# **Every Member Mature in Christ**

For This We Toil & Struggle







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# Palm Sunday ENGLISH SERVICES

# Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Matthew 21:1-16 ESV

Message: A Triumphant Entry or A Tragic Beginning?

Response Hymn: Jesus is Lord

**Holy Communion** 

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

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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:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf

## **Our Sunday Services at a glance**

## **In-Person Sunday Services**

8.30am Mandarin service

9.00am Hokkien service

9.30am Tamil Service

8.30am/10.30am/4.30pm English service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

### Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)

**Bible Study Groups** ( To join via Zoom, please register at www.zionbishan.org.sq/dhf )

**8.45am** DHF 1A (*in English, for all nationalities*) in person in Room 103

**8.45am** DHF 2 (*in Myanmar language*) hybrid, in person in The Living Room and via zoom

2.30pm DHF 3 (in Bahasa Indonesia) via zoom

**8.45pm** DHF 1B (in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

### Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

#### Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp (94225703)

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements: www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

# Serving You Today

Speaker: Ps Alby Yip

#### 8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

#### 10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

#### 4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 1

# **Pastors and Ministry Staff**

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# A Triumphant Entry or A Tragic Beginning? Matthew 21:1-16

Ps Alby Yip

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Introduction

The Donkey

The Palm Branches

Who is this?

### Conclusion

# **Discussion Questions**

- 1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
- 2. What would you have done if you were there among the crowds?
- 3. How would you describe your faith?
- 4. "Who is this?" to you?

# **Prayer Points**

## **Our Church**

Catechism Class Retreat – Pray for the participants as they spend half a day this Sat, 8 Apr, reflecting on their relationship with God. May it be a meaningful time of quiet reflection and sharing.

Local Outreach – Thank God for the Living Room (LR) staff who organised an evening of enjoying a movie together on 1 Apr (Sat). Residents from Sin Ming 410 and youth from both Soccer and Tuition ministries were invited to come. Pray for our volunteers who have been visiting and coming alongside them in friendship these past few months. Pray that God will renew their heart and sustain them with strength each week, as they labour to hold out the love of Christ lovingly and joyfully.

Good Friday & Easter Services – Pray for our hearts this week as we celebrate the glorious death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. May we rejoice in the rescue that He has achieved for us through the Cross! May we also see these services as opportunities to bring our loved ones to hear the Gospel. Let's be praying for family and friends to come and learn more about our crucified Savior.

# **Our People**

Mrs Ann Lim, wife of Pastor Lim Jit Thye, will be undergoing a procedure this Tuesday to replace the battery for the brain stimulator which was installed more than 5 years ago for her Parkinson's condition. We thank God that it has functioned well for her. Please pray that the replacement procedure will go smoothly without complication and for God's peace upon her & Ps Lim.

## **Our World**

India – In the northeast, one partner is reaching out to college students via their city church. Pray that they will be able to find college students with open, hungry hearts, prepared by the Holy Spirit to receive the gospel. May these ones also open other student communities to the gospel. Another partner who works in the Hindi belt, requests prayers for their bible convention taking place end of the month. May Lord of the Harvest raise up more long term committed workers for the gospel in many villages.

Malaysia – Pray for our partner who works amongst the indigenous peoples of West Malaysia like the Orang Asli. Some of these people groups face environmental, health and economic challenges (e.g. high poverty rate even as they live on their land). May God continue to strengthen and provide for this outreach and equipping ministry. Pray for a small ZB group who is visiting our partner over this weekend. May this time be helpful in reconnecting with them after a long period.

Nepal – Our partner has requested prayers for a prayer conference taking place this week. May the Lord touch many lives with His grace and love through this conference. Pray for our member, Michael who will be flying on 3 Apr to join Ps HR as they travel to the western hills to encourage fellow believers on the topic of spiritual maturity. Pray for journey mercies and good weather as forecasted rains might affect their travel plans, especially the flights to a remote mountain town they are visiting in West Nepal.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Private Livestream*	18	
English Service 8:30am	174	3,389.00
English Service 10:30am	451	
English Service 4:30pm	250	
Chinese Service Private Livestream*	11	
Chinese Service 8:30am	79	1,342.00
Cant/Mand Service Private Livestream*	1	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	55	719.00
ME Service & Zoom	61	2,886.80
Hokkien Service	54	3,253.30
Tamil Service	16	329.00
DHF	15	
TOTAL	1185	\$11,919.10

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$43,434.24
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$55,353.34

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,000.98

#### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$3,535.60
Weekly Total	\$3,535.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,590,717.53

# **Church Family News**

- 1. Ps Dev is preaching at Herald BP Church this morning.
- Congratulations to Meng Hang & Gloria on the birth of their firstborn, Elijah Choong, on 31 March 2023!

