



What does man gain by all the toil
at which he toils under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 1:3

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English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: I Stand in Awe

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 11:1-8 ESV

Message: You Do Not Know

Response Hymn: I Know Who Holds Tomorrow

Missions 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

9.00am Hokkien service

9.30am Tamil Service

10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm

English service

11.00am Mandarin-English service

Join us for our livestream

www.youtube.com/zionbishan

8.30am Mandarin & Cantonese service

10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm

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:

Ps Dev Menon (10.30am & 1pm)

Mr Danny Chua (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

AV: Goh Han Teck, Samuel Bin, James Kok

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

AV: Matthew Neo, Jeffery Kow, Benny Ling

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

AV: Eugene Poh, Wilson Lee, Darren Lee

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

AV: Josiah Menon, Nicklaus Yu

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* *alby*

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* *dev*

Rev Zheng Haoren, *Pastor* *zhenghr*

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* *ebi*

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* *sskew*

Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* *jtlim*

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* *daniel*

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* *vernon*

Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* *emily*

Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* *june*

Mrs Ruth Quek, *Children/Y. Adults* *ruth*

Mrs Sharon Quek, *Trg/Mobilisation* *sharon*

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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You Do Not Know

Ecclesiastes: 11:1-8

... What Disaster is Coming (v2)

... The Work of God (v5)

... Which Will Prosper (v6)

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Recall all the 'dead ends' that the Preacher has shown us so far in Ecclesiastes. How do you feel after reading the first 10 chapters of the book?
2. What exactly does the Preacher say we "do not know"? Why does he say this?
3. What are the uncertainties in your life, work and ministry/Christian service? Which are the ones that trouble and worry you the most, and why?
4. How would right risk-taking look like in a Christian's life? Share some examples of this you have personally encountered.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Lent – In this season of Lent, let us remember Christ’s suffering and sacrifice in His journey to the cross. May we have soft hearts, willing to come humbly before Him, in repentance for our sin and willing to walk in obedience to His commands. May we also be bold to share the Good news of Jesus to someone specific this Easter.

Easing of COVID Safe Management

Measures – Thank God for the gradual easing of safe management measures in Singapore that will allow people to resume normal routines and allow businesses to thrive. The new measures will also allow for congregational singing (with masks on from NEXT Sunday) – thank God for the long-awaited opportunity that we can gather in worship. Pray for the recovery of those who are infected with the virus and for the safe easing of measures across various sectors including religious gatherings.

Our World

Leadership Training (India) – We thank God that our partners here value the need to train workers and pastors in the various fields. Many of them held various programmes for leadership training in March. Here are a few of them, an Annual Pastors’ Conference (Partner STP) , a Bible Convention (Partner O), Leadership Seminar (Partner MM). Pray that these

trainings will encourage and strengthen the faith of all the workers who attended these various events.

Refugees – 10 million people (or roughly 1/4 of Ukraine’s pre-war population) have been forced to flee their homes in Ukraine - UN High Commissioner for Refugees, Filippo Grandi, said via Twitter on 20 Mar (Sun). Pray for all refugees and internally displaced peoples all over the world, not just in Ukraine, but also in Myanmar and in Syria, and especially in Ethiopia, Africa’s second-most populous nation. In Ethiopia, a bloody civil war is now in its 16 month, and millions are at risk of starvation and war atrocities (Bloomberg, 22 Mar). Please continue to pray for the many refugees facing the physical, emotional trauma, grief and loss of their homes and loved ones, that God will bring them comfort and healing.

Indonesia – We thank God for a partner’s ministry to the blind community here that has helped many of them to get back onto their feet. In total, our partner reports that the blind form about 2% of the Indonesian population. Many of them are abandoned by their families and community. Praise God that recently they were able to gather via zoom to have a time of worship and studying the word through discovery bible sessions. Though currently a small community, it has been a good start. Pray for the growth of this ministry to the blind community, that many more will come to know our Lord.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams [#]	257	
English Service 10.30am	228	304.00
English Service 1pm	75	
English Service 3pm	123	
English Service 5pm	120	
Mand/Cant Livestream [#]	39	
Mand/Cant 8.30 [#]	105	
ME Service & Zoom	61	
Hokkien Service	31	700.00
Tamil Service	16	298.00
DHF	20	
TOTAL	1075	\$1,302.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

[#]Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$61,528.27
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$62,830.27

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,045

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$6,890.20
Interest-Free loan converted to gift (#LL024/21):	\$100,000.00
Weekly Total	\$106,890.20
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$8,858,795.79
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,708,000.00
Repayment of Interest-free Loan To-Date	\$(1,165,000.00)
	\$11,401,795.79

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Grace BP Church this morning.
2. Pastor Ebi is preaching at Bethlehem BP Church this morning.
3. Mdm Ho Chee Kun (ZBMS), aged 96, was called Home to be with the Lord on 21 March 2022. She was mother of Ernest and Edmund Kwok, mother-in-law of Eliza and Siew Lian and grandmother of Eugene, Edric & Janice, Elsa & Zach, Edlyn & Jon. Our deepest condolences to the family.

