

“... strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy.”
Colossians 1:11

STRENGTHENED

with all
Might

Easter Worship Service
5 April 2026 | 10.30am
Shangri La Hotel

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EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

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PRE-WORSHIP

Thine is the Glory

PRELUDE

Bethany Orchestra

"His Life for Mine with Jesus Paid It All"

Words and Music by Rebecca J. Peck

Orchestration by Bryan Wong

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

Interpreter: Ms. Tan Hwee Cheng

INVOCATION

HYMNS

Mr. and Mrs. Ho Si Yu

How Firm a Foundation

Because He Lives

SPECIAL ITEM

Combined Choir

"Glorious with Christ the Lord is Risen Today"

EASTER MESSAGE

Title: "Strengthened with All Might"

Text: Colossians 1:1-14

EASTER OFFERING

HYMN

He Lives

BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

POSTLUDE

Bethany Orchestra

"You are God Alone with All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Words and Music by Billy James Foote and Cindy Foote

Arranged by Lart Goss



PRE-WORSHIP

THINE IS THE GLORY

EDMOND L. BUDRY

1. Thine is the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the victory, Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Refrain

Thine is the glory, risen conqu'ring Son,
Endless is the vict'ry, Thou o'er death hast won.

2. Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing;
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

Refrain

3. No more we doubt Thee, Glorious Prince of Life;
Life is naught without Thee; aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, through Thy deathless love:
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy Home above.

Refrain



HYMN

HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION

JOHN RIPPON

1. How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

2. "Fear not, I am with thee; O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

3. "When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all sufficient, shall be thy supply:
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."

4. "The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to its foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"



HYMN

BECAUSE HE LIVES

WILLIAM & GLORIA GAITHER

1. God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

Refrain

Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future,
And life is worth the living just because He lives.

2. How sweet to hold a new born baby,
And feel the pride and joy he gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.

Refrain

3. And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.

Refrain



Glorious *with* Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

Words & Music by Lee Black | Arranged by Marty Hamby
Performed by The Bethany Combined Choir

He makes the clouds His chariot;
He rides on the wings of the wind.
Set the earth on its foundation
And told time when to begin.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty, mighty to save.

Glorious, risen Saviour;
Victorious, mighty King.
Wonderful is our Creator.
He's God with us,
Who reigns over us –
Glorious!

He's Alpha and Omega,
The Beginning and the End.
Swing wide, O ancient gates,
That the King may enter in.
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Christ the Lord is ris'n today. Alleluia!
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high. Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth, reply: Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Glorious, risen Saviour;
Victorious, mighty King.
Wonderful is our Creator.
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Who reigns over us –
Glorious!
Glorious!
Forever He reigns,
Glorious!



SCRIPTURE TEXTS

COLOSSIANS 1

¹ Paul, an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

² To the saints and faithful brethren in Christ *who are* in Colosse: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³ We give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, ⁴ since we heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of your love for all the saints; ⁵ because of the hope which is laid up for you in heaven, of which you heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, ⁶ which has come to you, as *it has* also in all the world, and is bringing forth fruit, as *it is* also among you since the day you heard and knew the grace of God in truth; ⁷ as you also learned from Epaphras, our dear fellow servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, ⁸ who also declared to us your love in the Spirit.

⁹ For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; ¹⁰ that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing *Him*, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; ¹¹ strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; ¹² giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³ He has delivered us from the power of

darkness and conveyed *us* into the kingdom of the Son of His love, ¹⁴ in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. ¹⁶ For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. ¹⁷ And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist. ¹⁸ And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

¹⁹ For it pleased *the Father that* in Him all the fullness should dwell, ²⁰ and by Him to reconcile all things to Himself, by Him, whether things on earth or things in heaven, having made peace through the blood of His cross.

²¹ And you, who once were alienated and enemies in your mind by wicked works, yet now He has reconciled ²² in the body of His flesh through death, to present you holy, and blameless, and above reproach in His sight— ²³ if indeed you continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and are not moved away from the hope of the gospel which you heard, which was preached to every creature under heaven, of which I, Paul, became a minister.

²⁴ I now rejoice in my sufferings for you, and fill up in my flesh what is lacking in the afflictions of Christ, for the sake of His body, which is the church, ²⁵ of which I became a minister according to the stewardship from God which was given to me for you, to fulfill the word of God, ²⁶ the mystery which has been hidden from ages and from generations, but now has been revealed to His

saints. ²⁷To them God willed to make known what are the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. ²⁸Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus. ²⁹To this *end* I also labor, striving according to His working which works in me mightily.



2 CORINTHIANS 12:7-10

⁷And lest I should be exalted above measure by the abundance of the revelations, a thorn in the flesh was given to me, a messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I be exalted above measure. ⁸Concerning this thing I pleaded with the Lord three times that it might depart from me. ⁹And He said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness." Therefore most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. ¹⁰Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in needs, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ's sake. For when I am weak, then I am strong.



CLOSING HYMN

HE LIVES

ALFRED H. ACKLEY

1. I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.

Refrain

He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives: He lives within my heart.

2. In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair;
I know that He is leading through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.

Refrain

3. Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The hope of all who seek Him, the help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

Refrain



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God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

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Bethany IV ... 5 April 2026 ... Blessed Easter Sunday!

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

Text: John 20

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WHY ARE YOU WEEPING?

GRIEF STRICKEN DISCIPLES

The Disciples of the Lord Jesus were grief-stricken that first Easter weekend. They had witnessed the terrible agony that the Lord Jesus had experienced.

