



**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: Come Thou Fount; Hymn of the Saviour; A Debtor to Mercy Alone

PM: Hymn of the Saviour; He Has Done Great Things;

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 7 (ESV)

Message: Thus Far The LORD Has Helped Us...

Response Hymn: Lord Have Mercy

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

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

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

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp

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

zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Dr Quek Tze-Ming (8.30 & 10.30 am)

Ps Dev Menon (4.30 pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Timothy Ong

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

Vocalist & Musicians: AM Music Team 4

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Melvin Soo

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: PM Music Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor (1030)</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor (430)</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 (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
Rev Danny Chua, <i>Pastor (430)</i>	9239 4160
Preacher Choo Han Boo, <i>(Hokkien)</i>	9450 2789
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
Ms Elizabeth Hira, <i>Children's Min/DHF</i>	9239 0680
Mrs Sha.ron Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
Dr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Ministry Staff</i>	9060 8340
Mrs Jacqueline Ong, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	9322 7629
Mrs Vanessa Khoo, <i>Women's Ministry</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:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Thus Far The LORD Has Helped Us...

1 Samuel 7

Introduction

Preparing to see God's Help (7:1-6)

- 20 Years ... Did you miss him?
- Repentance: "If you are returning to the Lord with all your heart" — "Put away the foreign gods ... direct your heart to the LORD ... serve Him only" (vv. 3-4)
- Confession: Water poured, fasting, "we have sinned" (vv. 5-6)

Experiencing God's Help (7:7-11)

- But when the Philistines heard ... Danger! (v. 7)
- Lamb (vv. 9-10)
- Whose "hand" did the fighting (7:3, 8, 13, 14)?

Remembering God's Help (7:12-14)

- Ebenezer "Thus far the LORD has helped us": Rewriting the story (compare 4:1 with 7:12)

And Samuel Judged Israel ... (7:15-17)

- The leader Israel has ... (the leader Israel wants?)

Conclusion

- Israel's Problem was never (just) the Philistines ...
- God cannot be manipulated, but God responds with His helping hand ...

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. According to our text, what should God's people be like (in contrast to what they have been like in the previous chapters)?
2. Where might I be trying to "use" God? Have there been times when I subtly assume: "If I do this, God should do that?" How did that turn out?
3. What are some "idols" I need to put away to return to the LORD "with all my heart"? What competes for my ultimate trust or security (career path, financial stability, competence)?
4. A key word that recurs in our text is "hand" (7:3, 8, 13, 14). Dig up where the word occurs in the earlier chapters (5:4, 6, 7, 9, 11; 6:3, 5, 9). See also the related word "struck (with the hand)" (4:8; 5:12; 6:9, 19; 7:11). Try to tell the story of chapters 4-7 in terms of these "hands" (the LORD's, the Philistines's, Dagon's).
5. What past failure, disappointment, or regret still defines me? How might God be rewriting that as Ebenezer — a story of His help and not just my failure?

Thus Far The LORD Has Helped Us...

Ps Dev Menon

1 Samuel 7

1. The Ark Is Back, But God Is Not (v1–2)

The ark has returned. But God is still against them.

2. Return to the LORD with All Your Heart (v3–4)

After 20 years, Samuel calls the nation to genuine repentance.

3. God Fights for the Humble (v5–11)

Israel gathers to fast & confess sins. The Philistines attack. God thunders.

4. Thus Far the LORD Has Helped Us (v12–17)

Samuel sets up a stone and names it Ebenezer (Stone of Help).

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

1. Why was the loss and return of the Ark so significant for Israel's relationship with God? Is there an equivalent today?
2. How do we sometimes try to control or manipulate God in our own lives, and what does true reverence look like?
3. What idols or priorities might God be calling you to "put away" today in order to follow Him wholeheartedly?
4. In what ways does spiritual leadership (like Samuel's in Israel, or Christ in our lives) help us stay close to God and experience His victory?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ME Congregation 11th Anniversary

Thank God for leading ME congregation for the past eleven years.

Please pray for:

1. Strengthening of leadership and reframing of ministry strategies for the next generation.
2. The evangelistic HOPE Explored to be held at ME Service over 3 Sundays from 19 April to 3 May. Pray for good response to the invitations and for fruitful conversations on faith with guests who attend.

Ra.madan - This past Saturday, Mus.lims all around the world celebrated the conclusion of Ra.madan. Pray that the love and goodness of God will be felt by all in this community and beyond through the lives and testimonies of believers living among them.

Tuition Ministry - Thank God for bringing the ministry, leaders, tutors and kids through Term 1. Pray for God to grant the tutors wisdom and stamina for the rest of the year. Our ministry partner, Reach Family Service Centre, has recently referred more students to the ministry. Pray for more church members to step forward to serve.

