

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 7 April 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday

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MEDITATION

☞ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☞

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Text: Jeremiah 23

“THE COUNSEL OF THE LORD”

ONE OF THE SPECIAL GIFTS FROM
GOD

One of the special gifts that God has given is the Word of God. The servant of God in the ancient days was the prophet. He was supposed to proclaim the Word of God.

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MEDITATION

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*"The prophet who has a dream,
Let him tell a dream;
And he who has My word,
Let him speak My word faithfully.
What is the chaff to the wheat?" says the LORD?*

*"Is not My word like a fire?" says the LORD,
"And like a hammer that breaks the rock in pieces?"
Jeremiah 23:28-29*

1. Various terms for the Word of God

- a) Holy words Jeremiah 23:9
- b) The counsel of the LORD Jeremiah 23:18
- c) My words Jeremiah 23:22, 28, 30

2. Apt comparisons of the Word of God

- a) Wheat Jeremiah 23:28
- b) Fire Jeremiah 23:29
- c) Hammer Jeremiah 23:29

THE TRUE SERVANTS OF GOD

The true servants of God were people like Jeremiah.

- 1. They were called by God Jeremiah 1
- 2. They were trained by God Jeremiah 1
- 3. They were sent by the Lord Jeremiah 1
- 4. They were deeply committed to the teaching of God's word

FALSE TEACHERS

They abound in every era. They were there in the days of the prophets. They were there in the days of the apostles. They are still around in our time

The following things are typical of these false prophets/ teachers.

- 1. They speak a vision of their own hearts Jeremiah 23:16

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2. They are not sent by the Lord yet they present themselves as servants of God Jeremiah 23:21
3. They prophesy lies Jeremiah 23:25
4. They speak from the deceits of their own heart Jeremiah 23:26
5. They steal words from others and proclaim them Jeremiah 23:30
6. They proclaim false dreams Jeremiah 23:32
7. They are reckless people Jeremiah 23:32

Let us seek to be faithful and true servants of God who proclaim the truth of the Word of the LORD! †

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

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! †

Welcome
to Bethany IV

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate The Lord's Supper today.

The Bread

And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the 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, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." Matthew 26:27-28

ANNOUNCEMENTS

MEET THE SESSION

All baptismal candidates will be meeting with the Session this Sunday.
Venue: Auditorium 4.01 | Time: 12.00nn †

EASTER 2019

Let us look forward to celebrating Easter meaningfully.

1. Palm Sunday

14 April 2019
Baptismal service

2. Maundy Thursday

18 April 2019
Holy Communion Service
8.00pm

3. Easter Concert

19 & 20 April 2019
8.00 pm

4. Easter Sunday

21 April 2019
Easter Lunch and Fellowship at Shangri La †

CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Joan Cheah on the demise of her grandmother who passed away on Saturday 30 March 2019. The late Mdm Ong Lian Huay was 104 years old.†

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRE-MARITAL COUNSELING

Monday, 8 April 2019

Time: 7.00 pm

PRAYER MEETING

Monday, 8 April 2019

Time: 8.00 pm

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday, 9 April 2019

Time: 8.00 pm †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT & TRUTH

Psalm 96:10

Say among the nations,
"The LORD reigns;
The world also is firmly established,
It shall not be moved;
He shall judge the peoples righteously."

1. A truth that needs to be proclaimed
"The LORD reigns"
2. Implications of this truth
 - a) The world is firmly established
 - b) It shall not be moved
 - c) He will judge the world righteously †

POEM #1

Holy Communion Poem

I WILL GATHER THE REMNANT OF THE FLOCK

Lovingly, the LORD makes reference to His sheep;
Shepherds had been entrusted the sheep to safely keep.
But the shepherds had failed in the task entrusted;
The heart of the LORD was deeply angered and stirred.

The LORD Himself would search for His flock that was driven away;
He spared no effort to search for all the sheep that had gone astray.
He would gather the remnant of His flock from all countries;
They will be brought back to the fold and fed most faithfully.

He would bless them so that they would be fruitful and multiply;
He would ensure that they would always have adequate supply.
He would give them good shepherds who would feed His flock;
Tenderly, He would care for them as the Great Shepherd of God.

