

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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GOD KNOWS OUR FRAME

HUMAN MORTALITY

Amidst illnesses and death, we are reminded of our human mortality. It is good to know that God is mindful of our frailty!

¹¹ For as the heavens are high above the earth,
So great is His mercy toward those who fear Him;

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¹² As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.

¹³ As a father pities *his* children,
So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

¹⁴ For He knows our frame;
He remembers that we *are* dust. Psalm 103:11-14

A VITAL ISSUE TO ADDRESS

An important issue to address is the problem of our transgression.

1. Transgression

- a) This speaks of our breaking of God's commandments
- b) When His laws are broken, we are said to have transgressed!

2. The penalty of transgression

- a) When we are guilty of transgression, we are liable for judgment
- b) But God in His mercy can offer pardon for all our sins

A SPECIAL ATTRIBUTE OF GOD

One special attribute of God is His "mercy."

- 1. His mercy is correctly described as "great"
- 2. This is especially so towards those who fear Him

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WHAT GOD DOES WITH OUR SINS

We read of how graciously and mercifully God deals with our sins!

1. God removes our sins far away from us
2. This is a tremendous statement that should cause us to bless the name of God!

GOD'S RELATIONSHIP WITH US

Not only does God forgive us of our sins, we read that:

1. He is Father to all believers
 - a) He pities us
 - i) He sympathizes with us
 - ii) He understands us
 - b) He knows our frame
 - i) He knows our frailty
 - ii) He knows our human mortality

Let us truly bless the LORD for the wonderful God that He is to us!

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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 and fellowship!



MINISTRY THIS COMING WEEK

18—24 July 2022

1. Special Seniors Program

- a) Tuesday, 19 July 2022
9.30am-11.30am
- b) Thursday, 21 July 2022
9.30am-11.30am

2. Weekend Ministry

- a) Saturday, 23 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, 24 July 2022
 - i) All Sunday School Departments
(Except SSS 4)
8.30am

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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- ii) Morning Worship Service
10.00am
- iii) Chinese Worship Service
10.00am
- iv) Children's Worship
10.00am
- v) Crèche
10.00am



WORSHIP IN SPIRIT AND TRUTH

Psalm 120:1-4

*¹In my distress I cried to the LORD,
And He heard me.*

*²Deliver my soul, O LORD, from lying lips
And from a deceitful tongue.*

*³What shall be given to you,
Or what shall be done to you,
You false tongue?*

*⁴Sharp arrows of the warrior,
With coals of the broom tree!*

1. Psalms 120-134

- a) This a series of 15 Psalms
- b) Pilgrims to Jerusalem made reference to these Psalms
 - i) By reading/ by reciting
 - ii) By singing

2. This is a prayer for Deliverance

- a) From wicked people
- b) From people who speak falsely
- c) God will hear and grant deliverance to the humble and godly

BIBLE MEMORY WORK

TODAY: 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

1. Prayer for Strength

- a) It is good and wise to pray for strength
- b) The focus is “the inner man strength”

2. How God would hear this prayer

- a) He would answer according to His glory
- b) He would give strength through the Holy Spirit

NEXT SUNDAY:24 July 2022

Text: “Be strong in the Lord” Ephesians 6:10

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

POETRY CORNER

1

GOD KNOWS OUR FRAME

God knows us well, for He is our Creator;
He knows all aspects of our human features.
He also knows our tendency towards sin;
He understands us from deep within!

He grieves that we sin and we transgress;
He desires us to walk in righteousness!
He has removed our sins far away;
He seeks to relate to us each day.

He is Father to all who are His children;
He watches over all from Heaven.
He assures us that He knows our frame;
He seeks to restore us and not to lay blame.

He sympathizes with our human frailty;
He teaches us to consider eternity.
He would give us the strength we seek;
He is more than able to meet all needs!

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Psalm 103:11-14

POETRY CORNER

2

Trusting in God's Provision

Invisible and stealthily, this tide has relentlessly swept in,
Formidably agile, these enemies permeate from within.
The havoc that it wreaks may bring even young lions to lack,
The body is challenged, the spirit is assailed, getting no slack.

And as these enemies plant their roots in each household,
Their creepers reach out, enshroud, make a stronghold.
The struggle that ensues may lead the soul to be wearied,
Caged into a battle, deep in gloom, the heart is harried.

