

BAPTISMAL WORSHIP SERVICE
17 MARCH 2024

*This is
My Story*

Now before the Feast of the Passover,
when Jesus knew that His hour had come
that He should depart from this world to the Father
having loved His own who were in the world
He loved them to the end.

John 13:1





THIS IS MY STORY

TESTIMONIES OF BRETHREN WHO WILL BE
RECEIVED INTO CHURCH MEMBERSHIP
ON 17 MARCH 2024

Paedo-Baptism

1. Aiden Muki Tan
(Son of Anthony & Evelyn)
2. Evan Tan Wen Kai
(Son of Jason & Joanne)
3. Hannah Leong Hui Qi
(Daughter of Will & Joanne)

Baptism

1. Lim Chin Hu
2. Jayden Poh Qun Tze
3. Nigel Tan Chongkai

Transference

1. Dennis Ong

To be baptized by:

Pastor Charles Tan

Pastor Charles Tan

Pastor Charles Tan

To be baptized by:

Pastor Charles Tan

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Pastor Mitchell Tan

To be prayed for by:

Pastor Mitchell Tan



THE LORD'S GOODNESS & MERCY

ANTHONY AND EVELYN TAN
(PARENTS OF AIDEN TAN)

Evelyn and I are deeply grateful to the Lord for the safe delivery of healthy baby Aiden. Everything went smooth on the due date, and Evelyn was even allowed to be discharged from hospital after only a few days. So that week when Pastor Charlie preached on Psalm 21, verse 2 really spoke to us:

“You have given him his heart’s desire,
and have not withheld the request of his lips. ”

Today, we would like to commit baby Aiden to the Lord. As parents, we would like to commit to raising him up to know Him. We promise to do everything we can so that he can be trained and equipped for the Lord to use him one day in whatever plans He has.

The past month Aiden has been growing well. His two older brothers (Asher and Anson) have also really taken to their new sibling. Praise the Lord for all the goodness and mercy He has shown to our family!



THE LORD IS GRACIOUS

JASON AND JOANNE TAN
(PARENTS OF EVAN TAN)

Dear Church Family

We are pleased to present our second child - Evan Tan Wen Kai to the Lord.

Despite us only starting our family later in life, we see the Lord's hand at every step of the way:

- First, in blessing us with Emma, our firstborn, whose name means "Remembered".
- Now, in blessing us with Evan, whose name means "the Lord is gracious".

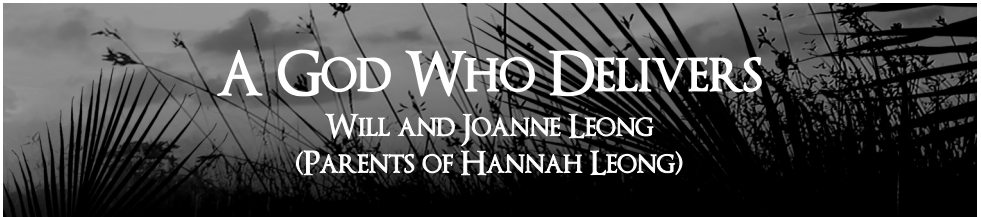
Evan was conceived even as Joanne was experiencing a distressful work environment. God then graciously watched over mother and baby and Evan was born healthy and well on 7 November 2023.

The meaning of his Chinese name, “文” (Wen) means “culture” - and we hope to raise Evan in the growing knowledge of the Lord. “凯” (Kai) means “victorious” - It is a good reminder that our victory is in the Lord and that He is sovereign over all the details in our lives.

Our focus in raising both our children would be one that is Word centred and in the fear of the Lord. Psalm 19:7 to 11 continues to be our meditation.

“The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward.”

It is our commitment to teach our children about our God and we pray that they both will share our faith and find a real relationship with God one day.



There is a little painting in our gynaecologist's clinic with a line that reads, "Life is a series of a thousand tiny miracles." Little did we know that we would come to understand a little of what this saying meant, as part of our journey to parenthood. More importantly, we would come to understand so much more the God behind all miracles - a wonderful God of love who hears and answers prayers.

