



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**

**PALM SUNDAY**  
**ENGLISH SERVICES**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

AM: Ride On, Ride On in Majesty; All Creatures of our God and King; Here We Stand  
PM: Only a Holy God; Glorious Things of You are Spoken; Give Us Clean Hands

Scripture Reading: Revelation 18:1-24 ESV

Message: Fallen is Babylon

Response Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

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

**Speakers:** Mr Quek Tze-Ming  
(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 4

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Joel Khoo  
*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan  
*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 4

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee  
*Worship Leader:* Dn Herman Low  
*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 4

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: user ID followed by [@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:@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 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/Mand)</i>	<i>paul</i>
Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc. Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
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Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
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## **Fallen is Babylon**

Revelation 18:1-24

### **Introduction**

#### **1. Judgment Pronounced (vv. 1-3):**

#### **2. Fall Predicted (vv. 4-20):**

In a single day! (vv. 4-8)

Sad songs make them cry (vv. 9-20)

Crying Kings

Mourning Merchants

Sobbing Sailors

#### **3. Judgment Depicted: (vv. 21-24)**

No More Songs in Babylon

### **Conclusion**

Come Out! (v. 4)

Rejoice! (v. 20)

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

1. How do the kings, merchants, and seafarers react to the fall of Babylon?
2. There's a marvelous catalog of luxury goods and other commodities of international trade in vv. 12-13. How is this list (and especially what's at the end) related to the judgment on Babylon?
3. How do we discern the point at which a system or structure, society or city, country or company or other worldly power passes from being a servant of God to putting itself in the place of God?
4. In what ways do we also need to "come out" from present-day "Babylons" with their corrupting systems, and separate ourselves from their ways?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Explore Internship** - We thank God for Ryan Tee, our Explore intern who will be with us till Mid-April. Pray that this will be a time of growing in his faith and relationship with God, through the bible studies, workshops and ministry exposure. Do also pray that whatever he learns and experiences in this internship will help deepen his foundations to keep following Jesus in the next season of life.

### **Our Denomination**

**Emmanuel BP** – Please continue to pray for our sister church as they look for more help to minister to their small but faithful Chinese congregation. Breakthrough Missions has completed their one year of assistance, and so now they are lacking in Mandarin-speaking Bible teachers.

### **Our World**

**Gaza's Food Crisis** - Extreme food shortages in Gaza due to months of conflict has led to very real prospect of famine scale death rates from starvation, malnutrition and disease. Singapore and other

nations have been responding to this crisis with humanitarian aid. A ship carrying 200 tonnes of aid for Gaza left Cyprus on 12 Mar in a pilot project to open a sea route to deliver supplies to a population that aid agencies say is on the brink of famine (CNA, 12 Mar). Thank God that some of us from Zion Bishan also donated canned food for a donation drive for Gaza last Sunday. The crisis continues and needs much prayer and wisdom for people hurt on both sides of this conflict. Pray that God, in His loving sovereignty, will also end the great suffering in Gaza.

**Myanmar** – Since the military coup in 2021, the people of Myanmar have seen prolonged internal strife and much suffering. In Feb 2024, the military government announced a plan to conscript 60,000 soldiers a year for men between 18 and 35 years old to serve 2 years in the army. The first batch would be recruited soon in April 2024. Pray for Myanmar Christians to stand firm during this difficult time and to continue to show Christ's love to their neighbours.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	14	
English Service 8:30am	179	\$1,515.00
English Service 10:30am	516	
English Service 4:30pm	226	
Chinese Service livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	92	\$1,107.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	54	\$279.00
ME Service	68	\$1,943.00
Hokkien Service	60	\$8,463.00
Tamil Service	15	\$283.00
DHF	24	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1256</b>	<b>\$13,590.00</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$74,978.80
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$88,568.80</b>

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

### GENERAL PROJECT FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$7,988.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$7,988.00</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$64,301.85</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. Pastor Dev is preaching at Shalom BP Church this morning.
  2. Our deepest condolences to the following church members:
    - Dn Chen Ching Hong and Julia on the Homegoing of Julia's father, the late Mr Kwok Yan, on 17 Mar 2024. He was grandfather to Chen Kai Ling and Kai Xing.
    - Casey and Szu Wei Ho on the Homegoing of Szu Wei's father, the late Mr Cheong Tong Siang @ Chong Seng, on 21 Mar 2024.
- Let us uphold the bereaved families in prayer.

## 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

### Thurs, 28 Mar

**8.00pm:** Maundy Thursday Service

### Fri, 29 Mar

**5.00pm:** BPCIS Good Friday Service at ACSI

**8.00pm:** **No** Prayer Meeting

### Sat, 30 Mar

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sun, 31 Mar (Easter)

**6.30am:** Sunrise Service at MacRitchie Reservoir

**8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm:** ZB Worship Service

## Revelation Series

### **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)*

### **28 Apr – I am Making All Things New**

(Rev 21:1-22:15)

*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.

### Palm Sunday 2024

Why does Palm Sunday matter? What would you say if someone asked you to explain what Palm Sunday means and why it matters to you?

Most of us know that Palm Sunday commemorates Jesus' triumphal entry on a donkey into Jerusalem, the beginning of what is known as Passion (or Holy) Week. This event was significant enough that it is recorded in all four Gospels. Look with me at the account from John's Gospel:

<sup>12</sup>The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup>So they took **branches of palm trees** and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! **Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!**" <sup>14</sup>And Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, just as it is written,

<sup>15</sup>"Fear not, daughter of Zion;  
behold, your king is coming,  
sitting on a donkey's colt!"<sup>27</sup> <sup>3</sup>

It's good for us to dig a little deeper and ask: of all the things they could have done to welcome Jesus into Jerusalem, why did the crowds specifically cut **Palm branches** of all things? What was going through their minds when they did so?

Palm branches were significant in those days because they were part of the annual Feast of Booths – the feast the Lord commanded Israel to observe every year to remember how He delivered them out of Egypt (when they lived in booths in the wilderness).<sup>4</sup>

In other words, those crowds, by taking Palm branches to welcome Jesus, were declaring Him to be God's King, God's chosen One, who would bring about an Exodus-level deliverance from enslavement and captivity.

Sadly, those crowds in Jesus' time expected that the deliverance would be from the oppression of the Roman Empire, and missed the greater Deliverance that Jesus had come to fulfill on the Cross – salvation from sin and Death!

Do we rejoice in what Jesus triumphantly headed towards that first Palm Sunday? Do we long for the Day that He will come to completely fulfill the victory of the Cross?

May Palm Sunday this and every year until our King Jesus returns be cause for rejoicing in our hearts – that He has delivered us and all Creation from the greatest enslavement and captivity of all: from sin and Death!

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<sup>1</sup> Quoted from Psalm 118:26 (ESV)

<sup>2</sup> Quoted from Zechariah 9:9 (ESV)

<sup>3</sup> John 12:12-15 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> Leviticus 23:40

## Announcements

### MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

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

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 at the main  
sanctuary. 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*

### EMU MUSIC | WORD IN SONG SINGAPORE 2024

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

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](http://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.

### A SENIORS360 WORKSHOP

**BE EQUIPPED!**

**13 Apr (Sat) 10.15am, in-person at Chapel**

How can you come alongside the seniors in  
our church? Come and be equipped to  
better understand their needs and  
encourage them to be part of our church  
community, conducted by the Enabling  
Ministry team led by Dns Sherena Loh.

Sign up by **7 Apr:**

<http://tinyurl.com/s360apr24>

All ZB members and worshippers  
(regardless of age) with a heart to reach  
seniors are encouraged to attend.