

I WILL SING TO THE LORD  
AS LONG AS I LIVE;

I WILL SING PRAISE TO MY GOD  
WHILE I HAVE BEING

PSALM  
104:33

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English Services & Livestream

## Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

( 8.30am & 1030am )

Scripture Reading: Psalm 73:1-5, 10-28 NIV

Message: Dear God, Why Do Bad People Win?

Response Hymn: Take Heart

( 3pm & 5pm )

Scripture Reading: Psalm 116:1-19 ESV

Message: I Love the Lord

Response Hymn: My Tribute

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Note: *Holy Communion will be served  
at all services today*

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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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/services)

**8.30am** Mandarin service

**9.00am** Hokkien service

**9.30am** Tamil Service

**8.30am/10.30am/3.00pm/5.00pm**

English service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English service

**10.45am** Cantonese-Mandarin service

### **Join us for our livestream**

[www.youtube.com/zionbishan](http://www.youtube.com/zionbishan)

**8.30am** Mandarin service

**10.45am** Cantonese-Mandarin service

**10.30am/3.00pm** English service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English service

Zoom Livestream (ID: 83150901877)

### **Join Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)**

**Bible Study Groups** *(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

**8.45am** DHF 1A

(in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

**8.45am** DHF 2 (in Myanmar language)

hybrid, in person in LR and via zoom

**2.30pm** DHF 3

(in Bahasa Indonesia) via zoom

**8.45pm** Domestic Helpers Fellowship 1B

(in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

### **Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes**

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Mr Quek Tze-Ming (10.30am & 1pm),  
Ps Alby Yip (3pm & 5pm)

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Ng Zhiwen

*AV:* Matthew Neo, Nurman Kusanda, James Kok

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 1

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Joel Khoo

*Worship Leader:* Dn Sunil Peter

*AV:* Sean Yang, Gary Lee, Steven Tan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 1

### **3.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*AV:* Melissa Leong, Darren Lee, Jared Koh

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 1

### **5.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Eld Reginald Tan

*AV:* Josiah Menon, Chiam Da Ren

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 1

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor</i>	6353 8081
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	8198 9696
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	9489 4967
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	8428 0525
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Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8388 1883
Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>	8833 0196
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Trg/Mobilisation</i>	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
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**Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:**

[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

# Dear God, Why Do Bad People Win?

Psalm 73

## Introduction

Bullies!

## Orientation (v. 1)

*“Surely God is good ...”* (v. 1)

## Disorientation (vv. 2-15)

- Why are the bullies winners?
- Why should I be a loser?

*“Surely in vain have I kept my heart pure ...”* (v. 13)

## Reorientation (vv. 16-28)

- till I entered the sanctuary of God; then I understood.

*“Surely you place them on slippery ground ...”* (v. 18)

## Conclusion

*“But as for me, it is good to be near God.”* (v. 28)

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What do you remember about the sermon or the scripture text?
2. Why does God let wicked people prosper? Why does suffering continue? Does this psalm answer these questions? Do you have an answer for it?
3. At the end of the psalm, what has changed? How has that change (if any) happened?
4. When was the last time you asked God difficult questions about your life? How did you feel? Was there any resolution?

# **I Love The Lord**

Psalm 116:1-19

## **Introduction**

## **Reasons**

## **Response**

## **Remember**

## **Conclusion**

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. Why did God answer some prayers and not others?
3. How would you describe your relationship with God? How is your prayer life?
4. If everything falls in your life, would you still love God? Why?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Fellowship Tea** - Thank God that with the relaxed restrictions, fellowship tea can resume in the coming weeks. We pray that members will step up to help serve one another. Let your Shepherding Team know if you are interested to volunteer!

**#DinnerChurch** - Pray for the 3pm & 5pm Congregations as they embark on this new ministry to have Sunday evening family meals with one another. May it be a blessing to friends and visitors alike.

**Bishan Home** - Positive COVID-19 cases have been detected in the home each day in the past week, with the total number coming to 39 residents and 9 staff members, with some having to be sent to A&E. Pray for strength & resilience for the remaining staff to be able to care for the rest of the residents well and depend on God's mercy and grace to tide through this difficult time.

