



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

Ecclesiastes 1:3

Palm Sunday

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Your Word

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:1-2; 12:8-14 (ESV) - 1030 & 1pm

Ecclesiastes 1:1-2; 1:12-18; 12:8-14 (ESV) - 3pm & 5pm

Message: The End of the Matter

Response Hymn: There is a Hope

Commissioning of Darrell Tan (10.30 Service)

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

9.00am 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:

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (10.30am & 1pm)

Ps Vernon Quek (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Dn Sunil Peter

AV: James Kok, Jack See, Maybelline Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

AV: Matthew Neo, Cassandra Chng, Soh Kok Hong

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low

AV: Darren Lee, Elliot Phan, Soh Kok Hong

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 2

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu

AV: Matthaesus Lim, Lence Teh

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 2

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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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*

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The End of the Matter

Ecclesiastes: 12:9-14

Intro

The Narrator's Assessment of the Preacher's Journey (v8-12)

- Qoheleth - one who speaks to the assembly
- Teaching, Searching, Writing

The End of the Matter (v13&14)

What matter? Qoheleth's Quest

- Fear God and Keep His Commandments
 - Fearing God in Ecclesiastes: 3:14; 5:7; 7:18; 8:12&13
- Why? For God will judge every deed

Conclusion:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Which of the Preacher's words of truth have struck you from the book of Ecclesiastes this year?
2. What does Fearing God and keeping His commandments mean to you now? Are you convinced that this really is the end of the matter?
3. How does God's final judgement shape your living 'under the sun'? How does it rightly help you Fear God?
4. What exactly is v12 warning us against? What does this mean you need to watch out for in your life?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Palm Sunday - As we ponder Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem this Palm Sunday, the picture we get is not a triumphant military king on a war horse but a humble servant king, on a donkey. Let us remember that it was love that drove Jesus to give his life on the cross for us. What is the Lord asking of you today? May this life we live be FOR our Lord, in courageous service to Him. May we be willing to sacrifice our all for Him just as he was willing to do so for us.

Bishan Home - With the ease in measures, in-person activities were originally planned for this Sunday. Unfortunately a few positive cases were found on Wednesday and they now have to control visitors and volunteers again. Do keep the residents and staff in prayer that the situation will be under control and they will still hope in God during this challenging season of isolation and reduced interaction.

Our People

Darrell Tan – Praise God for Darrell's commissioning as Zion Bishan's missionary this morning. It is a special moment for him and his family, a culmination of many years of prayer and preparation. Pray for Darrell to draw wisdom and courage from the Lord as he engages in the task of missions and mobilisation.

Our World

India - Two partners in the North are seeking prayer for the smooth completion of their yearly financial audits at this time. For another partner in the north, please pray for 6 families who have had to leave their communities because of their faith. May the Lord continue to encourage them in the midst of this. Praise God that they are strong in their faith. A partner that runs a day care centre for children in the northeast has requested prayers for a bigger venue as their work have expanded and their current place has become congested. May they be able to find a suitable one.

Indonesia - The same partner that has seen a small group turning to Christ from the blind community here requests for prayer for their ministry to the deaf and mute community. There was not much response to the gospel, hence, their field workers started praying earnestly in recent months for this community. Praise God for one girl who was open to study the word and who received the good news with gladness. Pray that there will be a movement for the gospel among the deaf and mute communities here in Indonesia.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	259	
English Service 10.30am	332	432.00
English Service 1pm	53	
English Service 3pm	135	
English Service 5pm	78	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	38	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	116	4,276.80
ME Service & Zoom	62	
Hokkien Service	43	
Tamil Service	16	699.00
DHF	17	
TOTAL	1149	\$5,407.80

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$67,028.82
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$72,436.62

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1818-19	\$2,800.00
Electronic Transfer	\$7,970.60
Weekly Total	\$10,770.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$8,894,027.99
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,708,000.00
Repayment of Interest-free Loan To-Date	\$(3,708,000.00)
	\$8,894,027.99

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Emmanuel BP Church this morning.
2. Ps Dev is preaching at Moriah BP's Good Friday & Easter Services next weekend.

