

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 1 June 2025 ... Holy Communion Sunday

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 31

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FOR THOSE WHO FEAR YOU

THE BLESSINGS OF THE FEAR OF GOD

There are many blessings associated with the practice of the fear of God. We have a short list of these blessings.

MEDITATION

¹⁹ Oh, how great *is* Your goodness,
Which You have laid up for those who fear You,
Which You have prepared for those who trust in You
In the presence of the sons of men!

²⁰ You shall hide them in the secret place of Your presence
From the plots of man;
You shall keep them secretly in a pavilion
From the strife of tongues.

²¹ Blessed *be* the LORD,
For He has shown me His marvellous kindness in a strong city!
Psalm 31:19-21

1. Great goodness

- a) God's goodness will be bestowed
- b) This goodness would be voluminous

2. God's protection

- a) Many are the plots of wicked people
- b) The Lord would protect His people from wicked plots
- c) He would keep them from the strife of tongues

3. God's marvellous kindness

- a) He will keep His people in a strong city
- b) He will evidence His kindness in practical ways

OUR CHALLENGE

- 1. To learn how to fear the Lord
- 2. To practise this by trusting God
- 3. To learn how to wait upon the Lord faithfully

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today. May your heart be encouraged through worship and fellowship!



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

There will be no Seniors Program this week

2. Junior Camp

Monday – Thursday | 2-5 June 2025

3. Saturday, 7 June 2025

- a) No YPG/ YAG
- b) No Youth Worship

4. Sunday Ministry, 8 June 2025

- a) Sunday School | 8.30am
- b) Morning Worship Service | 10.30am
- c) Chinese Worship Service | 10.30am
- d) Children's Worship I and II | 10.30am
- e) Crèche I and II | 10.30am
- f) There will be no Catechism Class



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Angeline Quek and family on the demise of her brother. The late Mr. Goh Boon Teck passed away on Saturday, 24 May 2025. He was 56 years old.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FATHER'S DAY

It falls on 15 June 2025 this year. Thank God for godly fathers.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

BREAKFAST: THE JACOBS, MAUREEN SONG

LUNCH: JONAS & JOANNE, EVELYN SEOW



LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastor Charles,

We are deeply grateful to you, the Pastoral Team and Church staff for your love and care for us during our time of bereavement. Thank you for the comfort and hope shared through the Word of God during the memorial and funeral services.

We also thank God for our brethren at Bethany- thank you so much for visiting us, sending condolences and keeping us in your prayers and thoughts. Our hearts are moved and comforted by the love and support given to us.

We truly thank God for His love bestowed upon us through His children at Bethany.

With deep gratitude,

Kim Seng, Angie, Kenneth, Izzie, Carolyn and Li Wei

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 1 June 2025

**Text: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge
Proverbs 1:7**

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge,
But fools despise wisdom and instruction. Proverbs 1:7*

1. The foolish despise:
 - a) Wisdom
 - b) Instruction

2. The wise determine to practise:
 - a) The fear of the Lord
 - b) With faith in His word

NEXT SUNDAY: 8 June 2025

**Text: The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom
Proverbs 9:10**

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom,
And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding. Proverbs 9:10*

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 8:1-2

¹ O LORD, our Lord,
How excellent *is* Your name in all the earth,
Who have set Your glory above the heavens!

² Out of the mouth of babes and nursing infants
You have ordained strength,
Because of Your enemies,
That You may silence the enemy and the avenger.

1. Reveling in the Lord's name
 - a) It is an excellent name
 - b) It is a glorious name

2. Remembering the profound work of God
 - a) How He has ordained strength to be given to babies
 - b) How they can rise up and defeat mighty enemies

POETRY CORNER

#1

HOW GREAT IS YOUR GOODNESS

We live in a world of great uncertainty;
Some wield power with impunity.
The weak are troubled and fearful;
Many are hurt and are sorrowful.

The faithful learn to exercise faith in God;
Through trusting he learns to fear the Lord.
He believes firmly in God's great goodness;
He will trust in the Lord's righteousness.

The trusting heart believes in divine protection;
The Lord would hear and grant preservation.
The faithful need not live in fear and alarm;
The Lord would cause the heart to be calm.

God would grant great kindness to His servant;
He had regard to those who are humbly suppliant.
He will shield them from the wiles of the wicked;
Those who fear the Lord would be protected.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 31:19-21

POETRY CORNER

#2

The Fear of God for Our Good

We read about the rise and fall of ancient civilizations;
Many had exhibited impudence and self-exaltation.
From the Egyptians to the Babylonians and the Tyrians;
They were duly punished for their pride and arrogance.

But the one behind this vice is none other than Satan himself;
Who manipulates not only nations, but individuals themselves.
Let us brace ourselves and not take the evil one lightly;
For he is cunning and will target those who are not wary.

Yet, God has decreed for His children to fear Him and walk in His ways;
To serve Him and keep His commandments always.
Possessing the fear of God will dictate our conscience;
To be able to fend off Satan's goading and provocations.

