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**English Services & Livestream** 

# Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Jesus Shall Reign

Scripture Reading: Acts 14:1-11; 19-28 ESV

Message: Through Many Tribulations...

Response Hymn: Christ the Sure and Steady Anchor

Missions Focus; 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

### **In-Person Sunday Services**

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/services

8.30am Mandarin/Cantonese service

9.30am Tamil/Hokkien service

10.30am/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: Dn Danny Chua (10.30 am & 1 pm), Mr Ng Zhi-Wen (3 pm & 5 pm)

#### 10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew AV: Goh Han Teck, Maybelline Tan Pianist: Grace Ho

1.00 pm

Worship Leader: Eld David Leong

Zoom Admin: Ng Zhi-Wen

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7287548423

Meeting ID: 728 754 8423

#### 3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

AV: Melissa Leong, Paul Huang, Bethia Soh Pianists: Evangeline Chai, Penuel Lau

#### 5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan AV: Ravi Shankar, Kim Seo Yeon

Pianist: Joy Tan

### Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip. Senior Pastor

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Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor Rev Zheng Haoren. Pastor Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil) Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand) Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand) Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng) Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry Mrs Ruth Quek, Children/Y. Adults Mrs Sharon Quek, Trg/Mobilisation Mr Linus Koe, Family Ministry/Media Dn Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding Dn Paul Yeo, Hokkien Ministry Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff Mr Ng Zhiwen, Community Engagement

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#### Sermon Notes

# **Through Many Tribulations...**

Acts 14:1-28

30 May 2021 Dn Danny Chua/Mr Ng Zhi-Wen

Poisoned	Minds	(1/1.1_7)
Poisonea	iviinas	[14:1- <i>/</i> ]

Gods Among Men (14:8-20)

Gentile Door of Faith (14:21-28)

### **Discussion Questions:**

- 1. What was one truth you remember from the sermon or passage?
- 2. How has this episode in Acts given greater certainty about the Gospel? (Luke 1:1-4)
- 3. What do you think about the Jewish rejection of the Gospel and persecution of the church how is this not a discouragement but an encouragement to Christians?
- 4. "Through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God" (v.22) What does this mean for you today?

# **Prayer Points**

# **Our Church**

Worshipping Together – Pray for our church as we continue worshipping mostly online. Pray that in such times the Word of God and the fellowship of saints online will continue to grow our hearts. Thank God we are still able to open our doors to those who need to come down in-person for service. Holy Communion will be suspended next week (see p8).

**Urban Missions Conference** – Pray for our church to have open hearts and minds to learn how we can reach out to the lost in urban places. Pray that the sermons, workshops and prayer meetings in July will spur us towards love and action for the lost whether locally or further away in Urban Missions.

# **Our People**

Project Love Bishan – Thank God for this opportunity to show love to the needy in Bishan and Sin Ming on Saturday (29 May). Pray that this project will have brought blessing on both our volunteers and the beneficiaries (more than 80 households). Pray for doors to open for follow-up with these households.

### **Our World**

**India** – Continue to pray for the situation in India and for our Partners there:

**COVID-19 & Mucormycosis** – Many partners report deaths and infections from COVID. One of the church planters supported by ZB had tested positive for COVID and passed away suddenly. He leaves behind his wife and 3 children

who have been inconsolable with grief. They could not attend his burial because they were on home quarantine. Pray for comfort for the family and the other believers. There are also many deaths of people in Bihar infected by black fungus. Pray for protection of our mission workers serving there.

Update on Brother B – Thank God that Brother B, who had one leg amputated and the other badly injured, is recuperating well and in good spirit. He is even able to conduct prayer and worship services online with some assistance! Also, God has provided a family to care for his daughter so that she need not be given up for adoption. We thank God for His healing and leading Brother B through this long and stressful experience. Pray that the prosthetic leg will be done smoothly in due course.

Myanmar – Continue to pray for peace for this country. Our mission partner reports: "Every day we hear bombings." Pray for their protection and for the safety of fellow believers, some who expectant mothers and due for delivery in June. Going to hospitals is difficult with the current circumstances.

West Asia – Pray for the family of T & J to adapt well in their adopted country. May our Lord protect and use this family mightily to witness for Christ. Pray also for peace to come to the current conflict between Israel and Palestine. Partner B in Palestine reports briefly that they are doing well though the situation is still very bad.

### Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	464	
English Service 10.30am	31	730.00
English Service 1pm on Zoom	100	
English Service 3pm	41	
English Service 5pm	14	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	81	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	28	25.00
ME Service & Zoom	60	
Tamil Service	18	
DHF	23	
TOTAL	860	\$755.00
All in-person attendance includes	s serving personnel	
#Livestreaming peak concurrent v	viewers	
Electronic Transfer		36,438.00
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$37,193.00
Weekly offering to meet budget ;	for 2021/22: \$65,298	3

### **ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund**

Total Received to-date	\$291,947.17
Giving Received from 17 May to 23 May	\$1,800.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$219,507.69

Land Lease Renewal Fund	
Gift NO: 1724	1,100.00
Interest-free loan #LL034/21	5,000.00
Electronic Transfer	10,422.48
Weekly Total	\$16,522.48
(Weekly Target: \$118,238)	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$7,494,975.99
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,808,000.00

# 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



PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund" on back of cheque (Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque

DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

# **Looking Ahead**

Friday, 4 Jun

8.00 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 5 Jun

4.00 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 6 Jun

**English Services:** 

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

10.30 am

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

Eld Chuah Chin Yew

1.00 pm (on Zoom)

