



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: Crown Him with Many Crowns; I Will Glory in My Redeemer; Creation Awaits  
PM: Holy Forever; Creation Awaits; On That Day

Scripture Reading: Revelation 22:6-21 ESV

Message: I am Coming Soon

Response Hymn: Here We Stand

Holy Communion: Man of Sorrows

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

## 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 ),  
Mr Joel Khoo ( 4.30pm )

### **8.30am**

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

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng  
*Worship Leader:* Dn Mervyn Phan  
*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 1

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Timothy Ong  
*Worship Leader:* Dn Peter Wang  
*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 1

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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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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Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
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Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	<i>joel</i>
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## **I am Coming Soon**

Revelation 22:6-21

### **Introduction**

**Final Reminder: Keep these words (v. 6-11)**

**Final Promise: I am coming soon (v. 12-16)**

**Final Invitation: Come! (v. 17-21)**

### **Conclusion**

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

1. Do you like beginnings or endings? Why?
2. Read Rev 22:6-21. What do you find most comforting about this scripture? What do you find most challenging? Why?
3. Explain why it is “The Spirit and the Bride” who say, “Come” (22:17)? Does this have any implication for your life today?
4. How might we live in joyful expectation of the day when Jesus comes? (Hint: compare with what it looks like to live without that expectation.)

**I am Coming Soon**

Revelation 22:6-21

**Introduction: Final Words**

1. **A Final Reminder:** *Keep these true words... (vv6-11)*
2. **A Final Exhortation:** *...because Jesus will repay (vv12-15)*
3. **A Final Invitation:** *Come! (vv16-21)*

**Conclusion: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!**

**Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

1. What is one thing that struck you as you consider John's ending to the book of Revelation?
2. Are you looking forward to Jesus' coming? What are you looking forward to? What is holding you back from longing for Jesus' coming as much as we should?
3. What will it look like for you to keep the true words of Jesus today? How can we help each other to continue holding to the truths of Revelation?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Tuition Ministry** – Thank God for the faithfulness of our teachers since the start of the year. As the kids are currently going through their mid-year assessments, let's be praying for them to experience God's love for them and their families in this stressful period. Pray too for patience and love as the teachers continue to support them in their learning and growth.

**Guest Workers' Outreach** - Thank God for this work that enables us to love some of the guest workers in our shores this past year. Pray for both ministry leaders and volunteers to continue trusting God for His work and His timing for this ministry. Pray also for more church members to come alongside in serving tea, befriending the guest workers and playing badminton with them.

### **Our World**

**Heat Wave (SE Asia)** – Pray for the people in SE Asia who are sweltering under this current heatwave. Channel NewsAsia (CNA), 28 Apr reported that Philippines announced the suspension of in-person classes at all public schools for 2 days after record temperatures in Manila; Thailand reported that at least 30 people have died of heat stroke this year; record temperatures are also reported in Cambodia, Myanmar, India, Bangladesh etc). As we also experience a heatwave due to climate change here in Singapore, pray for God's mercy for people who are less protected and for the urgency amongst God's people to act and do more to love our neighbours.

**Indonesia** – (CNA) After it had erupted more than half a dozen of times earlier this month, North Sulawesi's Mt Ruang volcano erupted again on Tues (30 Apr). The Indonesian authorities ordered thousands of people to evacuate after it issued the highest level of alert due to the threat of a tsunami caused by the eruption. Pray for the people affected by this natural disaster. As we do so, let us also remember the many harvest workers (esp. our missiology school alumni) who brave many challenges and personal safety concerns to share the good news of Christ across this vast archipelago nation, across many people groups and places. Pray for God to strengthen and provide for these workers as they seek to reach the majority people group here. For new believers in this group, pray that God will continue to grow them to maturity through His Word and Spirit.

