They have conquered the dragon by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death.

Revelation 12:11

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ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs AM: How Great is Our God; Christ our Hope in Life and Death, We Declare PM: King of Kings; Here We Stand

Scripture Reading: Revelation 12:17, 14:1-13 ESV

Message: The Enduring Saints: War for Worship (II)

Response Hymn: When Trials Come

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: <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf</u>

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

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: <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-vd</u>

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: Mr Joel Khoo (8.30am & 10.30am), Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tay Beng Hwee Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Mervyn Phan Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

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Sermon Notes

The Enduring Saints: War for Worship (II)

Revelation 14:1-13

Introduction - How to endure?

1. The Lamb & those who follow Him (v1-5, v12)

2. The Angels & their proclamations (v6-11)

A Call to True Worship

Warnings of Certain Judgment

Conclusion: Enduring, Dying, & Winning (v12-13)

Questions for Discussion & Reflection:

- 1. What is one thing that has struck you about the saints and their endurance today?
- **2.** How are you doing in your faithful endurance in true worship? What are some ways that you might be tempted to give up?
- **3.** How does the passage encourage (or even challenge) you to keep enduring faithfully? What would it look like for you now?

Mr Joel Khoo

Sermon Notes

Ps Vernon Ouek

The Enduring Saints: War for Worship (II)

Revelation 14:1-13

Intro: The Worship War Continues... (12:17)

Today: How to win: Know ourselves and who we are

The Lamb & His 144,000: A vision of True Worship (v1-5)

The Lord's Army of Sealed Worshippers (Revelation 7)

Three Angels with Three Proclamations (v6-11)

Proclamation #1 (v6-7): The Eternal Gospel: A call for True Worship

Proclamation #2 (v8): Babylon: The great model of Wrong Worship

Proclamation #3 (v9-11): Wrong Worship = Wrath

The Call to Endure in True Worship (v12 & 13)

Here is a call for the endurance of the saints, those who keep the commandments of God and their faith in Jesus.

Conclusion: Endure in True Worship to win this War!

The key to victory

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- 1. From our passage, define what it means to be a True Worshipper of God and the Lamb. What does the alternative wrong worship look like?
- 2. How are you personally doing in faithfully enduring in true worship? In what ways are you tempted to give up?
- 3. How does this passage encourage and challenge us to keep enduring faithfully? What are some specific things we can do to keep being encouraged and challenged in the long term?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Land Lease Renewal – We rejoice and give thanks to God for the very favourable offer from the Singapore Land Authorities (SLA) for our land lease renewal for another 30 years. The amount will be announced at the ECM where we will also vote on it. Now that the lease matters are settled, let us also join our hearts and hands to continue to build the church and grow the Body of Christ so that we may Present Everyone Mature in Christ. Pray above all for more Gospel opportunities that we may indeed be a City on a Hill and Light to the Nations.

Catechism Class – We thank God for the new round that started last Saturday, with 32 participants. Please pray that the table hosts will be able to quickly get to know them and faithfully minister to them over the next 3 months. Please pray for the participants that they will be clear on the core teachings of the Christian faith, and more importantly, in their relationship with Jesus Christ!

English as Second Language (ESL) – Keep the ministry, our teachers and the ladies in prayer as they begin their classes for the year tomorrow, 26 Feb. Pray for a good turnout and a smooth registration with current and potential students. Pray also for the teachers that through the material that has been prepared, they will serve with a heart of joy and that relationships formed will facilitate conversations of faith and sharing of the Gospel.

Our World

India – One partner in the Hindi Belt area is serving the communities here with the love of Christ through establishing good schools in this region. Pray that resources for the development of certain classrooms will be given for one of their schools before the next academic year. In NE India, another partner just completed their men's conference, with the theme "Every Shepherd Needs a Shepherd" this past week. Pray for the 200 men who attended this to continue to listen and depend on Jesus as they model after Him to lead others.

