

BETHANY

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CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

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MEDITATION

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Text: Acts 1

INFALLIBLE PROOFS

POST-EASTER

The Lord Jesus continued to minister to His disciples after He rose from the dead. The historian Luke recorded the following things after His resurrection.

¹ The former account I made, O Theophilus, of all that Jesus began both to do and teach,

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² until the day in which He was taken up, after He through the Holy Spirit had given commandments to the apostles whom He had chosen,

³ to whom He also presented Himself alive after His suffering by many infallible proofs, being seen by them during forty days and speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God.

Acts 1:1-3

1. The Gospels

- a) They recorded what the Lord Jesus taught
- b) They also recorded what He did
 - i) Healing
 - ii) Casting out demons

2. Infallible Proofs

- a) They were shown to the Disciples
- b) They needed to believe that the Lord had indeed risen from the dead
- c) He showed Himself alive to them for forty days

3. Before Ascension

- a) He gave clear commandments to the Apostles
- b) Through the Holy Spirit
- c) They had a huge ministry that they must attempt

THE CHALLENGE TO THE APOSTLES

- 1. To be effective witnesses
- 2. To preach the kingdom of God
- 3. To usher in the Age of the Church

The Apostles did their work with admirable courage and commitment!
The first Church at Jerusalem was a resounding success!

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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 nourished through worship and fellowship!



GREETINGS

Pastor Charles Tan sends greetings from Bethel IPC. Pastors Ben and Ben add their greetings. They will be returning home on Monday, 20 April 2026.



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Bethany Toong & Laura Chan; Andrew & Hwei Li Wong
Lunch: Jane Ng, Nora Cheng & Esther Cheng; Christina Wong



JUNIOR CAMP 2026 **"GREAT AND PRECIOUS PROMISES"**

We are glad to announce that Junior Camp 2026 will be held in the first week of the School Holidays!

This year, our Theme is "Great and Precious Promises".

We are excited to help the children come to know the great and precious promises that God has given us in His Word.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Details:

Dates: 1 - 4 June 2026 (Monday - Thursday)

Time: 8:30am – 4:30pm daily (Lunch will be provided)

Venue: Bethany IPC

Junior Camp 2026 is open to children aged 7-12.

Please sign up using the QR below.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 21 April 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am
- b) Thursday, 23 April 2026 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Saturday, 25 April 2026

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

3. Sunday Ministry, 26 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) No Catechism Class



BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 19 April 2026

Text: “Filled with all the fulness of God” Ephesians 3:19

¹⁸ May be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Ephesians 3:18-19

1. A prayer to be filled with the fulness of God
 - a) A good prayer
 - b) A desirable prayer

2. Results of a prayer that is fulfilled:
 - a) Comprehension of the love of the Lord
 - b) His love is one that passes all knowledge

NEXT SUNDAY: 26 April 2026

Text: “To Him be glory in the Church” Ephesians 3:21

²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21

WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 24:8-10

⁸Who *is* this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
The Lord mighty in battle.

⁹Lift up your heads, O you gates!
Lift up, you everlasting doors!
And the King of glory shall come in.

¹⁰Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts,
He *is* the King of glory.

1. Who is this King of glory?
 - a) The Lord strong and mighty
 - b) The Lord mighty in battle
 - c) The Lord of hosts

2. How should we respond to the King of glory?
 - a) To lift up the heads in recognition
 - b) To open the doors to receive Him
 - c) He is worthy to be received with great praise!

POETRY CORNER

#1

INFALLIBLE PROOFS

The Disciples struggled with faith in the Lord;
The cruel crucifixion affected their faith in God.
They had seen that their Teacher was crucified;
Their hope in the Messiah had nearly died.

The Risen Saviour knew His Disciples' weakness;
They were still weak, and lacking in Faith's fulness.
He showed Himself alive with infallible proofs;
They must believe and have their doubts removed.

The Lord Jesus appeared to the Disciples on occasions;
He would meet them and clear doubts and consternation.
They must believe with even greater faith and certainty.
The Lord Jesus had risen from the dead and for all eternity!

The Lord had a special work for His Apostles whom He had chosen;
They would usher in the Age of the Church in their generation.
They must speak with deep conviction and great power;
They would experience great Divine unction every hour.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Acts 1:1-3

POETRY CORNER

#2

Our Messiah King

Kings ride on stallions bright,
In robes of gold and blazing light.
Yet our Lord Jesus rode on a humble colt,
Through a palm-waving crowd along Jerusalem's road.

No clash of swords, no trumpet's cry,
No armored ranks beneath the sky,
Our Lord hung on calvary cross alone,
His precious blood our sins to atone.

No jeweled crown adorned His head,
But twisted thorns that stained Him red.
No royal robe or grand stand,
But a cross, and nail-pierced hands.

It was not nails that held Him there,
But His great love for us to declare.
To free us from sin's stronghold,
And to cleanse and make us whole.

The empty tomb my salvation secure,
My Heaven-bound hope is forever sure.
Jesus lives! My heart will sing,
Risen Savior, victorious King!

Deonna and Raymond Tham
Inspiration: Matthew 21:5, Isaiah 53:7, Matthew 28:6,
Psalm 112:9, 2 Corinthians 9:8

POETRY CORNER

#3

Life's Afflictions

Afflictions can devastate and send peoples' lives tumbling;
It would be futile to become bitter or agonize over their meaning.
Man may witness the start to finish of many of earth's happenings;
Yet we will never fathom the workings of God's divine doing.

Life goes on amidst afflictions and suffering;
'Twas in the past, is presently, and will be in all future offerings.
Yet God's word and His faithfulness were there from the very beginning;
As in the established covenant of night followed by break of morning.

So we hold fast to God's word and His promises;
And delight in the truth of His word and faithfulness.
Despite our circumstances being challenging and austere;
We can draw much needed strength from them to persevere.

Lest we forget life's many blessings just because it has become arduous;
Remember that every life given by God is dear and precious.
Trust that the Lord's mercy and grace will be sufficient;
To enable us to persevere and learn to be patient.

Dr. Sng Li Wah

Inspiration: Psalm 119:89-96; 2 Corinthians 12:9

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr. Lai Chung Han

PRAYER

HYMNS

Song No. 1 | When I Survey

Song No. 2 | He Will Hold Me Fast

MESSAGE

"Qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints"

Colossians 1

Rev. Mark Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 354 | Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

WHEN I SURVEY

ISAAC WATTS, LOWELL MASON,
FIONÁN DE BARRA, BEN SHIVE

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head, His hands, His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all

Love so amazing, so divine
Demands my soul, my life, my all



HYMNS

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

ADA HABERSHON, MATT MERKER

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus

He will hold me fast
He will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so
He will hold me fast

Those He saves are His delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in His holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by Him at such a cost
He will hold me fast

Chorus

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HYMNS

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For my life He bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with Him to endless life
He will hold me fast
Till our faith is turned to sight
When He comes at last

Chorus



HYMNS

HWC 354 LEANING ON THE EVERLASTING ARMS

ELISHA A. HOFFMAN

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

2. O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
O how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain

3. What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain



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