



Bishop: Rt Revd Dr Titus Chung

Vicar: Revd Ian Chew

COLLECT FOR TODAY

Almighty God, who called Your Church to bear witness that You were in Christ reconciling the world to Yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of Your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to You; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

3 Sept 2023
Trinity 13

8am & 10:30am

Preacher: Revd Ian Chew

Sermon: "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Revelation - Who is Jesus Now?"

Bible Reading: Revelation 1
John 20:24-29

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Event Calendar: <https://ascension.org.sg/coa-calendar>

UPCOMING

10 Sept (Sun) 8am & 10:30am	Trinity 14 "Jesus' Letters to the Seven Churches: Ephesus - How to Rekindle our First Love?" Revd Soon Soo Kee
10 Sept (Sun) 7pm - 9pm	Young Adult Fellowship Bangkok Street Mookata
13 Sept (Wed) 8pm - 9pm	Hour of Power Via Zoom
14 Sept (Thurs) 9.15am-11:30am	Comlink Heritage Trail - Kampong Glam
16 Sept (Sat) 9am - 4pm	AWM Fellowship Dancing Though the Seasons Multi-Purpose Hall



VICAR'S MESSAGE

Dear COA Family,

Receiving recognition and praise from others for our hard work always makes us feel good. I have not met anyone who does not want to be appreciated for something he or she has done legitimately. That is why I have always made it a point to recognise and thank members for serving in ministry.

Yet what if we don't feel we receive the appreciation due to us? How will we respond in such a situation?

Just take this past week's Teacher's Day celebrations for example. It is a day where students and schools all over Singapore recognise and appreciate the hard work and sacrifice of teachers for their dedication in educating the young. This is right to do because teachers ought to be thanked and students need to learn to show gratitude.

I am so glad that in all of our Chaplaincy schools, the teachers and staff were all appreciated not only by the students but also by our church in separate lunches. The Ascension Kindergarten and Little Seeds Preschool (Ascension) staff had theirs on 26 Aug (Sat) while St Andrew's Junior School had theirs on 30 Aug (Wed). They were all wonderful and blessed times.

Yet what if Teacher's Day did not take place and teachers were not appreciated? Would that affect the work of teachers?

Theoretically, it should not because teachers are ultimately paid by the Ministry of Education to teach. They should teach whether or not they are appreciated.

It is the same for us in our service and ministry to God too. **We are ultimately saved by Christ to serve, and it should not matter whether we are appreciated or not in order to continue serving.**

Jesus referred to the importance of this attitude in his parable about the unworthy servant:

*"Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep... Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do? So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; **we have only done our duty**'" (Luke 17:7-10).*

In other words, just as the master will not thank the servant for doing his duty, we should not expect recognition and praise for doing what we are supposed to do.

Please don't get me wrong. I am not advocating that we should stop appreciating and thanking one another. Far from it. We should instead always have a heart of thanksgiving and not be grudging in our praise. This is how we grow in love.

Yet we ought not to swing to the other extreme of expecting praise for all the work that we do. And if we do not receive that, we become bitter towards others and threaten to quit. If we behave in this way, the recognition of man becomes more important to us than the command and approval of the Father. Man becomes our masters instead of God. The praise of man thus becomes our idols.

Let me share with you a secret. We will all receive a reward for our work for God. If we receive the recognition from others here on earth, then we will have fully received our reward. Yet if we are overlooked by others, then God himself will reward us in heaven. Which would you prefer – the praise of human beings or the reward from the Lord our God? I know which one I prefer!

God bless,

Rev'd Ian



WELCOME TO THE CHURCH OF THE ASCENSION

We warmly welcome you to worship with us at our Sunday Services.

The Church Office is open daily from Tuesday to Saturday (9am to 5.30pm), except for public holidays. Office Phone: 62833988
Emergency contact: 81002203

Sunday Service	Time	Venue
English Traditional Holy Communion	8:00am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
English Contemporary Holy Communion 1 st & 3 rd Sun	10:30am	Sanctuary (Level 2)
Mandarin Holy Communion 1 st & 3 rd Sun	10:30am	Ascension Hall (Level 3)

NEW TO COA?

Whether you have joined our service today, onsite or online, or found us on the web, we are glad you have! Do let us know if you would like more information or prayer, or to just give us some feedback. Please contact us at admin@ascension.org.sg or click on the link and kindly fill in the form to help us keep in touch with you. Click [here](#).

If you are driving to church:

- Register for your new car decal via this link <https://bit.ly/3omt1Y9> (Please contact the church office if you cannot access the online form.)
- We encourage everyone to register for the new decal to enter St Andrew's Village. The SAV guards have the authority to deny entry to vehicle without proper identification.

UPDATE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

If your home or email address or contact number has been changed, please notify the church office to ensure you continue to receive COA correspondence. You can notify us in any of the following ways:

1. Call the church office at 62833988
2. Email to admin@ascension.org.sg
3. Write to 13 Francis Thomas Drive, Singapore 359339

ELECTRONIC OFFERTORY

INTERNET BANKING (BANK TRANSFER)

Account Name: Church of The Ascension
Bank Name: OCBC
Account Number: 511010332001
Reference: Tithing number (if any), and any other description e.g. month of contribution etc.

PAYNOW VIA UEN

- Step 1: Log in to your internet banking account
- Step 2: On the PayNow transfer screen, enter the UEN number T08CC4066A for the Church of the Ascension



CHILDREN MINISTRY

Sunday school classes start at 10.30am.
The children will be dismissed after 10.30am
English Service.