**Soccer Ministry** - Thank God for the resumption of activities at the end of last month and the recent addition of 3 kids and 1 youth. Pray for the ongoing efforts in building relationships with them, that the good news of Jesus can be shared through this ministry.

### **Our World**

**Nepal** - Pray for our partners here in West and East Nepal as they faithfully reach out to unreached communities in this mountainous land. We thank God for the small number of special needs children that our West Nepal partner has been able to care for. Most of these children have autism and we are thankful for a small team from Zion Bishan who have regular online meetings with the ones caring for these special needs children. May these sessions help provide quality care and education for children with autism.

**Ukraine** - Many Ukrainians braved shelling across the country to go to Church this past Sunday, 24 Apr, to commemorate Orthodox Easter and also to mourn for loved ones killed. News reports estimate that 5.2 million Ukrainians have fled the country, with another 7.7 million displaced within Ukraine (*The Straits Times, 25 Apr 2022*). Pray for God's comfort for the people facing displacement, uncertainty and vulnerability. May Christians continue to provide and show Christ's love to those in need.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	279	
English Service 10.30am	339	250.00
English Service 1pm	83	
English Service 3pm	102	
English Service 5pm	123	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	51	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	93	
ME Service & Zoom	76	
Hokkien Service	40	
Tamil Service	20	298.00
DHF	22	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1228</b>	<b>\$548.00</b>

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel*

*#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer \$89,126.51

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$89,674.51**

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

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1821-3 \$5,600.00

Electronic Transfer \$38,503.49

**Weekly Total \$44,103.49**

**Total Gift Received To-Date \$8,990,881.45**

## Church Family News

1. BPCIS GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES. Thank the Lord for >1,500 who attended onsite services held in 9 churches, with another 1,725 online views. Offerings totaling \$30,051.35 was received for BPCIS.
2. Pastor Alby will be on leave on 4 May.
3. Deepest condolences to the family of Mdm Neo Lye Kee, aged 88, who went Home to be with the Lord on 27 April 2022. She was the mother of Benedict Koh, mother-in-law of Dns Alice Koh, and grandmother to Elizabeth, Jonathan, and Abigail. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
4. Our deepest condolences to the family of Mdm Chng Guay Keow, aged 73 who passed away on 28 April 2022. She was the mother of Dn Tiew Chew Meng, mother-in-law of Teo Hui Leng, grandmother to Ethan and Isaac.

## 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, 6 May

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### Saturday, 7 May

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

### Sunday, 8 May

English Worship Services

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services))

#### 8.30am

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

#### 10.30am

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

#### 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

## May Series Sermon: "Odes to Joy"

**8 May** Psalm 116 (I Love the Lord)

– Ps Alby

Psalm 73 (Destruction of Wicked)

– Quek Tze-ming

**15 May** Psalm 99 (The King who Loves Justice)

– Ng Zhiwen

**22 May** Psalm 104 (God's goodness in Creation)

– Ps Vernon

## Your Response

1 May 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](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.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

## **A WALKING MIRACLE**

A Thanksgiving by Queenie Ng-Lim

“Queenie, your PET scan result is very, very good. No inflammation or cancer seen.”

I received the above text message from Dr John, my oncologist, a day after my PET scan.

What a relief! I burst out into happy tears. My heart overflowed with joy and gratitude to my Lord.

I had prepared myself for the worst. The prognosis for my stage 4 ovarian cancer was gloomy. There is a 90% chance that my cancer will return within the next 2 years. Global statistics look pretty dismal too with only 17% surviving beyond 5 years.

Nevertheless, I chose to place my trust in God. I believed that He can do the impossible (“For with God nothing will be impossible.” Luke 1: 37).

I want to thank God for the privilege of experiencing cancer.

“Why?” you may ask me.

Well, cancer allowed me to experience God in a very real and intimate way. When you come close enough to death, the definitions of ‘God’ and ‘life’ are never the same. The nitty gritty things that used to bother me do not matter at all anymore. What really matters is our faith in Him.

The past year of my life was traumatic. But I was able to rest in the promise of 1 Corinthians 10:13. I experienced God’s faithfulness. I saw that He would not allow us to be tested beyond what we are able to bear but, when we are being tested, He truly provides a way for us to be able to endure the trial.

