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ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Glorious Things of You Are Spoken; Salvation Belongs to Our God;

O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

PM: Salvation Belongs to Our God; O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

Scripture Reading

AM: Revelation 14:6 - 15:4 ESV PM: Revelation 14:12 - 15:4 ESV

Message: The Hour Has Come

Response Hymn: Who Shall Not Fear Your Name, O King

Holy Communion: We Have a Lamb

Mission Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

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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

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: 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), Mr Danny Chua (4.30pm)

8.30am

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

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Timothy Ong Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 1

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536		
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051		
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		
Rev Ebi Mohan, Assoc Pastor (Tamil)	8198 9696		
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			

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The Hour Has Come Ps Ng Zhiwen

Revelation 14:6-20; 15:1-4

The hour has come: why this matters
The harvest is ripe (14:14-16)
The winepress is full (14:16-20)
The 7 angels are ready (15:1)
There's a song to be sung by the sea of glass (15:2-4)
Living in the light of that Hour
Questions for Discussion & Reflection:

- 1. Why must judgment come?
- 2. How is the day (or hour) of its coming described in the passage? Why is it known as the 'wrath of God'?
- 3. What do God's people do in this hour of judgment? How shall we live in the light of that coming hour (or day)?

Mr Danny Chua

The Hour Has Come

Revelation 14:12 - 15:4

"Church, keep enduring... (14:12-13) because..."

The Harvest of Judgment

(1) God's judgment on all who hate Jesus and His church is very near (14:14-20)

Reflection: Judgment

The Victory Song

- (2) God's full wrath is coming soon 7 angels, 7 plagues, 7 bowls (15:1 & 16:1)
- (3) We'll soon conquer and sing the victory song of Jesus! (15:2-4)

Reflection: The Church's Salvation

Questions for Discussion & Reflection:

- What does the near and sure judgment of God's enemies mean to you? (14:14-20)
- 2. How does *your* idea of justice and judgment compare with what Revelation says about God's justice and judgment? Why is it the same or different?
- 3. What does the vision of the singing saints (15:1-4) remind you of? Read Exodus 15.
- 4. How does the Exodus account of Israel's salvation tell us the church's story of our future victory?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ECM - We thank God for the smooth conduct of the ECM. We're grateful more so for God's favour in the very favourable offer of \$4.64 million from SLA for the renewal of a fresh 30-year land lease. Let us pray that we are not merely occupying the land and building. Let us commit ourselves to possessing the land (Deut 1:8) by giving our all to reach out to our neighbours and beyond. Let us be a City on a Hill and a Light to the Nations!

Christianity Explored (CE) Table Host

Training – Our 6 table hosts would have concluded 3 weeks of training this coming Wednesday (6 March). Pray for them as they come alongside seekers and friends, helping them to see Jesus in the Gospel of Mark and in presenting Christ faithfully to them, bring them closer to Christ. The 7-week course begins on 13 March.

Our People

Grace L. – Thank God for Grace's work with OM's Mercy Team's International (OM-MTI) demonstrating and proclaiming the love of God through various initiatives around the world. Pray specifically for an initiative to provide quality education in Cambodia among a marginalised, religious and ethnic group. Pray for the provision of the right team as well as resources for this. Pray also for Grace and her team as they support the development of this and other projects that OM-MTI is engaging with.

Our Denomination

Emmanuel BP - EBPC was one of the first churches to obtain a permit to operate in a B1 Industrial Estate (same as Hermon BP). Please pray that the holding company will be able to find new B1 tenants this year, so that they can continue to facilitate the church activities. If you know anyone interested in renting or using this B1 space, please contact Pastor David Leong.

Our World

Nepal – In the East Nepal, one partner who runs a school requests prayers for their teachers and students. For their new teachers who are from elsewhere to be able to pick up the Nepali and Tibetan language quickly and to adjust well to their roles, the local culture and climate. May the Lord bless this remotely located school as it reaches these least reached people groups to open many doors for them to know Jesus.

