

# Youth Worship

BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.*

## WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

We thank you for choosing to worship with us this afternoon. May our hearts be refreshed and our faith be enriched as the LORD reveals His precious Truths to us!



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## I WILL REJOICE IN YOUR SALVATION

Hateful enemies threatened to assail and assault King David. Trouble surrounded him and his life was at stake. What could he do in such dire and distressing circumstances? A plea for the LORD's mercy was most vital!

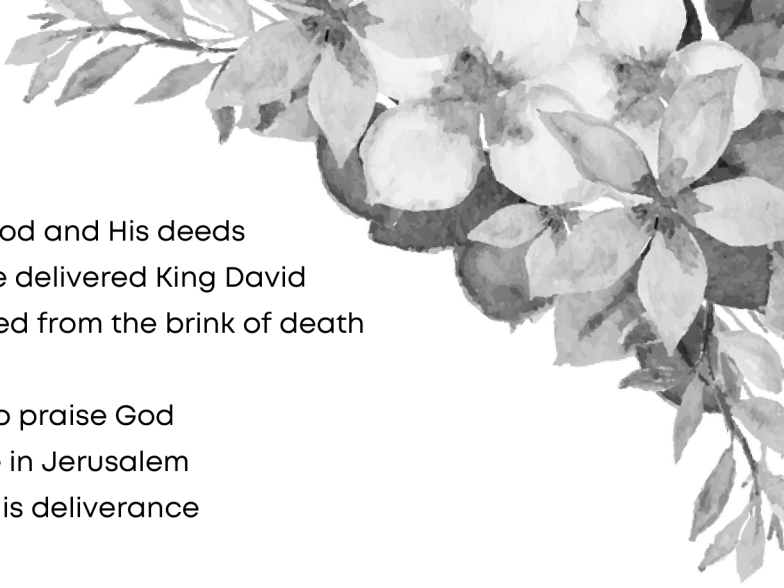
**13** Have mercy on me, O LORD!

Consider my trouble from those who hate me,  
You who lift me up from the gates of death,

**14** That I may tell of all Your praise  
In the gates of the daughter of Zion.  
I will rejoice in Your salvation.

**PSALM 9:13-14**

1. Present circumstances
  - a. There were enemies who hated King David
  - b. They brought him trouble
2. Pleading for God's mercy
  - a. God's mercy cannot be presumed upon
  - b. This had to be sought for in earnest

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3. Remembering God and His deeds
    - a. God had once delivered King David
    - b. He was rescued from the brink of death
  4. Determination to praise God
    - a. To give praise in Jerusalem
    - b. To rejoice in His deliverance

### **SEEKING THE LORD'S MERCY**

It matters to the LORD the manner in which we pray. Prayer is never vain repetition of words. Neither do we assume that God is obliged to answer our prayers.

A better way to pray is to humbly seek the mercy of God. While the LORD is gracious and patient, it is His prerogative to extend His mercy towards us. Let us pause to remember God's abundant grace in His deeds of deliverance and answered prayers. Let us be encouraged to cultivate a meaningful and deeper prayer relationship with the LORD!

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

21 OCTOBER 2023

### Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

### Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Song Leading

1. Only A Holy God

Ong Yanning

2. There is One Gospel

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

### Scripture Reading:

Exodus 12:29-51

Bethany Toong, Laura Chan,

Tessa Kang and Chloe Tang

### Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

### Message:

"The LORD brought out the children  
of Israel"

Pastor Charles Tan

Text: Exodus 12:51

### Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

### Offering

### Postlude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

# MY NOTES

21 OCTOBER 2023

**“THE LORD BROUGHT OUT  
THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL”**

EXODUS 12:51

# WORSHIP SONGS

## *Only A Holy God*

By City Alight

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven?  
Who else could make ev'ry king bow down?  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles?  
Only a Holy God.

What other beauty demands such praises?  
What other splendour outshines the sun?  
What other majesty rules with justice?  
Only a Holy God.

### **Chorus:**

Come and behold Him,  
The One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing Holy,  
Forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.

What other glory consumes like fire?  
What other power can raise the dead?  
What other name remains undefeated?  
Only a Holy God.

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**Chorus:**

Come and behold Him,  
The One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing Holy,  
Forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.

Who else could rescue me from my failing?  
Who else would offer His only Son?  
Who else invites me to call Him Father?  
Only a Holy God.

**Chorus:**

Come and behold Him,  
The One and the Only.  
Cry out, sing Holy,  
Forever a Holy God.  
Come and worship the Holy God.

(end)

# There is One Gospel

By City Alight

There is one Gospel on which I stand  
For all eternity.

It is my story, my Father's plan,  
The Son has rescued me.

Oh, what a Gospel, Oh what a peace.  
My highest joy and my deepest need.  
Now and forever, He is my light.  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel to which I cling,  
All else I count as loss.  
For there, where justice and mercy meet,  
He saved me on the cross.

