

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REV 1:3

**BLESSED IS THE ONE
WHO READS ALOUD, HEARS
AND KEEPS THE WORDS OF THIS
PROPHECY, FOR THE TIME IS AT HAND**



ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Holy Forever; How Great is Our God; Love Divine

PM: Only A Holy God; Holy Holy Holy; There is a Higher Throne

Scripture Reading: Revelation 4:1-11 ESV

Message: God is (still) on the Throne

Response Hymn: All Creatures of our God and King

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:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf

Our Sunday Services at a glance

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.sg/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

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speakers: Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am),
Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Dn John Chua

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>dev</i>
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>	<i>paul</i>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	<i>vanessa</i>
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	<i>joel</i>
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	<i>timothy</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:
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God is (still) on the Throne

Revelation 4:1-11

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am/10.30am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

Introduction: Come up here...

The Throne

Around the Throne

Worship

Conclusion

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What do you think of when you think of the Throne of God? What portions of Scripture inform you?
2. God is worshipped as the one who is Holy and the one who is Worthy. What does that mean?
3. How does God (still) being on the Throne encourage you?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Staff Retreat – The church admin, ministry and pastoral staff went on a retreat at JB on 12 Sep. Thank God for a great time of team building through games and the extended unhurried time together. Do keep the team in prayer as they serve the manifold needs of the Body of Christ in Zion Bishan.

Tamil Service – Our Tamil Service is celebrating God's goodness and faithfulness today on its 39th Anniversary. Please remember to pray for our Tamil congregation to grow and mature in Christ.

Christianity Explored – Praise God for the 6 sign ups (4 who came) as the course began on Wednesday. Continue to pray for open hearts and heartfelt conversations as we help them to explore and hear who Jesus is and why He came through the Gospel of Mark. Pray for the table hosts and members as they come alongside the seekers in their journey, that they will do so in love, relying only on the help of the Holy Spirit.

The **PSLE Exams** will be from 15 Sep to 4 Oct. The children are naturally anxious. Pray for "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, to guard their hearts and minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:6-7) Pray also for wisdom for the parents to know how best to support their child.

Our World

Libya Floods – Storm Daniel made landfall in Libya last Sunday, causing massive floods in the normally dry and arid Mediterranean coastal city of Derna, Libya. Many buildings collapsed and 5,300 people killed, with the number expected to double (The Straits Times, 14 Sep). Pray for the rescue and relief efforts for those still trapped and displaced by the floods. A state of extreme emergency has been declared in this nation. May God have mercy on all who are affected and for adequate provision of food, shelter and rescue for those in affected villages and cities.

Morocco Earthquake – On 9 Sep, Saturday, a magnitude 6.8 earthquake struck in the High Atlas mountains in Morocco. This is the largest quake Morocco has experienced so far in a century, and 2,862 people have died, and another 2,562 injured (The Straits Times, 13 Sep). These numbers are set to continue to rise in the coming days. Pray for the rescue efforts to be successful and that God will provide for the food, shelter and medical needs of those displaced and injured.

Persecution Around The World – One partner shared news that their believers are cut off from a local village's water source and was forced to drink from a muddy river. Pray for all Christians who are facing challenging situations (sometimes beyond our imagination) because of their faith in Jesus. May the Spirit strengthen the faith of believers in these difficult circumstances. May Jesus be their comforter and their portion as they face trials and struggles.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	23	
English Service 8:30am	182	1,573.80
English Service 10:30am	507	
English Service 4:30pm	221	
Chinese Service Livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	85	2,862.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	67	763.00
ME Service	57	1,269.00
Hokkien Service	58	2,597.00
Tamil Service	16	201.00
DHF	20	
TOTAL	1244	\$9,265.80

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$79,821.80
Weekly Total	\$89,087.60

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

LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$11,343.60
Weekly Total	\$11,343.60

TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE **\$9,892,476.87**

Church Family News

Pastor Alby is preaching at the 39th Tamil Anniversary Service this morning.

