

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: Psalm 103

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AN APPRECIATION OF THE LORD

MANY THINGS TO APPRECIATE ABOUT GOD

The Psalmist David went on to write about what he had discovered and appreciated about the LORD.

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MEDITATION

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⁶ The LORD executes righteousness
And justice for all who are oppressed.
⁷ He made known His ways to Moses,
His acts to the children of Israel.
⁸ The LORD *is* merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abounding in mercy.
⁹ He will not always strive *with us*,
Nor will He keep *His anger* forever.
¹⁰ He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor punished us according to our iniquities.
Psalm 103:6-10

1. The Justice of God

- a) He executes righteousness
- b) He gives justice to those who are oppressed

2. The Ways of God

- a) They were made known to Moses
- b) The acts of God were made known to Israel

3. The Character of God

- a) He is merciful
- b) He is gracious
- c) He is slow to anger
- d) He does not deal with us as our sins deserve
- e) He does not punish as we deserve

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MEDITATION

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APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO GOD

Let us be deeply moved and challenged in our hearts:

1. To draw closer to God
2. To trust Him more
3. To bless His name always

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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 uplifted through worship!



HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES

Heartfelt condolences to Lily, Li Pin, Li Kum and Li Hong, on the passing away of their father. Mr. Tan Kim Soo was called home to be with the Lord on 3 July 2022. He was 91 years old.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK **11 - 17 July 2022**

1. Special Seniors Program

Tuesday, 12 July 2022 | 9.30am-11.30am

Thursday, 14 July 2022 | 9.30am- 11.30am

2. Weekend Ministry

Saturday, 16 July 2022

Catechism Class | 1.00pm

Fellowship Group Meetings (YPG 1-3; YAG 1-2) | 2.00pm

Youth Worship | 3.00pm

Sunday, 17 July 2022

All Sunday School Departments (Except SSS 4) | 8.30am

Morning Worship Service | 10.00am

Chinese Worship Service | 10.00am

Children's Worship | 10.00am

Crèche | 10.00am



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 119:175 - 176

¹⁷⁵ Let my soul live, and it shall praise You;
And let Your judgments help me.

¹⁷⁶ I have gone astray like a lost sheep;
Seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments.

1. Life given by God
 - a) If life is given
 - b) It must give praise to the LORD
2. A life that has gone astray
 - a) Prayer is to be made to God
 - b) May the LORD seek His servant and bring him back!
3. God's commandments
 - a) They offer much help
 - b) They must not be forgotten

LETTERS THAT WARM THE HEART

Dear Pastoral Team & Brethren of Bethany Family,

Words are inadequate to express our gratitude to the Church for ministering to us during the bereavement of our dad/grandpa, Mr Tan Kim Soo. You comforted our family with your love, gifts, prayers and practical support.

Thank you, Pastor Charles Tan, for bringing us a word for every season. We will seek to be the apple of God's eye like our dad, whose exemplary faith inspires us to walk by faith and not by sight.

We are also grateful to the Bethany AV team for the hard work in making possible the live-streaming and recording of the Services.

Special thanks to Dr and Mrs Yeo Kim Teck for the many meals sent to fill our bellies and warm our hearts at the wake.

To our beloved Bethany family, your support in our times of need have touched us. Thank you for showing our late Dad and Mum your love. We are privileged to be part of this big family.

From the bottom of our hearts, we thank God for all of you!

Love from,
Lily, Li Pin, Li Kum, Li Hong and the Tan family.

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. Strength in life and ministry
 - a) This is to be ascribed to God
 - b) His strength was well demonstrated to ancient Israel
2. God’s strength
 - a) It is unlimited
 - b) It is truly excellent

NEXT SUNDAY: 17 July 2022

Text: “Strengthened with might through His Spirit”

That He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man. Ephesians 3:16

POETRY CORNER

1

THE LORD OUR GOD

The Character of God was revealed over the years;
Moses led the nation of Israel with many tears.
God's ways were revealed by His many activities;
His power was demonstrated through victories.

God showed abundance of mercy to ancient Israel;
Though the people seemed so bent to pursuing evil.
The LORD had not dealt with them as they deserved;
The Blessings of God to the righteous were reserved.

The LORD showed that His ways were good and righteous;
The Blessings that were outpoured were truly bounteous.
There was no mistaking the mighty hand of the LORD;
It is only right to sincerely bless the glorious name of God.

The Character of God was wonderfully revealed for all to see;
There are such wonderful things to discover of God's glory.
May our hearts be drawn to learn much about the LORD!
There is no one who can match up to our Almighty God!

Charles Tan

Inspiration: Psalm 103:6-10

POETRY CORNER

2

The Presence of God

We often under estimate the importance of someone's presence;
Until we begin to notice his absence.

For his presence must have impacted us immensely in many ways;
Such that we will miss this influence once it fades away.

Thus is God's presence which is full of divine power;
Before which the wicked will melt like wax presented to fire.
It is His presence which gladdens the hearts of the righteous;
So they can praise and sing with joy exceedingly bounteous.

