



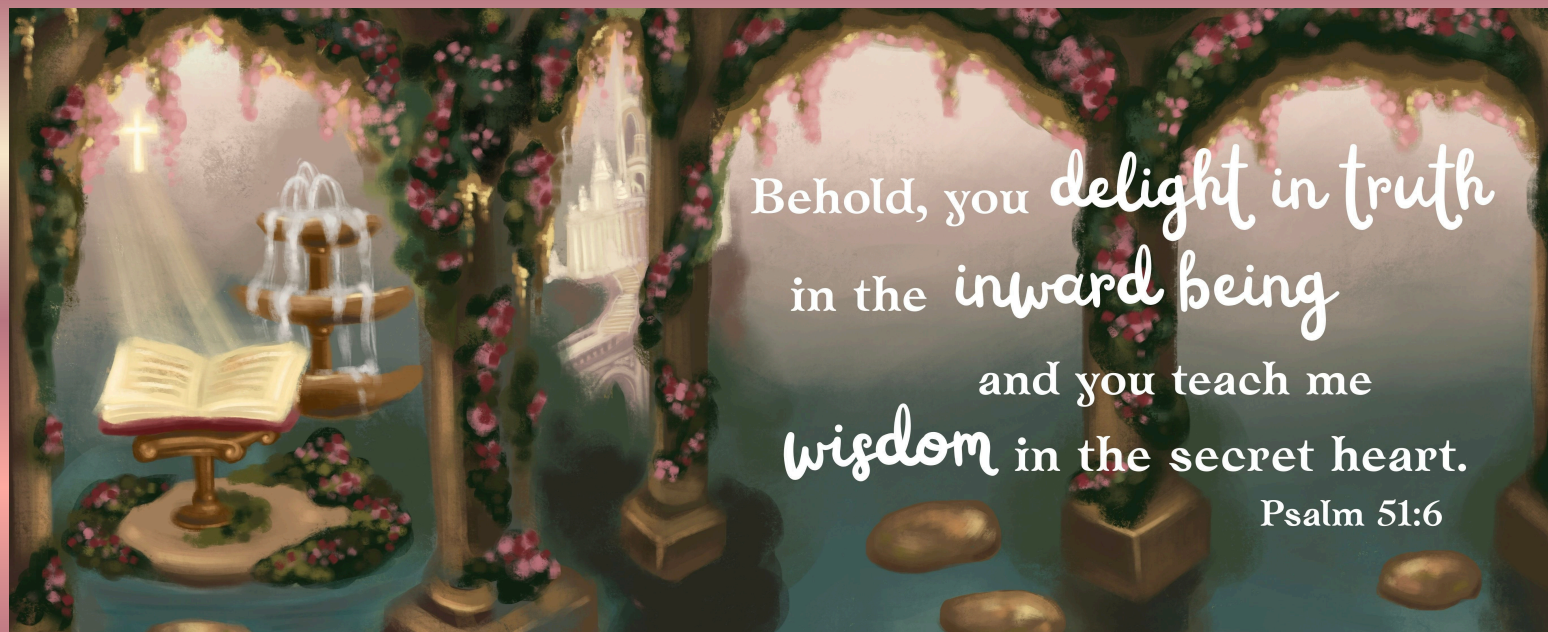
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Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

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- General Fund (GF)
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THANK YOU

For God loves a cheerful giver.

LADIES' PRAYER FELLOWSHIP

Today, 10:30am @ Annexe, L3

Topic: Kindness—Love in Action

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Today, 10:35am @ Annexe, L203 & over Zoom

Topic: Sandals Off, Mouth Shut—Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY

Thursday, 9 Jul, 10am @ Main Hall

Exercise: 9am @ 160CR (before the meeting)

Activity: Handicraft

HERITAGE AND PRAYER WALK

Saturday, 11 Jul, 8am @ Annexe, L1

Please come suitably attired and ready for our time of fellowship, reflection and prayer through Joo Chiat, Frankel and Bedok. A packet of light snacks and a bottled drink will be provided.

LOVE SINGAPORE 40.DAY PRAYER

Unite with other Christians in prayer for our nation. All devotions can be found here:

<https://lovesingapore.org.sg/en/40day/>

SUNDAY PRAYER WITH ELDERS

Two elders will be available after the morning service to pray with anyone who seeks personal prayer support. This morning, Elders Loon Sum Loon and Khoo Teng Cheong will be present to spend time with you in private prayer.

