

EASTER SUNDAY ENGLISH SERVICES

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## Order of Service

Call to Worship

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## Worship in Songs

AM: You Alone Can Rescue; Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; See, what a Morning;

Because He Lives (Chorus)

PM: Christ the Lord Is Risen Today; See, what a Morning

Scripture Reading: Luke 24:1-12 ESV

Message: An Idle Tale?

Response Hymn: Christ Is Risen, He Is Risen Indeed

Mission Focus; 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:

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**

Speaker: Mr Quek Tze-Ming

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek Worship Leader: Eld Jeffrey Lim Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo Worship Leader: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 2

## **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 |           |  |

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail: care@zionbishan.org.sg

## An Idle Tale?

Luke 24:1-12

| The obvious situation (vv. 1-3)        |
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| The unsettling message (vv. 4-7)       |
| The understandable reaction (vv. 8-11) |
| But what if? (v. 12)                   |

## **Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

- 1. When were you surprised—even stunned—by something?
- 2. Read Luke 24:1–12. What was the opening mood of the women and apostles that first Easter morning? Why?
- 3. What is stopping you from believing this story, and the message of good news?
- 4. Is there anything that makes you want to believe it? Why?

## **Prayer Points**

## **Our Church**

#### **Catechism Class Retreat**

Our catechumens managed to spend half a Saturday reflecting on their journey with Christ. We thank God for the wonderful location & meaningful time together. Pray that they will continue to grow in faith and fruitfulness, as they prepare themselves for baptism, transfer or reaffirmation on Pentecost Sunday.

## **Guest Workers' Outreach**

Thank God for the faithfulness of the brothers in this team since the ministry began in October last year. Pray for God to raise more volunteers to interact with and befriend these guest workers who need to hear about Jesus, and for Him to be merciful in breaking the spiritual bondage the guest workers are living in. Pray also for the Lord's wisdom and favour for next steps in applying to conduct prayer & worship services.

# **Our People**

KY - Pray for KY who is in West Asia serving with Habibi International. This is a Singapore NGO serving refugees in a certain region. Pray for KY and the team who left on 27 Mar for the annual prayer conference. May the Lord grant them a blessed time of prayer and refreshment as they seek His will in the region. Pray also for the Lord to strengthen those who stayed behind to manage the ongoing work of the community centre during the team's absence.

#### **Our World**

India - Pray for Indian elections happening from 19 Apr to 1 Jun 2024, where Prime Minister N. Modi will be seeking a 3rd consecutive term in office. In these elections, 970 million people are eligible to vote in India and the results will be known on 4 Jun 2024, when votes will be counted (ST, 17 Mar). Pray for God to strengthen His people who are already facing many different challenges in this current political climate. Pray also that good leaders will be elected that will govern the various regions with wisdom and justice.

## Last Week

| Sunday Service                       | Attendance | Offering    |
|--------------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| English Service Livestream*          | 22         |             |
| English Service 8:30am               | 170        | \$50,505.90 |
| English Service 10:30am              | 512        |             |
| English Service 4:30pm               | 239        |             |
| Chinese Service livestream*          | 11         |             |
| Chinese Service 8:30am               | 86         | \$1,214.00  |
| Cant/Mand Service 10:45am            | 61         | \$645.00    |
| ME Service                           | 58         | \$1,662.00  |
| Hokkien Service                      | 62         | \$1,059.00  |
| Tamil Service                        | 13         | \$281.00    |
| DHF                                  | 25         |             |
| TOTAL                                | 1259       | \$55,366.90 |
| *Livestreaming peak concurrent viewe | ers        |             |

| Electronic Transfer                                  | \$50,006.52  |
|--|--------------|
| Use of Premises                                      | \$280.00     |
| BSF Contribution                                     | \$1,652.34   |
| Precept Contribution                                 | \$100.00     |
| Weekly Total   | \$107,405.76 |
| Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024/25: \$82.235 |              |

#### **GENERAL PROJECTS FUND**

| Electronic Transfer         | \$5,742.00  |
|-----------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Total                | \$5,742.00  |
| Total Gift Received To-Date | \$70.043.85 |

# **Church Family News**

- Ps Dev has been re-appointed as advisory pastor for Emmanuel BP for 3 years until 2027.
- 2. The Church office will be closed on Wed, 3 Apr.

# 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 Projects 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, 5 Apr

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

## Saturday, 6 Apr

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sq/yf

## Sunday, 7 Apr

Worship Services at 8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

## **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

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.

By Sharon Quek

#### A reflection on Jesus' Resurrection

Today, we remember and celebrate the significance of Jesus' resurrection from the dead! And what a glorious, amazing miracle that was.

2 years ago, I stumbled across a song by Andrew Peterson that really got me experiencing anew the wonder of the resurrection. The title is simply "His Heart beats." His lyrics gripped my imagination on how the resurrection may have occurred, literally helping me visualise the risen Lord coming alive, with the blood flowing in His veins and His first breath in.

His heart beats, His blood begins to flow
Waking up what was dead a moment ago
And His heart beats, now everything is changed
'Cause the blood that brought us peace with God
Is racing through His veins
And His heart beats, His heart beats.

He breathes in, His living lungs expand
The heavy air surrounding death turns to breath again
He breathes out, He is word and flesh once more
The Lamb of God slain for us is a Lion ready to roar
And His heart beats. – Andrew Peterson's Album, Resurrection Letters, Vol 1

The sustained rhythmic notes and the lyrics all helped add to the suspense and drama of what must have been such a significant moment in history. Then the song drops into a hymn of praise in response to the miracle of Jesus' resurrection:

So crown Him the Lord of Life Crown Him the Lord of Love Crown Him the Lord of All

He took one breath
And put death to death
Where is your sting, O grave?
How grave is your defeat?
I know, I know His heart beats.

And what are the implications of His risen life? Jesus is the Lord of life, love and all and death itself is destroyed.

**Brothers and sisters, what does Jesus' resurrection mean for you personally today?** There's so much to be in awe of this Easter. Jesus has gone ahead of all of us to show us what is in store for all who will trust in Him, life after death. May this encourage all of us today!

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. - 1 Cor 15:20-23 (ESV)

#### **Announcements**

# 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.

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

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

## **WANT TO CONNECT WITH US?**

Should you be interested to find out more about Jesus, indicate your response at <a href="bit.ly/ZBinterest">bit.ly/ZBinterest</a> and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

## 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.