



Christ the Lord is Risen Today!

Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in NEWNESS OF LIFE. Romans 6:4

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICE

17 APRIL 2022 10.00AM

When would the Kingdom come?

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PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Moses Kwek

PRAYER

HYMNS

HWC 229 | Our God Reigns

CP 206 | Because He Lives

SPECIAL ITEM

“The Glory of the Cross”

Crossroads

EASTER SUNDAY MESSAGE

“When would the Kingdom come?”

Texts: Luke 17:20-37

CLOSING HYMN

CP 205 | He Lives

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE



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HYMN

HWC 229 OUR GOD REIGNS

LEONARD E. SMITH

1. How lovely on the mountains are the feet of him,
Who brings good news, good news;
Announcing peace, proclaiming news of happiness.
Our God reigns! our God reigns!

Refrain

Our God reigns! Our God reigns!
Our God reigns! Our God reigns!

2. He had no stately form, He had no majesty
That we should be drawn to Him;
He was despised and we took no account of Him,
Yet now He reigns with the Most High.

Refrain

3. It was our sin and guilt that bruised and wounded Him.
It was our sin that brought Him down.
When we like sheep had gone astray, our Shepherd came,
And on His shoulders bore our shame.

Refrain

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4. Meek as a lamb that's led out to the slaughterhouse,
Dumb as a sheep before its shearer,
His life ran down upon the ground like pouring rain,
That we might be born again.

Refrain

5. Out of the tomb He came with grace and majesty;
He is alive, He is alive!
God loves us so, see here His hands, His feet, His side.
Yes, we know He is alive!

Refrain



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HYMN

CP 206 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



The Glory of the Cross

Words by: Larry Shackley

Inspired by: Elizabeth C. Clephane & Charles Wesley

Music by: Larry Shackley

Quoting St. Christopher by Frederick C. Maker

I will take my stand beneath the cross of Jesus,
For here along this weary road its shadow comforts me.
In darkest night, or when the sun is burning,
My soul will keep returning here beneath the cross.

Sometimes I see upon the cross of Jesus
The Saviour of the universe suffering there for me.
And in my heart, I know I am unworthy,
But still Your love flowed freely there beneath the cross.

Depth of mercy! Can there be
Mercy still reserved for me?
There for me the Saviour stands,
Holding forth His wounded hands.

So for all my life I'll take the cross of Jesus,
And walk the road before me in the sunlight of His grace.
And from my heart, I'll sing the wondrous story:
The never-ending glory of the cross of Christ.
The cross of Christ.



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CLOSING HYMN

CP 205 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...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 17 April 2022 ... Blessed Easter Sunday!

MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

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Text: Matthew 13

THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

THE PREACHING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

The Lord Jesus was deeply committed to preaching the Kingdom of God

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(Matthew 4:23). He revealed great truths about the Kingdom of Heaven (Matthew 5-7). He gained great fame and many were the people who sought Him out (Matthew 4:24-25).

MANY MARVELED AT THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

All who came to the Lord Jesus Christ marveled at what they had discovered about Him!

1. They were astonished at His knowledge
2. They were amazed at the power and authority He possessed
Matthew 7:29

THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

The Lord Jesus desired with all His heart to impart His knowledge to His Disciples.

¹⁰ And the disciples came and said to Him, "Why do You speak to them in parables?"

¹¹ He answered and said to them, "Because it has been given to you to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it has not been given.

¹² For whoever has, to him more will be given, and he will have abundance; but whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken away from him.
Matthew 13:10-12

1. To the Multitudes
 - a) The Lord Jesus employed Parables

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- b) On the surface, these were simple stories
- c) They contained great truths beneath the storyline

2. To the Disciples

- a) They had been given to know the mysteries of the Kingdom
- b) More blessings would be given
- c) They could end up with abundance

3. If they did not treasure what they were given

- a) They could end up losing what they had received
- b) The challenge was to appreciate their privileged position

HOW DO WE REGARD THE MYSTERIES OF GOD'S KINGDOM?

It is vital that we check our regard of the Kingdom of God and its many mysteries!

- 1. We could end up with an abundance of blessings
- 2. Or we could end up with very little knowledge

Let us plan to respond well. Let us seek the Kingdom of God with all our heart! May the blessings of the Lord be in abundance!

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ this Easter Sunday. May your heart be filled with special Easter Joy!



HAPPY EASTER!

The Pastoral Team and Session wish all worshippers
God's Blessing of Joy this Easter Sunday!



MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK

17-24 April 2022

1. Special Seniors Program
Tuesday, 19 April 2022
9.30am- 11.30am

Thursday, 21 April 2022
9.30am-11.30am

2. Weekend Ministry

- a) Saturday, 23 April 2022
Youth Worship
3.00pm
- b) Sunday, 24 April 2022
10.00am
 - i) Morning Worship Service
 - ii) Chinese Worship ServiceVenue: Fellowship Hall



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MINISTRY IN PERTH

Pastor Charles Tan will be speaking at the Bethel Family Camp, (18-21 April 2022). He will be away for the whole of next week.



DEEP APPRECIATION

1. Heartfelt appreciation to the Session of Bethany in granting permission to have a Memorial Service for the late Judy Tan Soo Hee. Judy was called home to be with the Lord Jesus on Palm Sunday, 10 April 2022.