# 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, 7 Apr

BPCIS Good Friday Service at 10.30am and 4.30pm

# Saturday, 8 Apr

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

## Sunday, 9 Apr

Worship Services at 8.30am, 10.30am and 4.30pm

# **Zechariah Series**

# 16 Apr - Coming of the (Donkey) King

Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am); Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

# 23 Apr - Restoring Judah and Israel

Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am); Ps Dev (4.30pm)

# 30 Apr – Terrible Shepherds

Ps Dev (8.30am & 10.30am); Quek Tze-Ming (4.30pm)

### **Your Response**

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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

Ps Alby Yip

## **Enlistment**

Like all Singaporean parents who have sons, I get to experience on Wednesday this uniquely Singaporean experience. Sending my son, Shawn for his enlistment into National Service. Some well-meaning folks asked me, "Pastor Alby, how do you feel?" I assume they are asking if I am anxious or concerned about Shawn's safety and well-being. My reply was, "Maybe you should ask the mother."

Perhaps, it is a "man's" thing to not acknowledge fear. Perhaps, it is also because we have gone through NS ourselves and know that there is really nothing to fear. But how would Shawn feel? Most boys his age will never tell you beyond, "I'm ok!" By the way, Shawn replied, "Normal." I believe him because he had always looked forward to enlistment and trained very hard for it.

It got me thinking. Good Friday is coming. How would God the Heavenly Father feel on that first Good Friday when He sent His Son for His enlistment for "cosmic service"? How would the Lord Jesus Himself feel knowing that He will be enlisted unto death? Perhaps we can catch a glimpse as we remember Palm Sunday today.

Just before the Lord stepped into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He told the disciples for the third time about His impending death (Matt 20:17-19). In fact, the Lord repeated again a few verses down in v.28. So, on that Palm Sunday when the Lord entered Jerusalem, He was fully aware of what will happen just five days later on Good Friday. How did He feel?

I'm very sure, like our boys on enlistment day, the Lord would say, "It's ok. Normal." That was because the Lord had always looked forward to enlistment and trained very hard for it. Twice, Luke told us that He "set His face towards Jerusalem" (Luke 9:51, 53) Note that Scriptures use the phrase "His face" to refer to the entirety of a person.

That is why each Palm Sunday is both a day of commemoration as it is a day of commitment. Each Palm Sunday we are also reminded about our own enlistment into a life of taking up our Cross to follow the Lord Jesus. How would you feel? What will your response be?

## **Announcements**

## **BPCIS GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**

One Theme, Different Locations

7 Apr 2023, **10.30am & 4.30pm**, 7ion Bishan

# "Not My Will But Yours Be Done"

Speaker: Pastor Simon Murphy, Redemption Hill Church

There will be light refreshments served after the services.

## **EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

MacRitchie Reservoir, Near Lim Bo Seng Memorial

9 Apr 2023, 6.30am - 7.30am

# "3 Things Not to Lose this Easter"

( John 20:1-18 )

Speaker: Rev Oh Boon Leong

Organised by: Singapore Council of Christian Churches (SCCC) & Bible Presbyterian Church in Singapore (BPCIS)

## **ZB YOUTH MINISTRY**

Calling for youths to celebrate our risen Lord together! If you're a Youth (13–18 year-old), join us for lunch and activities on Easter Sunday, 9 Apr!

Youth Fellowship will also be happening as usual every Saturday of April. If you'd like to find out more about Youth Ministry in ZB, or if your family would like to host youths for Saturday night dinners, contact *Jacqueline at 93227629*.

### **SENIORS360 DIM SUM HOUR & TALK**

Date: 8 Apr, 10.30am Topic: Sleep Health

Develop healthy sleep habits & obtain

good night's rest

Speaker: Dr Kwan Yunxin

## In-person at Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Dr Kwan Yunxin (psychiatrist). Find out how to develop healthy sleep habits in order to obtain a good night's rest. Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by <u>4 Apr</u> at https://bit.ly/3JxCZS6

# REACHING TIBETAN BUDDHIST PEOPLES ADC

16 & 30 Apr 2023, 1.30-3.30pm, Chapel

Come see and hear about the work God is doing at the ends of the earth.

Join for an experiential journey to learn how you and your AG can be praying for the Gospel to be made known among this UPG.

Sign up by <u>14 Apr</u> at https://bit.ly/ZBMissionsADC

# **ZECHARIAH BOOKLETS**

Booklets with the Zechariah passages and note-taking space are available at the registration table, for \$1 each. Please **PayNow** to the QR code printed when you take the booklets.