



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**

**ENGLISH SERVICES**

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***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: How Great Is Our God; O Great God; Rejoice The Lord Is King

PM: Holy Forever; Still, My Soul Be Still; Christ is Mine Forevermore

Scripture Reading: Revelation 17:1-18 ESV

Message: The Harlot Drunk with Blood

Response Hymn: We Belong to the Day

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)

## 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

**Speaker:** Mr Quek Tze-Ming

**8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Sharon Quek

*Worship Leader:* Dn Justin Low

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 3

**10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 3

**4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Peter Wang

*Worship Leader:* Dn John Chua

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 3

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
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Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	9796 0196
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	9092 6095
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>	9751 1897
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## **The Harlot Drunk with Blood**

Revelation 17:1-18

### **Introduction**

### **A Great Prostitute - Babylon?**

### **Why this Image?**

### **What does this Image refer to?**

### **So what?**

“We belong to the day,  
to the day that is to come ...”

### **Questions for Discussion & Reflection:**

- 1) Why do you think the image of the “prostitute” (whore/harlot) is used here? Can you find any assistance from the bigger story of the Bible?
- 2) In vv. 7-18, what explanations are offered by the angel for the identities of the “woman,” “the beast,” its “seven heads,” its “ten horns”? (try to use the words of the text, before offering interpretations.)
- 3) This terrifying condemnation of the outwardly delightful and inwardly deceitful and destructive city speaks to all those of us who live in today’s glossy modern culture. Where are we in this picture?
- 4) What encouragement do you find in this chapter and why? What challenge do you find in this chapter and why?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

#### **Land Lease Renewal (2.4.24)**

Pray for a smooth process for the land lease renewal on 2.4.24. Pray too for the commemorative 2.4 km Walk/Run at 6pm that evening (Please join us. Dinner provided for registrants). Pray also for the organizing of the Thanksgiving Service that the night might be a night of revival for Zion Bishan. That as we remember with thanksgiving God's faithfulness for the past 30 years, we will also commit ourselves to give our all to growing deep in Personal Discipleship, getting real in Gospel Culture, and going out as a Missional Community to be a disciple, and make disciples for the Lord Jesus.

**Tuition Ministry** - Thank God for the term break and rest that both students and teachers were able to have this past Thursday during the week of school holidays. Continue to pray for strength and love for the teachers as they come alongside the students and help them in their studies. Pray too for the students to witness and experience Jesus' love and be invited to respond in God's time.

### **Our World**

**India** - National elections are upcoming this year for India. However the dates for this has not yet been announced. 47 leaders of our ministry partner recently prayed and fasted for 48 hours for the elections, which was a first for most of them. A prayer material was prepared and translated into Telugu and each item was prayed over. Thank God that many of the leaders were spiritually nourished through this time of prayer together and their burden for India to know the love and truth of God grew. Please pray along with our brethren in India for a just and fair election without violence, corruption and other power plays by the various political parties. Pray also that good leaders will be elected who will rule the nation with justice and righteousness.

**Ramadan** - The fasting month for Muslim communities around the world began last week. Pray for our hearts to understand God's heart for this community, that we will begin to love them as God has loved us. May they also begin to know that God desires for them and all peoples to relate to Him as their heavenly Father as we are His children.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	18	
English Service 8:30am	189	\$1,357.00
English Service 10:30am	515	
English Service 4:30pm	208	
Chinese Service livestream*	11	
Chinese Service 8:30am	91	\$2,052.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	74	\$1,015.00
ME Service	44	\$680.00
Hokkien Service	55	\$1,200.00
Tamil Service	12	\$785.00
DHF	24	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1241</b>	<b>\$7,089.00</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$83,649.20
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$90,738.20</b>

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/25: \$82,235

### GENERAL PROJECT FUND

Gift Nos. 0005-8	\$540.10
Electronic Transfer	\$4,947.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$5,487.10</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$56,313.85</b>

### LAND LEASE RENEWAL FUND as at 31/12/2023

<b>TOTAL GIFT RECEIVED TO-DATE</b>	<b>\$10,174,599.03</b>
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## Church Family News

1. Ps Dev was speaking at the SYFC Poly Good Friday event on 16 Mar, Sat.
2. Ps Alby is preaching at the Hokkien Service this morning.
3. Our deepest condolences to Lim Qin Yong and Dns Deborah Lee on the passing of Qin Yong's brother on 13 Mar 2024.