The presence of God affirms His being the Great Provider;
To all who need him, especially the fatherless and feeble.
The Lord's presence assures the weak and the defenseless;
That He is the Great Protector who wards off harm from the malicious.

God's presence with us is ever merciful and gracious;
Our response ought to be one of rejoicing with thankfulness.
Let us praise the Father and sing to Him in adoration;
Let us extol the Lord and glorify His Name in exaltation.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 68:1-8

POETRY CORNER

3

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Amidst human weakness, the heart longs for spiritual strength and vitality,
To cope with the challenges of life — wickedness, weariness, loneliness or infirmity.
Paradoxically, it is amidst our weakness that God's strength comes through,
Strength may be drawn from the Presence of our God, who is faithful and true!

The significance of God's Presence lies not just in proximity but His Person,
He is righteous, faithful, compassionate, omnipotent and omniscient!
The righteous need not feel downcast when troubled by the wicked,
In God's presence, the wicked, like wax before a fire, will swiftly be melted.

Beyond His power, God's compassion and lovingkindness are tender and real,
He specially cares for those hurting and suffering—
widows, orphans, the lonely and frail.
This profundity of God's Person brings a wonderful message
concerning strength to all,
Strength may be found in all of life's circumstances,
to those who humbly on Him call!

God's Presence must be sought, and in it we may find refuge and strength,
When strength is found, there can be joy amidst trials,
regardless of severity or length.
May we yearn for God's Presence, cultivating an acute sensitivity and recognition,
For then our hearts may ever rejoice, filled with unending praise and adoration!

Stanley Woo
Inspiration: Psalm 68:1-8
MWS 3 July 2022

POETRY CORNER

4

The power of God

“Strengthen O God that which thou has wrought for us”

He who created us will maintain us by His Spirit

We need to go to Him in prayer for our daily sustenance

Let our faith take hold of His strength in order to succeed

Man forgets that he does not triumph by his own power

His pride overlooks that his frame is made up of dust solely

Resort to humility and acknowledge the Lord’s power of our power

Let us not live a life of illusion of our adequacy

Develop an acute awareness of the Lord’s presence around us

Do not remember Him only in the midst of impotence

We should not be fearful of life’s storms and enemies

Nor do we have reason to boast of our competence

The Lord fights for sufferers of affliction and oppression

Nothing can withstand Him when He executes justice for the righteous

We are in constant dependence on God for favours and protection

As He battles Satan and sins for our souls

Jessie Quek

Inspiration: Psalm 68:28

POETRY CORNER

5

THE PRESENCE OF GOD

It can be troubling to observe the wicked,
They commit evil and hurt others, unabated.
Will they be stopped and will they perish?
Yes, in God's presence, evil will not flourish.

The righteous is driven to seek God in prayer,
Believing that He is powerful and He cares.
Just as wax melts in the presence of fire,
God will destroy the wicked altogether.

Dwelling on who God is must be the focus,
He is the LORD; this truth brings gladness!
How wonderful that He is covenant-keeping,
The promises He has given are everlasting!

In the presence of God, there is gladness,
The righteous hopes in God and rejoices!
He cannot but extol God and give Him praise,
This is his commitment for all of his days!

Yvette Seow

Inspiration: Psalm 68:1-4

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev Eugene Seow

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 91 | Praise Him! Praise Him!

CP 389 | He Leadeth me

MESSAGE

“The Provision of God”

Text: 68:9-14

Rev Dr Charles Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 39 | This is my Father’s World

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 91 PRAISE HIM! PRAISE HIM!

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer!
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him! Hail Him! Highest arch-angels in glory;
Strength and honour give to His Holy Name!
Like a Shepherd Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long:

Refrain

Praise Him! Praise Him! Tell of His excellent greatness;
Praise Him! Praise Him ever in joyful song!

2. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer!
For our sins He suffered, and bled and died;
He our Rock, our Hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him! Hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Sound His praises! Jesus who bore our sorrows;
Love unbounded, wonderful, deep and strong:

Refrain

3. Praise Him! Praise Him! Jesus, our Blessed Redeemer!
Heav'nly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever;
Crown Him! Crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Christ is coming! Over the world victorious,
Pow'r and glory unto the Lord belong:

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 389 HE LEADETH ME

JOSEPH H. GILMORE

1. He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be, still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain

He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follow'r I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
By waters still, o'er troubled sea, still 'tis His hand that leadeth me!

Refrain

3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine,
Content, whatever lot I see, since 'tis Thy hand that leadeth me!

Refrain

4. And when my task on earth is done,
When by Thy grace the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Still God through Jordan leadeth me!

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 39 THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD

MALTBIE D. BABCOCK

1. This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This my Father's world: I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas –
His hand the wonders wrought.

2. This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white declare their Maker's praise.

This is my Father's world: He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass, He speaks to me ev'rywhere.

3. This is my Father's world, O let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.

This my Father's world, the battle is not done;
Jesus who died, shall be satisfied, and earth and heav'n be one.

