

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 5 October 2025 ... Holy Communion Sunday

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: Psalm 25

THE MAN WHO FEARS THE LORD

THE FEAR OF THE LORD

This was a deep truth that was well-taught in the Scriptures. From Deuteronomy to the Prophetic books, the Fear of the Lord was constantly emphasised. The Psalmist highlights some blessings of God associated closely with the practice of the fear of the Lord.

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MEDITATION

¹² Who *is* the man that fears the LORD?

Him shall He teach in the way He chooses.

¹³ He himself shall dwell in prosperity,

And his descendants shall inherit the earth.

¹⁴ The secret of the LORD *is* with those who fear Him,

And He will show them His covenant.

¹⁵ My eyes *are* ever toward the LORD,

For He shall pluck my feet out of the net.

Psalm 25:12-15

1. Who is the man that fears the Lord?

- a) This was written to provoke thought and discussion
- b) There would be some who do practise the fear of God
- c) There would be others who do not practise the fear of the Lord

2. The person who does practise the fear of the Lord genuinely

- a) The Lord would be his Teacher
The Lord would teach him in the way He Himself chooses
- b) He and his family would be blessed
His descendants would inherit the earth
- c) The secret of the Lord
The Lord would reveal His secret to the one who fears Him
- d) The Covenant of God
This Covenant has great potential blessings. The blessings would be bestowed on the one who truly fears God

AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE

1. Faith in God must be stirred up
2. Eyes of faith are fixed on the Lord
3. The Lord would send appropriate help in times of need

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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 lifted up and encouraged to practise the fear of the Lord!



HOLY COMMUNION MEDITATION

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke *it*, and gave *it* to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave *it* to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."

²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:26-28



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Siok & Eric

Lunch: Margrette, Peter, Isaac & Wesley Teo; Ee Ai Meei



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025

"Reconciled to God" - 2 Corinthians 5:20

The much anticipated Youth Conference is around the corner! As we learn about being reconciled to God, may we appreciate our salvation so much more, and may it inspire us to live for Him in every aspect of our lives.

Details

Dates: 1-4 December 2025 (Monday - Thursday)

Venue: Bethany IPC Main Sanctuary

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

Age

Open to youths aged 13 and above.

Fellowship Lunch

Lunch will be provided every day. It would be an opportunity for us to relate to and fellowship with one another.

Fees

\$25.00

Do sign up early to assist in the planning of the programme.

If there are any queries, please feel free to contact Joshua Phang at 8028 6194.

You may register online by scanning the QR Code below:



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 7 October 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 9 October 2025 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 11 October 2025

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

3. Sunday Ministry, 12 October 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



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 18:25-27

²⁵ With the merciful You will show Yourself merciful;
With a blameless man You will show Yourself blameless;

²⁶ With the pure You will show Yourself pure;
And with the devious You will show Yourself shrewd.

²⁷ For You will save the humble people,
But will bring down haughty looks.

1. How God relates

- a) To the merciful
 He will show mercy!
- b) To the blameless
 He will show Himself blameless
- c) To the pure
 He will show Himself pure
- d) To the devious
 He will show Himself shrewd

2. God's judgment

- a) He will deliver those who are humble
- b) He will bring down those who are haughty
- c) May we practise the fear of the Lord diligently

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 5 October 2025

Text: Let your requests be made known to God

Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. Philippians 4:6

1. Prayer and supplication go together
2. Thanksgiving should always be a part of the way we pray
3. God will kindly hear all our requests that we may present to Him

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 October 2025

Text: Whatever you ask in My name

And whatever you ask in My name, that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. John 14:13

POETRY CORNER

1

THE SECRET OF THE LORD

The doctrine of the fear of God was well-taught;
But it was a truth that was sadly, poorly caught.
Moses and the Prophets practised this principle;
To them were revealed knowledge that was subtle.

The Psalmist observed special blessings God would bestow;
From the Lord's source of power would His blessings flow.
Many know only about the general blessings of God;
These are seen in the wonderful provision of the Lord.

