

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!

As we conclude our last Youth Worship for the year, our hearts cannot but rejoice in the many precious and profound lessons that we have learnt through our study of the Scriptures. May these lessons stand us in good stead as we take time to review and apply them in our lives!



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ARISE, O LORD

The Psalmist concludes his meditation on a strong and heartfelt plea to the LORD to arise and judge the wicked nations.

19 Arise, O LORD,
Do not let man prevail;
Let the nations be judged in Your sight.
20 Put them in fear, O LORD,
That the nations may know themselves to be but men.

PSALM 9:19-20

1. The supremacy of the LORD
 - a. He is a Divine Judge
 - b. He sits enthroned above Psalm 9:4
 - c. He judges in Righteousness and Truth Psalm 9:8
 - d. He gives salvation to the poor and needy Psalm 9:18
2. The mortality of Man Psalm 9:20
 - a. Man is but mere dust of the earth
 - b. They will succumb to illnesses and death
3. The evil nations will not prevail
 - a. They will be severely judged for their wickedness Psalm 9:19
 - b. They will be in fear of the LORD Psalm 9:20

RECOGNISING OUR PLACE BEFORE THE LORD

While the LORD has every right to condemn evil,
He is also a Gracious and Merciful God who attends to
the prayers of the weak.

How then should we approach God? It is wise and beneficial for
us to appreciate afresh that we are only but mere mortals before the
LORD. The brevity of life must remind us that we are indeed formed
from the dust of the earth.

*"For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we are dust."*

PSALM 103:14

The frailty of Man is painfully obvious. It must humble us to
rely on the LORD's mercies and grace bestowed upon us
from Heaven above! Let us seek God in earnest and wait upon
His divine judgments. As His people, may we stand still and trust
in the Salvation of the LORD!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

11 NOVEMBER 2023

Prelude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Call to Worship

Pastor Charles Tan

Opening Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Song Leading

1. All I Have is Christ

Joel Tan

2. Lord of Reality

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

Scripture Reading:

Exodus 14:15-31

Chloe Tang, Tessa Kang,
Bethany Toong and Laura Chan

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Benjamin Quah

Message:

"Thus Israel saw the great work which
the Lord had done in Egypt"

Pastor Charles Tan

Text: Exodus 14:31

Closing Prayer

Pastor Charles Tan

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Elizabeth Poey

MY NOTES

11 NOVEMBER 2023

**“THUS ISRAEL SAW THE GREAT WORK
WHICH THE LORD HAD DONE IN EGYPT”**

EXODUS 14:31

All I Have is Christ

By Jordan Kauflin

I once was lost in darkest night,
Yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life
Had led me to the grave.

I had no hope that You would own,
A rebel to Your will;
And if You had not loved me first,
I would refuse You still.

But as I ran my hell-bound race,
Indifferent to the cost.
You looked upon my helpless state
And led me to the cross.

And I beheld God's love displayed:
You suffered in my place,
You bore the wrath reserved for me;
Now all I know is grace!



Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

Now, Lord, I would be Yours alone
And live so all might see
The strength to follow Your commands
Could never come from me.

Oh Father, use my ransomed life
In any way You choose
And let my song forever be:
My only boast is You.

Hallelujah! All I have is Christ!
Hallelujah! Jesus is my life!

(end)



Lord of Reality

By Tom Knighton

Lord of reality make me real.
Show me Thy mighty works, great pow'r to feel.
Impart Your love to me that I may be a person of reality

Lord God Almighty, take my hand, guide me on, let me stand.
Strong and mighty against the foe, Thy love in command.

Teach me Thy will , O Lord, teach me Thy ways.
Teach me to know Thy word, teach me to pray.
Help me to understand through you I see, the beauty of reality.

Lord God Almighty, take my hand, guide me on, let me stand.
Strong and mighty against the foe, Thy love in command.

Lord of reality, help me to know when others need of me, Your love to show.
When life is not my own, then I can be a person of reality.

Lord God Almighty, take my hand, guide me on, let me stand.
Strong and mighty against the foe, Thy love in command.

(end)



REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

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

YWS MESSAGE - 4 NOVEMBER 2023

“THE LORD WILL FIGHT FOR YOU”

EXODUS 14:14

INTRODUCTION

1. The Children of Israel had left Egypt
2. All that the LORD had said were being fulfilled
3. A warning about the Pharaoh was given
 - a. He would try and recapture the children of Israel
 - b. He would harm them if nothing else!

