

# BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

*God's Kind of Church...*

*Where God is touching lives...*

*And people care for people.*

*Bethany IV ... 5 June 2022 ... Holy Communion Sunday*

## MEDITATION

REV DR CHARLES TAN

**Text: 2 Peter 3**

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## **THE LORD IS NOT SLACK CONCERNING HIS PROMISE**

**THE BIBLE IS FULL OF PROMISES OF  
GOD**

The Bible is truly full of promises from  
the Lord our God.

1. Promises in the Old Testament

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- a) To Abraham
- b) To the children of Israel
- c) To King David
- d) To the Levites
- e) To every worshipper of God

## 2. Promises in the New Testament

- a) To the Church
- b) To the followers of the Lord Jesus
- c) To all who serve the Lord

## THE PROMISE OF THE SECOND COMING OF THE LORD JESUS

There were some who expressed doubts as to whether this promise would be fulfilled. The Apostle Peter wrote this word to instruct and encourage all believers.

<sup>8</sup> But, beloved, do not forget this one thing, that with the Lord one day *is* as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.

<sup>9</sup> The Lord is not slack concerning *His* promise, as some count slackness, but is longsuffering toward not willing that any should perish but that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:8-9

## 1. Our reckoning of time

- a) Human reckoning of time is different from God's reckoning
- b) One day with God is like 1000 years in human time reckoning

## 2. God is not slack in fulfilling His promise

- a) If the Lord Jesus would return right now, many souls would be lost

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- b) The challenge to us is to use this time to bear witness faithfully
- c) Let us be moved to help people find salvation in the Lord before He returns

## LET US BE COMMITTED TO EVANGELISM

Let us be deeply committed to evangelism. Let us be zealous and yet gentle in the sharing of our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ!

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## WELCOME TO BETHANY

We are glad that you have chosen to worship the Lord Jesus Christ with us today! May your heart be uplifted through worship and fellowship!



## CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR MARRIAGE!

Heartfelt congratulations to Evan and Shi Qi on the occasion of their wedding on 4 June 2022. Every blessing as you venture forward as man and wife!



## YPG AND YAG MINISTRIES

There will be a short break from regular ministry in the month of June.



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

We will be partaking of The Lord's Supper this morning.  
May we treasure the privilege of the partaking of it.

## HOLY COMMUNION AT CHINESE WORSHIP SERVICE

They will have Communion next Sunday.



## **MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK** **6 - 12 June 2022**

### 1. Special Seniors Program

a) Tuesday, 7 June 2022 | 9.30am-11.30am

b) Thursday, 9 June 2022 | 9.30am-11.30am

### 2. Weekend Ministry

a) Saturday, 11 June 2022

i) Catechism Class | 1.00pm

ii) Youth Worship | 3.00pm

b) Sunday, 12 June 2022

i) Sunday School (ISS and SSS 1) | 8.30am

ii) Morning Worship Service | 10.00am

iii) Chinese Worship Service | 10.00am

iv) Crèche | 10.00am



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# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MY SONG IN THE NIGHT MINISTRY MUSIC MINISTRY

Dear Pastor,

In April 2022, you shared with Gary and I from Psalm 33 on how we can praise the Lord through music in a meaningful way - when the praise is offered up by the “righteous” and “upright” who have faith, knowledge and understanding.

### **Psalm 33**

<sup>1</sup> Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous!  
*For praise from the upright is beautiful.*

<sup>2</sup> Praise the Lord with the harp;  
Make melody to Him with an instrument of ten strings.

<sup>3</sup> Sing to Him a new song;  
Play skilfully with a shout of joy.

We were inspired and just wanted to be vessels to be used by the Lord for His purposes. How can we minister to brethren who might be going through challenges in their lives with songs that carry meaning and significance? That moment marked the beginning of the My Songs In The Night MSITN music ministry.

### **Job 35:9-11**

9 “Because of the multitude of oppressions they cry out;  
They cry out for help because of the arm of the mighty.

10 But no one says, ‘Where is God my Maker,  
Who gives songs in the night,

11 Who teaches us more than the beasts of the earth,  
And makes us wiser than the birds of heaven?’

Pastor Charlie challenged us bring forth original songs that would touch hearts, and bring tears to the eyes of those who sing or hear them. Post meeting, I asked myself why would Pastor encourage us to originate songs as there are many Christian songs written already. I later found out from Bethany’s internet / AV teams that songs we put on the Bethany website may require us to purchase copyrights. We

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want to make MSITN songs royalty free, on not just the Bethany website, but also on ComfortingWords.com where there are already original compositions uploaded, so as to encourage many more souls out there.

This Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> June, the first song “My Tears” with words written by Pastor Charles Tan, and music composed by Gary Kwang, will be introduced at the Chinese Worship Service, led by Pastor Moses Kwek. This is a song that is inspired by Psalm 42:1-3. It speaks of the tears brought forth by the challenges of life. And how we cry out to the Lord, as the dear pants for the water, so our soul pants for the Lord. We can always trust and depend on Him and His promises.

Really appreciate the contribution of fellow brothers and sisters in Christ to the nascent MSITN music ministry with their voices, their creativity, their time and we continue to need help in many ways. We believe that praising the Lord with music, bringing our pain before the Lord and connecting more deeply with God will make these efforts worth the while.

Thank you, Pastor Charlie, for your guidance. May the Lord bless this ministry and allow many more hearts to be blessed.

In His grace,  
Gary and Choon Peng

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## WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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### Psalm 119:165 - 166

<sup>165</sup> Great peace have those who love Your law,  
And nothing causes them to stumble.

<sup>166</sup> LORD, I hope for Your salvation,  
And I do Your commandments.

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# WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

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## 1. Great Peace

- a) This is a special blessing of God
- b) It is promised to those who love the law of God and practise it

## 2. Great Hope

- a) We will not easily stumble
- b) We can hope for God's salvation (deliverance)

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## BIBLE MEMORY WORK

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**TODAY: 5 June 2022**

**Text: "There will be great tribulation" Matthew 24:21**

*For then there will be great tribulation, such as has not been since the beginning of the world until this time, no, nor ever shall be. Matthew 24:21*

### 1. General tribulation

- a) These may be common experiences
- b) Wars, famines, pestilences etc.

### 2. Great tribulation

- a) No details were given
- b) These times would be unprecedented sorrows and suffering

**NEXT SUNDAY: 12 June 2022**

**Text: "For the elect's sake those days will be shortened"**

**Matthew 24:22**

*And unless those days were shortened, no flesh would be saved; but for the elect's sake those days will be shortened. Matthew 24:22*

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 1

## THE PROMISES OF GOD

The Promises of God are truly astounding;  
The Covenant given to Abraham is astonishing.  
All God had promised would be fulfilled finally;  
The land of Canaan was given to Israel literally.

The Promises of God are not easy to comprehend;  
Why God takes so long to fulfil is hard to understand.  
The Lord Jesus promised a Second Coming;  
Some were in doubt and others had misgivings.

The Apostle Peter reminded his readers to reconsider;  
Human understanding may sometimes be in error.  
A thousand years is a long time for Man;  
But to the LORD, this is only a day's span.

God is never slack in fulfilling His word of promise;  
He is not willing that any soul should perish.  
There are many souls who do not have salvation;  
Let us seek to share the Gospel of redemption.

Charles Tan

Inspiration: 2 Peter 3:8-9



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# POETRY CORNER

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# 2

## THE GLORIOUS HOPE OF OUR SAVIOUR'S RETURN

A myopic focus on the sorrow and judgment of the end times begets unhealthy fear,  
To the teachings of Jesus which include instruction and hope, we must give ear!  
Amidst the reality of divine judgment and the inevitability of sorrow's rising riptide,  
A vital perspective of hope and glory may be acquired, if we, in these truths abide.

Despair comes when sorrows and suffering persist seemingly with no end in sight,  
Our encouragement is that at the end of this tunnel stands Jesus, the divine Light!  
Not only is there the promise of salvation for he who endures to the end,  
Our Saviour will gloriously return for us — we will reign with Him hand in hand!

Christ's first advent was in lowly humility, but His return will be in glorious regality!  
The sun, moon and stars will join all nature in declaring His unparalleled majesty!  
The Lord of all will come with a euphony of trumpets and a Heavenly throng,  
All the elect of His will join the chorus of angels, rejoicing in resplendent song!

This wonderful truth of the Lord's second coming must leave us standing in awe,  
He is the Author and Finisher of our faith, the fullness of Him who fills all in all!  
Such wondrous promises and precious truths have been given to us to behold,  
May we ever treasure our election, that our first love may never grow cold!

Stanley Woo

Inspiration: Matthew 24; Revelation 1

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## POETRY CORNER

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# 3

### TAKE HEED THAT NO ONE DECEIVES YOU

The Lord Jesus spoke of His Second Coming,  
The troubles that would occur are daunting.  
There would be wars, disasters and tribulation,  
Satan would add problems to the situation.

Satan's servants would use the name of Christ,  
Their true intent is to mislead people with lies.  
They appear to show great signs and wonders,  
To promote and benefit self is their real focus.

These false christs may seem very compelling,  
But what they offer are erroneous teachings!  
Unless we are well-instructed in God's Word,  
It is easy to be misled and be adversely affected.