The sheep would not need to be gripped by fear of predators;
They would not feel dismay for the Lord would be their Protector.
How wonderful to know this wonderful Shepherd of our souls;
He will fulfil His promises and He would make us truly whole.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Jeremiah 23:1-4

POEM #2

He Has Borne Our Griefs and Sorrows

A child has a fall and cries as the hurt assails;
But it is the parent's heart that breaks when he hears the child's wails.
And when serious illness befalls and a child has to suffer;
To his child, the parent would his own health unconditionally offer.

God had to mete out punishment because Man had turned to sin and vice;
Our sufferings would be unimaginable if not for Christ's sacrifice.
If the Father had not made provision for Jesus to bear our humiliation and our pain;
We would have perished and lived our lives in vain.

So now He carries our sorrows and our griefs;
Upon Him lay the chastisements for our peace.
From our transgressions He has made intercession;
In Him we can find eternal salvation.

In response, we need to become acutely aware;
That we are God's children and His heirs.
We need to acknowledge and appreciate this privilege we have been given;
And affection and adoration accord to our Father in Heaven.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Isaiah 53:1-6

POEM #3

Wells of Salvation

The most intrepid of explorers succumb to the blazing heat;
How he wishes for the cover of a great rock for his retreat.
So too the weary sailor fighting a tempest at sea;
How he wishes for a safe harbour to escape his calamity!

In life, we inevitably must have been accosted;
By tragic turns of events, or the evil nature of men manifested.
How much do we then long for cover and refuge,
As we fumble and stumble amidst such a deluge?

Yet amidst all the challenges and trepidation;
God is our help, from where we can draw water from the wells of salvation.
If only we would trust and not be afraid;
The Lord is our comfort, He is our shade.

Let the privileged who have tasted the Lord's goodness;
Be His witnesses to those still searching in the wilderness.
May we be the "rivers of water in a dry place";
To be that life-line to bring hope to those who are still lost in Life's maze.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Isaiah 12:1-5; 32:2

POEM #4

Discipline To Wait On The Lord

What are my first thoughts as I wake up from sleep each day?
What do I think about when retiring at night; do I even pray?
The challenge to start and end the day with the Lord is ever so real,
Yet distractions and problems come along – these I often choose to deal.

Dealing with issues and matters in life is far from the wrong;
Yet while doing so, we forget to seek God in prayer and song!
Oh there's so much more that I need to do to involve Him twenty four seven,
And to wait on the Lord for His answers to prayers; to look up toward heaven!

What discipline does it take for us to wait on our Lord?
The Scriptures teach us to learn and to “behold our God”.
Salvation from sin and acceptance of Christ is never the end of the road for us;
There's much of God's plan for us that will be revealed and will come to pass.

I am challenged to do better in learning to wait on the Lord my King,
His will I must always discern, His word to read, and His songs to sing.
Teach me, Lord to find that consistency in my everyday life;
A changed attitude I must have, toward a stronger faith I must strive!

Tang Hong Wee

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 7 APRIL 2019

TEXT: ISAIAH 41:8 BUT YOU, ISRAEL, ARE MY SERVANT

But you, Israel, are My servant,

Jacob whom I have chosen, the descendants of Abraham, My friend.

1. Israel's privilege

To be God's servant

2. Jacob

a) When this name is employed it is a reflection of Israel in sin and error

b) Yet in all its weaknesses God has still chosen Israel (Jacob)

2. The descendants of Abraham

a) God saw Israel as the descendants of Abraham

b) And as he was God's friend so He was kindly disposed to erring Israel

c) He will continue to teach and guide the nation

NEXT SUNDAY: 14 APRIL 2019

TEXT: ISAIAH 43:10 MY SERVANT WHOM I HAVE CHOSEN

"You are My witnesses," says the LORD,

"And My servant whom I have chosen,

That you may know and believe Me,

And understand that I am He.

