

BETHANY

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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: Psalm 65

THE GOODNESS OF YOUR HOUSE

ANOTHER DAVIDIC PSALM

King David had deep insights concerning the Sanctuary of the Lord. Deep and precious are his thoughts concerning the Lord's Sanctuary,

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¹ Praise is awaiting You, O God, in Zion;
And to You the vow shall be performed.

² O You who hear prayer,
To You all flesh will come.

³ Iniquities prevail against me;
As for our transgressions,
You will provide atonement for them.

⁴ Blessed *is the man* You choose,
And cause to approach *You*,
That he may dwell in Your courts.
We shall be satisfied with the goodness of Your house,
Of Your holy temple.

Psalm 65:1-4

1. Description of the Sanctuary

- a) The location is called Zion
- b) Zion had royal Courts
- c) The Sanctuary was called God's House
- d) Zion was no less than a holy Temple of God

2. Worshippers of God

- a) They will offer grateful praise
- b) Vows made to the Lord should be performed at the Temple
- c) Prayers are to be offered to God at Zion

3. Special blessings

- a) The Lord's choice of the one who would approach Him
- b) He is privileged to dwell in His courts
- c) The Lord's abundant provision for His House

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OUR CHALLENGE

1. To appreciate the abundant provision of God for us
2. To respond appropriately by fulfilling what we have promised (vowed) to God
3. To always offer praise to our great and mighty God

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord with us in His Sanctuary. May your heart be uplifted and refreshed through worship and fellowship!



GIVING OF FELLOWSHIP MEALS

Breakfast: Eric & Siok; Katherine Tan
Lunch: Shiyun & Yingsui; Alicia & Yit San; Minyi & Adrian



CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Mr. Lai Kai Lam and family on the demise of his mother, Mdm. Wong Choon Lian. The late Mdm. Wong was called home to be with the Lord on Tuesday, 15 September 2026. She was 89 years old.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2026

"Hold fast what you have" – Revelation 3:11

We start looking forward to the Youth Conference even as we enter the second half of 2026! As we learn about our faith in God, may we seek to hold fast to what we have, ensuring that no one takes away the crown of victory that we can have!

Details

Dates: 30 November 2026 - 3 December 2026 (Monday - Thursday)

Venue: Bethany IPC | 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 can register online by scanning the QR Code:



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CONGRATULATIONS!

Heartfelt congratulations to Joshua and Cheryl on the gift of a baby girl.
Baby Esther was born on 17 September 2026.



THIS WEEK IN BETHANY

1. Seniors Program
 - a) Tuesday, 22 September 2026 | 9:30am – 11:30am
 - b) Thursday, 24 September 2026 | 9:30am – 11:30am
2. Saturday, 26 September 2026
 - a) YPG/ YAG | 2.00pm
 - b) Youth Worship | 3.15pm
3. Sunday Ministry, 27 September 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 37:20-22

²⁰ But the wicked shall perish;
And the enemies of the LORD,
Like the splendour of the meadows, shall vanish.
Into smoke they shall vanish away.

²¹ The wicked borrows and does not repay,
But the righteous shows mercy and gives.

²² For *those* blessed by Him shall inherit the earth,
But *those* cursed by Him shall be cut off.

1. The fate of the wicked

- a) They shall perish
- b) These are enemies of God
- c) They will vanish like smoke
- d) The wicked borrows but does not pay
- e) They are cursed and will be cut off

2. The Fate of the Righteous

- a) The Righteous shows mercy and gives
- b) They will be blessed by the Lord
- c) They will inherit the earth
- d) The Lord knows those who are His
- e) Their lives are characterised by righteousness

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 20 September 2026

**Text: “I will come into Your house in the multitude of
Your mercy” Psalm 5:7**

*But as for me, I will come into Your house in the multitude of Your mercy;
In fear of You I will worship toward Your holy temple. Psalm 5:7*

1. The Sanctuary is called God’s House
2. There is great mercy to be found in His House
3. Our worship of the Lord must be offered in reverence

NEXT SUNDAY: 27 September 2026

Text: “The LORD is in His holy temple” Psalm 11:4

*The LORD is in His holy temple,
The LORD’s throne is in heaven;
His eyes behold,
His eyelids test the sons of men. Psalm 11:4*

POETRY CORNER

#1

THE GOODNESS OF YOUR HOUSE

More insights were shared by the King;
God revealed to him truths that were valid.
The holy Sanctuary was called Zion;
The Lord would make ample provision.

Zion would have royal courts for all worshippers;
The Lord's Presence and Protection are precious.
God choose those who are truly godly to enter in;
He has provided full atonement for all their sins.