2. Deep appreciation also to so many who rallied to express support:

- a) The Pastoral Team
- b) The AVA Team
- c) The Custodial Team

3. All who took the time and trouble to attend the Memorial Service on Sunday, 10 April 2022

4. All the love gifts will go towards Bethany's Missions Ministry overseas.



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:151-152

*¹⁵¹ You are near, O LORD,
And all Your commandments are truth.*

*¹⁵² Concerning Your testimonies,
I have known of old that You have founded them forever.*

1. God's Proximity

- a) This is to be deeply appreciated
- b) God's commandments are indeed truth

2. God's Word

- a) They are well-established
- b) They will last forever

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 17 April 2022

Text: "Every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven"

Matthew 13:52

Then He said to them, "Therefore every scribe instructed concerning the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out of his treasure things new and old."

1. The believer is compared to a wise scribe
2. In turn, he is compared to a householder
 - a) He has old treasures
 - b) He has added new treasures too
3. There are treasures to be acquired and rejoiced over!

NEXT SUNDAY: 24 April 2022

Text: "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached" Matthew 24:14

And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

POETRY CORNER

1

THE MYSTERIES OF THE KINGDOM

The Kingdom of God is truly glorious;
This was displayed by the Lord Jesus!
His word had power and authority;
He freely gave grace and mercy!

All who came to Him were astonished,
By the things He was able to accomplish!
The severely sick were healed instantly;
The demonised were set at liberty.

The mysteries of the Kingdom were explained;
The Lord God, the Father in heaven, reigned!
He would reveal mysteries of His Kingdom;
He would grant knowledge and deep wisdom.

Our part is to find faith and follow the Lord Jesus;
He would explain what to many, is mysterious.
Those who seek would find eternal treasure;
God's blessings may be given without measure!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Matthew 13:1-17

POETRY CORNER

2

TREASURING AN INVITATION

How did I deserve this precious invitation to a Kingdom?
Certainly not by chance but by grace which was not random.
The vastness of this Kingdom goes beyond conceivable imagination,
A richness so majestic, so infinite, it startles any contemplation.

This Kingdom is not about expansive fields and flowering meadows,
Neither is it about great rivers where the water of life steadily flows.
This Kingdom is far greater than the tallest mountain ranges,
A great mystery, though its earthly image undergoes numerous changes.

The understanding of such a Kingdom begins with the word of salvation,
That message of hope from an ultimate sacrifice, delivery from damnation.
Only a deep comprehension will bring this Kingdom's truths into one's reality,
And only then, can one truly appreciate its proximity in whole totality!

How precious is this invitation? An open gate to a place of true treasures!
And I must be challenged to behold this richness beyond all measures!
There, must my heart seek, in faith, in trust, though this gate is narrow.
For the power and the glory resides in this Kingdom, distant from sorrow.

Poem by Tan Kok Yang

Inspiration: Passages in the book of Luke, the messages from the series 'The Kingdom of God' and the occasion of Easter 2022.

POETRY CORNER

3

WHAT IS THE KINGDOM OF GOD LIKE?

There are those amongst us who are self-righteous;
Who harbor condescension towards our peers.
But this “holier than thou” attitude is foolish;
For unless we repent, we will all likewise perish.

What about those who are hypocrites;
Who judge with double standards, their own and others’ deeds?
But such pretentiousness is futile effort;
For the Lord knows all our hidden sins and secrets.

God’s kingdom is likened to a mustard seed;
Which will grow to become a tree, virtuous and magnanimous indeed.
Until one day the birds of the air can nest in its branches;
So too, we can be refuge to those mired in sin’s deep trenches.

“Because narrow is the gate and difficult is the way which leads to life”;
It is the arduous path to enter the narrow gate which we must strive.
To continuously seek the kingdom of God is our challenge;
For peace, joy, love and hope will be our inheritance.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Luke 13; Matthew 7:14

POETRY CORNER

4

A Mustard Seed

Jesus is the beacon of the world
He beckons all to enter the gates of His Kingdom
It is a narrow gate but strive we must to enter undeterred
The Kingdom of God begins small like a mustard seed
seemingly insignificant

Watch the spectrum of its growth and power unleashed
Seeds have been seen to crack open concrete sidewalks
The Word of God empowers like when leaven to dough is mixed
It permeates the heart, mind, soul and growth multiplies

Our Almighty Father looks for the fruit in us
He is patient and gives us time to be fruit bearing
But if we choose to be obstinate and continue our sinful ways
He will have no qualms to destroy fruitless trees cutting and felling

May we not be the one whom He shuts out at the gates of heaven
Let us repent now or it may be too late in retracting
With thanksgiving endeavour to enter the Kingdom of Heaven
“For the Lord is good and His mercy everlasting”

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Luke 13: 18-19; Psalm 100

Stronger Faith



Our Lord Jesus taught us Kingdom principles.
Many did not understand even through parables.
Jesus' life on earth reminded us of His human-ness.
Jesus' death and resurrection reveals God's deepest love.
Let not the turmoil around us or in the world cause unbelief.
Be Still! Almighty God, full of grace and mercy will bring relief.
We can grow stronger in faith like the mustard seed into a tree.
Sharing with others about His Kingdom by our works and testimonies.
With a contrite heart, let us thank God for His gift of salvation.
May we always return to the Lord, like Peter,
Renew our faith and strengthen our brethren.

Lai Mun

Good Friday 2022

Inspiration - John 13:34, Luke 22:31-32, Hebrews 4:16

EASTER SUNDAY THOUGHTS



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