The pregnancy was filled with challenges. Joanne had to cope with severe morning sickness in the first trimester that led to a fainting spell. Then, we were hit with the news that Joanne had cervical insufficiency, where her cervix was weak and shorter than normal. This meant that our baby could be born prematurely. At that point in time, our baby was only 21 weeks along - if she were to be delivered then, the chances of survival were slim.

Joanne was put on strict bed rest until right before the baby was born. Just when we thought things could not get worse, Joanne was diagnosed with gestational diabetes. At a time when delicious meals were a respite from the bed rest, we had to immediately adjust her diet and monitor her blood sugar levels constantly.

The distress, despair, and deep frustration felt seemed to almost break our spirits. Yet, we thank God for the precious lessons of faith learned, and what the testing of our faith by God produced in us. We learnt what it meant to pray in faith, to keep on trusting God and His promises in the face of the incessant trials. Above all, we understood what it meant to find sufficiency in God and God alone.

We see how the LORD's hand of protection was always there. He sent a wonderful gynaecologist, whose depth of experience and assuring guidance helped to stabilise the pregnancy, and calm our worried hearts. Many in our Bethany community reached out to support us and pray alongside. When our daughter was born on 12 December – healthy, normal, and at full term – we knew that we were witnesses to the LORD's amazing deliverance. How precious to experience the LORD as our keeper, preserving our daughter through one little miracle after another!

Even after her birth, things were not smooth-sailing when our daughter was diagnosed with aseptic meningitis at 1 week old. Although the effects of aseptic meningitis on her growth and development remain unknown, the LORD continues to be faithful, and He delivers.

Our daughter is specially named “Hannah”, meaning grace or favour. Truly, the Lord has showered abundant grace on our family. Her Chinese name is Hui Qi (慧祈) from the characters 智慧 *zhi hui* (wisdom), and 祈祷 *qi dao* (prayer) or 祈望 *qi wang* (hope). Our prayer is that Hannah will grow up to seek the wisdom of God, and that there will always be faith, hope, and love from the LORD in her life.

While we thank God for faith cultivated through testings, we know that we need an even deeper faith to bring Hannah up in the fear of the Lord. As we appreciate God's evident blessings, we know that we need the long-term perspective of blessings – that we may only see God's plan and the fruit of godly fear years down the road. One thing is certain: God will always be our strength and deliverer, in Whom we will always trust.

Psalm 18:2-3

*“I will love You, O LORD, my strength.
The LORD is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer;
My God, my strength, in whom I will trust;
My shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.”*



My name is Chin Hu and I have been attending Bethany IPC since 2018 and I am also attending the SSS4 Sunday School classes since 2019.

I am an electrical engineer by training and worked primarily in the Technology sector. I had been a free thinker for much of my earlier life - although I was brought up in a traditional Taoist/Buddhist family. I also attended a Thai Buddhist temple for a while when I was young. Buddhism seemed to me more of a way of life than a religion to me.

My late wife Angela was diagnosed with stage 4 ovarian cancer in March 2015. We have 3 children, 2 daughters and a son, who are now grown up and working.

Whilst undergoing treatment for Angela's cancer, we reached out to an ex-colleague of mine - Paul Chan, who prayed with us and introduced us to Christianity. Angela and I began to attend his church regularly for a number of years. We also attended the Bible Study Fellowship then also.

Angela and I became believers.

In 2017, we were told by the doctors that Angela's cancer, which had been in remission, had relapsed and had spread. Angela had to undergo another difficult and painful series of cancer therapies. In late 2017, Angela told me that she was suffering much from the side effects of the immunotherapy she was undergoing then and the various complications and frequent hospitalisations. All the treatments she had undergone had not stopped the progression of the cancer. She told me that she wanted for the treatments to be stopped as she just couldn't take any more.

Kevin and Chiew were there with us throughout this part of Angela's difficult

and painful journey. I remember Chiew came by to pray with us together with Emily. Pastor Charlie also came to minister to Angela and visited her several times at the SGH. On the evening of 5 January 2018, Angela asked Pastor Charlie to baptise her as she had found peace in her faith in God. Pastor Charlie confirmed her faith with her there and then and baptised Angela. He visited with her again on 6 January. Angela passed on in the early hours of 8 January 2018. My whole world came crashing down on me. I had lost my life partner.