Lebanon – Our partner in here has a ministry providing food, medical emergency support, psychological and social support to those in needy communities here in the Bekaa Valley. They also have literacy programmes and Bible studies at the new centre in this valley, empowering children and youth in these communities. May the love and light of the gospel bring personal transformation to those in need in this nation that has suffered much challenge due to a failing economy and also incidents such as the 4 Aug 2020, explosion in the port area of the Beirut.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering			
English Service Livestream*	23				
English Service 8:30am	189	\$622.00			
English Service 10:30am	526				
English Service 4:30pm	228				
Chinese Service livestream*	10				
Chinese Service 8:30am	88	\$1,312.00			
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	65	\$1,132.00			
ME Service	58	\$922.00			
Hokkien Service	59	\$733.00			
Tamil Service	14	\$291.00			
DHF	21				
TOTAL	1281	\$5,012.00			
*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers (Last week 830 English attendance should be 186)					
Electronic Transfer		\$61,334.30			
Weekly Total		\$66,346.30			
Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,000.98					
GENERAL PROJECT FUND					
Gift No: 0004		\$1,000.00			
Electronic Transfer		\$7.232.00			

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Electronic Transfer	\$7,232.00
Weekly Total	\$8,232.00
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$40,390.50

LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND as at 31/12/2023		
TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE	\$10,174,599.03	

Church Family News

Pastor Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church 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 General Project Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5 PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque

Looking Ahead

Friday, 1 Mar 8.00pm: Prayer Meeting Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm</u>

Saturday, 2 Mar

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf</u>

Sunday, 3 Mar

Worship Services at 8.30am, 10.30am and 4.30pm

Revelation Series

3 Mar – The Harvest and the Song of Moses

(Rev 14:14-15:4) Ps Zhiwen (8.30am & 10.30am) Mr Danny Chua (4.30pm)

10 Mar – The Seven Bowls

(Rev 15:5-16:21) Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am) Mr Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

17 Mar – The Harlot Drunk with Blood

(Rev 17:1-18) Mr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30am & 10.30am) Mr Joel Khoo (4.30pm)

24 Mar – Fallen is Babylon

(Rev 18:1-24) Mr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30am & 10.30am) Ps Dev (4.30pm)

Your Response

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 at 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.

Children Discipleship Team

Family Sundays - What's the point? And what has it got to do with me?

Every Sunday, the church family gathers in person to worship God. Family Sundays the first Sunday of every month where we include the children in the main gathering throughout the service - are no different. We encourage families to gather together with the rest of the church family, minus the age specific ministries, and to do this even though it may be challenging, inconvenient, uncomfortable, distracting & even a little bit disruptive. We do this because Family Sunday is just like any other family gathering we have with our biological families. Everyone is included, invited and an important part of the family - even if it's not an ideal situation, even if some of us get on each other's nerves, even if it requires sacrifices to be made.

More than that, it is an opportunity for each and every one of us to minister to one another as we sit in the pews. Yes, even those of us who do not have children or who have past the season of caring for little ones.

We asked grandparents, young adults, parents and little children to share about their experience of Family Sundays.

Parent: It is an intentional decision to show up at service and to keep the children with us. There were times I felt very angry and discouraged when others were not very kind and stared at my kids when they were noisy or couldn't sit still. Making a decision to show up as a family on Family Sundays and training the children to sit together with the adults is challenging and I am grateful for those in our church family, especially the youths, who are patient and understanding and who take time to engage with my kids. Some simple ways that we parents would appreciate support would be - smiling and welcoming the children, encouraging the parents and even sharing your own struggles with young children. (*L, mother of primary schoolers and pre-schoolers*)

Child: During Family Sundays I'm supposed to sit down and listen to the speaker. I try not to play with friends but sometimes get carried away. From the sermons on Revelation, I've learnt that Jesus died on the cross and Satan thought he won, but when the second Christmas comes, those who hate Jesus, and those who stop people from telling the Good News will not enjoy the day when Jesus comes back. Those who follow Jesus and tell people about God even when it is tough, they will like it when Jesus comes again. Satan always loses. (*Aiden Shi, Tyr old*)

Grandparent: It's a great joy to be able to worship with our grandchildren. Although they are not old enough to understand all that goes on, having them in the sanctuary throughout the service on Family Sundays is such a great reminder to us that Jesus welcomed these little ones and said that unless we became like children, we would never enter the kingdom of God. We pray that as they grow older, they will be able to grasp the deep, deep love of Jesus and these monthly exposures to the full worship service would have helped in some way. (*Eld. George & Mabel Khoo, grandparents to primary schoolers and pre-schoolers*)