If indeed we love God and profess to be His children;
The onus is on us to heed His bidding, and teach our next generation.
God's commandments and instructions are given for our good;
Having and developing the fear of God we most definitely should.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Isaiah 14:12-15; Ezekiel 28:1-10; Deuteronomy 10:12-13

POETRY CORNER

#3

For our own good

Every commandment of God is given for our own good
Circumcise our hearts with more than full intention to obey His will
Transformation in our innermost being is needed to be actively pursued
To keep the Lord's commandments and statutes must be our drill

God is so gracious with Israel giving another chance with the second set of tablets
He willingly grants the failing man ways to restore his relationship with Him
His compassion to mend broken lives gives much encouragement to sinners
However He does not lower His standards of righteousness to condone sins

In response for God's grace we are required to love and fear Him
Every effort must be made to walk in all His ways and not in ours
Our love for the Lord must stem from our hearts when we seek Him
He also expects us to serve Him faithfully and keep His commandments

As God's people we are obligated to meet His requirements
Let us not be stubborn and yield our hearts to Him
Hold ourselves accountable to the Lord for we are His possessions
Praise our Almighty God who has created us and owns everything

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Deuteronomy 10:12-13

POETRY CORNER

#4

THE TRANSLATION OF HEAVEN

In ancient myths,
Heaven's tongue was said to blaze—
otherworldly, wondrous beyond words.
For centuries, its meaning lay hidden,
until a Translator walked among us.

A poet once wrote,
"Translation is the transmigration of souls."
Another, *"The highest aim of translation is self-destruction."*
We never imagined someone would take it that far.

And yet—we heard the Lord Jesus' voice.

It turns out, what we mocked as weakness—humility—is, there,
the crown of highest honour.
And what we chased—material success, strength, self-making—was,
in that place,
just longing
that didn't know its name.

Matter flows like mist or stream;
Spirit stands as steadfast as stones.
This is their idiom—the daily grammar of eternity.

And You—You are slowly dissolving,
as Heaven's outline sharpens into view.
You cannot help but name its majestic hues—
even if it consumes You.

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POETRY CORNER

Of course, something is always lost when one medium yields to another.
But no one foresaw that a translation,
when shaped by surrender,
could surpass its source—
when submission, meets perfection.

The depths of love—if ever we are to grasp them—
must be rendered in the syntax of pain, in the dialect of blood.
Only then can they wrench us
from shadow to source.

But—please—
do not translate it so quickly, so vividly.
I cannot bear to see You spend Yourself—so fully, on one so slow to see.

Let me take it in slowly.
Let me grow accustomed to, even welcome—
the cadence of a tongue
woven of a realm beyond realms.
Truth needs time
to unravel—and travel—
down from the mind, to the heart—
where all true encounters begin, and end sublime.

David Cai

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mitchell Tan

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 57 | Worthy of Worship

CP 420 | Who is on the Lord's Side?

MESSAGE

“Then you will understand the fear of the LORD”

Text : Proverbs 2

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

COMMUNION HYMN

HWC 189 | Calvary Covers it All

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 198 | Wonderful Grace of Jesus

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 57 WORTHY OF WORSHIP

TERRY W. YORK

1. Worthy of worship, worthy of praise,
Worthy of honour and glory;
Worthy of all the glad songs we can sing,
Worthy of all of the off'rings we bring.

Refrain

You are worthy, Father, Creator,
You are worthy, Saviour, Sustainer,
You are worthy, worthy and wonderful;
Worthy of worship and praise.

2. Worthy of rev'ence, worthy of fear,
Worthy of love and devotion;
Worthy of bowing and bending of knees,
Worthy of all this and added to these...

Refrain

3. Almighty Father, Master and Lord,
King of all kings and Redeemer,
Wonderful Counsellor, Comforter, Friend,
Saviour and Source of our life without end.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 420 WHO IS ON THE LORD'S SIDE?

FRANCES R. HAVERGAL

1. Who is on the Lord's side? Who will serve the King?
Who will be His helpers, other lives to bring?
Who will leave the world's side? Who will face the foe?
Who is on the Lord's side? Who for Him will go?
By Thy call of mercy, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side, Saviour, we are Thine.
2. Fierce may be the conflict, strong may be the foe,
But the King's own army none can overthrow;
Round His standard ranging victory is secure,
For His truth unchanging makes the triumph sure:
Joyfully enlisting by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side, Saviour, we are Thine.
3. Chosen to be soldiers in an alien land,
Chosen, called and faithful, for our captain's band;
In the service royal let us not grow cold,
Let us be right loyal, noble, true, and bold:
Master, Thou wilt keep us, by Thy grace divine,
We are on the Lord's side, Saviour, we are Thine.



HYMNS

HWC 189 CALVARY COVERS IT ALL

MRS. WALTER G. TAYLOR

1. Far dearer than all that the world can impart
Was the message that came to my heart;
How that Jesus alone for my sin did atone,
And Calvary covers it all.

Refrain

Calvary covers it all, My past with its sin and stain;
My guilt and despair Jesus took on Him there,
And Calvary covers it all.

2. The stripes that He bore and the thorns that He wore
Told His mercy and love evermore;
And my heart bowed in shame as I called on His Name,
And Calvary covers it all.

Refrain

3. How matchless the grace, when I looked on the face
Of this Jesus, my crucified Lord;
My redemption complete I then found at His feet,
And Calvary covers it all.

Refrain

4. How blessed the thought, that my soul by Him bought,
Shall be His in the glory on high;
Where with gladness and song I'll be one of the throng,
And Calvary covers it all.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 198 WONDERFUL GRACE OF JESUS

HALDOR LILLENAS

1. Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it, where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
Deeper than the mighty rolling sea;
Wonderful grace, all sufficient for me, for even me;
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
Greater far than all my sin and shame;
O magnify the precious Name of Jesus, praise His Name!

2. Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching to all the lost,
By it I have been pardoned, saved to the uttermost;
Chains have been torn asunder, giving me liberty,
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

3. Wonderful grace of Jesus, reaching the most defiled,
By its transforming power making him God's dear child,
Purchasing peace and Heaven for all eternity;
For the wonderful grace of Jesus reaches me.

Refrain

