



# 1 Samuel 2:10

**THE LORD WILL JUDGE THE ENDS OF THE EARTH;  
HE WILL GIVE STRENGTH TO HIS KING AND  
EXALT THE HORN OF HIS ANOINTED.**

**ENGLISH SERVICES**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Doxology

Worship in Songs:

[ AM ]: Only a Holy God; You Are God Alone, From Everlasting (Psalm 90)

[ PM ]: Only a Holy God; Ancient of Days; Behold our God

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 3:19-4:22(ESV)

Message: The Glory is Gone

Response Hymn:

[ AM ]: Lord Have Mercy

[ PM ]: Shine into Our Night

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:

[zionbishan.org.sg/rf](http://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 [zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

**8.45am DHF 1A** in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *In-person in Room 106 & Zoom*

**8.45am DHF 2** (in Myanmar language) *In-person in Room 105 & Zoom*

**2.30pm DHF 3** (in Bahasa Indonesia) *via Zoom*

**8.45pm DHF 1B** (in English/Tagalog, for all nationalities) *only upon request, via Zoom*

### **Children/Youth Discipleship Classes**

Register interest: [zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd](http://zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

## Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

[zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts](http://zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts)

## Serving You Today

### **Speakers:**

Ps Danny Chua ( 8.30 & 10.30 am )

Ps Ng Zhiwen ( 4.30 pm )

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Lim Nan

*Worship Leader:* Dn John Chua

*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Music Team 2

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sam Ong

*Worship Leader:* Dn Mervyn Phan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* AM Music Team 2

### **4.30pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Peter Wang

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

*Vocalist & Musicians:* PM Music Team 2

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

|                                              |           |
|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor (1030)</i> | 9844 9536 |
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| Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>     | 8428 0525 |
| Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor (1030)</i>        | 9796 0196 |
| Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor (830)</i>           | 9092 6095 |
| Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Mandarin)</i>       | 9751 1897 |
| Rev Chris Rajendran, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>   | 9446 7416 |
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| Mr Timothy Ong, <i>Missions Education</i>    | 9271 5785 |
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| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i> |           |

### **Confidential Care & Counselling:**

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## **The Glory is Gone**

Ps Danny Chua

1 Samuel 3:19 - 4:22

### **Recap: Samuel the Prophet – God’s Word Returns... (3:19-4:1a)**

#### **1. God in a Box? The Ark of God... (4:1b-4)**

- Declares His **PRESENCE** among His sinful people (Lev. 16:2)
- Declares His **PARDON** – covenant mercy towards sinners (Deut. 10:1-5)
- Signals His leading and **POWER** to save from enemies (Numbers 10:35)
- Is *not some lucky charm* Israel can use to ‘blackmail’ the LORD of angel armies (v. 3-4)

#### **2. God’s Surprising Judgment... (4:5-18)**

- God marches out in battle... *But against His own wicked people* (v.5-11)
- God’s warning fulfilled – the Fall of House Eli (4:12-18)
- Eli: self-glory over Yahweh’s glory (4:18)

#### **3. God’s Glory Departs (4:19-22)**

- A historic failure, immortalized into song forever... (Psalm 78:56-66)

### **Reflection: When God’s Glory is Gone...**

#### **Discussion Questions**

1. What were one or two features in this narrative that caught your attention? Why?
2. Why was this Ark of the LORD so important to God’s people? Look through the other OT Scripture passages under point 1 above.
3. How do you feel as you read of how Israel treats the ark of God? *Why is it scary and dangerous when God’s people think we can manipulate God for our own purposes?*
4. Such a tragic account in Samuel is part of the “things that took place as examples for us, that we might not desire evil as Israel did” (1 Cor. 10:6). *How can we the church learn from this?*

## **The Glory is Gone**

1 Samuel 3:19 - 4:22

Background: An ear-tingling thing (3:11).

**Samuel and the word of the Lord** (3:19 – 4:1).

### **The Glory in Battle**

Beaten Once (4:1 – 2)

“Let us bring the ark” (4:3-5)

Reversal (4:6-11)

### **The Tragedy**

The Ark is Captured (4:11)

Eli Falls (4:12-18)

The Glory is Gone (4:19-22)

### **How could this happen?**

The LORD’s Point of View (Psalm 78:56-64)

A Problem of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ =  
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The Weight of Glory

### **The aftermath: Where is the Glory?**

Reflection Questions.