Young Adult: We were sitting in front of a row of children one Family Sunday, and during the response song they belted out all the words loudly. In doing so, they lived out Colossians 3:16 - singing Gospel truths to our hearts! And when the preachers ask the children to ask the adults about the sermon - it encourages us adults (even those of us who don't have our own kids yet) to pay closer attention to God's Word being preached, and to model listening well. So Family Sundays give both adults and children the opportunity to speak Gospel truths to one another, because children are not too young to hear from us and speak to us about Jesus! (*Benjamin & Deborah Wong, recently married*)

As a church, we desire to present each member, including the children, mature in Christ (Col 1:28)

Here are some pointers that you may find helpful to practice in the coming Family Sundays.

Parents:

- Prepare your kids the night before: No CD class tomorrow, we will be worshipping God by singing songs, listening to the Preacher teach us about God from the Bible, praying together and taking Holy Communion with the whole church family etc.
- 2. Pack a notebook for the kids to write down words from the sermon or slides they don't understand.
- 3. Think about how you can summarise the sermon in a way your child will understand. Share it with them as you pray together with them during Corporate Prayer or for 5 min right after the service ends. Children want to hear how it's relevant to your own life so they know it can be relevant to them too!
- Kids under 4yrs pack quiet activities to only be done during the sermon time. Encourage them to participate in the rest of the service (singing, prayer, listening to Scripture reading)

Aim: To love the family of God by letting those around you listen to God speak through the preacher. Love God by listening to His Word being explained by the preacher.

Adults around the kids:

- 1. Low bar: wave, smile and say 'hi' to the kids. Help them feel like they are actually welcomed!
- 2. Middle bar: chat with a kid before or after service. Introduce yourself. Ask about them. Try to follow up again next week/next Family Sunday.
- **3.** Higher bar: Choose to sit near a family and pray with them during corporate prayer time.

Aim: To love the family of God by welcoming, showing grace, and being a model to the younger ones of how to listen to God speak through the Preacher.

The noise and chaos that the little feet and hands may bring to the pews on Family Sundays should remind us that being a part of a Jesus family entails loving even 'the least of these' (Matt 25:40). It is our prayer that more of us will see how Family Sundays at Zion Bishan can be a source of life and blessing to all!

Announcements

NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATION MEETING

To all communicant members:

ECM will be on **TODAY at 1pm** in the **Main Sanctuary.**

- 1. All communicant members (above 21) to attend. *Childcare will be provided.*
- 2. You may appoint a proxy to attend & vote on your behalf.

Copies of the proxy form available at the entrance to sanctuary.

CHURCH CAMP 2024

REMINDER to all who registered for camp: Please pay by <u>TODAY, 25 Feb 2024</u> to confirm your registration. Unpaid rooms will be released to those on waitlist.

Please contact the camp committee via email **at** <u>zbcamp2024@gmail.com</u> if you need to withdraw your registration.

SENIORS360 DIM SUM HOUR & TALK

Stroke Prevention 9 Mar (Sat) 10.30am In-person at Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with **Dr Sim Jingwei**. She will be sharing on what stroke is, how we can reduce our risk of stroke, and how we can journey with someone who has had a stroke.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by 4 March. http://tinyurl.com/DSTmar24

REGISTRATION FOR 2025 @ ZION BISHAN KINDERCARE (ZBK)

Full-Day & Half-Day Childcare Programme

Phase 1 Registration: **4 to 8 Mar 2024** for Church Members, Siblings of ZBK Students and Alumni

Age Group: PG, PN, N, K1, K2 (18 months old to 6 years old)

Applications received after the Phase 1 deadline will not be given priority for registration.

Call 63538083 for more information.

HURRY! LIMITED VACANCIES

EMU MUSIC | WORD IN SONG SINGAPORE 2024

We will be hosting Emu Music in April featuring **A Night With Emu** concert on **12 April.**

Join us for a night of songs and storytelling as the Emu team shares some of their songs and the passages and moments that inspired them. Hear the gospel shared and sung at this family-friendly evening of live music.

Find out more and register here at emumusic.com/singapore.

A Songwriting workshop and Music conference will also be held during the week.

Use the discount code **BPC25** for a 25% off for BPCIS.