

Bethany IV ... 3 December 2017 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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Text: Psalm 8



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"A LITTLE LOWER THAN ANGELS"

A REFLECTION OF GOD AS CREATOR

David, the brilliant Psalmist, wrote a number of Psalms that are rightly called "Messianic." In Psalm 8, he reflected on God's creation.

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When I consider Your heavens,
The work of Your fingers,
The moon and the stars,
Which You have ordained. Psalm 8:3

His response to God's magnificent creation was carefully stated.

O LORD, our Lord,

How excellent is Your name in all the earth,

Who have set Your glory above the heavens. Psalm 8:1

- 1. Extolling the glory of God
 - a) David was enthralled
 - b) He stood in awe of God
- 2. The name of God
 - a) It was truly excellent
 - b) All creation stands in awe of the Creator

THE CREATION OF MAN

David then reflected on God's creation of man! David's view of man is correct! He refused to exalt man above his prescribed status!

What is man that You are mindful of him, And the son of man that You visit him? Psalm 8:4

- 1. Man is puny in the overall perspective of God's creation
- 2. Why should God even "visit him" at all?
- 3. Even the planet we call earth is miniscule in the perspective of the universe!
- 4. Sadly, man has an over-rated view of himself!

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GOD'S LOVE FOR MANKIND

There is no question of the fact that God loves mankind.

For You have made him a little lower than the angels, And You have crowned him with glory and honour.

Psalm 8:5

- 1. Man's ranking with reference to the angels of God He is much lower than the angels!
- 2. Crowned him with glory and honour
 - a) Man was blessed to be made in God's image
 - b) But man marred that Divine Image because of sin
- 3. Christ the Son of Man
 - a) He became Man
 - b) He suffered and died to redeem mankind
 - c) He was crowned with glory and honour
 - d) Redeemed mankind is described as "brethren" to the Lord Jesus Christ!

Let us stand in awe of the glorious salvation that God has planned for mankind!

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We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!





HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to His disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body." Matthew 26:26

The Cup

Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. For this is My blood of the new covenant." Matthew 26:27

Let us partake of the Lord's Supper with deep appreciation and affection!

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO OUR BRETHREN FROM BETHEL

We specially welcome Pastor Christopher Lai. He leads a team of young people from Bethel to attend the Youth Conference. Pastor Chris will also be teaching at the Youth Conference this week.

COMBINED WORSHIP

The Teens will be joining us for worship from today!



MEET THE SESSION

All Baptismal Candidates will be meeting with the Session today at 12.00nn.

CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

First Baptismal Service: 10 December 2017
Paedo-baptism

Second Baptismal Service: 17 December 2017 Adult Baptism

YOUTH CONFERENCE

3-7 DECEMBER 2017

The Youth Conference commences this evening!

- Let us pray for wonderful blessings of the Lord to be outpoured on all attending!
- 2. Let us pray for hearts to be touched
- 3. Let us pray for people to come to faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

May the Lord grant us His grace and strength to serve Him!



CHRISTMAS CANDLES

We will be lighting Christmas Candles starting on Advent Sunday (3 December 2017).

First Christmas Candle- "The Prophecy Candle"

We light the first Christmas Candle today!

- 1. Much of the Christmas Story involves prophecy
- 2. We celebrate our faith in the Prophetic Scriptures!
- 3. Christ Jesus came to fulfil these prophecies!
- 4. Our faith in the Lord is strong and secure!

Second Christmas Candle- "The Bethlehem Candle" (10 December 2017)

Third Christmas Candle- "The Shepherds Candle"

(17 December 2017)

Fourth Christmas Candle- "The Angels Candle"

(24 December 2017)

Let us look forward to the lighting of the Christmas Candles. May they bring inspiration to our hearts!



CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

9 DECEMBER 2017 TIME: 4.00PM

Let us pray for a wonderful time of worship and celebration! Plan to sign up today.

The Pastoral Team will be leading in a time of worship and celebration. Special items will be presented! Let us rejoice in the Lord Jesus Christ!

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

22-23 DECEMBER 2017
TIME: 8.00PM
VENUE: MAIN SANCTUARY

Theme: "Unto us a Son is given" Isaiah 9:6

Let us pray for the Lord's blessings on all involved in the Christmas Concert. There is much preparatory work to be done.

Plan to invite friends and relatives to attend the Christmas Concerts!



CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 DECEMBER 2017 10.30AM WORSHIP 12.30PM CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Plan to book your table as soon as possible. May the Lord bless as we seek to offer heartfelt worship! Let us look forward to a wonderful time of worship and celebration!

WORSHIP



Psalm 86:8

Among the gods there is none like You, O LORD; Nor are there any works like Your works.

- 1. The Faith of King David expressed
- 2. Faithfully confessing just One LORD
 "Hear, O Israel, the LORD your God, the LORD is one!" Deuteronomy 6:4
- 3. Fearfully appreciating the works of God
 There are no works greater than the mighty deeds of God recorded in the
 Scriptures!

Let us worship the Lord with a great sense of awe and adoration!

POETRY CORNER

BY HIMSELF PURGED OUR SINS

How Jesus spoke was noted by the Gospel writers carefully; He had always chosen to speak truth tenderly and lovingly! The last few words must be especially remembered with love; "This is My body broken for you!" Words from heaven above!