The people of Bethany were immediately there for me and taking care of all the funerary arrangements including the wake and memorial services, the notices and bulletins and even the car parking. And they did this although they hardly knew Angela nor myself. Pastor Charlie kindly agreed to conduct Angela's funeral despite the fact that we were not members of Bethany and he had only ministered to Angela on 3 occasions.

The pastoral team including Pastors Mark and Mitchell, the session members and Pastor Charlie and what seemed to me like the entire church was there for my family and I throughout the wake and the funeral. Bethany's motto - to be "God's kind of church, where God is touching lives and people care for people" truly came to life right before my eyes. The reality of the love of God was reflected in these brethren, and He became so real to me.

After Angela's passing, I began attending Bethany's morning services and later the SSS4 Sunday School classes.

Life didn't return to normal thereafter. I unknowingly sank into a depression soon after. My children were there to spend time with me in the initial months after Angela's passing, to help me carry on without her. I tried to keep myself busy - throwing myself into the work of the various boards and committees on which I serve - life was never the same. My children had to move on with their own busy work schedules and their lives. Loneliness and the vacuum left by Angela's passing were probably the most challenging things for me and I struggled to overcome them. I looked to God's word for comfort and strength.

I began to read the bible regularly and attended Sunday morning worship

and the SSS4 classes at Bethany whenever I was not overseas. I looked forward very much to spending Sunday mornings with a small fellowship group of men in Bethany who called themselves “Bethany’s Bees”. God gave me the strength to carry on with my life as best I could.

During one of my visits to Penang, where some of my extended family members live, I was feeling truly beaten down and depressed. It was then that I met Irene, a Christian lady who became my friend and who persuaded me to continue living as best I could for the sake of my children and to move on with life.

We shared common interests and over time, she has become my constant companion. Whenever I am in Penang, I attend the Georgetown Baptist Church where she worships. Irene was truly a God sent for me and she helped to pull me up from my darkness.

God has become so real in my life. He had comforted and given Angela His love and His assurance; He has shown me how His love is manifested in the brethren of Bethany during the lowest point of my life; He has sent people to pray with me; to walk with me in my journey of healing and of faith; He has provided me a wonderful teacher and counsellor in Pastor Charlie; He has sent me a companion to fill the vacuum left in my life; and He has taught me to live again.

God has blessed me with 3 wonderful children who love me dearly and have also been a source of strength and encouragement to me. I have also been blessed with an adorable grand-daughter who truly is the apple of my eye! Nevertheless, knowing God has made all the difference in my life - and I pray continually that my children will also come to know God as I do.

By faith, I have accepted Christ as my Saviour. After attending Bethany for the past 5 years, I am convinced that I am ready to share my faith with others and to be baptised a member of Bethany as a declaration of this faith and of my love for our amazing God!



HIS GIFT OF GRACE

JAYDEN POH QUN TZE

Good evening, my name is Jayden Poh and I am studying as a year two student in Polytechnic. If there were two things I witnessed through these seven years of faith, it would be God's Grace and mercy. And that God has the power to change a person like me.

We all have our weaknesses and have fallen short at a certain time. For me, it was the problem of violence and anger.

I recall the many times when I hurt many of the people around me - my classmates, my teachers, my relatives, and most importantly my parents. It was through my actions and words that I hurt them countless times.

One of the incidents that struck me upon writing this was the time when I accidentally yelled at a stranger on the tour bus several years ago when I was younger. He was trying to help me with something but I just yelled telling him to stop without realising it. It was after a hot and long ride and everyone was getting off the bus. So the man left but my mother saw what had happened. She then pulled me to stay behind and she asked why I yelled. At that moment, I dared not to answer and I chose to remain still as if I was standing my ground against her. My mother has always been the good whip of the family, teaching morals and principles and demonstrating tough love to the family. By scolding and if necessary bringing harsh punishments out of love to correct mistakes my sister and I made. Rarely did I see her reveal her emotions or see how hurt she felt every time she had to see me punished.