BLESSED ARE THOSE WHO BELIEVE



Some of God's greatest works begin quietly. There are no crowds, no public celebrations, and often no visible signs that anything extraordinary is happening. Such is the scene in Luke 1:39-56. Two women—Mary and Elizabeth—meet in the hill country of Judea. One is elderly and once barren; the other is young, unmarried, and unexpectedly pregnant. To the world, they seem insignificant. Yet through these faithful women, God unfolds his plan of salvation.

As soon as Mary greets Elizabeth, the unborn John leaps in Elizabeth's womb, and Elizabeth is filled with the Holy Spirit. She joyfully proclaims, "Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!" (v45). Mary's greatest blessing is not merely that she will bear the Messiah but that she has believed God's word.

The foundation of the Christian life is not our abilities, achievements, or circumstances, but our trust in God's promises. Faith often requires us to embrace what we cannot yet see. Mary had every reason to fear misunderstanding, rejection, and uncertainty—yet she chose faith over fear because she trusted the God who never fails.

Mary's response is one of worship. Her song, often called the Magnificat, magnifies the Lord rather than herself. She rejoices that God has looked upon the humble, scattered the proud, brought down rulers, lifted up the lowly, filled the hungry with good things, and remained faithful to his covenant with Israel. Mary's praise reveals a heart that is shaped by Scripture and is confident in God's character.

Her song also reminds us that God's kingdom frequently overturns the world's values. Human society celebrates power, status, wealth, and self-sufficiency. God delights in humility, dependence, and faithful obedience. He opposes the proud but exalts those who humbly submit to him. This should both comfort and challenge us. We need not strive for recognition, for our significance comes from belonging to God. At the same time, we must guard against pride that quietly creeps into our hearts through success, comfort, or self-reliance.

Notice also that Mary's joy is rooted not in the hope of an easy life, but in God's unchanging faithfulness. Her future would bring hardship, misunderstanding, and eventually the sorrow of watching her son suffer on the cross. Yet even before these events unfold, she praises God because she trusts that his promises are certain. Our Christian joy, is likewise, anchored not in shifting circumstances, but in the unchanging character of God.

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FOCUS ON PRAYER



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for Rev Dr Leonard Wee (Trinity Theological College) who gives us today's ministry message, **"Mary's Song"** (Luke 1:39-56). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

BLESSED THROUGH FAITH

Faithful Lord,

Fill our hearts with joy as we trust in your unfailing promises. Teach us to humble ourselves before you, rejoice in your saving work, and encourage one another in faith. Like Mary, may our lives magnify your greatness as we obediently follow your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BETHESDA TUITION MINISTRY

Pray the following for our Bethesda Tuition Ministry:

- Thank God for the 34 students enrolled this year. Thank the Lord for the dedicated teachers, 4 of whom are not church members, who spend their Saturday afternoons tutoring these students.
- Praise the Lord for the teachers' training held in June. Experienced educators equipped our volunteer teachers with a better understanding of the English and Mathematics curricula, assessment expectations, and practical teaching methods. Pray that the teachers will apply what they have learnt to serve the students well.
- The annual Parents-Teachers-Meeting is tentatively scheduled for early July. Pray for Amanda Lee as she speaks to the parents, and also for good participation by the parents.

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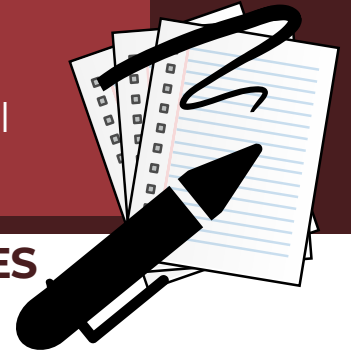
As followers of Christ, we are called to imitate both Elizabeth's encouragement and Mary's faith. Elizabeth rejoiced in God's work in another person's life, free from jealousy or comparison. Mary responded to God's calling with humble surrender and heartfelt praise. Together, they model a community where believers strengthen one another by celebrating God's grace and pointing each other toward his promises.

Wherever you find yourself today, remember that God is still accomplishing his purposes, often in ways hidden from human eyes. Trust his promises, even when his plans seem mysterious. Choose humility over pride, worship over worry, and faith over fear. The God who kept his covenant through the coming of Jesus Christ remains faithful today. Blessed indeed are those who believe his word and joyfully surrender their lives to his perfect will.

THEME: TEACH ME THY WAYS

Verse of the Week: Luke 1:45 (NIV)

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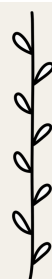


SERMON NOTES

TODAY

Mary's Song
(Luke 1:39-56)

Rev Dr Leonard Wee
(Trinity Theological College)



NEXT SUNDAY

The Birth of John the Baptist
(Luke 1:57-80)

Deacon Burton Chia