

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 20 July 2025

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 105

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THE LORD OUR GOD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN GOD

The Psalmist affirmed his personal faith in God. The basis of God's blessing was the giving of an everlasting covenant to Abraham.

⁷ He *is* the LORD our God;
His judgments *are* in all the earth.

MEDITATION

⁸ He remembers His covenant forever,
The word *which* He commanded, for a thousand generations,
⁹ *The covenant* which He made with Abraham,
And His oath to Isaac,
¹⁰ And confirmed it to Jacob for a statute,
To Israel *as* an everlasting covenant,
¹¹ Saying, "To you I will give the land of Canaan
As the allotment of your inheritance,"

Psalm 105:7-11

1. A Covenant given to Abraham
 - a) Confirmed with Isaac
 - b) Affirmed it as a statute with Jacob

2. Features of this covenant
 - a) It is an everlasting covenant
 - b) It was made with an oath by God
 - c) It involves the land of Canaan
 - d) Canaan would be an inheritance given by God

LESSONS WE MAY LEARN

1. Thank God we have a Covenant too

2. It is called The New Covenant
 - a) It was given by the Lord
 - b) It is even greater in its significance
 - c)

3. We have every reason to celebrate our Covenant- faith in God
 - a) God will always remember His covenant
 - b) He will faithfully fulfil His commitment to His covenant given

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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 blessed through worship and fellowship!



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mrs. Lam Shirt Mooi, Mrs. Susanna Chow and Mr. Kent Chow on the demise of Mrs. Lam's brother-in-law, Mr. Lum Pin Fye. The late Mr. Lum was called home to be with the Lord Jesus on Saturday, 12 July 2025. He was 88 years old.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Will and Joanne on the occasion of the gift of another baby girl. Baby Eliza was born on 15 July 2025. Both mother and baby are doing well.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Jaclyn & Erica

Lunch: Lily & Family; Lianya Ho; YF & Betty



ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY

Date: 24 August 2025
Venue: Shangri La Hotel
Time: 10.30am
Anniversary Lunch: 12.00nn

To register for Anniversary Lunch, please scan the QR code below



CELEBRATING BETHANY'S 50+2 ANNIVERSARY: CHILDREN'S SPECIAL LUNCH PROGRAM

As part of our 50 +2 Anniversary celebrations at Shangri La, there will be a separate Lunch Program especially for the children.

They will have their own lunch menu and program in a separate room, taken care of by our staff and volunteers.

Details

Date: 24 August 2025 | Venue: Shangri La (Azalea Room)
Time: 12.15pm - 2.00pm

This is open to **children aged 4 to 12.**

Please contact Pastor Ben Quah (9752 3036) if you have any queries.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Scan QR code to register your child for the **Children's Special Lunch Program**:



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 22 July 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 24 July 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 26 July 2025

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

3. Sunday Ministry, 27 July 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) Catechism Class | 1.30pm



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 20 July 2025

Text: “The glory of the LORD filled the Tabernacle”

Exodus 40:35

And Moses was not able to enter the tabernacle of meeting, because the cloud rested above it, and the glory of the LORD filled the tabernacle.

Exodus 40:35

1. The Context

The Dedication of the Tabernacle

2. The glory of God

It filled the Tabernacle

- a) To consecrate the Tabernacle
- b) To confirm God’s presence among His people
- c) The special Cloud of Glory filled the Tabernacle

NEXT SUNDAY: 27 July 2025

Text: “The whole earth is full of His glory” Isaiah 6:3

And one cried to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

The whole earth is full of His glory!” Isaiah 6:3

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 9:13-14

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.

1. Plea for mercy

- a) Because of enemies
- b) Because of the troubles in life

2. Promise given

- a) To praise God
- b) To rejoice in Him

POETRY CORNER

#1

HE IS THE LORD OUR GOD

The Psalmist made a personal declaration;
That the Lord was His God was his exultation.
He recalled how God gave a gift to Abraham;
This was the gift of an everlasting Covenant.

The land of Canaan would be his inheritance;
Faith in the Lord's promise is of importance.
Abraham believed in the Lord;
He was justified by the grace of God.

God will always remember His covenant;
He will fulfil all its purposes and intent.
How wonderful to have such a faith in God;
There is every reason to rejoice in the Lord.

