



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: Glorious Christ; Christ is Mine Forevermore; Speak, O Lord

PM: We Have A Lamb; We Belong To The Day; Speak, O Lord

Scripture Reading: Revelation 1:1-13, 12:10-12, 22:6-7, 22:12-21 ESV

Message: Revelation & Us

Response Hymn: Hymn of Heaven

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

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 Alby Yip (8.30am & 10.30am)
Ps Vernon Quek (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Justin Low

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Charles Chia

Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 2

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	8428 0525
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
Rev Ebi Mohan, <i>Assoc Pastor (Tamil)</i>	8198 9696
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
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Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Revelation & Us

Revelation 1:1-13; 12:10-12; 22:6-7; 22:12-21

Introduction

Encouragement

Invitation

Promise

Conclusion

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. What is the most important takeaway in Revelation for you?
Why?
2. Will you describe your faith as "holding fast" or "hanging on"?
Why?
3. What do you need to do to come out of the earthly city and come into the heavenly city?

Revelation & Us

Revelation 1:1-13; 12:10-12; 22:6-7; 22:12-21

Intro: Reviews & Why we need Revelation

Written Words from **The Word of God** (1:1-20 & 22:6-21)

Words for those at War (Rev 2-3)

- The War for Worship (Rev 12-14)

Encouragement #1: God's Wrath & The Coming Judgement

- Beware Babylon!

Encouragement #2: God's City & The Coming Wedding:

- Worship the Worthy Lamb who was slain
- Washed White Robes

Our Word Witness: How We Win the War and Conquer (6:9; 12:11)

Revelation: Hold Fast to Jesus' Words...

...Words for the Weary

...Words for the Worldly

...Words for the World

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

*Hint: Consider the Lamb who is coming soon!

1. How does Revelation encourage you to persevere against this world's pressure and persecution?
2. How does this book challenge you in your temptations? To come out of Babylon and be the New Jerusalem adorned for her Wedding Day?
3. What does holding fast and being slain for the Word look like in your life? What does it look like for us together as a church family?
4. What is one specific practical way your life needs to change in light of the Revelation?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Mother's Day – Praying for mothers in light of Revelation: Pray for the mothers, grandmothers and women fulfilling motherly roles in our church family to hold fast and keep the words they have heard God speak. May they hide His words in their hearts to live as bold witnesses for Jesus and raise the next generation to also be witnesses for the Kingdom. Pray that God will help them stand on guard against the deceitfulness and lies of the dragon, with discernment to choose rightly who they worship, and raise children who will worship the true King. May the certain coming of Jesus our Bridegroom and the New Creation shape how they make decisions and invest their energies, as well as steward the grief that some may carry in their heart, because of sin's effects in this world and in relationships with others. Pray also for those who are longing to be mothers—that lifting their eyes to look up at the One who sees all their tears will comfort, strengthen, renew and carry them through their deep pain. May the Lord remind them of their hope in Christ and help them to be faithful even in the sorrow.

Hokkien Service Parents Outreach - Pray for non-believers who attended the service on 12 May that their hearts be open to hear and receive the Gospel, and for continual wisdom and love among the leaders and congregation to follow up with them.

Our People

SA – We thank God for seeing Sister SA through 3 years of theological studies at Singapore Bible College. She graduated on 4th May and then left last Wednesday to move to the Philippines. She will live there with her husband, Jong. Together they will be exploring what the Lord has in store in the next season serving Him in the Philippines. They will be returning to Singapore in June to join us in our Church Camp. Pray that they will be able to adjust to life together and for SA to have a smooth transition to being in the Philippines long term.

Our World

Lebanon – Recently, some of us in church had a good opportunity to get to interact with and hear from Nabil Costa, the CEO of Thimar- LSESD, the Lebanese Society for Educational and Social Development, a Lebanese non-profit that seeks “to strengthen the witness of the Church in the Arab World through inclusive education, community development, and church discipleship” (from lsesd.org). The love of God compels them to minister in these 3 areas to see communities transformed and churches flourishing in both Lebanon and the MENA region. This is the organisation that received some hand-written encouragement cards from our church's children and youth in the past. Pray for God's provision for them as they faithfully bring the gospel to this region. In the last 5 years, an estimate of 250,000 Christians have left the country. Pray for provision of resources so good Christian witness can persevere in this hard-pressed region.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	23	
English Service 8:30am	173	\$2,967.20
English Service 10:30am	517	
English Service 4:30pm	218	
Chinese Service livestream*	3	
Chinese Service 8:30am	101	\$1,753.00
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	70	\$446.00
ME Service	72	\$1,277.00
Hokkien Service	62	\$752.00
Tamil Service	16	\$1,003.75
DHF	27	
TOTAL	1282	\$8,198.95

**Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Precept	\$120.00
Electronic Transfer	\$80,197.66
Weekly Total	\$88,516.61

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Gift No: 0010-11	\$49,353.16
Electronic Transfer	\$4,875.00
Weekly Total	\$54,228.16
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$148,019.71

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Benlee Tan and Teo SA, who graduated last week from Singapore Bible College (SBC). Benlee Tan obtained a Master of Arts (Counselling) and Teo SA, a Master of Divinity (Biblical Studies).
2. Our deepest condolences to David & Cindy Ong and their children, Shervin, Shanley and Shannon on the Homegoing of David's mother, the late Mdm Poh Hoy, aged 84 years, on 9 May 2024. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
3. Pastor Dev is preaching at Emmanuel 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, 17 May

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 18 May

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf

Sun, 19 May

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

Pentecost & Ascension Sundays

19 May – Pentecost

Ps Ng Zhiwen (8.30am)

Mr Joel Khoo (10.30am & 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

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.