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, 22 Sep

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 23 Sep

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf

Sunday, 24 Sep

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am**
and **4.30pm**

Revelation Series:

24 Sep – Who is Worthy

(Rev 5.1-14)

Ps Dev (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Vernon (4.30pm)

1 Oct – The Seven Seals

(Rev 6.1-17)

Ps Vernon (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Alby (4.30pm)

8 Oct – Interlude 1: God's People

(Rev 7.1-17)

Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (4.30pm)

15 Oct – The Seven Trumpets Part 1

(Rev 8.1- 9:20)

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)

Your Response

17 September 2023

*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

To the Church in Singapore write...

Over the last few weeks, we've heard what Jesus said to the 7 churches. He addressed their unique circumstances, highlighted both their failings and strengths, and called them to repent and hold fast to His Name. But I wonder, what would He say to the current Singapore Church?

Pew Research Center just published some rather curious data about Singaporean Christians¹. Let me share with you some of the findings:

1. Christianity makes up 19% of the national population. Around 6% were not raised Christian.
2. 90% of Christian parents actively raise their children with the Christian faith.
3. 82% of Singaporean Christians think religion is something you choose. Yet 40-50% still maintain it is a family tradition or even see it as an ethnicity.
4. 46% of Christians think that 'karma' exists. 15% still burn incense. 6% visited a medium.
5. 21% of Christians use special objects to ensure God's blessing or protection.
6. Only 61% of Christians think their religion is very important in their lives.
7. 39% of Christians feel it is not acceptable to persuade others to join the faith.
8. 49% of Christians think many religions can be true, and mine is not the only true religion.
9. 96% of Christians believe in heaven, 86% believe in hell, 87% in judgment day.
10. 89% of Christians say that Singaporean culture and values are compatible with our beliefs.

This is just a sample of the data - but what do you think? Based on our unique circumstances, what would Jesus say to the Singapore Church? "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches."

PS: Do pray for the Zion Bishan leaders as we meet together on 7th October for a retreat to seriously reflect on these Words together.

¹ Buddhism, Islam and Religious Pluralism in South and Southeast Asia, 12th Sept 2023. This study was conducted by interviewing 13,122 adults across 6 countries, including Singapore – either by phone or face to face. The questionnaires were developed by academic experts, focus groups and in-depth interviews.

Announcements

ZION BISHAN YOUTH CAMP

11–15 Dec 2023

Calling all youths! This year's 5D4N Youth Camp is now open for registration!

View details and **REGISTER** at bit.ly/ZBYC23 — come find out why we're Not Yet Home

Contact **Jacqueline** (93227629) for more info.

MEN'S MINISTRY EVENT

"As men, we were not made to walk alone. Come discover the journey of walking together with other Christian men in living out what God intended for brotherhood. We will be amazed by what we can do together for His glory!"

Please register and join us in this Men's Ministry event:

Topic: **A Missional Brotherhood**

Speaker: **Dr. Tan Soo-Inn, Director, Graceworks.** (Pre-recorded)

Date: **Sat, 23 Sep**

Time: **8am - 9.30am**
(Breakfast starts at 7.30am)

Venue: **Zion Bishan Chapel L4**



<https://tinyurl.com/MMEG2023Sep>

A SENIORS360 EVENT & OUTREACH

Kluang One Day Farm & Shopping Tour

12 Oct 2023 (Thurs)

depart at 7.15am from Zion Bishan

1. Visit to coffee factory (complimentary coffee pack) & traditional confectionery shop.
2. Organic farm tour (including organic potted herbs workshop and harvesting fruits / vegetables of the day + organic souvenir)
3. Lunch & dinner
4. Shopping

Cost: **\$90 per pax**

Register by **30 Sep**:

<https://tinyurl.com/yn55khfj>

ZION BISHAN 29th ANNIVERSARY SERVICE & DINNER

Join us in celebrating our 29th Anniversary service happening on **Sat, 28 Oct**. The service will **start at 4pm**, and end with dinner in the Fellowship Hall.

Registration for dinner opens this week, at \$5 per seat or \$50/table of ten. You are encouraged to sign up by tables.

Register at bit.ly/ZB29