They felt with the Lord every blow that was rained upon Him. Their hearts were wrenched when a Roman soldier pierced the Lord Jesus. They knew for a fact that their beloved Master-Teacher was dead!

MEDITATION

DOUBTS AND SORROW CLOUDED THE MIND

Mary Magdalene was one who had experienced the reality and power of the Lord's grace and love. The death of the Lord Jesus clouded her heart and mind adversely.

She went to the Tomb of the Lord Jesus and found it empty! She reported this to Peter and John who ran to the Tomb and confirmed what Mary had declared!

Mary returned to the Empty Tomb and she wept copiously. Where had they taken the Body of her Master? How could they have done this? Her heart was torn and her tears flowed freely!

WHY ARE YOU WEEPING?

The Risen Saviour appeared to Mary Magdalene! Why was she weeping? Mary did not realise that it was the Lord Jesus who was speaking to her. The Lord then identified Himself to her!

She was overjoyed! She clung to the Lord with incredible relief and joy! The Lord was alive! He was risen from the dead! How could she not have believed in what He had said to His Disciples time and again.

A POWERFUL EASTER MESSAGE

The Lord Jesus gave this powerful Easter message to Mary! She may draw comfort and strength from these words to face life's many challenges!

Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to Me, for I have not yet ascended to My Father; but go to My brethren and say to them, 'I am ascending to My Father and your Father, and to My God and your God.' "

John 20:17

OUR CHALLENGE

1. The Lord Jesus has ascended to God in Heaven
2. His words bring special comfort to the heart and mind
3. As God is Father to the Lord Jesus, so He is Father to all who believe

MEDITATION

in Him

4. We have a Risen Saviour through whom we have access to God in Heaven

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

Happy Easter to all worshippers! May you find special Easter Joy and Hope through faith in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ.



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 7 April 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
 - b) Thursday, 9 April 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
2. Saturday, 11 April 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 12 April 2026
 - 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 24:1-4

¹ The earth *is* the LORD's, and all its fullness,
The world and those who dwell therein.

² For He has founded it upon the seas,
And established it upon the waters.

³ Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD?
Or who may stand in His holy place?

⁴ He who has clean hands and a pure heart,
Who has not lifted up his soul to an idol,
Nor sworn deceitfully.

1. Worshipping the Lord as our Creator

- a) He is the Master
- b) He has established the earth

2. Approaching the Lord in worship

- a) With clean hands and a pure heart
- b) A totally dedicated heart to worship God

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 5 April 2026

Text: “Strengthened with might” Ephesians 3:16

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man.

Ephesians 3:16

1. This was an apostolic prayer of the Apostle Paul
2. This was a Prayer for strength in the inner man
3. It is a prayer that only the Spirit of God can fulfill!

NEXT SUNDAY: 12 April 2026

Text: “That Christ may dwell in your hearts”

Ephesians 3:17

*That Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith;
that you, being rooted and grounded in love.*

Ephesians 3:17

POETRY CORNER

1

MY FATHER AND YOUR FATHER

Deep grief can hurt very deeply;
The heart is torn and tears flow freely.
No words can bring the needed relief;
The soul is wounded beyond belief.

The Lord knows the grief that we feel;
The pain seems interminable and real.
He reaches out to us, calling us by name;
It is not wrong to feel weak, there is no shame.

The Lord Jesus spoke of God being our Father;
He Himself has related to Him like no other.
The Father will be there to give strength and hope;
The Risen Saviour is the Proof that we can cope!

Let not grief destroy life's foundations;
Our faith in God offers full redemption.
Joy will be the true strength of our Life;
With faith in God we can overcome strife!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: John 20:1-17

POETRY CORNER

2

REVIVE ME THIS EASTER

On this hazy morning covered in fog,
The rumbling of engines from boats at dock.
A certain humidity surrounds and envelopes me,
Wafts of black smoke drifts upon the murky sea.

I can't help but feel an uneasiness this morning,
Grey predominates and I miss the blue dawning.
Is it uncertainties ahead that trouble me?
Am I trapped in faithlessness, not breaking free?

Not far into the future however a special celebration,
One of significance far beyond comprehension.
For Christ was raised, we too have new life,
Through this, within me, my joy is revived!

Revive me! O Lord! Of my conviction to love You!
Revive me! O Lord! Draw me ever closer to You!
Revive me! O Lord! That I find hope in His resurrection!
Revive me! O Lord! Strengthen my faith and devotion!

Dr. Tan Kok Yang

Written at the start of the Holy week.
Inspiration: Romans 6:4, 1 Peter 1:3

POETRY CORNER

3

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Over two thousand years ago the Lord Jesus
rode into Jerusalem triumphantly
His choice of riding on a donkey was deliberate and significant
Reflecting His nature and kingdom as one of gentleness and humility
Redemption of humanity with His Life on a mission driven

The spiritual weight of the cup of God's wrath was on His shoulders
He struggled in the flesh and pleaded for the cup to pass
But His love for His Father led Him to full obedience
"Not My Will but Yours be done" was His faithful response

He was flogged, mocked and crucified for our sins
Suffering in silence enduring the pain and humiliation
How do I ever thank Him for absolving me of my sinful ways
May I never take for granted His love gift of salvation

Rejoice the Lord Jesus rose on the third day after His death
He is the Resurrection and Life conquering death and sin
Whoever lives and believes in Him shall never face death
"Death is swallowed in victory. O Death where is your sting"

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Matthew 21:1-11; John 11:25-26;
1 Corinthians 15:55; Luke 22:42

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