Yet, these are exactly the times to proclaim God's goodness,
Despite this tide, acknowledge His presence in all thankfulness!
His presence may astound as a shaking earth or raining heaven,
But more often, it is felt as peace and comfort in a safe haven.

And as we cry out for this safe haven, a reason to truly rejoice,
A fresh outlook, a new appreciation, a renewed fervent voice!
For the Lord had sent rain to the deserts and goodness to the poor,
So will our souls be nourished through His provision and great power!

By Tan Kok Yang
Inspiration Psalm 68: 1-14, Psalm 34: 4-10
Reflections of Sunday Worship messages during a time
when we were challenged by this fresh wave of COVID-19.

POETRY CORNER

3

Faith Triumphs

They say images of one's life flash past one's mind;
Before the eyes close for the very last time.
As the world continually beckons;
What does a dying man reckon?

Of things which were once his favorite;
Or the riches he had coveted?
Perhaps friendships he had treasured;
And loved ones he could not bear to be separated.

Of achievements he attained which garnered fame;
Or wrongs he had done which deserved blame?
What if there was another chance at life;
Would it be worth another try?

But as the flesh grows weak and the heart begins to fail;
No heroic measures help no matter who hails.
Yet, if strength and peace of heart still avail;
What else, but his faith in God prevails.

Dr. Sng Li Wah
Inspiration: Psalm 73:26

POETRY CORNER

4

The Lord's Presence

Open our eyes and see the presence of God
The morning sky tinged pink by the rising sun
Open our ears and hear the presence of the Lord
Gentle coo-ing of pigeons and sharp calls of the oriole have begun

Wrinkle our noses to detect the presence of God
Sweet smell of roses drifting through the air
Open our mouths and taste the presence of the Lord
Cringing at the sourness of lemons our salivary glands to bear

Stand in the middle of storms to feel the presence of God
Pushed by the force of wind billowing our clothes
Wonder at the provisions and greatness of the Lord
Who is graciously merciful with His children's souls

When we are weary and faint with life's toils
God revives us with blessings from heaven
May we glorify Him for His protection and goodness
Praise the Lord who confirms our inheritance

Jessie Quek
Inspiration: Psalm 68:8

POETRY CORNER

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THE PRESENCE OF GOD

Biblical history tells us Israel is a privileged nation,
By God, Israel had been specially chosen.
He was at the forefront leading His people,
And empowered them to triumph in battle.

God was with Israel and gave rich blessings,
He sent a plentiful rain that was refreshing.
As promised by God, Israel inherited Canaan,
He provided and even the poor had a portion.

As God's people, we are also greatly blessed,
He provides for us because He truly cares.
Challenges are inevitable in life's pathways,
He is close by and He sends help along the way.

These experiences of God are very precious,
They reveal that He is faithful and gracious.
God and His blessings are to be treasured,
In His presence, we are safe and assured!

Yvette Seow
Inspiration: Psalm 68:7-10

ORDER OF WORSHIP



PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Intern-Pastor Jonathan Jacob

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 59 | To God be the Glory

CP 53 | Great is Thy Faithfulness

MESSAGE

“The Mountain of God”

Text: 68:15-16

Rev Dr Charles Tan

PRAYER

HYMN

CP 44 | I Sing the Mighty Power of God

POSTLUDE



HYMNS

CP 59 TO GOD BE THE GLORY

FANNY J. CROSBY

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the Life-gate that all may go in.

Refrain

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus, the Son,
And give Him the glory great things He hath done.

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Refrain

3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 53 GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

THOMAS O. CHISHOLM

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and spring time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Refrain

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Refrain



HYMNS

CP 44 I SING THE MIGHTY POWER OF GOD

ISAAC WATTS

1. I sing the mighty pow'r of God, that made the mountains rise;
That spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
The moon shines full, at His command, and all the stars obey.
2. I sing the goodness of the Lord, that filled the earth with food;
He formed the creatures with His Word, and then pronounced them
good.
Lord, how Thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye:
If I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky!
3. There's not a plant or flow'r below, but makes Thy glories known;
And clouds arise and tempests blow, by order from Thy throne:
While all that borrows life from Thee is ever in Thy care;
And ev'rywhere that man can be, Thou, God, art present there.