At that time on the bus, I remember that we just stared down at each other, and she could not bear seeing me like this.

For the first time, she slapped me hard. Turned around, got off the bus, and walked to the hotel alone. I remained on the bus trying to take in what happened, the pain I felt stung hard, and my heart had never felt as crushed during that moment. I had never seen such pain and sadness within her.

The next morning my father pulled me aside telling me he had heard about the incident. He then informed me that her heart broke that night.

For once I reflected, and I felt ashamed, crushed, and hurt by what I had done. Anger and violence have always influenced my words and actions. Carrying these foul things had always felt normal, but at that moment the hidden shame that grew along became evident. There were many terrible things that I had done to others and many more terrible situations were brought upon my parents as they chose to bear themselves responsible for all I have done.

I then remembered making an urgent prayer to the Lord. It was one of the few times I prayed and mourned for my mistakes and pleaded for deliverance. A deliverance not only from guilt but also to not remain a burden before others. Others, especially my parents who heavily suffered alongside me.

There were many times I questioned the anger and violence I carried. Every time I made mistakes by disobeying, arguing, and hurting others, it was nothing but confusion and conflict harboured within.

Through that prayer, the Word was slowly revealed to me. As I learned to begin walking according to the Word, understanding deeper meanings behind Truth and who Christ is, I bore witness to a growing change within me. As I learned through the teachings of Christ Jesus, I slowly began to continue seeking, following, and obeying Him.

As I learned to emulate, grow deeper, and be edified, the changes within slowly became evident to others. My parents even though at that time were not believers, bore witness and acknowledged the reason for my change as I sought the Word further. No longer did I feel greatly conflicted, but I was able to find peace through the Word.

Through the example of Christ, I hope to continue following, learning, and walking in Him. For He has given me redemption from once a great conflict

within. His deliverance, through faith in Him, helped me slowly begin learning to accept His gift of grace. I give thanks that God has pointed me toward an answer in which I can find truth amidst the conflict and confusion. Even as the final preparation for baptism is nearing an end, may I continue learning and walking in him with thanksgiving, and become further rooted and established in faith!



MY SECOND CHANCE

NIGEL TAN CHONGKAI

Hi everyone, I'm Nigel, and I'm 23 this year. I was introduced to Bethany by Laura Chan in October 2023. I'm currently in Singapore Management University pursuing my undergraduate degree in Accountancy.

My life used to be revolved around achievements, academics, and acknowledgement from others. Although I believed in God, my faith took a backseat as I pursued high grades, popularity and beefing up my portfolio for internships. While I still made weekly visits to my previous church, my faith was not in the right place and I viewed time with God as nothing more than a weekly outing.

By the middle of 2023, I was burnt out from overworking myself and there was a lack of peace in my heart. The mortal achievements I prided myself upon collapsed, bringing me to my lowest mentally and emotionally. At that juncture, I kept praying to God to help me navigate through this downturn in my life and save me from the downward spiral I was in.

I believe that the Lord heard my cry for help and drew me back to Himself and leading me to walk alongside Him. I also met Laura, who warmly welcomed me despite my past, introduced me to the church community in SMU and brought me to Bethany. Ever since my first visit, I remember feeling a sense of community and peace I very much needed – not one that can be produced by man, but a spiritual peace from knowing the Lord's word and journeying with Him. I was blessed with the opportunity to attend YPG, Youth Worship and Youth Conference 2023, helping me to learn more

about the Bible, bolstering my knowledge and strengthening my faith in Him. While I admit my knowledge is still growing, I never fail to feel at peace when reading about the Lord's word, His character, and His salvation. The lessons I learned at Bethany have left a lasting impact on my journey of faith, and I endeavour to continue learning more as long as I live.