Before this ordeal, I had only been admitted to hospital once. It was when I gave birth to my only child. Since April last year, I made numerous trips to the hospital for blood tests, scans, intravenous infusions, and consultations.

Though God allowed all these challenges into my life, He provided all the resources and support I needed. My doctors monitored my condition very cautiously. They were also willing to go the extra mile for me.

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Michael, my husband, and Emma, my daughter, have been my 2 pillars of support since day 1. Michael not only helps me out with my business, he also drives me to and from each and every one of my medical appointments. Emma has taken on the role of a 'mother': constantly nagging me to drink water and to sleep early. Maricel, my domestic helper, prepares ginger tea and massages my abdominal area whenever intense pain arises.

My church family and friends have also been a constant source of encouragement to me. They pray for me and send messages of hope and inspiration.

I also have been blessed with different groups of friends who would walk with me each week. I am not inclined to exercising so this act of kindness helps me get moving. Thus, this chapter of my life has allowed me to experience God's all-sufficient grace. Indeed, I have never felt alone.

It is nearing a year from my diagnosis. Life is almost back to normal for me. The only difference is that I have to go for intravenous infusions once in 3 weeks and am on oral medication.

Thankfully, I am able to drive and leave home to meet my customers. I have started to attend in-person service since December last year. I also have resumed my gardening activities in church just a month ago.

My hair has grown back! Praise God!

Though from time to time, I would experience diarrhea and ache in my stomach which can be as painful as birth pangs, but I am generally feeling very well.

In fact, a friend who walks with me weekly, rightly proclaims that I am – literally – a 'walking miracle'!

I have discovered first-hand that our God has a reason for all the things that happen in our lives. We do not fully grasp His wisdom as His ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts are higher than our thoughts (Isaiah 55:9) but we can simply trust in His perfect and loving will for us.

# Announcements

## **Annual Congregational Meeting 2022**

**28 May, Saturday, 4-6pm**

ACM will continue to be held via an online/proxy format this year, as we remain in the midst of a gradual scaling up of in-person church activities.

The Notice of ACM, reports and instructions will be sent out from 7 May via email to communicant members only.

Please email [acm@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:acm@zionbishan.org.sg) or call 6353 8081 if you have not received the details by 9 May.

Please submit any questions you may have to Session latest by 14 May. More details can be found in the ACM notice.

## **Church Building Upgrading Project**

### **Dialogue Session**

**14 May, Saturday, 3.30pm @ Church Auditorium (L4)**

As announced previously, the Church leadership has been praying over and planning to upgrade our premises and facilities to facilitate ministry to our growing membership, Lord-willing. Join us at this dialogue session to hear more and prayerfully discuss the matter. No registration is needed.

### **"What Is the Next Lap?"**

If you are still not clear on the vision for our next season, check out this video explanation by Pastor Dev here <https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/acm2022presentation>

## **A SENIORS360 Event**

**Snacking for a Healthier You: Know the Facts, Choose the Right Snacks!**

**14 May, Saturday, 10:30am,**

**In-person at Chapel or via Zoom**

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with our invited speaker, Ms. Ler Yi Bin (Dietician). She will be giving tips on why & how to snack healthily. Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

To sign up: <https://bit.ly/3MrXmQ9>

## **Hokkien Service Parents' Day**

### **Outreach Service**

**8 May, Sunday, 9am, Auditorium 1&2**

Take this opportunity to bring parents and friends to celebrate Mothers' Day and hear God's Word.

**Speaker:** Rev Gilbert Sng, Chairman, Hokkien Harvest Singapore

Please Register via the following URL: <http://bit.ly/ZBParentsDay22>

Or contact Paul @97511897

**Ecclesiastes Reflections:** We have concluded our Ecclesiastes sermon series. Here are some reflections that have been contributed, shared with permission:

<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2022/04/reflections-on-ecclesiastes-2/>

Read the latest **Covid-19 Taskforce Advisory on the further relaxation of Safe Management Measures:**

<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2022/04/zion-bishan-covid-19-taskforce-advisory-may2022>