

Order of Service 12th January 2025

Call to Worship (Psalm 84:1-5) / **Opening prayer** (John A)

Praise: *Christian's Daily Prayer*

Praise: *How Great Thou Art*

Video (Mook L - short intro)

Announcements (JA)

Sunday School (ML)

Praise: *My God Is All I Need*

Prayer for the church and the world (JA)

Bible reading: Philippians 1:18b-30 (Seng T)

Sermon: "TO LIVE IS CHRIST, AND TO DIE IS GAIN" (Mook L)

Praise: *Christ Our Hope in Life and Death*

Prayer for the Oakes

Video

Praise: *I Set My Hope*

Benediction (ML)

Sermon Outline

"TO LIVE IS CHRIST, AND TO DIE IS GAIN" (Philippians 1:21)

Introduction

1. What is your expectation and hope?
2. Look forward to departing
3. Let your manner be worthy of the gospel

Conclusion

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- Morning Tea after the service

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Psalm 84:1-5

[1] How lovely is your dwelling-place, Lord Almighty!

[2] My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

[3] Even the sparrow has found a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may have her young – a place near your altar, Lord Almighty, my King and my God.

[4] Blessed are those who dwell in your house; they are ever praising you.

[5] Blessed are those whose strength is in you, whose hearts are set on pilgrimage.

Heavenly Father, we come into Your House today because our souls long to be in Your Presence.

We thank You that Your Name is no longer focused on one building in ancient Israel but You have come among Your people – Immanuel, God With Us. When we gather in this building, half a world away from where this psalm was written, You are here. We recognise the Body of Christ in this place as we sing Your praises, hear Your Word read and preached, and as we build each other up and encourage each other in fellowship.

We are like Abraham, pilgrims looking for the eternal city because, although we are in this world, we are not truly citizens of earth but citizens of Your Kingdom, who bow before the King of kings and Lord of lords.

We thank You that our strength is not our own but we are empowered and sustained by the Holy Spirit. We dedicate this time together to honouring You with all the strength we have. In Jesus Mighty Name we pray, Amen.

Let us stand to sing two songs

[Praise: Christian's Daily Prayer

Praise: How Great Thou Art]