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

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

Friday, 1 Apr

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 2 Apr

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 3 Apr

English Worship Services

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

10.30am

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

1.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhiwen, Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

3.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Ps Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

5.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon, Eld Jeffery Lim & Eld Reginald Tan

Ecclesiastes Series Sermon:

03 Apr (Ecc 11.9-12.8) In the Days of Your Youth

Ps Alby

10 Apr (Ecc 12.9-14) The End of the Matter

Quek Tze-Ming/Ps Vernon

17 Apr Ecc post-script

Ps Alby

Your Response

27 March 2022

*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.

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

Trampling Down Death by Death

This week, I taught the Paschal Troparion to my first-year Greek class at the Biblical Graduate School of Theology. This is a short hymn of one stanza, sung as part of the liturgy (roughly what we call “order of service”) for the celebration of Easter. It has been in continuous use in the Eastern Churches since no later than the 5th or 6th century (and perhaps even earlier). Since most of you are not in my first-year Greek class, I shall provide only the transliteration (so you have a rough idea how it sounds), and the English translation:

Greek Transliteration	English Translation
Christós anésti ek nekrón, thanáto thanáton patísas, ké tís en tís mnímasi, zoín charisámenos!	Christ is risen from the dead, trampling down death by death, and to those in the tombs granting life!

It’s a succinct summary of Jesus’ victory over Death, through his own death (“trampling down death by death”) and resurrection. I’m sure many of us recognize echoes of the following texts:

But in fact **Christ has been raised from the dead**, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. (1 Cor 15:20)

Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that **through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death**, that is, the devil, and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. (Heb 2:14-15)

And behold, the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. And the earth shook, and the rocks were split. **The tombs also were opened**. And many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised, ... (Matt 27:51-52)

Over the past 2 years of the pandemic, and especially in the last month of war, I have felt weary, sad, and angry over all the news of suffering, and death. As we approach Good Friday and Easter, perhaps you would like to join me, and the ancient church, in reminding ourselves of Christ, risen from the dead, trampling down death by (His own) death, and thus granting life, life, and more life.

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Announcements

BPCIS Good Friday Service:
“One Theme, Different Locations”
15 Apr, 10.30am & 5.00pm, Zion Bishan

Title: Not My Will But Yours Be Done

Speaker: Pastor Ivan Chow
(Bethesda Bukit Arang Church)

Services will be decentralised at BPCIS Churches.

English as Second Language (ESL)

Mondays, 10am to 12 noon

ESL is looking for new teachers to teach English and/or Bible Stories to expand its ministry to the ladies. Contact Cynthia Ng (98577696) if you would like to sign up.

Friendship Meals, 11-12 Apr (residents' homes) & 14 Apr (onsite)

40 volunteers and befrienders are needed for both events. A simple briefing and training will be held via Zoom (details TBC). More details and sign up by 5 Apr at bit.ly/friendshipapr22

Bone Health: Maintain Maximum Health of Bones & Joints

9 Apr, Saturday 10.30am, In-person at Chapel or via Zoom

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event to hear our invited speaker Eld (Dr) Lee Soon Tai, present on the common bone & joint problems often found in seniors, & what we can do to maintain maximum health of the bones & joints. Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

To sign up: <https://bit.ly/3pNrTy4>

Reflections on Ecclesiastes

The preaching team would love to hear from Zion Bishan members and regular worshippers what God has been teaching you through this book.

Please respond by 17 April:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBecclesiastes>

Season of Lent Kingdom Harvest Prayer

Come for 30 min of praying together every night from 9.15-9.45pm, meditating on Scripture and praying for the Harvest.

Sign up with Sharon at 97880195 for the Zoom link for each day's session.

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This Youtube video gives you an idea of how this hymn sounds in its original language, with the traditional tune: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ayNDWgb9gk0>

Here is another Youtube video, from the Christian Arab satellite channel Sat-7, of a joyous “flashmob” singing the Paschal Troparion in both Arabic and Greek in Beirut, Lebanon. I guarantee you will smile (at least):

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZvgWscw5Gbs&t=9s>