1. How serious was this defeat that Israel suffered under the Philistines?
2. Why did it happen? How might it have been different if God’s people honored His glory?
3. What does it mean for you to bear the glory of God today?
4. In the light of all that you have heard and reflected on, what would you ask of the LORD? Make it your prayer to Him.

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Children's Discipleship (March 2026)** - We pray in thanksgiving for our Children's Ministry and for every teacher, leader, parent, and child God has entrusted to us. As the AM CD is studying and reflecting the Easter message throughout the month of March, we pray that our hearts will be drawn to the cross and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. We pray that parents will walk closely with their children and nurture their faith both in church and at home. We pray that this Easter season will plant seeds of faith that bear lasting fruit for God's glory.

**Seniors Retreat** – Let us remember the 67 seniors at the retreat in Sabah (7-10 March). May the Lord keep them safe and healthy, so that all of them may have a refreshing time of spiritual rest in fellowship, and from the Word as Rev Dr Tan Soo-Inn speaks. Pray that through the retreat, they will be able to put into practice various practical and spiritual lessons on following Jesus in their senior years.

### **Our People**

**Doreen Mok** – Praise God that we are commissioning sister Doreen today at the Mandarin-English congregation's 11th anniversary service, as she is officially appointed to support the work of Urban Wheat Singapore. UWS is a missions organization that seeks to sow the seed of the gospel and see it multiply in key Asian cities. Pray that she will be diligent and wise in her work, and that we as her church will faithfully support her.

### **Our World**

**Middle East Conflict** – It has now been a week since coordinated military strikes between the United States, Israel and Iran (28 February 2026), marking a serious escalation in hostilities in the Middle East. Sadly, multiple reports indicate civilian harm and the loss of lives. Our ministry friends and partners in the region are praying for protection, peace and de-escalation. Let us join in with the global church to pray for peace for this region. May the saints of God be a light to the hurting and suffering in such darkness.

## Last Week

| Sunday Service               | Attendance  | Offering           |
|------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| English Service Livestream*  | 11          |                    |
| English Service 8.30am       | 230         | \$4,680.00         |
| English Service 10.30am      | 579         |                    |
| English Service 4.30pm       | 249         |                    |
| Chinese Service livestream*  | 5           |                    |
| Chinese Service 8.30am       | 77          | \$1,571.00         |
| Cant/Mand Service 10.45am    | 79          | \$464.00           |
| Mand/English Service 10.30am | 64          | \$1,128.00         |
| Hokkien Service              | 55          | \$1,114.00         |
| Tamil Service                | 14          | \$1,374.00         |
| DHF                          | 24          |                    |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>1387</b> | <b>\$10,331.00</b> |

*\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer \$146,125.64

**Weekly Total \$156,456.64**

*Weekly offering to meet budget for 2026/27: \$91,095*

### GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer \$12,735.00

**Weekly Total \$12,735.00**

**Total Gift Received To-Date \$6,084,520.60**

## Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Scuter & Raphaele on the birth of their firstborn daughter, Naomi Koo En Rong, on 28th Feb 2026!
2. Ps Zhi-Wen is preaching at Bedok Methodist Church this morning.

## A&A Schedule Update

**Mon (16 Mar) - Sat (21 Mar)** School Holiday Week  
- No access to Level 3 rooms for the resurfacing of corridor flooring. If you have booked a room during that week for meeting, please contact Lydia for an alternative venue.

## 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, 13 Mar

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Sat, 14 Mar

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sun, 15 Mar

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

## Connect With Us

Thank you for joining us today!

Should you be interested to find out more about Jesus, indicate your response at [bit.ly/ZBinterest](http://bit.ly/ZBinterest) and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

## 1 Samuel Series

### **15 Mar -- The Ark of the LORD**

( 1 Sam 5:1 – 7:2a )

*Ps Alby Yip ( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Ps Vernon Quek ( 4.30pm )*

### **22 Mar -- The LORD Delivers**

( 1 Sam 7:2 – 17 )

*Dr Quek Tze-Ming*

*( 8.30am & 10.30am )*

*Ps Dev Menon ( 4.30pm )*

### **“Come to me...” Jesus said**

How has the first two months of 2026 been for you? Chinese New Year is past and the grind of work, school and home life is probably everyone’s everyday experience.