We have a New Covenant given to us;
It was confirmed by the Lord Jesus.
He shed His blood to seal the Covenant;
May we seek to be faithful and consistent!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 105:7-11

POETRY CORNER

#2

Our Hope for Tomorrow

The Book of Revelation has always been difficult to read;
Many minds must have been jolted by what the rich imageries depict.
The beasts of the sea and earth are described as powerful and conniving;
And the wrath of God seemingly livid and unforgiving.

Today, we see how political powers and financial conglomerates are having a field day;
They are reminiscent of the pernicious powers the Scriptures portray.
It is unsettling to ponder the present state of the world and where it is heading;
As we delve into God's word and realize this is only the beginning.

But we are reminded that ours is the era of God's goodness, long suffering and forbearance;
For this is the grace of God extended to man for his repentance.
Instead of burying ourselves in despair, fear, and sorrow;
Let us lift up our eyes to catch a glimpse of heaven, our hope for tomorrow.

Whereas the wrath of God would have been manifested on the unrighteous;
The saints and children of God would be declared victorious.
The judgement of God would have quelled the tumultuous sea;
Those who belong to Him will stand on serenity to praise and give Him glory.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Revelation 15:1-4; Romans 2:4

POETRY CORNER

#3

A Vision of Triumph

Apostle John saw a vision of triumph in heaven
The saints are victorious over the beast of the sea
The Lord's wrath will culminate with the angels and last plagues of seven
With harps the saints sing praises to the Lord's glory

Our gracious Father is good, long suffering and forbearing
Do we not realise that He holds back judgment the world so deserves
His great patience however has a limit and His anger is terrifying
As fully ripened grapes the wicked will be gathered and cast into His winepress

Blood of nations will flow and the unrepentant can blame only themselves
The wrath of the Lord is fearsome and frightening but righteous
Time and time again God has extended to the world the offering of peace
To take our punishment He has sent His Son, the Lord Jesus

Despite an impending doom the faithful is given hope and encouragement
They are assured of the ultimate victory of the Lord over evil
To be able to stand on the sea of glass aglow with fire after overcoming tribulation
Such an enticing and promising future for faithful believers

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Revelation 15:1-4; Romans 2:4

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mrs. Foo Min-Yi

Mrs. Lai Chiew Yen

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 89 | Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CP 477 | Shine, Jesus, Shine

MESSAGE

“The ministry of the Spirit”

Text : 2 Corinthians 3:7-13

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 251 | Breathe on Me

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 89 PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY

JOACHIM NEANDER

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
The King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him,
For He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear,
Now to His temple draw near;
Join me in glad adoration!

2. Praise to the Lord,
Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under His wings,
Yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen
How thy desire e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?

3. Praise to the Lord,
who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Surely His goodness and mercy
Here daily attend thee.
Ponder anew
What the Almighty can do,
If with His love He befriend thee.

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HYMNS

4. Praise to the Lord!
O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath,
Come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen sound from His people again:
Gladly forever adore Him.



HYMNS

CP 477 SHINE, JESUS, SHINE

GRAHAM KENDRICK

1. Lord, the light of Your love is shining,
In the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us.
Set us free by the truth You now bring us;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine,
Fill this land with the Father's glory;
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, Set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow,
Flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your Word,
Lord, and let there be light.

2. Lord, I come to Your awesome presence,
From the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness,
Search me, try me, consume all my darkness;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain

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HYMNS

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3. As we gaze on Your kingly brightness,
So our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory,
Mirror'd here may our lives tell Your story;
Shine on me, shine on me.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 251 BREATHE ON ME

EDWIN HATCH

1. Holy Spirit, breathe on me,
Until my heart is clean;
Let sunshine fill its inmost part,
With not a cloud between.

Refrain

Breathe on me, breathe on me,
Holy Spirit, breathe on me;
Take Thou my heart, cleanse ev'ry part,
Holy Spirit, breathe on me.

2. Holy Spirit, breathe on me,
My stubborn will subdue;
Teach me in words of living flame
What Christ would have me do.

Refrain

3. Holy Spirit, breathe on me,
Fill me with pow'r divine;
Kindle a flame of love and zeal
Within this heart of mine.

Refrain

4. Holy Spirit, breathe on me,
Till I am all Thine own,
Until my will is lost in Thine,
To live for Thee alone.

Refrain



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