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhi-Wen,

Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

3.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Ps Vernon Quek,

Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

5.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon, Eld Jeffery Lim &

Eld Reginald Tan

June Sermon Series - #GetReal

**6 Jun** Getting Real about Growing Old

Ps David Wong (1030am/1pm)

Struggles of the Young:

**Getting Real about Singleness** 

Dn Danny Chua (3pm/5pm)

13 Jun Getting Real about Race & Ethnicity

Ps Dev/Ng Zhi-Wen

**20 Jun** Struggles of the Young:

Getting Real about Singleness

Dn Danny Chua (1030am/1pm)

Getting Real about Growing Old

Ps David Wong (3pm/5pm)

**27 Jun** Getting Real about Disability

Mr Leow Wen Pin (BGST)

### Your Response

30 May 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.sq/rf

Or email us at office@zionbishan.org.sq

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

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

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

### **BPCIS Update: Call To Prayer and Action**

To keep us informed and in prayer for BPCIS (Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore), we give an update whenever there is a fifth Sunday. Last August our update was titled "Staying True to Our Mission" followed by another in November, "The Past, the Present and the Future". In January we issued a "Pastoral Word on National Vaccination". Here is an update as we approach mid-2021.

As countries around the world face the second and third waves of **COVID-19 Pandemic** with deadly and devastating consequences, we call on all to pray for God's mercy. Let us like Ezekiel "stand in the gap" (Ezekiel 22.30) and intercede for nations and peoples that they may turn to God, our Creator and Judge. Pray also for godly wisdom to be given to Singapore's multi-ministry task force as they make vital decisions on managing the current situation.

Meanwhile, let us not forget to give thanks to God for a return to onsite in-person services, even with singing allowed, for a short while. As the number of worshippers is capped again at 50, and many of us going back to live-streamed services, let us stay faithful in worshipping the Lord, listening to His Word and keeping in touch with His people.

We thank the Lord for our annual combined **Good Friday Service** on 2 April. Held at four locations, it brought together our 8 churches with 550 physically attending and 1,500 watching on live stream. Dr Edwin Tay preached from Revelation 5, asking "Is He Worthy?" The answer must be a resounding "Yes!" as we witnessed the **Ordination** of Vernon Quek (Zion Bishan) and the **Validation** of Peter Warren (Mount Horeb) that weekend. Offering to BPCIS via QR code came to \$46,000. Indeed, Christ is worthy of our worship, our service and our offering!

Our **BPCIS Website** (bpcis.org.sg) was launched last month, as "a platform to connect and edify our BP community and beyond". Please check it out for definitive notes on who we are and what we seek to do. You will also find new stories released regularly to inspire us to walk with the Lord and share our faith.

The government is seeking feedback on a proposal for **No-Fault Divorce**. BPCIS has commissioned BGST (Biblical Graduate School of Theology) to study the issue from the biblical, legal and pastoral perspectives. We understand the desire to make divorce less painful and traumatic for all, especially for the children. But we are concerned that it will weaken the desire to work on difficulties in a marriage which for Christians is a lifelong commitment.

Finally, we look forward to our annual **Pastors and Leaders Retreat** on 5 July, Monday, 9am to 5pm. Bishop Emeritus Robert Solomon will speak on "The

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# Announcements

#### **Holy Communion Suspension**

In the light of the current advisory on heightened alert and for the safety of our worshippers, Holy Communion will be suspended for the month of June. God willing, if restrictions permit, we will serve Holy Communion at all services in July. Let us be in prayer for our national leaders that they may steer Singapore back to safety.

### Worshipping With Our Whole Beings Through Sign Language Can't sing? Then sign!

The Hearing Impaired Ministry (HIM) has helpfully prepared tutorials which will be released in a few parts for us to learn how to sign the Gloria Patri.

Learn how to sign the first line of the doxology, Gloria Patri so that we can express our worship in action together. View the first video at <a href="https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/HIMtutorials">www.zionbishan.org.sg/HIMtutorials</a>

### Sign Language Class Starts 5 Jun, 10.00-11.30am, Zoom

Join us, for 8 Saturdays, to learn how to sing with our hands & have simple conversations in Sign.

Register with Esther Kiu (9757 8428) or Dn Timothy Ong (9271 5785) by 2 Jun.

#### **Urban Missions Conference 2021**

Look forward to 4 sermons, 4 workshops (Families, Seniors, Professions and Businessmen/Managers in missions) and prayer sessions in July that would help us understand why and how we can "Go Urban!" Go with the gospel to an increasingly *urban* world. For more workshop information and to sign up click on tinyurl.com/ZBGoUrban2021

# Peer Support Program We have Peer Supporters ready to talk

Any church member facing depression or anxiety concerning COVID, WFH, or from other matters, please speak with our Peer Supporters. Contact your CST or Dns Siew Choo to find support: <a href="mailto:zbpeersupp@gmail.com">zbpeersupp@gmail.com</a>

#### Women of Zion

Thank God that WOZ was able to carry out a few Circle of 8 activities in April and early May (Reading Club, Journaling, Nature Walk, Art). Activities will resume when the situation improves. In the meantime, let's uphold one another in prayer and stay safe. If there are ladies who wish to contact WOZ Committee for help or support please call 9367 1280.

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Generosity of the Gospel". Such generosity is being demonstrated among our churches as we rally behind Mount Hermon's purchase of a freehold industrial unit at Henderson, Zion Bishan's lease renewal, and Mount Carmel's church plant. May the Lord continue to help us fulfil the "DBS" agenda of Developing Leaders, Building Relationships and Sharing Resources—all for His Kingdom and His Glory.

Ps David Wong General Secretary, BPCIS