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, 15 Apr (Good Friday)

8.00pm: No Prayer Meeting

Saturday, 16 Apr

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 17 Apr (Easter Sunday)

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:

17 Apr Ecc post-script

Ps Alby

24 Apr A Word to the Congregation

Ps Haoren

May Series Sermon: "Odes to Joy"

1 May Psalm 73 (Destruction of Wicked)

– *Quek Tzeming*

Psalm 116 (God Hears in Affliction)

– *Ps Alby*

8 May Psalm 116 (God Hears in Affliction)

– *Ps Alby*

Psalm 73 (Destruction of Wicked)

– *Quek Tzeming*

Your Response

10 April 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!

NOT MY WILL BUT YOURS

Just 2 years ago, I never expected life to turn out this way. I thought I would be working in the marketplace till 67. An unexpected turn of events led to my “early” retirement one year back. Then, a response to help Emmanuel BPC once a month became a full-time endeavour. It wasn’t the journey I had envisaged nor prayed for.

As Good Friday approaches, I thought of what Elizabeth Elliot shared:

“The struggle Jesus had in the Garden of Gethsemane showed me this.

A conflict was taking place — not to annihilate his own will but to accept the will of the Father, which was other than his. It did not end with Jesus saying, “My will is now yours” but with, “Not my will, but yours be done.” The act of praying, far from divesting us of human desires, enables us to lay them before God as very real and pressing and say to him, “Not mine, Lord. Yours.” If we had gotten rid of them, there would be nothing to lay down. There is something terribly down-to-earth about this.”

Jesus prayed at Gethsemane: “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me. Nevertheless, not my will, but yours, be done.” (Luke 22:42) That was a deeply agonising moment even though He knew all along that was the Father’s plan for Him.

Each of us has our own plans and we can make known our plans to God. But that may not be what God wants. God may sometimes deny us what we want in order to give us something far better. We can be assured that the will of a good God is invariably better. As I prayed and struggled about it, I felt a growing peace and clarity over time though I tread this with much fear and trembling. I came to a point where I could say as Jesus did, “*Nevertheless*, not my will but yours be done.”

For me, I see this setting aside of my own “plans” to follow God’s leading in this season of my life as the simple obedience of one who is undeserving yet saved by grace. Not everyone is called to do what I’m doing now. But every Christian who calls Jesus Lord must obey what God says (Luke 6:46).

Would we be willing to obey the clear commands contained in God’s Word and for whatever God specifically calls us to?

ECCLESIASTES REFLECTIONS

We are reaching the end of our *Ecclesiastes* sermon series, and some have already contributed their reflections on the book. With their permission, some of these are shared below.

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I found *Ecclesiastes* refreshing, very meaningful and applicable. A lot of deep searching but really rejoicing each session in the hope and identity I have in Christ. Each sermon helped refine my purpose and reason, though to be honest some sermons were heavy where we encountered why suffering, pain happens to good people too.

Personally, the series strengthened my identity and purpose and reason why we can live each day renewed and run the race well. Pressing on toward the Goal, the high calling as a child of Christ, and ambassador for Him, to share His story of Hope, Redemption, and Restoration; The good news being relevant to every square inch of life.

Just as was shared at the 2021 Watchnight service, on running the Race of Life well, I also felt *Ecclesiastes* was very timely for the events that are unfolding, each sermon was so timely for every week current events and the situations I went through. Really thankful for each sermon in this series. God Bless, Shalom.

John Chua

The world is a very broken place and life often seems illogical/meaningless; And in fact, practicing good things like wisdom can cost one dearly. Many things happen for which there is no explanation, and oftentimes all our toiling seems useless. Yet, there is still hope and reason to persevere, because the God of all wisdom has ordained the times and seasons. As mere humans, we are to fear God and keep in step with Him, enjoy the present and be in community, practice what prudence we can and ultimately, know that a day will come when God will judge all our deeds, and put things right. And so we persevere in light of the knowledge that while we may not find meaning, God does, and one day we will understand.