There are many blessings that remain as sacred mysteries;
They would include special blessings not revealed to many.
Only to those who walk with the Lord in fear and reverence;
To the proven faithful, God would reveal wisdom and prudence.

We marvel at the wisdom and giftedness of Joseph the governor;
Daniel rose to the highest rank in the reign of Nebuchadnezzar.
God has special blessings that He would reveal to all who fear Him;
May our hearts desire to walk with the Lord with vigour and vim!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 25:12-15

POETRY CORNER

#2

Pray in the Spirit

Apostle Paul told believers to pray without ceasing
Prayer is indeed hard work requiring fervent labour
Be like the widow who pleaded for justice relentlessly seeking
It is easy to lose heart as we are unsure of prayer's power

The ungodly judge answered the widow's request reluctantly
He wanted to stop her from being a pain in his neck
Our Lord God however answers our prayers graciously
The lingering unbelief in the power of prayer must be kept in check

As in the days of Noah mankind continues normal life routines
Eating drinking marrying focusing only on worldly pleasures
With a general disregard for God and His divine commandments
What faith on earth will the Lord Jesus find when He returns

Being the Lord's elect chosen to receive His protection
Let us conscientiously respond to the call to pray
May we seek to pray in the Spirit with all prayer and supplication
To be guided by the Holy Spirit to align with God's will and ways

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Luke 18:1-8; 1 Thessalonians 5:117;
Colossians 4-12; Ephesians 6:18

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mark Tan

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 380 | Just a Closer Walk with Thee
CP 332 | I Need Thee Every Hour

MESSAGE

“Watch and pray”

Text : Matthew 26:36-46

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

COMMUNION HYMN

HWC 336 | Jesus, I Come

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 395 | Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

HWC 380 JUST A CLOSER WALK WITH THEE

1. I am weak but Thou art strong;
Jesus, keep me from all wrong;
I'll be satisfied as long
As I walk, let me walk close to Thee.

Refrain

Just a closer walk with Thee,
Grant it, Jesus, is my plea,
Daily, walking close to Thee,
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.

2. Through this world of toil and snares,
If I falter, Lord, who cares?
Who with me my burden shares?
None but Thee, dear Lord, none but Thee.

Refrain

3. When my feeble life is o'er,
Time for me will be no more;
Guide me gently, safely o'er
To Thy kingdom shore, to Thy shore.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 332 I NEED THEE EVERY HOUR

ANNIE S. HAWKS

1. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

Refrain

I need Thee, O I need Thee,
Ev'ry hour I need Thee;
O bless me now, my Saviour,
I come to Thee!

2. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their pow'r
When Thou art nigh.

Refrain

3. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
In joy or pain;
Come quickly and abide
Or life is vain.

Refrain

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HYMNS

4. I need Thee ev'ry hour,
Most Holy One;
O make me Thine indeed,
Thou blessed Son!

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 336 JESUS, I COME

WILLIAM T. SLEEPER

1. Out of my bondage, sorrow and night,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my want and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

2. Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress to jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

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3. Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come, Jesus I come;
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward for aye on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come, Jesus, I come;
Into the joy and light of Thy home,
Jesus, I come to Thee.

Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee.



HYMNS

HWC 395 TEACH ME THY WAY, O LORD

MANSELL RAMSEY

1. Teach me Thy Way, O Lord, teach me Thy way!
Thy guiding grace afford – teach me Thy way!
Help me to walk aright, more by faith, less by sight;
Lead me with Heav'nly light – teach me Thy way!

2. When I am sad at heart, teach me Thy way!
When earthly joys depart, teach me Thy way!
In hours of loneliness, in times of dire distress,
In failure or success, teach me Thy way!

3. When doubts and fears arise, teach me Thy way!
When storms o'er spread the skies, teach me Thy way!
Shine through the cloud and rain, through sorrow, toil and pain;
Make Thou my pathway plain – teach me Thy way!

4. Long as my life shall last, teach me Thy way!
Wher-e'er my lot be cast, teach me Thy way!
Until the race is run, until the journey's done,
Until the crown is won, teach me Thy way!



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