The Lord Jesus' sacrifice has always amazed me. Even though He knew Judas was about to betray Him and would be persecuted by the Jews, He still went through with doing God's will to die for our sins. The weight of mankind's sins is incredibly heavy, yet the Lord Jesus took all of it on the cross for our sakes, bringing about abounding grace into our lives and giving us a chance to lead a righteous life. By drawing me back to His side, I have begun to develop a sense of purpose and peace – no longer am I clinging on to mortal pursuits, but rather aspire to lead a life that can glorify God in the path He has led me to walk upon. I want to ensure that my faith is not built upon shaky ground, but on the firm foundation of His word.

The world today is filled with many distractions and temptations that can lead us to sin. During Youth Conference 2023, Pastor Charlie brought out the versus from Ephesians 6 that really spoke to me.

¹⁴Stand therefore, having girded your waist with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, ¹⁵and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; ¹⁶above all, taking the shield of faith with which you will be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked one. ¹⁷And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God; ¹⁸praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

With my faith and knowledge in His word growing, I desire to centre my life around God's kingdom and living my life for the Lord. Although we are sinners, but through salvation in the Lord Jesus we have been given a second chance to live a new life and walk alongside God. With my second chance, I intend to do the same – continue developing and deepening my relationship with God and lead a life that glorifies His name.



DEEPENING FAITH AMIDST LIFE'S CHALLENGES

DENNIS ONG

My name is Dennis and I am the husband of Patience and father of Eden, our bundle of joy who just turned six months old.

I have been a Christian since my early 20s. Back in 2007, I was first invited by a friend to Ang Mo Kio Presbyterian Church (AMKPC). During that period, I was questioning the true meaning of life. Society expects a person to go through a typically sequenced lifestyle in Singapore (study, graduate, serve NS, work, get married, become parents etc.). Things felt mundane and I always thought that life has to be more than this. As I started going to church, I experienced a different perspective. The examples I saw in the community of believers impacted me. They showed me God's love. They showed me how to live by faith. They had a hope that goes beyond the here and now. I was keen to learn more.

As a young believer, I too experienced how God can change my life. Studying never came easily to me. I studied through ITE & polytechnic before finally enrolling in university. There, I failed modules and had to repeat a semester even though I was already behind my peers. In those years, I journeyed with God in prayer, learning how to trust in Him and rely on Him. My faith helped me find a sense of peace that regardless of my educational journey, my worth and value was not measured by my grades.

Having grown up in a free-thinker family, I was the first to go to church. My parents had no objection but they did not show any interest initially. Over the next 8 years, I invited my family members to church gatherings and programmes such as Easter & Christmas. And the seeds of faith were sown. My brothers Aaron & Ivan started coming to church. Then my parents eventually did too. During that time, through much prayer, I experienced a deep sense of assurance & confidence that my family members would eventually know Him in their time. I thank God that He reached out to them

& they responded. They all now worship at AMKPC.

Entering the workforce posed many challenges too. I bounced around from being a gymnastics coach & then into corporate roles. I was laid off in 2020, just before the Covid-19 pandemic hit. I then became a teacher at Rainbow Centre for a while before eventually landing the role I am currently in. Through life's hard lessons, I had to learn what it means to grow my faith. Faith has to come together with works. Faith is not just praying and waiting, but I learned through challenging moments that prayer needs to be partnered with action as well.

Before Patience & I got married, we decided that we would attend Bethany as the Word-centred teaching would provide a strong foundation upon which we would continue to learn & deepen our faith & build up our family. We also desired to be a part of the community of faith with like-minded believers.

I am now going through perhaps one of my toughest challenges in life. I recently suffered a brain hemorrhage and am now learning to cope with vision impairment. Suffering in life does not mean that God isn't real. It does not mean that He does not care. Even as I am learning to cope with my struggles daily, I am now made to lean on Him more as this body of mine starts to fail. While I am uncertain what life holds for me, I am discovering what it means to trust God and to live by faith.

BETHANY

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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 17 March 2024

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Zephaniah 3

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HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE

THE PROPHET ZEPHANIAH

He was a rare prophet who had royal blood. He was from the line of King Hezekiah (Zephaniah 1:1). He was one of the pre-exilic prophets who prophesied of the time when God would cause the Assyrian empire to fall.