ESTABLISHING GOD'S LEADING

1 Now the LORD spoke to Moses, saying:

2 “Speak to the children of Israel, that they turn and camp before Pi Hahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, opposite Baal Zephon; you shall camp before it by the sea.

Exodus 24:1-2

1. God's Role in Egypt
 - a. This was obviously seen in Egypt
 - b. The 10 Plagues demonstrated the LORD's role

2. God's continuing Role

- a. Leaving Egypt
- b. Instructions to be given to Moses
- c. These were then communicated to the children of Israel

3. The Route to be taken

- a. To camp at Pi Hahiroth
- b. Between Migdol and the Red Sea
- c. Opposite the Baal Zephon
- d. Beside the Red Sea

THE PLANS OF PHARAOH MADE KNOWN

3 For Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, 'They *are* bewildered by the land; the wilderness has closed them in.'

4 Then I will harden Pharaoh's heart, so that he will pursue them; and I will gain honour over Pharaoh and over all his army, that the Egyptians may know that I *am* the LORD." And they did so.

Exodus 14:3-4

1. The Direction chosen by God

- a. This was criticised by the Pharaoh
- b. This route was not "ideal"
- c. To a military person, this route was wrong!
- d. It would seem to indicate that the children of Israel had been bewildered by the wilderness
- e. Who would plan an escape route that would lead to the Red Sea?

2. The Heart of the Pharaoh

- a. It was already hardened
- b. God would allow it to remain hardened
- c. Pharaoh would pursue the children of Israel

3. God would gain Honour
 - a. By conquering Pharaoh
 - b. By defeating his army
 - c. That the Egyptians may know that God is indeed the LORD

THE PLANS OF PHARAOH

5 Now it was told the king of Egypt that the people had fled, and the heart of Pharaoh and his servants was turned against the people; and they said, "Why have we done this, that we have let Israel go from serving us?"

6 So he made ready his chariot and took his people with him.

7 Also, he took six hundred choice chariots, and all the chariots of Egypt with captains over every one of them.

8 And the LORD hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued the children of Israel; and the children of Israel went out with boldness.

9 So the Egyptians pursued them, all the horses and chariots of Pharaoh, his horsemen and his army, and overtook them camping by the sea beside Pi Hahiroth, before Baal Zephon.

Exodus 14:5-9

1. Pharaoh planned a huge attack force
2. He mustered 600 choice chariots
3. He raised an army to support the chariots and the horsemen
4. They pursued the children of Israel and soon came very close

THE FEAR OF THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL

10 And when Pharaoh drew near, the children of Israel lifted their eyes, and behold, the Egyptians marched after them. So they were very afraid, and the children of Israel cried out to the Lord.

11 Then they said to Moses, “Because *there were* no graves in Egypt, have you taken us away to die in the wilderness? Why have you so dealt with us, to bring us up out of Egypt?

12 *Is* this not the word that we told you in Egypt, saying, ‘Let us alone that we may serve the Egyptians’? For *it would have been* better for us to serve the Egyptians than that we should die in the wilderness.”

13 And Moses said to the people, “Do not be afraid. Stand still, and see the salvation of the Lord, which He will accomplish for you today. For the Egyptians whom you see today, you shall see again no more forever.

14 The LORD will fight for you, and you shall hold your peace.”

Exodus 14:10-14

1. The children of Israel were greatly afraid
2. They cried out against Moses:
 - a. Heavy sarcasm
 - b. Bitterness
 - c. Fear
 - d. They had changed their mind again!

3. The Response of Moses

- a. A call to Courage
- b. A call to truly believe in God
- c. A call to see the salvation (deliverance) of God
- d. The LORD will fight for His people yet again

LESSONS FOR US TO PONDER OVER

- 1. God had demonstrated His power 10 times in Egypt
 - a. How much had been learned?
 - b. How much faith had been cultivated?
- 2. The Challenges of Life
 - a. They can be life-threatening
 - b. Can we hold fast to our faith in God?

