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And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 1 December 2019 ... Holy Communion Sunday!

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MEDITATION

☪ REV DR CHARLES TAN ☪

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Text: Isaiah 6

“THE WHOLE EARTH IS FULL OF HIS GLORY”

A SPECIAL GLIMPSE OF THE GLORY OF GOD

Isaiah was privileged to be given a glimpse of the glory of God. He had a vision of the LORD sitting on a heavenly throne. He also heard angels crying out:

MEDITATION

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*"Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
The whole earth is full of His glory." Isaiah 6:3*

1. The words of the angels who attended to the LORD
 - a) They proclaimed the holiness of the LORD of hosts
 - b) They further declared that the whole earth is full of His glory
2. Why then can we not see the glory of the LORD?
 - a) Isaiah had not seen God's glory before this manifestation
 - b) He might be serving as a prophet but he had not seen God's glory before
 - c) That would certainly affect his ministry for the Lord

WHAT IS NEEDED TO SEE THE GLORY OF THE LORD?

Isaiah's response to seeing the glory of God gives us a clue as to why we cannot easily see the glory of the LORD.

*"Woe is me, for I am undone!
Because I am a man of unclean lips,
And I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips;
For my eyes have seen the King,
The LORD of hosts."
Isaiah 6:5*

1. Sin and iniquity will hinder us greatly
2. Confession is sorely needed
3. The problem of sin must be addressed
4. The prophet Isaiah realized just how terribly sinful he was before a perfectly holy God

THANK GOD FOR CLEANSING

The Lord sent an angel to symbolically show Isaiah that his sin problem had been dealt with effectively.

1. An angel brought a live coal from heaven
2. It was applied to the lips of Isaiah
3. He had been cleansed

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APPRECIATING THE GLORY OF THE LORD

Isaiah was now able to understand and appreciate the Lord far better. He was now ready to be sent forth as a servant of the Lord.

This is what we need to seek as well. Let us seek cleansing from the Lord God. Let us desire and determine to serve the Lord with a cleansed heart and mind! †

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 refreshed and uplifted through worship and fellowship! †

*Welcome
to Bethany IV*

HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

We will be partaking of Holy Communion today. Those who have been baptized/confirmed may partake of The Lord's Supper.

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 †

MEET THE SESSION

All baptismal candidates will be meeting with the Session Members today:

Time: 1.00pm | Venue: Auditorium 4.07 †

ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2019

It commences this evening! Let us pray for the Lord's blessings to be bestowed.

A WARM WELCOME TO ALL ATTENDING THE YOUTH CONFERENCE

1. Especially our brethren from overseas
 - a) Pastor Christopher Lai and his team from Bethel
 - b) Pastor Benson from Kenya
 - c) Our Korean brethren

 2. And to all who are newcomers to our Youth Conference
 - a) May the heart be open to the word of the Lord!
 - b) May hearts be refreshed! †
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CHRISTMAS CANDLES

There are four Candles that we light before Christmas. Candles from the ancient past remind us of the need for light! Enlightenment of the heart and mind will help us see the glory of the Lord as we celebrate Christmas!

1. THE PROPHECY CANDLE

1 December 2019

2. THE BETHLEHEM CANDLE

8 December 2019

3. THE SHEPHERDS' CANDLE

15 December 2019

4. THE ANGELS' CANDLE

22 December 2019

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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THE FIRST CANDLE "THE PROPHECY CANDLE"

1. Our celebration of Christmas includes the celebration of the word of God!
2. The prophets proclaimed the birth of a Saviour hundreds of years before Christ Jesus was born!
3. We celebrate the Lord's gift of the Scriptures at Christmas!

May we treasure the gift of the Lord's word! †

CHRISTMAS CAROLLING

Saturday, 7 December 2019 Time: 4.00pm

Plan to register today. This is the last Sunday to register.

CHRISTMAS BAPTISMAL SERVICES

8 and 15 December 2019

1. Paedo-baptism
2. Adult baptism
3. Transference of membership

There is so much to rejoice in, as we see the work that God is doing in the hearts of all who are seeking baptism.

CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI LA

25 December 2019

Plan to book your table as soon as possible! Let us look forward to climaxing the Christmas season with a Christmas service and fellowship Lunch at Shangri La. †

CONGRATULATIONS

Heartfelt congratulations to Jaryll and Jessica on the occasion of their wedding on 30 November 2019. May the Lord continue to bless wonderfully! †

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 104:10-13

*¹⁰ He sends the springs into the valleys;
They flow among the hills.*

*¹¹ They give drink to every beast of the field;
The wild donkeys quench their thirst.*

*¹² By them the birds of the heavens have their home;
They sing among the branches.*

*¹³ He waters the hills from His upper chambers;
The earth is satisfied with the fruit of Your works.*

1. The supply of fresh water on earth
 - a) Springs in the valley
 - b) Rain in the hills
2. The beneficiaries
 - a) Every beast of the field
 - b) All the birds of heaven
 - c) The earth is satisfied
3. The glory of God
 - a) His glory is well-displayed on the earth
 - b) God's care for the earth reflects His wondrous glory †

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 1 DECEMBER 2019

TEXT: PSALM 105:3 GLORY IN HIS HOLY NAME

Glory in His holy name;

Let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the LORD.

1. Giving glory to God's name
 - a) This is what we must always seek to do
 - b) This should be a natural outflow from our heart
2. Rejoicing with all our heart
 - a) Those who seek the Lord will be able to do this
 - b) May the spirit of rejoicing always be strong

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 DECEMBER 2019

TEXT: LUKE 2:9

THE GLORY OF THE LORD SHONE AROUND THEM

And behold, an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were greatly afraid. †

THE GLORY OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(For Holy Communion)

We have partaken of the Lord's Supper many times;
Wherein is the Glory? Or have we been terribly blind?
The Glory lies in the very invitation from the Lord;
How blessed to be able to draw near to our God!

The Glory lies in the words that Jesus uttered;
His teachings are so deep. Have they mattered?
Imagine simple bread representing His holy Body;
To partake of the bread is surely to taste Glory.

The Glory lies in the cup that Jesus blesses;
Have we understood? We stand in His righteousness!
How wonderful to be cleansed from deepest sin;
There is Glory to be experienced deep within.

The Glory of the Lord's Supper lies in our Communion;
Through faith in the Lord Jesus we have true union.
We are reconciled with the Lord and we are fully restored;
There is no wall between us but instead there is one accord.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Matthew 26:26-27 †

A Heightened Consciousness of God's Glory

We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries for good reasons,
As they remind us of the blessings we have received over the seasons.
It is easy to thank God and praise Him for good health and material satisfaction;
The glory of God is surely seen in His protection and bountiful provision.

But we also remember times of pain and loss when we suffer;
When our hearts are broken and our faiths falter.
Times like these make it hard for praise and feelings of thanksgiving to garner;
"How can God's glory even be present in such dreadful times?" We wonder.

Yet, let us reflect on the countless times we have managed to recover;
From brokenness and abject surrender we have emerged even stronger.
The faith and resilience of God's people serve as great testimonies for all the
world to see;
Surely this is no less a manifestation of God's glory!

It takes a heightened awareness to be sensitive to God's spirit within us;
God's glory only seems "absent" because of our inability to trust!
Let us be humble and never abandon our sense of wonder,
To be continually awed by God's glory in all its magnificence and splendour.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Ezekiel 1 ✨

Seek My Face

"Seek My Face" the Lord says;
Seek not only for answers to prayers simply.
"Seek My Face" the Lord says;
An honour, an invitation to accept with humility.

"Your Face, Lord, we shall seek,"
With unwavering devotion of our hearts.
Through Your Son, our Saviour, gentle and meek
For a lasting significant relationship, not one in fits and starts.

"Do not hide Your Face from us,"
When we are errant in our ways.
Remember that we are made of dust,
Not of strong frame and can be easily swayed

Let your presence be with us
Stiff necked people though we are, O God!
Forgive us for our sins that we confess,
As we seek Your Face, O Lord!