No more I boast in what I can bring,  
No more I carry the weight of sin.  
For He has brought me from death to life.  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

There is one Gospel where hope is found,  
The empty tomb still speaks.  
For death could not keep my Saviour down,  
He lives and I am free.

Now on my Saviour, I fix my eyes,  
My life is His and His hope is mine.  
For He has promised I too, will rise.  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

And in this Gospel, the church is one,  
We do not walk alone.  
We have His Spirit as we press on  
To lead us safely home.

And when in glory still I will sing  
Of this old story that rescued me.  
Praise to my Saviour, the King of life.  
I stand in the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

(end)



# REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

Let us review what we have learnt at our last Youth Worship!

## **YWS MESSAGE - 14 OCTOBER 2023**

### **“AN EVERLASTING ORDINANCE”**

#### **EXODUS 12:14**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

1. What is an “ordinance?”
  - a. It is essentially “an authoritative order”
  - b. God gave a Divine Ordinance for the children of Israel
2. The Passover would be celebrated as a Divine Ordinance
  - a. The Blood would be a sign
  - b. But this act need not be repeated ever again

#### **THE ISSUE OF A DIVINE ORDINANCE**

‘So this day shall be to you a memorial; and you shall keep it as a feast to the LORD throughout your generations. You shall keep it as a feast by an everlasting ordinance.

Exodus 12:14

1. A Memorial
2. A Feast
  - a. To be kept
  - b. Throughout all generations
3. An everlasting ordinance
  - a. This came from the LORD
  - b. This was a command given to Moses for the children of Israel

## THE FEAST OF UNLEAVENED BREAD

**15** Seven days you shall eat unleavened bread. On the first day you shall remove leaven from your houses. For whoever eats leavened bread from the first day until the seventh day, that person shall be cut off from Israel.

**16** On the first day *there shall be* a holy convocation, and on the seventh day there shall be a holy convocation for you. No manner of work shall be done on them; but *that* which everyone must eat—that only may be prepared by you.

**17** So you shall observe the *Feast of Unleavened Bread*, for on this same day I will have brought your armies out of the land of Egypt. Therefore you shall observe this day throughout your generations as an everlasting ordinance.

**18** In the first *month*, on the fourteenth day of the month at evening, you shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month at evening.

**19** For seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses, since whoever eats what is leavened, that same person shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether *he* is a stranger or a native of the land.

**20** You shall eat nothing leavened; in all your dwellings you shall eat unleavened bread.' "

Exodus 12:15-20

1. There is the Passover Feast
  - a. Slaying of the lamb
  - b. Partaking of the lamb

2. There is the Feast of Unleavened Bread  
(The Focus here is the Feast of Unleavened Bread)

3. What is Unleavened Bread?

a. Leaven is Yeast

- i. In normal circumstances yeast is used to make the bread rise
- ii. It is not wrong to partake of yeast in normal times
- iii. This was a historic moment for Israel

b. No yeast in the making of Unleavened Bread

- i. Israel was to leave Egypt immediately
- ii. There would be no time to wait for the yeast to ferment in the dough
- iii. Thus, only Unleavened Bread is possible
- iv. The Unleavened Bread is to commemorate the time of leaving Egypt

4. All leaven must be removed from the house

a. Leaven represents impurity

b. Purity is of great significance to the LORD

- i. God has given an Ordinance
- ii. His word must be obeyed
- iii. A pure heart is one that would obey God fully

5. For one week, only Unleavened Bread may be eaten

a. The people will gather for a holy convocation

b. They will gather for worship and fellowship

c. There will be great awareness of God

- i. His deeds
- ii. His command (ordinance)

## THE IMPENDING DEPARTURE FROM EGYPT

1. The children of Israel had been in Egypt for 400 years
2. They had become slaves of Egypt and had suffered much
3. Israel was not ready to depart from Egypt to go to the Promised Land

## INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN BY MOSES

**21** Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel and said to them, "Pick out and take lambs for yourselves according to your families, and kill the Passover *lamb*.

**22** And you shall take a bunch of hyssop, dip *it* in the blood that *is* in the basin, and strike the lintel and the two doorposts with the blood that *is* in the basin. And none of you shall go out of the door of his house until morning.

**23** For the LORD will pass through to strike the Egyptians; and when He sees the blood on the lintel and on the two doorposts, the LORD will pass over the door and not allow the destroyer to come into your houses to strike *you*.

**24** And you shall observe this thing as an ordinance for you and your sons forever.

**25** It will come to pass when you come to the land which the LORD will give you, just as He promised, that you shall keep this service.

**26** And it shall be, when your children say to you, 'What do you mean by this service?'

**27** that you shall say, 'It *is* the Passover sacrifice of the LORD, who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt when He struck the Egyptians and delivered our households.' " So the people bowed their heads and worshiped.

