

# 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: Give Us Clean Hands; Is He Worthy; No Other Name

PM: Is He Worthy; No Other Name; We Have a Lamb

Scripture Reading: Revelation 5:1-14 ESV

Message: Who is Worthy?

Response Hymn: We Have a Lamb

Mission Focus; 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](http://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, register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

**8.45am DHF 1A** (in English, for all nationalities) *in-person at Room 103 (and upon request via Zoom)*

**8.45am DHF 2** (in Myanmar language) *in-person in The Living Room and via Zoom*

**2.00pm DHF 3** (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

**8.45pm DHF 1B** (in English, for all nationalities) *upon request via Zoom*

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

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

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Ps Dev Menon (8.30am & 10.30am),  
Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Dn Justin Low

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 4

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 4

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Dn Peter Wang

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696
Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand)	9489 4967
Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand)	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng)	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien)	9751 1897
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, Overseas Ministries	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, Women's Worker	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus	

### **Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:**

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

**Who is Worthy?**

Revelation 5:1-14

Ps Dev Menon

(8.30am, 10.30am)

**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Vision Continues...**

**A Scroll in His Right Hand**

**Here comes a Lion... Lamb?**

**Waves and Waves of Worship**

**Conclusion**

**Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. What do you remember from the passage or sermon?
2. What do you think is the meaning of the scroll in God's right hand?
3. Why does it mention first a Lion then a Lamb? What is the passage trying to say?
4. How can these waves of worship help us refocus our lives?

**Who is Worthy?**

Revelation 5:1-14

**Intro: Back to the Heavenly Throne Room...** (4:1-11)

Today's Big Question: ...

**Is no one Worthy to open the Scroll?** (v1-4)

John weeps: Why? (v4)

The Context: Revelation 4:8, Isaiah 6:1-3

The Scroll in the Old Testament: Necessary Judgement  
e.g. Zechariah 5:1-4

**Behold, the Lion of Judah is worthy** (v5-10)

The Surprise: The Lion is a... Lamb!

Why the Lamb is Worthy... (v9&10)

**The Glory Restored...** (v11-14)

**Conclusion: The Lamb has Conquered and is Worthy!**

**Questions for Discussion and Reflection:**

1. Do you feel the desperation that John did for the Scroll to be opened? What are some ways you long for necessary judgement to come to this world?
2. Why is it so surprising that the Lion is also the Lamb? How did He conquer and what does it mean for us?
3. What does it mean for you individually and for us as a church to join in the worship of the Lamb?

# Prayer Points

## Our Church

### Domestic Helpers' Fellowship (DHF)

Thank God for our helpers who have been meeting and taking turns to lead one another in the study of God's Word. Pray for all the employers within our church to see the part that they can play to facilitate their coming to know and grow in their love for Jesus. Pray that they will be encouraging and enabling their helpers to attend DHF regularly.

## Our People

**Elder Michael Gan** – Begins his new role as 'Head of Home' for the BHID (Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled) on Mon, 25 Sep 2023. Pray that God will provide him with wisdom, strength and courage to be His faithful servant in this new area of ministry. Pray also for his family to support and journey alongside him.

## Our Denomination

**BPCIS** – We thank God for the 11 churches of the BPCIS which met for the Annual Presbytery Meeting on the 23 Sep. Amongst other, the rotating moderatorship falls on Shalom BP Church and Ps Benjamin Tsao was elected as moderator together with Ps Lawrence Ong as Clerk and Ps Daniel Tan as Treasurer. Pray for the BPCIS as we seek to build each other up, support one another, and further God's work.

**Emmanuel BP** – Pray for their ECM this morning, for the re-election of two of their leaders. Pray that Pastor David will continue to have wisdom and strength to build up the leadership there to be able to sufficiently minister to the members. Pray that our own members will find various ways to support and encourage our sister church.

## Our World

**Nepal Teams** – Starting from 22 Sep, 2 church teams will be going to visit Nepal to run various youth programmes to encourage our West Nepal partner in the Lord. The first team has already left and arrived in Nepal on 22 Sep. This team consists of Reggie and Joey Ng from our Church and 1 other person from Singapore Youth for Christ (SYFC). Pray for safety as they travel and protection from illness as they go from place to place. May they be able to encourage the youths to greater faith and obedience. May the Lord use some of these young people to continue the good work of our partner in loving vulnerable children for our Lord.