Chang En Qi

The book touched base with reality and how most people feel about it. Hence, it opens up the willingness to look at reality from God's point of view. The quiet mentions of the words of Christ with reference to *Ecclesiastes* brings new perspective and understanding to what Christ said. I have personally grown in awe of the words of Christ through *Ecclesiastes*, especially the richness and essence of what HE is saying.

Having my Action Group cover Genesis at the same time had also helped me understand Ecclesiastes even more, especially on the creation of Work and the great constant evil of man.

I think Ecclesiastes is a very excellent book to have a conversation with non-Christians and to follow up with them. If only we have concise materials, on it and that is able to bring out the 'frustrations' in the book.

Reggie Ng

The Ecclesiastes series has prompted me to examine my life in current pursuit of career, wealth accumulation and relationships in the light of what the writer said: "Vanity of vanities" or meaninglessness when God is not in the picture. This is particularly poignant after living two restrictive years under pandemic. I felt various degrees of frustration with the situation: the isolation among people or a lostness of direction due to the prolonged enforcement of social distancing; the lost of connectivity between people and more virtual meeting, etc. I thought the timing to preach on Ecclesiastes is God-guided because it challenged me to re-think the purpose of life, evaluate my spiritual life's directions and to recalibrate my walk to "fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man."

Ben Quek

The world is broken and hurtling inexorably towards death. Life under the sun unpredictable, intensely frustrating. But that lack of control and certainty of death is designed to drive us toward the One who is Sovereign and the Giver of Life.

Knowing our Creator and Redeemer is our only hope of living with any meaning or purpose.

Everyone, at every stage of life, needs urgently to remember our Creator who entered His Creation to redeem us, and to live out our days mindful that we are ever in His Presence, and accountable to Him — not just for how we spend our time and resources in our lifetime, but ultimately for our attitude and response to Jesus — Creator, Saviour, returning Judge and King.

Anon

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Do contribute your reflections too, by 17 April:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBecclesiastes>

ps. Our sermon series in May will address some of the issues raised in the book as we consider a selection of *Psalms*.

Announcements

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

Title: One Sacrifice, Once for All
Speaker: Pastor Ivan Chow
(Bethesda Bukit Arang Church)
Services will be decentralised at BPCIS Churches. Livestreaming will also be available on the Zion Bishan Youtube channel. Please register for in-person service here:
<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/goodfriday2022>

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. Just come when you can!

Men's Ministry (MM)
Calling all men to join us in this event. As His men, let's explore this question together and what it means for us.
Topic: Adam, where are you?
Date: Sat 30 Apr 2022
Time: 8.00am - 9.30am
Venue: Zion Bishan BP Church - L4 Chapel (100% In-Person Event!!!)
Speaker: Ps Kirk Tan
Please click the link below or scan the QR code to register for this event.
<https://tinyurl.com/MMEG30APR>

THE GRAND CALLING:
Biblical Reflections on Grandparenting
(A SENIORS360 Event in partnership with QUADC)
Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Robert Solomon
Fri, May 6, 2022 (9.30 am – 12.30 noon)
Cost: \$10 (ZB members only)
Register at
<https://bit.ly/Grandparenting2022>
or contact Paul Yeo
@97511897/paul@zionbishan.org.sg
Congrats! You are now a grandparent! But what's your role and responsibility? What's the value & significance of being one? And can it possibly be a liability? Here's a talk and dialogue to clarify and answer the above questions – and more. You can indeed be a model, mentor and memory-maker!

Mandarin-English (ME) Service
@Level 4 Chapel
24/4 – 15/5/22, Sunday 10.30am
From Doubting to Believing
Gospel Series · In Mandarin Only · In-Person & Online

24 Apr	God Created the World, is it Believable?
1 May	The World Sins, is It True?
8 May	Christ Died on the Cross, is it the Answer?
15 May	Christ Resurrected, is it Credible?

May Sermon Series: Odes to Joy
As we conclude our quest with the Preacher who examined the darkness of life under the sun, it is timely for us to sing songs of joy and light - Psalms, or Odes of praise. Come, sing along with us in the month of May.