**28** Then the children of Israel went away and did *so*; just as the LORD had commanded Moses and Aaron, so they did.

Exodus 12:21-28

1. Moses called for all the elders of Israel
2. Clear instructions were given
  - a. A lamb was to be chosen and slain
  - b. Its blood was to be splashed on the lintel and doorposts
  - c. The children of Israel responded in worship
  - d. They obeyed the instructions given by Moses
3. God would pass over all Egypt
  - a. All houses that would not have the sign of blood would suffer the consequences of death of the firstborn son
  - b. All houses that had blood sprinkled would see their occupants spared and protected

## **LESSONS FOR US TO LEARN**

1. To appreciate the Lord's grace and mercy
2. His protection is to be especially treasured
3. The last plague was the most significant of all
  - a. It is to be kept as an Ordinance
  - b. The next generation must be taught about how God passed over Egypt and spared the children of Israel
  - c. The Ordinance of the Passover and Unleavened Bread is to be kept faithfully

# REFLECTIONS



## By Thaddeus Heng

In last week's lesson, Pastor went through the ordinances of the Passover and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. Although these divine ordinances were declared a long time ago, they are everlasting, and remain relevant to Israel even today. We also see how these ordinances take on a new meaning in the light of the Lord Jesus' death and resurrection.

### **The Passover ordinance given**

In Exodus 12, the Passover ordinance was given to the people of Israel by God. This service that was to be kept included the eating of unleavened bread on the night of the Passover, as well as the killing of the Passover lamb. There were instructions given for both the historic night itself, such as the spreading of the lamb's blood on the lintel and doorposts, as well as instructions for future Passovers that must be observed. By listening to the Lord's instructions, the lives of the firstborn Israelites were spared and the people of Israel were protected.

### **The Lamb of God in the context of the Passover**

In John 1:29, we read how John the Baptist declared the Lord Jesus as "The Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!" Just like how the Passover lamb was killed on the night of the Passover, and its blood was used to mark the Israelite households who were thus spared from God's judgment, the Lord Jesus is the Lamb of God whose blood was shed to save us, and redeem us from the judgment of God that comes upon all sinners. Through His sacrifice, there is remission of our sins (Matthew 26:28).



## Our response

As we see how the Lord passed over and through Israel, and prevented the destroyer from entering the Israelite homes, we are reminded that we are similarly kept by the Lord personally. Through the blood of the Lord Jesus applied on the lintel of our hearts, the destroyer cannot enter.

Having learnt the significance of the Lord's protection, I want to respond to His grace, and mercy by living well for Him with my life. I want to commit each day to the Lord, knowing that I have been given this new lease of life through the Lord's sacrifice. As the end of the year draws closer, I am starting to think about my commitments in JC next year. I can choose to join new CCAs, student council or participate in many programmes. But as I consider my commitments, I want to prioritise the time I have each week in church, to worship Him and study His Word. I am challenged to develop a stronger personal relationship with the Lord who has given Himself for me. Let us be challenged to live in gratitude, love and faith, and with a pure heart that obeys Him!



## *The Lord was with Joseph*

The siblings of Joseph had behaved wickedly;  
They had treated him most shamefully.  
Joseph was sold to some Midianite traders;  
In Egypt, he was bought by an Egyptian officer.

Joseph became a slave in Potiphar's home;  
But though he was a slave, he was not alone.  
The LORD was with Joseph and that made a difference;  
Joseph proved to be a slave of great significance.

To Potiphar, Joseph became a tremendous asset;  
The purchase of Joseph was done with no regret.  
The fortunes of Potiphar began to rise significantly;  
The Egyptian officer had become very wealthy.

The Presence of God resulted in great blessings;  
God blessed the work of Joseph in everything.  
Joseph's faith in the LORD was not in vain;  
The blessings that followed him were so plain!

Charles Tan  
Inspiration: Genesis 39:1-6



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## YOUTH CONFERENCE 2023

### DETAILS

**Dates:** 4 - 8 December 2023 (Monday - Friday)

**Venue:** Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

**Time:** 9:00am to 5:00pm (Monday-Thursday);  
9:00am to 8:00pm (Friday)

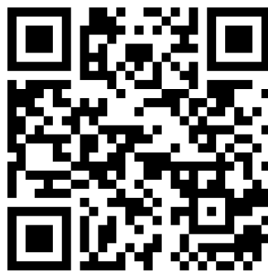
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aged 12 and above.



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For queries, contact  
Stanley Woo (8318 2930),  
or find us at the YC booth  
in the Fellowship Hall on  
Sundays!



# **YW NEWSLETTER**

## **(21 OCTOBER 2023)**

The deliverance of God bestowed upon His People is to be greatly treasured. In this issue, Asia Tan shares with us her renewed appreciation of the LORD's deliverance and power. May we be encouraged to cultivate a deeper trust in God who can help and deliver us from life's troubles!



# NEXT YWS



**28 OCTOBER 2023**

Message: "The LORD went before them"

Text: Exodus 13:21

God's faithfulness towards His people is unceasing and unchanging. Not only had He specially spared the lives of the Israelites from death in the final plague, He would also personally go before them and lead them to the Promised Land. Surely, the significance of God's protection and deliverance must not be forgotten! Lovingly, God commanded for all the firstborn to be consecrated to Him.

Find out more at Youth Worship next week!



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