

BETHANY

INDEPENDENT-
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

God's Kind of Church...

Where God is touching lives...

And people care for people.

Bethany IV ... 3 July 2022 ... Holy Communion Sunday

MEDITATION

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Text: Psalm 103

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BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

CELEBRATING 40+9 YEARS OF
CHURCH MINISTRY

We celebrate the LORD's blessings
outpoured on us for nearly 5 decades. Psalm
103 readily comes to mind.

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MEDITATION

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¹Bless the LORD, O my soul;
And all that is within me, *bless* His holy name!

²Bless the LORD, O my soul,
And forget not all His benefits:

³Who forgives all your iniquities,
Who heals all your diseases,

⁴Who redeems your life from destruction,
Who crowns you with lovingkindness and tender mercies,

⁵Who satisfies your mouth with good *things*,
So *that* your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Psalm 103:1-5

A SHORT LIST OF BLESSINGS

The author of Psalm 103 was king David. There were many more blessings than what was listed in the above text. But these blessings were highlighted for good reason.

1. Blessings

- a) They are indeed "benefits"
- b) They are not to be taken for granted!

2. Highlighting some of these blessings:

- a) Forgiveness of iniquities

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MEDITATION

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- b) Healing of diseases
- c) Redemption from destruction
- d) The gifts of lovingkindness and tender mercies
- d) Renewal of strength through provision of good food

HOW SHOULD WE RESPOND APPROPRIATELY?

The Psalmist offers his response as an example of how we may thank God!

1. Let us learn to bless the LORD
2. Let us learn to bless Him from the depth of our soul
3. Let us determine never to forget any of God's blessings!

Let us recall all that God has blessed us with! May our hearts bless the LORD well as we remember His manifold blessings!

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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 blessed through worship and fellowship!



A NEW PULPIT SERIES

Our new Pulpit Series will focus on how we view God's strength given to us individually and as a Church as we celebrate Bethany's 40+9 Anniversary! One of the features that stands out is the fact of God's provision of strength!



HOLY COMMUNION TODAY

²⁶ And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to the disciples and said, "Take, eat; this is My body."

²⁷ Then He took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you."

²⁸ For this is My blood of the new covenant, which is shed for many for the remission of sins.

Matthew 26:26-28



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK

4 - 10 July 2022

1. Special Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 5 July 2022
9.30am-11.30am
- b) Thursday, 7 July 2022
9.30am-11.30am

2. Weekend Ministry

- a) Saturday, 9 July 2022
 - i) Catechism Class
1.00pm
 - ii) Fellowship Group Meetings
(YPG 1-3; YAG 1-2)
2.00pm
 - iii) Youth Worship
3.00pm
- b) Sunday, 10 July 2022
 - i) All Sunday School Departments
(Except SSS 4)
8.30am
 - ii) Morning Worship Service
10.00am

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- iii) Chinese Worship Service
10.00am
Holy Communion
- iv) Children's Worship
10.00am
- v) Crèche
10.00am



CONGRATULATIONS! IT'S A BOY!

Heartfelt congratulations to Charles and Ainslie on the gift of a Baby Boy. Baby Timothy was born on 28 June 2022.
Both mother and son are doing well!



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:173-174

*¹⁷³ Let Your hand become my help,
For I have chosen Your precepts.*

*¹⁷⁴ I long for Your salvation, O LORD,
And Your law is my delight.*

1. A prayer for God's help

- a) His hand of help is truly most significant!
- b) There is deep longing for God's salvation

2. The Word of God

- a) It is something we must choose
- b) There is much delight to be found in God's law

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 3 July 2022

Text: “Your God has commanded your strength”

Your God has commanded your strength;

Strengthen, O God, what You have done for us. Psalm 68:28

1. God’s command was to give strength to His people
2. An appropriate response is to pray that God’s strength would be found
3. Divine strength is needed for His work to be done effectively

NEXT SUNDAY: 10 July 2022

Text: “Ascribe strength to God”

Ascribe strength to God;

His excellence is over Israel,

And His strength is in the clouds.