MEDITATION

¹⁴ Sing, O daughter of Zion!
Shout, O Israel!
Be glad and rejoice with all *your* heart,
O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your judgments,
He has cast out your enemy.
The King of Israel, the LORD, *is* in your midst;
You shall see disaster no more.

¹⁶ In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:
"Do not fear;
Zion, let not your hands be weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God in your midst,
The Mighty One, will save;
He will rejoice over you with gladness,
He will quiet *you* with His love,
He will rejoice over you with singing."

Zephaniah 3:14-17

1. Rejoicing in the LORD
 - a) A Call to rejoice in God was issued
 - b) Reasons were given why there should be joy in the LORD
2. Some reasons highlighted:
 - a) God has cast out the enemy
 - b) He is in the midst of His people
 - c) He is the King of Israel
 - d) He will remove disasters
4. More reasons given
 - a) God will rejoice over His people
 - b) He will quieten His people with His love
 - c) He will save them with a mighty hand

MEDITATION

GOD'S LOVE

The love of the LORD was an everlasting one. It was out of love that He would reach out and redeem His people!

Write to me at: charlestan@bethanyipc.sg

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus with us today! We will be having a Baptismal Service. We welcome all who have chosen to become members of Bethany.



FAMILY CAMP 2024

Thank God for His grace and strength bestowed at the Family Camp 2024.

Special thanks to:

1. The Camp sponsors
2. The Camp Committee
3. All who had helped to look after the children
4. All who have supported it in different but meaningful ways



EASTER 2024

1. PALM SUNDAY

24 March 2024 | 2nd Baptismal Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. MAUNDY THURSDAY

28 March 2024 | 8.00pm | Holy Communion

3. EASTER SUNDAY

31 March 2024 | Shangri La



EASTER BAPTISMAL SERVICES

1. 17 March 2024

2. 24 March 2024



LIST OF BAPTISMAL CANDIDATES

Paedo-Baptism

1. Aiden Muki Tan (Son of Anthony & Evelyn)
2. Evan Tan Wen Kai (Son of Jason & Joanne)
3. Hannah Leong Hui Qi (Daughter of Will & Joanne)
4. Sim Rui Qi, Elena (Daughter of Sherman & Zara)

Baptism

1. Chong Yin
2. Jayden Poh Qun Tze
3. Lum Chih Foong
4. Lim Ah Lan
5. Lim Chin Hu
6. Nigel Tan Chongkai
7. Yeo Thiam Neo

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Reaffirmation

1. Tan Xiao Xuan, Asia
2. Ethan Tan
3. Jared Ho Min En
4. Joshua Tan

Transference

Dennis Ong



EASTER AT SHANGRI LA

1. Let us regard Easter as a holy season
2. Let us honour the Lord as we celebrate Easter
3. Let us share our faith in the Risen Saviour

Book your table today!
You may sign up using the QR code below.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program this week

2. Saturday, 23 March 2024

- a) YAG/YPG | 2.00pm
- b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm

3. Sunday Ministry, 24 March 2024

- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Combined Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Children's Worship Service I and II | 10.30am
- d) Crèche | 10.30am
- e) No Catechism Class



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: PAUL & SIHUI

LUNCH: ASHER, ASHLEY & ASHTON; TERENCE, ALISON & ANGELA



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 143:11-12

¹¹ Revive me, O LORD, for Your name's sake!
For Your righteousness' sake bring my soul out of trouble.

¹² In Your mercy cut off my enemies,
And destroy all those who afflict my soul;
For I am Your servant.

1. Prayer for Revival

- a) For the sake of the name of God
- b) For the sake of righteousness

2. Prayer for Relief from enemies

- a) That God would deal with them
- b) That God rescue His servant

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 17 March 2024

Text: “The Father loves the Son” John 3:35

The Father loves the Son, and has given all things into His hand.

John 3:35

1. God’s relationship with His Son

It is one of deep love

2. God’s relegation of duties to His Son

He has delivered all things into the hand of the Lord Jesus Christ

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 March 2024

Text: “He loved them to the end” John 13:1

Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

John 13:1

POETRY CORNER

1

HE WILL QUIET YOU WITH HIS LOVE

Israel was described as a beloved daughter;
The nation had experienced a disaster.
It was captured by the Assyrians;
They were scattered and lived as aliens.

