physical strength. 4) For a forgiving heart, because it is difficult to. 5) Pray for the evangelists and pastors in the fields, who are faithfully caring for their congregation faced with food and basic necessity shortages. 6) People are worried of becoming forced labour for the army. Thanks for praying for us & Myanmar.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	183	
English Services#	695	
Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream	36	
Mand/Cant Service#	122	10.00
ME Service# & Zoom	68	
Hokkien Service#	64	398.00
Tamil Service#	20	275.00
DHF	14	
TOTAL	1202	\$683.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services

Electronic Transfer 36,274.93

WEEKLY TOTAL \$36,957.93

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2021/22: \$65,298

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date **\$281,627.17**

Giving Received from 15 Mar to 21 Mar \$7,731.60

Amount Disbursed to-date \$219,438.67

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1698 200.00

Electronic Transfer 73,541.36

Weekly Total \$73,741.36

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

Total Gift Received To-Date **\$6,846,422.47**

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date **\$2,253,000.00**

Church Family News

1. Ps Dev conducted small group training on 'The Rest Race' at Yio Chu Kang Chapel on 19 Mar.
2. Ps Alby is preaching at Mt Hermon this Sunday
3. The Ordination Service of Vernon Quek will be held at 1pm, 2 Apr, Good Friday afternoon. Vernon apologises that due to COVID-19 restrictions, not everyone will be able to attend physically, but would love for all to join in and witness the ordination, via livestream, on YouTube <https://youtu.be/FwWS9mpRGU>
4. Mount Hermon BP Church has returned the \$500,000 interest-free loan, approved at our last ACM. They have since acquired a property in Henderson and are currently undergoing renovations. Do pray for God to provide all their needs as they prepare to plant their church.

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

To donate towards the ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund:

(Use GMF information above)

Indicate "CV19 MRF" in remarks

To give towards the Land Lease Renewal Fund: General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund" on back of cheque

(Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque)

Looking Ahead

Thursday, 1 April – MAUNDY THURSDAY

8 pm: Maundy Thursday Service

www.zionbishan.org.sg/maundy-thurs

Friday, 2 April – GOOD FRIDAY

10.30 am: Live Stream – Good Friday Service

www.zionbishan.org.sg/good-friday

Speaker: Rev Dr Edwin Tay

1 pm: Ordination Service of Vernon Quek

<https://youtu.be/FwWS9mpRGUI>

8 pm: No Prayer Meeting

Saturday, 3 April

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

Sunday, 4 April – EASTER SUNDAY

English Services:

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services-200pax)

Speakers: Rev Wendell Chua (Zion Serangoon)

Rev Tan Soo Inn (Graceworks)

10.30 am

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang &

Eld Chuah Chin Yew

1.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhiwen,

Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

3.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Vernon Quek,

Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

5.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon, Eld Jeffery Lim &

Eld Reginald Tan

2021 Sermon Series: Acts of the Apostles

11 Apr Acts 9:1-31

Mr Ng Zhiwen & Mr Quek Tze-Ming

18 Apr Acts 9:32-10:48

Ps Alby & Ps Dev

Your Response

28 March 2021

*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*

*Or email us at
office@zionbishan.org.sg*

*Confidential care & counselling
matters, please email
care@zionbishan.org.sg*

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

THANK YOU YOUR RESPONSE!

The Eunuch Who is Not Dry

In our previous sermon on Acts, we heard how the Ethiopian eunuch came to faith through the preaching of Philip (Acts 8:26-40).

Eunuchs generally get a bad deal in the Old Testament:

Deut 23:1 "No one whose testicles are crushed or whose male organ is cut off shall enter the assembly of the LORD."

The inability to generate life is inappropriate before the Source of all life.

Furthermore, in the OT, having children is held up as important. In God's covenant with Abraham, God's blessings comprise, and come through, physical children (Gen 12:2). We see this with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, and continues with the rest of his line throughout the OT. Without physical children, this family line stops, the family name is cut off, and God's blessings through the family to the rest of the world are threatened.

But when you reach the prophets, something interesting happens. We have the picture of a woman who cannot give birth, but instead of lamenting, she is called to sing:

Isa 54:1 "Sing, O barren one, who did not bear; break forth into singing and cry aloud, you who have not been in labor! For the children of the desolate one will be more than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.

And a couple of chapters later, God tells the eunuch, "don't say 'I am a dry tree.'" Instead,

Isa 56:4 For thus says the LORD: "To the eunuchs who keep my Sabbaths, who choose the things that please me and hold fast my covenant, 5 I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters; I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off."

Isaiah is speaking of the last days, when the faithful barren woman, and the faithful eunuch, are called to rejoice. Although they cannot have physical children now, they will have spiritual children and families, and their names will continue.

This promise really takes off in the New Testament:

Gal 3:14 ... in Christ Jesus the blessing of Abraham might come to the Gentiles, so that we might receive the promised Spirit through faith.

When we put our faith in Jesus, we become Abraham's spiritual children, and inherit Abraham's blessings and vocation. The blessings of God are no longer inherited by marriage and physical children, but by faith in Jesus Christ. The entrance to the people of God is not by physical birth, but spiritual birth.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Maunder Thursday Service

1 Apr, 8.00pm, Sanctuary

A solemn service with prayers and reflections on Luke 22.

Holy Communion will be served.

In-person only. No livestream.

Register by 31 Mar, Wednesday.

www.zionbishan.org.sg/maundy-thurs

BPCIS Combined Good Friday Service

2 Apr, Friday, 10.30am

Join via livestream link:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/good-friday

Sermon: "Worthy is the Lamb" (Rev 5:12)

Speaker: Rev Dr Edwin Tay

Organised by BPCIS

Ordination Service of Vernon Quek

2 Apr, Friday, 1.00pm, Livestream

Join via livestream link:

<https://youtu.be/FwWS9mpRGUI>

All are welcome to witness

Bro Vernon Quek's ordination.

Reports for 12th Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

Leaders/secretaries of ministries, please submit your reports to Doreen Lim doreen@zionbishan.org.sg by 5 Apr.

Prepare for Family Sunday! FAH - Sitting in Big Church

The faith at home session will be run twice on

3 Apr, Saturday, 9.30am; or

9 Apr, Friday, 8.30pm, on Zoom

Register by 30 Mar:

<https://forms.gle/eMu2HtPnEU1xju768>

English Worship Services in April Services are open for registration

Register from 27 Mar, Saturday, 9pm at www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services-200pax

In view of Easter being on the first week, Holy Communion will be served on 11 April across all four services.

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Isn't it interesting that these Isaiah passages follow soon after the description of the Suffering Servant that the Ethiopian eunuch is reading (Acts 8:32-33, quoting Isa 53:7-8)? It's almost as if the eunuch was thinking, "Who is this whose life is taken away, so that those who cannot generate life may one day rejoice in receiving full blessings of life?"

Well, this eunuch, once a "dry tree", is no longer so, as he gets wet in the waters of baptism.

If you are a single person in church (whether for the moment, or permanently), or you do not have any physical children, but you are faithfully serving the Lord, you are a sign that the entrance to the people of God is not by physical birth, but spiritual birth. You can enjoy your spiritual family and nurture spiritual children. In Christ, your name will continue. In the church, you don't have to be barren or dry