This season is also the fasting month (Ram.adan) for our Mu.slim colleagues and friends and Lent (time before Easter in the Christian Calendar). In these seasons, what does Rest look like, what does it mean too? Rest is an important way for those fasting to conserve energy and last through the day without food or water. Rest is also important for those observing Lent to reflect and wait on the Lord as we remember his journey to the cross.

So what does Rest look like for you?

Someone recently mentioned to me that in this year of “Rest”, work has been the busiest in the first 2 months already. So how do we survive the weariness that so easily comes upon all of us?

This is what our Lord says to us.

*<sup>28</sup> “Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*  
(Matthew 11:28-30, NIV)

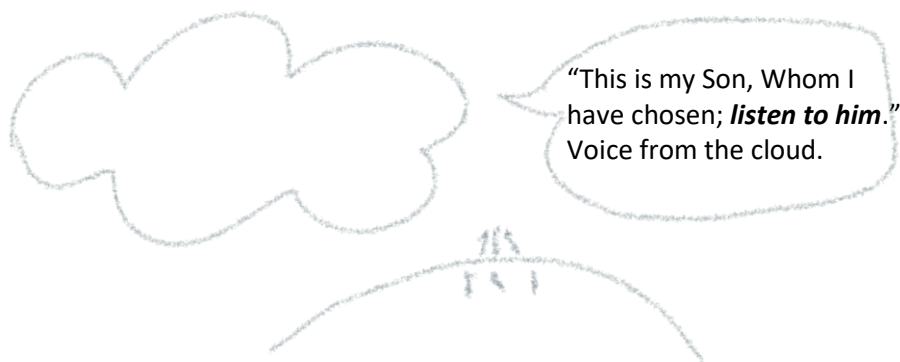
On 12 Feb 2026, I took a whole day with the 8.30 congregation’s shepherding team to go away from my home and workplace to a small house on the premises of Bethel Presbyterian Church – the home of the *Community for Spiritual Formation*.

It was before Lent and a good time for me to Rest in the LORD, through some guided spiritual exercises and a Bible passage to reflect on for the whole day.



That day's passage was from Luke 9:28-36 (NIV) on **Jesus' Transfiguration**, which is a big word, meaning, when Jesus was transformed into a glorious state (dazzling white clothes) along with the appearance of 2 prophets of old, Elijah and Moses before the disciples' eyes. It was a privilege as well as a challenge to reflect on that passage for hours.

But it was good to slow down. Not do housework. Not do work. Have the permission to rest or nap if I needed it. And just to BE with the Lord. The diagram below was my takeaway, to listen to God's chosen, beloved Son, Jesus. It was good. May you take time to go to Jesus, because in coming to listen to Him, you will find rest for your souls.



## Announcements

### Christianity Explored (CE) Table Hosts Recruitment

CE is a 7-week course that is designed to help others discover Jesus through the Gospel of Mark.

We're looking for communicant members who are keen to join us as volunteer Table Hosts!

The dates for training are **18 Mar, 25 Mar and 1 Apr, and debrief on 3 Jun.**

Sign up at <https://bit.ly/zbcehosts>  
or contact **Jen Wei**  
( [jenwei@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:jenwei@zionbishan.org.sg) )  
or **Melvin**  
( [melvin@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:melvin@zionbishan.org.sg) )  
for more info.

### Sabbath Rest Workshop by Ps Dev Menon

**14 Mar (Sat) 10am – 12pm**  
**Conference Room, Level 3**

Please sign up at:  
[www.zionbishan.org.sg/  
restworkshop14Mar](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/restworkshop14Mar)

### BPCIS Combined Good Friday Central Service 2026

The combined BPCIS Good Friday Service themed **The Cross of Golgotha** will be held on **3 April 2026** in Zion Bishan.

Zion Serangoon and Emmanuel BP Churches will worship together with us at ZB.

There will be two services at **8.30am & 10.30 am**. Holy Communion will be served.

Please note that the 1030am service is likely to be crowded. Do consider joining us at 830am.