**Myanmar** – One partner shared that living costs continue to spiral up since the change of government in Feb 2021. Some items have gone up in cost by 4 times. Pray for the people of Myanmar, who may be struggling with the economic hardship that comes with this increased cost. May the local Christians continue to be light and salt in such challenging circumstances.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	23	
English Service 8:30am	169	549.00
English Service 10:30am	491	
English Service 4:30pm	247	
Chinese Service Livestream*	7	
Chinese Service 8:30am	90	1,157.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	65	798.00
ME Service	52	1,020.00
Hokkien Service	72	1,054.00
Tamil Service	35	753.00
DHF	14	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1265</b>	<b>\$5,331.00</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$53,065.28
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$58,396.28</b>

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

### LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$3,720.60
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$3,720.60</b>

**TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE**                      **\$9,896,197.47**

## Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Herald BP Church this morning.
2. Pastor Zhiwen is preaching at The Bible Church this afternoon.
3. We would like to welcome Bernard Lim Moh Kiap as an apprentice for Seniors360 and ZBCS. He has been a member of the Mandarin Service since the 1990s and currently serves as working committee member, worship chair, library coordinator and others. He would assist in the logistics and administration of Seniors360 activities as well as assisting the Chinese services pastors. He joins from 1 Sep for a period of one year, with the option to extend further if applicable. Please pray for him as he explores God's leading towards full time ministry.

## 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, 29 Sep

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Saturday, 30 Sep

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sunday, 1 Oct

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

### Revelation Series:

#### **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)*

#### **22 Oct – The Seven Trumpets Part 2**

( Rev 9:1- 9:22 )

*Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Dev Menon (4.30pm)*

## Your Response

24 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](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

### The Greatest Problem in the World Today...

Imagine for a moment that someone asked you what the single biggest problem in our world today is. What would your answer be? The news headlines this past week alone gives us plenty of options.

The Bible gives a clear Christian answer to this question: **sin** is the world's greatest problem – it has been since the Fall! Do you believe this to be true? How does the Great Problem of **sin** shape your perspective of any problem you see around you in this world, or the problems that you are personally facing in this season?

Our passage last Sunday, the great vision of the Throne in Revelation 4, gives us another perspective of the Great Problem. The Old Testament parallel of this vision is given to the prophet Isaiah, who writes:

<sup>1</sup>In the year that King Uzziah died I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and the train of his robe filled the temple.<sup>2</sup>Above him stood the seraphim. Each had six wings: with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. <sup>3</sup>And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts;  
**the whole earth is full of his glory!**”<sup>1</sup>

Notice the difference to what the Apostle John records the four creatures say in Revelation 4:

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,  
**who was and is and is to come!**”<sup>2</sup>

Why is there a difference to what Isaiah records? It's to highlight the fact that the whole earth is currently **NOT** full of God's glory. God is not acknowledged and not given the glory He so rightly deserves – that's the definition of **sin**.

This **sinful** world was certainly the Apostle's reality at the time that he wrote his Revelation, exiled on Patmos. It was certainly the reality of the seven churches in Asia – as they struggled both with giving God the glory in their own hearts and with being persecuted by those who refused to give God His rightful glory. And it is certainly our reality today, isn't it? This world that we live in is **NOT** full of God's glory.

The book of Revelation is all about how God is going to restore the earth to the way it should be: with Him rightfully glorified on the Throne: just as He **WAS** at the very beginning when He created all things and just as He **IS** currently on the Throne in heaven. What does living each day with this heavenly reality look like for you?

As we continue in our series in Revelation, let's continue praying that the Spirit grows us all to have hearts that long more and more for Him who **IS TO COME** to return and complete the Great Solution to the world's Great Problem – that the earth may once again be filled with His glory forever!

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<sup>1</sup> Isaiah 6:1-3

<sup>2</sup> Revelation 4:8



## Announcements

### ZION BISHAN 29<sup>th</sup> 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/seat or \$50/table of ten. *You are encouraged to sign up by tables.*

Register at [bit.ly/ZB29](https://bit.ly/ZB29)

### CHILDREN'S DAY CAMP 2023

**21-24 Nov (Tues - Fri)**  
**9am - 12pm**

**For children 4 to 11 yo.**  
**Camp fee: \$20**

Come join us and discover how God keeps his promises, saves his people and is powerful through the books of Exodus and John!

For those interested please sign up at <https://bit.ly/childrensdaycamp23>

Contact **June Tan 8388 1883** (8.30/10.30) or **Dns Cassandra 9336 6920** (4.30) for all enquires.

Sign up by **26 Sep 2023**.

### EVERY JOINT EQUIPPED

**4 Nov (Sat) 9 - 11am**

We are calling all leaders and members for a time of learning together in this workshop jointly organised by Enabling Ministry with Koinonia Inclusion Network (KIN).

*Why is disability inclusion necessary within the church? How does God view the Body of Christ?*

Indicate your interest and sign up at [bit.ly/ZBEMworkshop](https://bit.ly/ZBEMworkshop) by **18 Oct 2023** to facilitate our planning.

### DOMESTIC HELPERS' FELLOWSHIP

Whether or not you have a helper, or would like to be one of our prayer partners, or are interested to help in organising our next Christmas outreach, get connected and partner with us in this ministry by indicating your response at [bit.ly/ZBDHFinterest](https://bit.ly/ZBDHFinterest)

### 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](https://bit.ly/ZBYC23) — come find out why we're Not Yet Home

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