Youth With a Mission (YWAM) - 11 leaders and mission workers from YWAM lost their lives in a freak accident in Tanzania on Feb 24. Pray for God's comfort to be with the friends and families of the team, and for God's glory and sovereignty revealed even in the midst of this tragedy.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering	
English Service Livestream*	24		
English Service 8:30am	182	\$785.00	
English Service 10:30am	590		
English Service 4:30pm	257		
Chinese Service livestream*	8		
Chinese Service 8:30am	95	\$1,377.00	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	55	\$1,255.00	
ME Service	54	\$1,123.00	
Hokkien Service	70	\$602.00	
Tamil Service	14	\$308.00	
DHF	20		
TOTAL	1369	\$5,450.00	
*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers (Last week 830 English attendance should be 186)			
Electronic Transfer		\$57,524.20	
Weekly Total		\$62,974.20	
Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/	/25: \$82,235		

GENERAL PROJECT FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$5,727.00
Weekly Total	\$5,727.00
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$46,117.50

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

Church Family News

- Ps Alby is preaching at the ME 9th Anniversary service this morning.
- 2. Ps Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BP 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, 8 Mar

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Saturday, 9 Mar

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf</u>

Sunday, 10 Mar

Worship Services at 8.30am, 10.30am

and 4.30pm

Revelation Series

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.sq

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.

The Impossible Made Possible

In July 2017, we were at the tail end of paying the outstanding sums for the previous upgrading project that cost \$15 million. On 16 July 2017, a member came and having found out the outstanding amount was \$170,000, the person wrote a blank cheque and asked that we fill in whatever was needed. It was indeed a God-given blessing. We rejoiced and gave thanks!

A few weeks later, we found out that our 30-year land lease that commenced on 1 July 1994 would be due for renewal before the lease expired on 30 June 2022 and the estimated amount was \$15 million! How were we to raise \$15 million on top of the ongoing operational amount which would add up to \$30 million in five years? Plus, this large financial need had surfaced so quickly after we raised \$15 million for the redevelopment project over the seven years prior!

Realistically, we can't raise such a huge sum, but divinely, God can provide. The church leaders certainly could not raise the sum by themselves, but God 'raised' the generosity of His people and even blessed us with new worshippers to give, and with cheerful hearts. When you read the annual financial reports carefully, especially at the critical junctures of the lease renewal process, you will see the fingerprints of God's presence and provisions.

I am privileged as Senior Pastor to be in the "front passenger seat" but I must confess that at those critical junctures, my legs slammed the "imaginary brakes". But as the months inched on, I witnessed first-hand God "driving" His plan ahead despite many difficult turns. This filled in me, as I told the Session, a quiet confidence that God will work things out in a much greater way than we envisaged.

GOD DID! For those who missed the ECM: we had estimated in 2017 the lease renewal fee to be \$15 million. Just last week, the Singapore Land Authority offered us a renewal fee of \$4.64 million, less than a third of the original estimate. We had zero dollars for the land lease in 2017, but now we have \$10.17 million – more than double what is needed. I'm reminded of the Lord Jesus' promise, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible." (Matt 19:26)

Dear brothers and sisters, now that we have experienced God's faithfulness and goodness, we must also respond in godly trust in the impossible made possible. When the Lord promised eternal life in Matthew 19, a rich man who was willing to give <u>much</u> to follow Jesus left when the Lord asked for his <u>all</u>. The man "went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions." (v.22)

The <u>all</u> was <u>too much</u> for him to give. But the Lord was not asking for all his money. The Lord was asking for all his heart. "What" we are willing to <u>let go</u> is secondary to the "Who" we <u>let into</u> our hearts. When Jesus is the Lord of our hearts, He will enable us to make, whatever that it may be, the impossible possible.

That is why in Zion Bishan, we endeavour to Present Everyone Mature IN Christ. Praise God – many of you already are. Hence, I must end by echoing Paul, again:

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now." (Phil 1:3-5)

Announcements

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

7 Wednesdays beginning from 13 Mar, 7.30-9.30pm at Zion Bishan BP Church

Join us for this informal course that seeks to help people understand who Jesus is through Mark's Gospel, an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus.

Invite your friends to come with you and see why Jesus is the best news that one can ever receive. Dinner will be provided.

Register at bit.ly/CEzionbishan or contact Timothy (timothy@zionbishan.org.sg) for any enquiries.

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

OUR DAILY BREAD DEVOTIONAL

Devotionals, family, outreach resources, and more! Get resources for your spiritual growth

- Devotions With Biblical Insights For: Adults, Young Adults
- Resources For Teenages & Youths
- Outreach Resources
- Resources On The Christian Hope

Visit our book table! @ the Fellowship Hall for Morning Services only

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 Aprilfeaturing 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.