**India** – Pray for the work of our partner who runs day care centres in the north east as well as the southern part of the country. Pray also for their children's camp and annual day programmes across the various centres in May. Pray specifically for the hearts of the parents and children attending, that they can come and know more about Christ and experience the love of God for all peoples.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	22	
English Service 8:30am	202	\$1,206.50
English Service 10:30am	538	
English Service 4:30pm	227	
Chinese Service livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	88	\$1,758.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	75	\$1,288.00
ME Service	78	\$1,150.00
Hokkien Service	63	\$776.50
Tamil Service	16	\$651.00
DHF	25	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1342</b>	<b>\$6,830.00</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

BSF (Men & Women)	\$1,879.84
Electronic Transfer	\$46,408.06
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$55,117.90</b>

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

### GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer	\$3,910.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$3,910.00</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$93,791.55</b>

## Church Family News

1. Pastor Dev is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning.
2. Pastor Vernon is preaching at Mount Hermon BPC 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 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

### **Fri, 10 May**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### **Sat, 11 May**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### **Sun, 12 May**

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

## Revelation Series

### **12 May – Review of Revelation**

*Ps Alby ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Ps Vernon (4.30pm )*

## Pentecost & Ascension Sundays

### **19 May – Pentecost**

*Ps Ng Zhiwen ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Mr Joel Khoo ( 4.30pm )*

### **26 May – The Ascended Jesus**

*Mr Danny Chua*

## 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.

### Thinker or Believer?

Today, 5 May, is also the birthday of the great philosopher Karl Marx. Marx was a thinker and prolific writer who wrote many books, articles and publications. His two most known books *Das Kapital* and *The Communist Manifesto* formed the basis of the later formed movement Marxism which itself is the basis of Communism. He was one of the rare movers and shakers of the world influencing countries and millions of lives and their worldviews.

But Marx died in 1883 at 64 years old, a stateless person. Though he was hugely popular, only a few attended his funeral because his death was not announced until two days later and he was buried by then. A friend wrote: "On the 14th of March, at a quarter to three in the afternoon, the greatest living thinker ceased to think. He had been left alone for scarcely two minutes, and when we came back we found him in his armchair, peacefully gone to sleep – but forever."<sup>1</sup>

Compared to Marx, our Lord Jesus had hardly influenced any cities, much less countries or millions of people. He had even fewer people at His funeral. He wrote no books, not even a note that can be read and reread that people may remember Him by. But in a few days, on 9 May, we will be commemorating Ascension Day. Our Lord Jesus died, resurrected, and on that day He ascended into heaven in the sight of His disciples.

Only one book, the Bible, is written of His life and mission. It became the best seller since it was written (copies sold estimated to be billions) and reputedly topped the list every year since official rankings started. Thereafter, countless books were written of Him arising from that One book. Both Marx and Jesus sought to make the world a better place. But the contrast and disparity between the two is obvious. Why so?

Because one is a thinker, the other is the Saviour. The thinker sows philosophies and thoughts into the minds of his readers. The Saviour gave His life for His followers. As we prepare to commemorate Ascension Day, it is apt to re-ask ourselves the angels' question, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." (Acts 1:11)

The angels were saying, "Don't just stand there and wait for His return. Go 'be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.' (Acts 1:8). Follow what Jesus did as evidence of your being His follower." Don't just be a thinker. Be a believer. As we will hear in today's sermon on the crowning passage in Revelation, Christianity when put most simply, is like a coin. On the one side is Worship. On the other is Witness.

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<sup>1</sup> Wikipedia, *Karl Marx*



## Announcements

### SENIORS360

#### Dim Sum Hour & Talk

#### Eye Wellness & Care

**18 May (Sat) 10.30am,**  
**In-person at Fellowship Hall**

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with ophthalmologist Dr Audrey Pang. She will be sharing on the common age-related eye conditions, create awareness of what causes vision loss, and how we can protect our eyes.

*Do invite your non-Christian friends along!*

Sign up by **11 May**.

<https://tinyurl.com/DSTmay24>

### Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) 2024

SAVE THE DATE:

**26 May (Sun) 1pm, In-Person**

Note to Communicant Members:

- Email [lydia@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) by **10 May** to update your email (if changed)
- Ensure you register your attendance at service **today** (5 May) to be eligible for voting.

### Infant / Child Baptism

**19 May 2024**

Interested parents, please email [lydia@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) for form and sign up by **5 May**.

### Missional Discipleship and Sustainability (A Rocha Conference)

**11 May (Sat) 9am-4pm**  
**Katong Presbyterian Church**

*Supported by BGST, FES and Creation Care SG*

**Fees: \$30; students: \$10**

**Closing Date: 6 May**

How is sustainability connected to God's mission in this world? What good news does the Gospel speak into the world of finance? How is the road to discipleship connected to biodiversity and the created order?

Join us as we explore these questions and much more alongside A Rocha International leaders and local experts, speaking from the fields of theology, finance, science, and conservation.

Registration:

<https://arocha.org/en/singapore-conference/>