Reflections on Mother's Day

If you have been attending Zion Bishan for a while now, you will likely have felt the presence of the growing number of children within our premises. The scurrying of little feet across the sanctuary, excited voices shouting at the playground, screams and cries during a tantrum, and never far from them are their mothers or grandmothers. For most of us, this might be the traditional way in which we recognise motherhood.

A day like today, where Mothers are especially recognised and appreciated, can be a day of much joy, excitement and celebration for some. But for others, it reminds them of their aching pain in waiting, or profound sorrow in loss. As a church, we want to get better at acknowledging the breadth of women for whom the motherhood journey applies.

There are many women (single and married) in our church family who assume the role of spiritual parents like the apostle Paul (1 Thess 2:7-12, 1 Tim 1:2, 2 Tim 1:2, Titus 1:4). These women are spiritual mothers who pour themselves out into growing and maturing the next generation disciples of Christ to worship and follow Jesus faithfully. There are also women who are in a season of waiting and longing for children like Hannah (1 Samuel 1) and Rachel (Genesis 30:1), women in sorrow who grieve over the children they have lost (Luke 7:11-16) and women who have chosen to foster, adopt and support other families.

We want to recognise and honour all of these women, for their unique joys and faithfulness in their God-given work and responsibilities as mothers to earthly or spiritual children. We want to come alongside them, bearing their burdens and struggles, reminding them of the grace of God that empowers and sustains. We want to encourage them to grow even more deeply into their cross-bought identity that moulds and shapes all other identities and roles in this life, and guarantees our great hope for the next.

If you are a woman who desires to journey with others in this motherhood journey, Zion Bishan has a number of mum and women groups who meet to read the Bible and encourage one another in prayer and fellowship. If you would like more info about these groups or find support in the fellowship of other women, please contact our women's ministry staff, Ms Vanessa Lee (vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg) or Dns Debbo Lee (debbole@gmail.com).

Read on for some reflections from mothers in beautiful, unique, God-given circumstances.

Sister Janet Wang, on behalf of the Special Mum's group

A group of us meet monthly to share, encourage and pray as we parent our children with special needs. Through every trial, we journey together and celebrate the victories, knowing that we are not alone and God is with us. Over the years, we have experienced His presence and help in time of need during challenging seasons, and we hold fast to His promises that "it will all come to pass". Through the joys and heartaches of parenting,

I am reminded to treasure and nurture my relationship with my Heavenly Father, without whom we can do nothing. Through the ongoing challenges which we face I have grown to understand God's great love and patience for me and our loved ones. He is faithful and gives us the courage and strength for every trial (sometimes by sending His angels in the form of caring brethren at just the right moments). Hallelujah!!! To God be the glory!

Deaconess Cerintha Chia

In this era of increasing ungodliness, more and more young people are deceived into following the ways of 'Babylon'. If older people live godly lives, this can be a powerful influence on the young. The Bible has much to say about older people teaching younger people and Titus 2:3-5 specifically talks about how older women are to live and train younger women.

To me, spiritual mothering requires more than just teaching them God's word. It involves spending time with them, listening to those struggling with life's issues, discerning what their needs are and modeling godliness which inspires imitation. Truly caring for a younger woman means looking out for their relationship with Jesus: do they really understand the gospel of grace? Are they born-again and abiding in Christ? Please pray for our single women to recognise their roles as spiritual mothers and to desire to carry out that role well. Please also ask God to bless singles with spiritual children whom they can bond well with and may they blossom into true disciples of Christ and in turn care for them as they age.

Sister Rachelle Low

Motherhood is a funny one. One moment you're responsible for the life of few others' than yourself, the next you're having to figure out why your child is crying (is he still hungry after 3 bowls of rice or did he hurt himself jumping off the bed?) Motherhood is also full of excitement, but it is exhausting keeping up with a toddler #boymumthings. There is also the pressure to have it all together, but if we're honest, few of us really do. We are often anxious about the uncertainty of life - some friends in church will know that we suffered a miscarriage earlier this year, and my world was filled with darkness for a while after that.

But the beauty of being a Christian mother is knowing that the God who sees my unborn baby, her unformed substance, is the God who saw me before my days were formed for me (Psalms 139:16). Before being a mother, I am first a daughter of the Most High; before I knew how to turn to God, by grace I have been saved and made alive with Christ. (Eph 2:5). He loves me as I am because of who I am in Jesus, and there isn't a mistake that I make as a mother that can separate me from His deep love. As a younger mum with a young child, quiet time looks different this season. So please pray alongside for discipline and creative ways to be soaking in gospel truths about who Jesus is and my identity in Him. Practical help such as offering to babysit (for a few hours) if you're feeling brave will also be very much appreciated.

Announcements

Notice of Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) 2024

26 May, Sun, 1pm, In-Person

ACM 2024 will be held in-person in the Main Sanctuary.

The notice of ACM, reports and proxy form have been sent out on 12 May via email. Please email acmzion@zionbishan.org.sg if you have not received the details by 15 May. Please submit any questions or items for agenda you may have to Session latest by 19 May.

Please inform the church office if you will be overseas on that day. If you are unable to attend the ACM, you may **appoint a proxy to attend the meeting and vote on your behalf**. The proxy form and instructions on use are included in the ACM papers.

Parking in Church on Saturdays

Kindly note that the church car park will be closed on **Saturdays from 6pm onwards**. This is to facilitate the setting up of the safe driving lanes for Sundays. We seek your kind cooperation to refrain from parking in the church or remove your car during these restricted hours.