Psalm 68:34

POETRY CORNER

1

BLESS THE LORD, O MY SOUL

The Blessings of God are indeed many!
And they must be appreciated deeply.
The danger is to take Blessings for granted;
Then they would never be truly treasured!

The word “Benefit” well-describes God’s Blessings;
Our life would become that much more outstanding.
The Blessings of God bring such wondrous enrichment;
We will always be able to find so much encouragement!

The Blessings of God should cause us to offer praise;
Singing anthems to the LORD is something we must raise.
The praise of God should come from deep within our Soul;
How we must be thankful that we have been made whole!

Let us be challenged to consider afresh God’s Blessings;
Let our Souls be filled with a great sense of thanksgiving.
God has blessed us so wonderfully year after year;
May our hearts, to the LORD, be drawn near!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 103:1-5

POETRY CORNER

2

Where People Care for People

When expecting guests esteemed or important;
We make elaborate and proper preparations.
For such is befitting and relevant;
Since we want to leave good and favorable impressions.

Likewise as we await the second coming of the Lord any moment;
We know He comes to judge all the nations.
So we toil and labour in all reverence;
In the hope our deeds will deserve blessings and not punishment.

But perfunctory service to God is insufficient;
For it is our hearts the Lord will examine when He returns.
Have we shown love to the least of the brethren?
For inasmuch as we do, we also do so to our Father in Heaven.

Therefore, let us be ready to show genuine care and compassion;
To fellow brethren in need of help and encouragement.
Let us be that church where God is touching lives,
and people care for people;
Where true love is felt and spirits are enlivened.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Matthew 25:31-46

POETRY CORNER

3

The Upward Call

Lament not at the lack of spiritual maturity
Even Apostle Paul professed not to have achieved it
But press on was his rallying call to make its pursuit a priority
For the life long process of the workings of the Holy Spirit

Towards the goal of our heavenly call we must carry on
May we gain the prize of the upward call of God in Jesus
Through the trials of life find the endurance to lean upon
For the feeling of joy as we progressively succeed in tests of perseverance

A lofty goal to answer the upward call of God in Christ
To strive to know Jesus so as to experience an intimate relationship
Our challenge is to emulate Him, kind, humble, merciful and wise
May we continually grow in spiritual maturity
as we seek Him in worship

Let us give it all we have got running in the spiritual course
Drop all baggage that will hinder success to complete the race
Armed with the knowledge of Christ steadfastly keep the faith
For an incorruptible crown when we finish the race

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Philippians 3:12-14

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon George Thomas

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 27 | O Worship the King

CP 6 | How Great Thou Art

MESSAGE

“The Presence of God”

Text: Psalm 68:1-8

Rev Dr Charles Tan

HOLY COMMUNION

HYMN

CP 322 | The Solid Rock

PRAYER OF BLESSING

HYMN

CP 29 | My Tribute

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 27 O WORSHIP THE KING

ROBERT GRANT

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.

3. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.



HYMNS

CP 6 HOW GREAT THOU ART

STUART K. HINE

1. O Lord, my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r throughout the universe displayed.

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

2. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

Refrain

3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation,
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 322 THE SOLID ROCK

EDWARD MOTE

1. My hope is built on nothing less,
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness.
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain

On Christ the solid Rock I stand,
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness veils His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Refrain

3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the whelming flood.
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.

Refrain

4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in Him be found.
Dressed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 29 MY TRIBUTE

ANDRAE CROUCH

How can I say thanks for the things You have done for me;
Things so undeserved, yet You give to prove Your love for me?
The voices of a million angels could not express my gratitude –
All that I am and ever hope to be, I owe it all to Thee !

To God be the glory, to God be the glory;
To God be the glory for the things He has done!
With His blood He has saved me; with His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done!

Just let me live my life; let it be pleasing, Lord, to Thee.
And should I gain any praise, let it go to Calvary,
With His blood He has saved me; with His pow'r He has raised me;
To God be the glory for the things He has done !