Before Me there was no god formed,

Nor shall there be after Me."†

THEME : BEHOLD, MY SERVANT

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY
"Who is blind but My servant?"
Isaiah 42:18-20

Chairman
Rev Mark Tan
Student-Pastor C.
Simon Nagaraj

Speaker
Rev Dr Charles Tan

Pianist
Mrs Esther Ang

Organist
Mrs Sally Tan

Interpreter
Mr Alex Tan

— **TEENS' WORSHIP SERVICE** —

NO TEENS WORSHIP SERVICE

CHILDREN'S CHURCH
10.30 AM

"A King who cares for the lost "
Luke 19:1-9

CC I: P1—P3
3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

Speaker
Mrs Joanne Tan

CC II: P4—P6
4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker
Miss Camille George

**EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast : Andrew & Hwei Li
Fellowship Lunch : Ee Lin & Kian; Yeong Seng & Helen

Bethany Church Activities

	Day	Time	Venue	Location
WORSHIP SERVICES				
Morning Worship Service	Sun	10.30 am	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Children's Worship I (P1 – P3)			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Children's Worship II (P4 – P6)			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Teens' Worship Service			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Combined Evening-Bilingual		4.00pm	Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 th floor
SUNDAY SCHOOL				
Crèche	Sun	8.30am 10.30am	Green Turf	1 st floor
Beginners' Sunday School		8.30am	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Junior Sunday School I			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Junior Sunday School II			Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
Intermediate Sunday School			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Senior Sunday School I			Fellowship Hall	1 st floor
Senior Sunday School II			Main Sanctuary	2 nd floor
Senior Sunday School III			Prayer Room 4-1	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Special Needs Ministry			Auditorium 4-7	4 th floor
CHOIRS				
Singing Kakis	Thurs	8.00 pm	Auditorium 3-2	3 rd floor
One Voice	Sat	5.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	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 4 th Thurs	3.00 pm	-	-
Mandarin Bible Study	1 st and 3 rd Fri	7.30 pm	4 th Floor Auditorium	4 th floor
CATECHISM CLASS				
	Sun	1.00 pm	Auditorium 4-8	4 th floor
PRAYER MEETING				
	Mon	8.00 pm	Church Sanctuary	2 nd floor
FELLOWSHIP GROUPS				
Young People's Group I	Sat	3.00 pm	Auditorium 2-1	2 nd floor
Young People's Group II			Auditorium 3-8	3 rd floor
Young People's Group III			Auditorium 3-1	3 rd floor
Young Adults' Group			Auditorium 4-7 & 4-8	4 th floor
Young Married Group			Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor
Adults' Ministry		4.00 pm	Auditorium 4-1	4 th floor

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COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE
7 April 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing

Pianist : Mrs Esther Ang
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

HWC No. 518

The Longer I Serve Him

Prelude

Call to Worship

Rev Mark Tan
Student-Pastor C. Simon Nagaraj

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns

Century Praise 44

I Sing The Mighty Power Of God

Century Praise 354

Take My Life And Let It Be

VIP No. 269

Joy In Serving Jesus

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “Who is blind but My servant?”

Text : Isaiah 42:18-20

Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn

HWC No. 453

I Gave My Life For Thee

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn

HWC No. 445

Something For Thee

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn

HWC No. 443

Give Me Jesus

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

7 APRIL 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

THANK GOD FOR GRACE TO SERVE

Thank God for His grace and strength to serve Him. The Pastoral Conference in Myanmar went well. Thank you for praying alongside. Your prayer support is deeply appreciated. The Lord's grace was felt even more consciously than ever.

CELEBRATING PALM SUNDAY

Next Sunday we celebrate Palm Sunday. And on this Sunday we acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as King.

1. A prophesied Kingship

The Kingship of the Lord was actually prophesied

a) By the Psalmist

I have set My King on My holy hill of Zion *Psalm 2:6*

b) By Isaiah the prophet

*Of the increase of His government and peace
There will be no end,
Upon the throne of David and over His kingdom,
To order it and establish it with judgment and justice
From that time forward, and even forever.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.* *Isaiah 9:7*

c) By Zechariah the prophet

*Tell the daughter of Zion,
'Behold, your King is coming to you,
Lowly, and sitting on a donkey,
A colt, the foal of a donkey.'* *Matthew 21:5 (Zechariah 9:9)*

2. The fulfilment of prophecy

a) We celebrate the fulfilment of ancient prophecies

b) We celebrate the Lord Jesus as the King prophesied in the Scriptures

RENEWAL AND REJOICING OF OUR SOUL

Let us seek and find renewal of our souls as we celebrate Palm Sunday! Let there be great joy as we celebrate Palm Sunday.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*