Jessie Quek
(Inspiration : Psalm 27:8, Exodus 34:8) †

THE APPEARANCE OF THE LIKENESS OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD

*How may we learn to appreciate the glory of the Lord?
We can learn from Ezekiel, a prophet who saw visions of God.
Every detail was remembered and carefully captured,
For it was an awesome experience he deeply treasured.*

*Ezekiel saw living creatures who moved powerfully,
There was lightning and fire which burned brightly.
He saw not just the external for God had awakened his senses,
He perceived the Spirit of God working behind the appearances.*

*What did Ezekiel understand as he beheld God's glory?
He knew God wants to communicate with His people personally.
The Lord speaks to our hearts and gives His Word expressly,
His hand is always with us and He watches over us lovingly.*

*When we fail to appreciate His glory, we waste an opportunity,
The Lord could hide Himself and we would not know Him truly.
Let us pray for the Lord to awake our senses so that we can see,
May we sense His Spirit and find our lives enriched greatly!*

*Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Ezekiel 1 †*

THEME : THE GLORY OF THE LORD

THIS WEEK @ WORSHIP

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

10.30 AM . CHURCH SANCTUARY

“The whole earth is full of His glory”
Isaiah 6

Chairmen

Rev Mark Tan
Rev Mitchell Tan

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

“Immanuel: God with us”
Matthew 1:23

CC I: P1—P3

3rd Floor
Auditorium 3-1

CC II: P4—P6

4th Floor
Auditorium 4-1

Speaker

Mrs Joanne Tan

Speaker

Ms Camille George

EVENING-BILINGUAL WORSHIP SERVICE

**NO COMBINED EVENING-BILINGUAL
WORSHIP SERVICE**

Breakfast: Pastor Mitch's Discipleship Class
Fellowship Lunch: Elvin & Pat Ho; Mark and Mitch

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	
Evening-Bilingual Worship Service		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 4-1	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 4-3	4 th floor
Senior Sunday School IV			Fellowship Hall	1 st 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
1 December 2019
Order of Worship

PREPARATION

Pre-Worship Singing *Pianist : Mr Gabriel Ou*
Organist : Mrs Sally Tan

Century Praise 119 O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Prelude

Call to Worship *Rev Mark Tan*
Rev Mitchell Tan

Invocation

PRAISE

Hymns
Century Praise 139 Joy To The World
Century Praise 157 Angels We Have Heard On High
Century Praise 143 Good Christian Men, Rejoice

PRAYER

Pastoral Prayer

“PREACH THE WORD”

Message: “The whole earth is full of His glory”
Text : Isaiah 6
Speaker: Rev Dr Charles Tan

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Hymn
Century Praise 190 Lead Me To Calvary

Partaking of the Bread

Hymn
HWC No.168 Who Is He In Yonder Stall?

Partaking of the Cup

RESPONSE

Offering

Hymn
HWC No. 170 One Day

Prayerful Meditation

Benediction

Postlude



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PASTORAL LETTER

1 DECEMBER 2019

SENIOR PASTOR : REV DR CHARLES TAN

Dear Brethren,

YOUTH CONFERENCE WEEK

We commence the Youth Conference this evening. The Youth Conference is the highlight of the Youth Ministry in Bethany.

1. Preparation

- a) Thank God for the Planning Committee
- b) They have worked very hard to plan for the Youth Conference

2. Prayer

- a) Let us not take for granted the Lord's blessings
- b) Let us humbly pray much for all attending the Youth Conference
- c) May the hearts of the young people be blessed wonderfully!

3. Program

a) Much time would be devoted to the studying of the Scriptures
We seek to encourage all to set aside time to read the Bible meaningfully

- i) The Scriptures can bring much enlightenment
 - ii) They can also bring about positive and much-needed change in life
- b) Time would also be set aside for good fellowship
- i) Fellowship is so good for the soul
 - ii) Friendships that are sound and solid may be developed too

4. Profound glory may be found

- a) The Lord's Presence must be sensed
- b) His power will enable us to have a successful Youth Conference
- c) His promises in the Scriptures encourage us to serve faithfully and well

Let us rejoice much in the Lord as the Youth Conference commences this evening.

*Prayerfully,
Pastor Charlie*