Building our faith on God's Word is so vital,  
In order to withstand the wiles of the devil.  
Let us hold fast to His Word with all our heart,  
From Him and His Word, may we never depart!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Matthew 24: 4-5 and 23-24

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# POETRY CORNER

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# 4

## The day of the Lord

Should we be fearful of the day of the Lord  
When heavens will be dissolved and elements melt away by fire  
As He did in the days of the flood, earth's destruction by God  
Will be wrought on sinners walking in their lust incurring His ire

Since all things continue as they were from the time of creation sceptics wonder  
At the reality of the Lord's promise of His second coming  
They have forgotten God's creations and His judgment poured out in the days of Noah  
Foolish are scoffers in choosing God's Word to be ignoring

The Lord is not slack in delivering on His promise to return  
It will be a surprise as He will come as a thief in the night  
Meanwhile keep diligent by walking godly and learn  
To be patient, be still and contemplate His might

Believers need not fear the day of the Lord  
They can look forward to new earth and heavens  
Where righteousness reigns in the Kingdom of God  
May we hasten the Lord's coming by our holiness, conduct and godliness

Jessie Quek  
Inspiration: 2 Peter 3:1-7

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

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## PRELUDE

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Rev Mark Tan*

## PRAYER

## HYMN

HWC 239 | Jesus Is Coming Again

VIP 641 | Will Jesus Find Us Watching?

## MESSAGE

“As in the days of Noah”

Text: Matthew 24:32-41; Genesis 6-8; 1 Peter 3:18-22

*Rev Dr Charles Tan*

## HOLY COMMUNION

## HYMN

CP 266 | Break Thou the Bread of Life

## PRAYER OF BLESSING

## HYMN

CP 325 | I Know Whom I Have Believed

## POSTLUDE



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# HYMNS

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## HWC 239 JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

JOHN W. PETERSON

1. Marvellous message we bring, glorious carol we sing,  
Wonderful word of the King – Jesus is coming again!

Refrain

Coming again, coming again;  
Maybe morning, maybe noon,  
Maybe evening and maybe soon!  
Coming again, coming again;  
O what a wonderful day it will be – Jesus is coming again!

2. Forest and flower exclaim, mountain and meadow the same,  
All earth and heaven proclaim – Jesus is coming again!

*Refrain*

3. Standing before Him at last, trial and trouble all past,  
Crowns at His feet we will cast – Jesus is coming again!

*Refrain*



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# HYMNS

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## VIP 641 WILL JESUS FIND US WATCHING?

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. When Jesus comes to reward His servants,  
Whether it be noon or night,  
Faithful to Him will He find us watching,  
With our lamps all trimmed and bright?

Refrain

Oh, can we say we are ready, brother?  
Ready for the soul's bright Home?  
Say, will He find you and me still watching,  
Waiting, waiting when the Lord shall come?

2. If, at the dawn of the early morning,  
He shall call us one by one,  
When to the Lord we restore our talents,  
Will He answer thee - "Well done"?

*Refrain*

3. Have we been true to the trust He left us?  
Do we seek to do our best?  
If in our hearts there is naught condemns us,  
We shall have a glorious rest.

*Refrain*

4. Blessed are those whom the Lord finds watching,  
In His glory they shall share;  
If He shall come at the dawn or midnight,  
Will He find us watching there?

*Refrain*



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## HYMNS

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### CP 266 BREAK THOU THE BREAD OF LIFE

ST. 1-2 MARY A.LATHBURY, ST. 3-4 ALEXANDER GROVES

1. Break Thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
As Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
Beyond the sacred page I seek Thee Lord,  
My spirit pants for Thee, O living Word.
2. Bless Thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
As Thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;  
Then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
And I shall find my peace, my All in all.
3. Thou art the Bread of Life, O Lord, to me,  
Thy Holy Word the truth that saveth me;  
Give me to eat and live with Thee above;  
Teach me to love Thy truth, for Thou art love.
4. O send Thy Spirit, Lord, now unto me,  
That He may touch my eyes and make me see:  
Show me the truth concealed within Thy Word,  
And in Thy Book revealed I see Thee, Lord.



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# HYMNS

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## CP 325 I KNOW WHOM I HAVE BELIEVED

DANIEL WHITTLE

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace  
To me He hath made known,  
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love  
Redeemed me for His own.

Refrain

But "I know whom I have believed,  
And am persuaded that He is able  
*To keep that which I've committed  
Unto Him against that day".*

2. I know not how this saving faith  
To me He did impart,  
Nor how believing in His Word  
Wrought peace within my heart.

*Refrain*

3. I know not how the Spirit moves,  
Convincing us of sin,  
Revealing Jesus through the Word,  
Creating faith in Him.

*Refrain*

4. I know not when my Lord may come,  
At night or noontide fair,  
Nor if I'll walk the vale with Him,  
Or "meet Him in the air".

*Refrain*