The Temple is described as the House of God;
All may be satisfied with the provision from the Lord.
He has faithfully met all our needs all these years;
How the heart must be filled with hope and cheer!

Vows made to the Lord must be honoured;
Hymns of praise must be gratefully offered.
The worship of God must be offered in Holy Fear;
Let all who are called and chosen draw very near!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 65:1-4

POETRY CORNER

#2

Seeking God in His Sanctuary

There was a time when David was persecuted by King Saul;
He was pursued in the wilderness and knew not what would befall.

Yet he chose to seek and praise God in His Sanctuary;
For he knew the latter was where lie God's power and His glory.

Then there was the time when David fled Absalom, his own son;
And was persuaded that God had abandoned him despite all that he had done.
Despite being far from where God had chosen to dwell amongst His people,
He cried out to the Lord, believing He would hear him from the Tabernacle.

David was granted sleep despite his dire circumstances;
He became unafraid despite his enemies' advances.
In times of crises, he repeatedly chose to pray and seek God;
His experience of peace and courage confirmed the presence of the Lord.

David's confidence that salvation is from God stemmed from his love for Him;
He was sure the Lord would heed his prayers even when situations were extreme.
We too can cultivate our faith and love for God and His Sanctuary;
And trust that He will bless us even when circumstances turn awry.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 63; Psalm 3

POETRY CORNER

#3

The Holy Hill

Turn to the Lord when the world crashes down on you
King David feared for his life when Absalom pursued him
He cried out to God who heard him from the Holy Hill
His prayer brought peace from God who sustained him

Mount Sinai was the primary holy mountain before Jerusalem was established
It was where God chose to reveal Himself to Moses
He appeared in a flame of fire from the midst of a bush
Declaring the mountain as holy ground instructing Moses to remove his sandals

Chosen by God Mount Sinai transitioned to Mount Zion as the Holy Hill
Physically a hill to where King David brought the Ark of the Covenant
Spiritually a place where the Lord dwells with His children as per His will
Believers are encouraged to worship Him in His Sanctuary in heavenly Jerusalem

Thank God we can come to Mount Zion to worship Him
He is our shield and protector and hears our cries for mercy
May His presence with us in times of sorrow be comforting
Glory be to the Lord for Mount Zion as a dwelling of holiness

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 2:6, 3:4; Exodus 3:1

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

Musicians

CALL TO WORSHIP

Disciple-Pastor Darrell Ou

PRAYER

HYMNS

CP 295 | I Will Sing of My Redeemer

HWC 358 | I Am Thine, O Lord

MESSAGE

"The Lord has set apart for Himself him who is godly"

Psalm 4

Rev. Dr. Charles Tan

CLOSING HYMN

HWC 278 Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

BENEDICTION

OFFERING

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 295 I WILL SING OF MY REDEEMER

PHILIP P. BLISS

1. I will sing of my Redeemer
And His wondrous love to me;
On the cruel cross He suffered
From the curse to set me free.

Refrain

Sing, oh, sing of my Redeemer,
With His blood He purchased me;
On the cross He sealed my pardon,
Paid the debt and made me free.

2. I will tell the wondrous story,
How my lost estate to save,
In His boundless love and mercy,
He the ransom freely gave.

Refrain

3. I will praise my dear Redeemer,
His triumphant pow'r I'll tell,
How the victory He giveth
Over sin and death and hell.

Refrain

4. I will sing of my Redeemer
And His heav'nly love to me;
He from death to life hath brought me,
Son of God, with Him to be.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 358 I AM THINE, O LORD

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
And it told Thy love to me;
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,
And be closer drawn to Thee.

Refrain

Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To the cross where Thou hast died;
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
To Thy precious, bleeding side.

2. Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
By the pow'r of grace divine;
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
And my will be lost in Thine.

Refrain

3. O, the pure delight of a single hour
That before Thy throne I spend,
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with Friend!

Refrain

4. There are depths of love that I cannot know
Till I cross the narrow sea;
There are heights of joy that I may not reach
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

Refrain



HYMNS

HWC 278

GLORIOUS THINGS OF THEE ARE SPOKEN

JOHN NEWTON

1. Glorious things of thee are spoken
 Zion, City of our God;
He whose Word cannot be broken
 Formed thee for His own abode.
 On the Rock of Ages founded,
 What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
 Thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters,
 Springing from eternal Love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
 And all fear of want remove.
 Who can faint while such a river
 Ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the Giver,
 Never fails from age to age!

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HYMNS

3. Round each habitation hovering,
See the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a covering,
Showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from their banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna
Which He gives them when they pray.