"This is My blood shed for many for the remission of sins;"
How the heart must be moved! These words are sad and grim!
How could He deal with the wicked sins of all mankind?
He has to open our eyes or we will remain spiritually blind!

Our sins need to be purged so that our hearts may be purified; Because of the guilt and penalty of our sins, Christ Jesus died! He Himself must take upon His shoulders the pain and sorrow; He has to purify us thoroughly or there will be no tomorrow!

It took none other than the Son of God to effectively purge our sins;
His hands and His feet had to be pierced that we may be cleansed within!
Our hearts must determine to walk closely with our precious Lord;
Then would His death not be in vain! We can come alive to God!

Inspiration: Hebrews 1:3 Charles Tan

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY, 3 December 2017

Psalm 40:7 I have come to do Your will

Then I said, "Behold, I come; In the scroll of the book it is written of Me."

- 1. This is another Messianic reference
- 2. This was quoted in Hebrews 10:5-7
- 3. This was cited as the words of the Lord Jesus Christ
- 4. This was how Jesus understood His life and ministry
 - a) His ministry was written in the Scriptures
 - b) He came to fulfil what was written
- 5. What a glorious example the Lord Jesus Christ has set for us!

NEXT SUNDAY, 10 December 2017

Psalm 68:18 You have led captivity captive

You have ascended on high; You have led captivity captive.

THEME: YOU ARE MY SON, TODAY I HAVE BEGOTTEN YOU

This Week @ Worship

– COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE — 10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

"Behold, I Come to do Your Will" Psalm 40; Hebrews 10

Chairman

Dr Tang Kong Choong

Speaker

Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist

Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist

Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter

Dr Jane Tan

— TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

— CHILDREN'S CHURCH —— 10.30 AM

Prophecy Candle: "And they shall call His name Immanuel" Matthew 1:23:Isaiah 7:14

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor Auditorium 3-1

Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Ms Camille George

— COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE —

NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

Breakfast: Pastor Mitch's Discipleship Class Fellowship Lunch: Mitch & Steph; Mark & Chen Kee

BETHANY CHURCH ACTIVITIES

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SER VICES				
Morning Worship Service		10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (PI – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)	Sun 10.30 am 4.00pm		Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual			Auditorium 4-2 & 4-3	4 th floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche		8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	I st floor
Beginners' Sunday School	A		Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School	Sun		Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Senior Sunday School I	1	8.30am	Fellowship Hall	I st floor
Senior Sunday School II	1		Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Senior Sunday School III	1		Prayer Room 4-1	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV	-	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor	
Special Needs Ministry	1		Auditorium 4-3	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
Youth Choir		5.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Evergreens	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
BIBLE STUDY				
Church Bible Study	Tue	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Home Bible Study	2 nd and	3.00 pm	-	-
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Mandarin Bible Study	Ist and	7.30 pm	4th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
	3 rd Fri			
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CATECHISM CLASS	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-2	4 th floor
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PRAYER MEETING	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	Z''' TIOOT
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I			Auditorium 2-I	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II	-		Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III	Sat 3.00 pm Auditorium 3-1 3rd floor		3rd floor	
Young Adults' Group			4 th floor	
Young Married Group			4th floor	
Adults' Ministry	-{ -{	4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4th floor
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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE 3 December 2017 Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing Pianist: Mr Gabriel Ou

Organist: Mrs Sally Tan

Century Praise 148 O Come, All Ye Faithful

Prelude

Call to Worship Dr Tang Kong Choong

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 118 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Century Praise 146 It Came Upon The Midnight Clear

Century Praise 143 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

"PREACH THE WORD"

Message: "Behold, I Come to do Your Will"

Text: Psalm 40; Hebrews 10 Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Hymn

Century Praise 328 Saviour, Like A Shepherd Lead Us

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

Century Praise 319 He Hideth My Soul

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 163 As With Gladness Men Of Old

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude

PASTORAL LETTE

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Charles Tan

3 December 2017

Dear Brethren,

COMMENCEMENT OF YOUTH CONFERENCE 2017

We commence the Youth Conference 2017 this evening. This has been much-missed for the last couple of years because of the A & A project. It is much-anticipated and the YC begins tonight.

THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH

The theme for the Youth Conference is taken from Paul's second letter to the Corinthians.

And since we have the same spirit of faith

"I believed and therefore I spoke,"

According to what is written,

We also believe and therefore speak. 2 Corinthians 4:13



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- 1. A quote from Psalm 116
 - a) The author was unknown
 - b) This Psalm was accepted as part of the Scriptures Thus, this was authoritative
- 2. I believed and therefore I spoke
 - a) This was the faith of the Psalmist
 - a) He had believed in God
 - a) Thus, he spoke as he did
 - a) He spoke of his trust in the Lord even in the face of death
- 3. Paul's spirit of faith
 - a) He did what the Psalmist did
 - a) Because he believed, thus he spoke
- 4. Application in the Youth Conference
 - a) We too believe and we speak of our faith in the Lord
 - a) We pray that many attending the YC will share the same faith

Prayerfully, Pastor Charlie