REFLECTIONS

By Chloe Tang


One last encounter

After months of the study of Exodus, we finally read about the actual exodus of the children of Israel! In Exodus 14, we see how the children of Israel left Egypt and all that the LORD had said previously was coming to pass. But the children of Israel were still not out of the Egyptians' reach. They would encounter them one last time, on their way out into the wilderness.

They were very afraid

The Egyptians chased after the children of Israel, with their mighty forces, and choice warriors. From the perspective of the children of Israel, this must have been a terrifying sight. When the Egyptians drew near, the children of Israel were "very afraid", because of what was in front of them. They cried out against Moses, with sarcasm, bitterness, and fear. They had forgotten how the LORD had set them apart from the Egyptians during the plagues, when He specially preserved them. Even as they began their exodus, God still provided the pillar of cloud and fire.

Sometimes, we are like the children of Israel - we cannot look beyond our circumstances. In the present moment, they just seem like too much to handle, and we may feel that the circumstances are spiralling out of control. It could be assignments, difficult people in group work or at the



workplace, friendship issues, or family situations. And in those moments, we are prone to forgetting where the LORD fits into the picture. We do not remember how great the LORD is, and that He has control over all things. We forget about how the LORD has previously worked in our lives, and brought us through our previous challenges. Thus, we sometimes end up with a similar response of fear, toward these different challenges in our lives.

A response of faith

But Moses did not respond with fear. Instead, he responded to the children of Israel's cry, with eyes of faith and words of courage. He reminded the people of how the LORD is great, and that He would fight for them. He told them that God would deliver them and that the Egyptians would be vanquished. In the moment when the children of Israel were facing the Egyptians, it must have been hard to set aside the fear, and have faith that God would deliver them. But Moses was able to have this response of trusting God, showing how his faith had grown.

Similarly, whenever I go through things that cause me to fear, this Word calms and reassures me - that the LORD is with me and goes before me. While circumstances may seem tough, we can remember this precious truth - that we have nothing to fear, when the LORD fights for us. May we all be challenged to press on with a spirit of faith!

The Butler and the Baker

Two new people were thrown into jail;
The royal Butler and Baker had failed.
The future was uncertain but looked bleak;
To whom could they pray about their needs?

The Butler and the Baker had a dream each;
But the interpretation was out of their reach.
They turned to Joseph and told him their dreams;
Could they know what the dreams actually mean?

The Butler to his job would be fully reinstated;
But the Baker would be unfortunately executed.
The interpretations were fulfilled as explained;
That Joseph was forgotten was all too plain!

The LORD's Presence had made all the difference;
That Joseph must trust further was of importance.
The Future was not made clear at that point of time;
Faith in the LORD must become deep and sublime.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Genesis 40:1-23



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)

Fees: \$25.00

Payment method:

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Youth Conference 2023 is open to youths
aged 12 and above.



**Scan the QR code
to register!**

**For those aged 12, please sign up
via the hardcopy forms at the YC booth**

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



YOUTH CONFERENCE 2023
4-8 DECEMBER

PRE-CONFERENCE SPECIAL

Dates: 18 November 2023
& 25 November 2023 (Saturday)

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary
Time: 3.15pm-4.30pm

Hi Young People!

We hope you are excited for the upcoming Youth Conference.

As we prepare our hearts for camp, we will be having two Pre-Conference Special meetings. You can look forward to a time of singing and getting to know other campers. See you there!

Today marks the last Youth Worship for the year. We will be on recess till we resume in 2024.



Christmas Carolling 2023

So quickly, we will be celebrating Christmas in less than 2 months' time! Let us look forward to celebrating the salvation that God has given to us this Christmas!

Please register at the booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays if you'd like to attend.

DETAILS

Date: 9 December 2023, Saturday

Venue: Sanctuary

Time: 5.00pm

We will begin with a time of Worship in the main sanctuary (Level 2), followed by Dinner at Level 1.



CHRISTMAS AT SHANGRI-LA 2023



We will be having a special Christmas Service and Lunch on 25 December 2023.

Let us look forward to celebrating Christmas at Shangri-La once again.

Please plan to sign up early!

DETAILS

Date: 25 December 2023, Monday

Venue: Shangri-La

Time: 10.30am

Christmas Worship Service will commence at 10.30am, followed by Christmas Lunch.

Scan the QR code to register:



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