The LORD sought to bring a word of Hope;
He promised that He would help them cope.
He will come to their rescue as King;
He will forgive all their wicked sins.

God will quiet them with His love;
He would come from heaven above.
He would bring peace to the land;
He will restore with His mighty hand.

God will rejoice over His beloved nation;
He will not allow them to fall into oblivion.
With loving eyes He would express His care;
His people need never fall into utter despair!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Zephaniah 3:13-17

POETRY CORNER

2

THE FATHER'S LOVE

An instinctive love effuses from a father who sees his newborn son;
A love that is unconditional, not for anything that the son has done.

Of everything he does, the father is his son's best teacher;
The son learns and emulates the father with equal fervour.

The father loves even more when he sees his son's labour;
His selflessness, and even his willingness to suffer.

Their love is not to be mistaken as being transactional;
It is a love between father and son that is now inspirational.

This is reminiscent of the love between God and the Lord Jesus;
In which the Savior mirrored God's role as Light and Shepherd to His people.

Yet, despite such deep love God has for His only begotten;
He sacrificed Him for the sake of man's salvation.

Moreover, God's love extends to all the world despite its iniquities;
His love is even more impressive by virtue of its inclusivity.

Yet, no amount of love or affection can do anything;
If it does not impact our hearts and inner beings.

So pray the gospel be heard by those still in darkness who are needy;
Pray the everlasting love of the Father touches the lives of many.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: John 3, 5 and 10

POETRY CORNER

3

LEST WE FORGET

Take time out to think of what God has done for us
Lest we forget the many blessings as they depart from our hearts
We must also remember our past sins and rebellions
For we can thoughtlessly repeat them and fall into the same sinful traps

Moses was not spared but disciplined for his disobedience
Be diligent in obeying God's commandments and fear Him forever more
Do not provoke His anger by engaging in idolatry and evil sins
For the Lord had destroyed all men who followed Baal of Peor

Eyes have seen the power and might of the Lord in righteous fury
To those who think they stand to take heed lest they fall
We are told to hold fast to the Word of God fully
And teach the children and grandchildren walking the talk like Apostle Paul

God is near to the ones who seek Him with the heart and soul
He has come down to us in Christ and delivered us from all afflictions
He answers when people call upon Him in distress out of control
Bless the Lord for His grace mercy and faithfulness

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Deuteronomy 4: 3-9

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon George Thomas
Deacon Dr. Tang Kong Choong
Deacon Milton Ong

PRAYER

HYMNS

Hymn 1 | The House Of The Lord
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MESSAGE

“He Loved Them To The End” | Text: John 13
Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

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HYMN 1 THE HOUSE OF THE LORD

GABRIEL OU

(INSPIRED BY THE SONGS OF ASCENT & PSALM 27)

1. There's a place I love to go
That brings such joy untold
It's the holy city of our Lord -
The dwelling place of God

Refrain

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
We will sing and we'll serve
Tell of God's great love
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!
With His people we'll stand
Sing of God's mighty hand
Oh, to be in the house of the Lord!

2. There are people that I love
Who belong to God above
A holy nation of our God
Who love and serve the Lord

Refrain

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3. There is one thing I desire
For now and all my life
To behold the beauty of our Lord
In the house of our great God
Refrain



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CP 59 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain



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HWC 204 ROCK OF AGES

AGUSTUS M. TOPLADY

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee;
Let the water and the blood,
From Thy wounded side which flowed,
Be of sin the double cure;
Cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labours of my hands
Can fulfill Thy law's demands:
Could my zeal no respite know,
Could my tears forever flow,
All for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring;
Simply to Thy cross I cling;
Naked, come to Thee for dress;
Helpless, look to Thee for grace;
Foul, I to the fountain fly,
Wash me, Saviour, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
When my eyelids close in death,
When I soar to worlds unknown,
See Thee on Thy judgment Throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
Let me hide myself in Thee.



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