Our World

Lebanon - As the Israel-USA-Iran conflict continues into its 3rd week, our partners there report a worsening humanitarian situation: more than 1 million people across the country have had to leave their homes because of war - living in tents or makeshift shelters along the streets under wet weather conditions too more recently. Thank God for this large church and other ministry partners that have been active in standing with the displaced, providing food, laundry and sleep-related needs. Pray for continued provision for those in crisis and strength and comfort ultimately from Christ for all who have been traumatised.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering
English Service Livestream*	8	
English Service 8.30am	217	\$427.30
English Service 10.30am	468	
English Service 4.30pm	231	
Chinese Service livestream*	12	
Chinese Service 8.30am	68	\$1,531.00
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	72	\$711.00
Mand/English Service 10.30am	43	\$927.00
Hokkien Service	65	\$1,187.00
Tamil Service	7	\$241.00
DHF	24	
TOTAL	1215	\$5,024.30

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer		\$70,317.34
Weekly Total		\$75,341.64

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

GENERAL PROJECTS FUND

Electronic Transfer		\$5,092.75
Weekly Total		\$5,092.75
Total Gift Received To-Date		\$6,088,484.90

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Sean & Joy, on the birth of their son, Jesse Teo, on 13 Mar 2026!
2. Our deepest condolences to brother Ho Wan Weng and family on the Homegoing of his mother, Mdm Mak Yeong, aged 89, on 18 Mar 2026. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
3. Ps Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.
4. Ps Dev is preaching at Galilee BP Church 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**

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Please provide your **CONTACT NUMBER** on each cheque

Looking Ahead

Fri, 27 Mar

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Sat, 28 Mar

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/yf

Sun, 29 Mar

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

Upcoming Sermons

29 Mar – Palm Sunday

Ps Ng Zhiwen

3 Apr – Good Friday: The CROSS of Golgotha

Ps Alby Yip (8.30am & 10.30am)

5 Apr – Resurrection Sunday

Dr Quek Tze-Ming

1 Samuel Series

12 Apr -- Rejecting the LORD's Kingship

(1 Sam 8:1-22)

Ps Alby Yip (8.30am & 10.30am)

Ps Danny Chua (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 and we will put someone in touch with you as soon as possible!

Children & the Church

Over the past weeks, Singapore's declining Total Fertility Rate (TFR) has once again become a subject of national debate. Conversations about why fewer couples are having children have been taking place. The Church across various social media platforms has also engaged with the issue:

Why should Christians even think about children? Does Scripture instruct us on this?

How should Christians think about children? What about all my worries and concerns about bringing children into this fallen world?

What about Christians among us who desire children but are wrestling with not being able to have children of their own?

As these questions flood my mind, I found myself strangely... Not looking for answers (some of which I may have already known and embraced from God's Word).

I found myself not really looking for arguments or counter-arguments for that matter, as I read emotionally-charged comments and responses online.

I found myself thinking of names, people, real faces of fellow believers in my life – Christians who pondered these issues.

I found myself remembering Christians who are still grappling with these questions, with no easy answers year after year.

I found myself thinking of so many brothers and sisters in our church family wrestling with God about all the sacrifices, pains, helplessness that can come with thinking about children, or family, or fertility.

I found myself recalling God's exhortation to us, when it comes to a huge issue like this, to "rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep." (Romans 12:15).

So, dear brother or sister, if you are someone who has been struggling through these questions, we hope to listen to you, sit with you, pray with you, even grief or lament with you.

Announcements

Christianity Explored (CE) Course

7 Wednesdays beginning **from 8 Apr, 7.30-9.30pm** at Zion Bishan BP Church

CE is a 7-week course designed to help people understand who Jesus is through Mark's Gospel, an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus.

Invite your friends to come with you and see why Jesus is the best news that one can ever receive. Dinner will be provided.

Interested participants can register at bit.ly/CEzionbishan or contact **Jen Wei (87992460)** or **Melvin (89765019)** for more info.

SENIORS360 Dim Sum Hour

Parkinson Talk
11 Apr (Sat) 10.15am, Fellowship Hall

Living with Parkinson's (PD) affects more than the body — it impacts independence, identity, & the aging experience.

Join us at the upcoming SENIORS360 event with **Parkinson Society Singapore**. Let's explore PD through an intergenerational lens, tapping on empathy, conversation, & human connection to enhance our PD awareness.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

Sign up by **7 Apr:**
<http://rebrand.ly/s360apr26>

Tuition Ministry

Looking for members and non-communicant members who are willing to serve as tutors. This is a meaningful outreach opportunity to children and youths.

You will provide tuition for Primary or Secondary school students, and sessions are held in church every **Thursday from 7pm to 9pm** during the school term.

If you feel led to serve, or would like to find out more, please contact **Dns Li Hwee** at **96727467**

BPCIS Combined Good Friday Central Service 2026

The combined BPCIS Good Friday Service themed **The Cross of Golgotha** will be held on **3 Apr 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 & 10.30am**. Holy Communion will be served.

Please note that the 10.30am service is likely to be crowded.
Do consider joining us at 8.30am.

Calling for volunteers for Good Friday service Holy Communion preparation. If interested, contact **Dns Grace Lee Xiao En (91736727)**

There will no longer be any annual Easter Sunrise Service at MacRitchie Reservoir, due to the latest government policies.

There will also be no Maundy Thursday service this year.