## 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, 22 Mar**

**8.00pm:** Missions Prayer Night

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

### **Saturday, 23 Mar**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### **Sunday, 24 Mar**

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

## Revelation Series

### **24 Mar – Fallen is Babylon**

**(Rev 18:1-24)**

*Mr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Dev (4.30pm)*

### **7 Apr – The Marriage Supper**

**(Rev 19:1-10)**

*Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Vernon (4.30pm)*

### **14 Apr – The Return of the King**

**(Rev 19:11-21)**

*Ps Alby (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Vernon (4.30pm)*

### **21 Apr – Judgment on the Dragon and the Dead**

**(Rev 20:1-15)**

*Ps Zhiwen (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](http://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.**

### Worship War

In Revelation 13, we were introduced to Satan's tactics. He created two beasts - one with great power and authority, and another (later referred to as the false prophet) whose function is to deceive. Together they form an 'unholy trinity', and coerce the nations to worship them.

Their goal is to turn us away from worshipping the Living God, to take us away from seeing His worth (which is what the Lamb & the saints display). Worse still, to eventually make us blaspheme and curse Him: to say that He is the evil one, causing all our pain and suffering.

Interestingly, the 2nd beast sets up an 'image'. This reminds us of the repeated Old Testament warning not to worship any carved or graven image that resembles God (think golden calf). These images may look like God - but in fact take us away from Him. It is where we get the idea of idolatry - something good that becomes evil, turning us away from the God who created it.

Imagine the scenario: God created relationships, love, sex & marriage as good things to help us know Him (in fact marriage is a chief sign of the gospel). But under the influence of the dragon, these good things become an 'image of the beast'. Idols to turn us away from the Living God. As we pursue love and sex or family and relationships under the devil's guidance, we put more importance on them than the gospel. We 'worship' them. We end up even hating God because He is restricting our relationships, our sex lives, gender identity, etc. We begin to see God as intolerant & cruel. We now agree with Satan and rage against God.

Those of us who hold to the commandments of God find ourselves lost and confused, as we come under scrutiny and accusation by a world advocating free love and radical individualism. Then comes the persecution & exclusion. Wow, that escalated quickly...

This is why the saints will face crushing pressure if we hold to the testimony of Jesus. We will seem like the wicked ones, and the world will think it's doing itself a favour to get rid of us. As Jesus said: "those who kill you think they are offering a service to God" (John 16:2).

In light of that, there is always the temptation to compromise or to capitulate. Agree with the world or just give up trying - either way becoming an ineffective witness. Yet the call and encouragement of Revelation from beginning to end is: 'Endure – the Lamb wins'.

## Announcements

### MISSIONS PRAYER NIGHT

God's Heart for People on the Roof of the World & the Ongoing Battle

Ps Haoren will be sharing on the work in reaching the T Buddhist at Missions Prayer Night.

**22 Mar, 8 - 9pm, Zoom only**

Register to receive the Zoom link at <https://zionbishan.org.sg/fpm> if you're not in the FPM channel.

### TIONG BAHRU HERITAGE TRAIL

**13 Apr (Sat) 9.30am – 11.30am**

Meet @ Tiong Bahru Market

Tour Highlights:

- Bird Singing Corner
- Wall Murals
- Architectural Building Heritage
- Tiong Bahru Community Centre

Register with **Lydia at 83383982**  
*Organised By WOZ*

### COMBINED MANDARIN GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**29 Mar (Fri) 10.30am**

**Faith BP Church.** Bus transport will leave Zion Bishan from 9.45am

Do invite Mandarin speaking families and friends to attend.

Contact **Bernard Lim at 97518984** to sign up.

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

**28 Mar (Thurs) 8 - 9.30pm**

A Time of Meditation, follow Jesus to the Cross.

### BPCIS COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**Here is Your King**

( John 19:14-30 )

Speaker: Bishop Emeritus  
Dr Robert Solomon

**29 Mar (Fri) 5pm**  
**Anglo-Chinese School,**  
**Independent, Dover Road**

Register or more info can be found at  
<https://shorturl.at/jwzJW>

Transport is provided for those who need, please ensure you indicate your request in the registration form.

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

**Resurrection Light**

Speaker: Ps Wendell Chua

**31 Mar (Sun) 6.30am**  
**MacRitchie Reservoir**

Near Lim Bo Seng Memorial

*Organised by SCCC & BPCIS*

### ZB 2.4.24 THANKSGIVING SERVICE & PRE-SERVICE WALK/RUN

Thanksgiving Service will be held at 7.30pm, on 2 Apr, Tuesday. All are encouraged to come and give thanks for God's faithfulness as we renew our landlease.

Come also for a **pre-service 2.4km Walk/Run at 6pm** — do register for the walk/run at [bit.ly/ZB2424WalkRun](http://bit.ly/ZB2424WalkRun)

*Dinner will be provided for those registered for the Walk/Run*