*There will be no Sunday School **today**.

Enquiries: [Shirley Kwek](#)



BREAKFAST AT LKC

Welcome to our 'Refreshment Corner' and enjoy your fellowship with the food and beverage.

We praise God and are grateful for the generous monetary contribution we have been receiving.

If anyone is interested in contributing in kind (eg. food and drinks), please contact Elaine Koh (94511625) or Clare at the church office. In consideration of hygiene and proper coordination, we seek your kind cooperation in informing Elaine or Clare before placing any food contribution at the 'Refreshment Corner'.



VACANCY FOR COA STAFF POSITION

We are looking for suitable candidates to fill the following position:

- Associate Chaplain for St Andrew's Nursing Home (Aljunied). Interested applicants, please click on the below URL <https://ascension.org.sg/jd03> and send your resume to admin@ascension.org.sg

COA HOLY LAND STUDY TOUR - TEACHING & BRIEFING SESSIONS

For those who have signed up for the Holy Land Study Tour (19 Nov - 1 Dec), there will be teaching and briefing sessions before the trip. The details are as follows:-

Dates: 24 Sept & 22 Oct.

Time: 12.30pm - 2pm

Venue: Ascension Hall, Level 3

HOUR OF POWER (ONLINE)

Date: Wed 13 Sept 2023

Time: 8pm - 9pm

Join us as one Ascension family to pray and seek the Lord. The online Prayer Meeting will be conducted via Zoom: (Click [here](#) for the link.)

Meeting ID: 822 3756 7980

Passcode: matt1820





HERITAGE TRAIL KAMPONG GLAM

DATE: 14 SEP 23 (THURS)

TIME: 9.15 AM TO 11.30AM

COST: \$2 (INCLUDES WATER & KUEHS)

VENUE : POTONG PASIR MRT STATION

CLOSING DATE : 8 SEP 23

To register, please call Church of the Ascension at 6283-3988 (office hours only, closed on Monday)

The organiser reserves the right to cancel the event should any unforeseen circumstances arise.

Dancing Through The Seasons

**ONE DAY
PRAISE &
WORSHIP**

**Saturday, 16 Sep 2023
from 9.00 AM to 4:00 PM
Church of The Ascension
Multi Purpose Hall
Cost \$20.00 (Breakfast,
Lunch & Door Gift)**

**Registration: Jenny Ho (97730110)
Ascension Women Ministry
Church of The Ascension**

CONFIRMATION COURSE

Confirmation Course (Sep-Oct 2023)

Date: 24 Sep - 28 Oct 2023,

Time: 1pm - 2:30pm

Venue: Multi-Purpose Hall (MPH) - COA



Confirmation marks the point in the Christian journey at which you affirm for yourself the faith into which you have been baptised and your intention to live a life of committed discipleship. This affirmation is confirmed through prayer and the laying on of hands by the confirming Bishop.

The Confirmation Course is for:

1. Those seeking confirmation / membership in Church of the Ascension (COA).
2. Those baptised and currently attending church services regularly at COA.

Schedule for Confirmation Course

Sunday 24 Sep - The Ten Commandments (1-4)

Sunday 1 Oct - The Ten Commandments (5-10)

Sunday 8 Oct - The Work of the Holy Spirit

Sunday 15 Oct - Anglicanism & Church History

Sunday 22 Oct - The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Saturday 28 Oct (10am-12pm) - Confirmation Retreat

Confirmation Service: Sunday 29 Oct 2022, 10.30 am

- Service conducted by Bp Rennis Ponniah



WATER BAPTISM CLASS - 10 SEPT 23

If you have not been baptised by water and want to get baptised, please **sign up** for the next class which will start on 10 September at 12:30pm.

Please call the church office to register.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR USHER MINISTRY

The Usher Ministry is looking for more people to serve in our English 8am and 10.30am services. We not only serve to facilitate the smooth running of the service, but also are the **first point of welcome for new visitors**. If you would like to join us, please contact the church office.

SAV FAMILY DAY - 8 OCT 2023 (VOLUNTEERS NEEDED)



SAV Family Day Volunteers

We need help in these areas:

- 1) Station game masters
- 2) Buffet servers
- 3) Set up (7th Oct Saturday) & tear down crew
- 4) Videographers & photographers
- 5) Befrienders

Interested members please contact:

Andrew Cheang (97583870)

Angelina (81390411)

SAV FAMILY DAY - 8 OCT 2023 (REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT)



SAV Family Day

8 Oct, Sunday | 9am-1.30pm

St Andrew's Junior College



Tickets are available
for purchase
Scan here to register
online & make payment
(NO CASH)

Enter UEN/Bill Reference No.
SAV Family Day

CHURCH CAMP 2024

Church of the Ascension

Church Camp 2024

FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSES
TOGETHER

DATE: 1ST - 4TH JUNE

VENUE: AMERALD RESORT
HOTEL, DESARU

SPEAKERS:

REVD TIMOTHY &
MRS JOYCE EWING CHOW

More details to come

YOUNG ADULT FELLOWSHIP - 10 SEPT 2023



All Young Adults (aged 21-35),
Scan here to register!

Marvelous MOOkata

10 Sept 2023. Sunday

7.00pm - 9.00pm

Bangkok Street Mookata - Lor 8 Toa Payoh



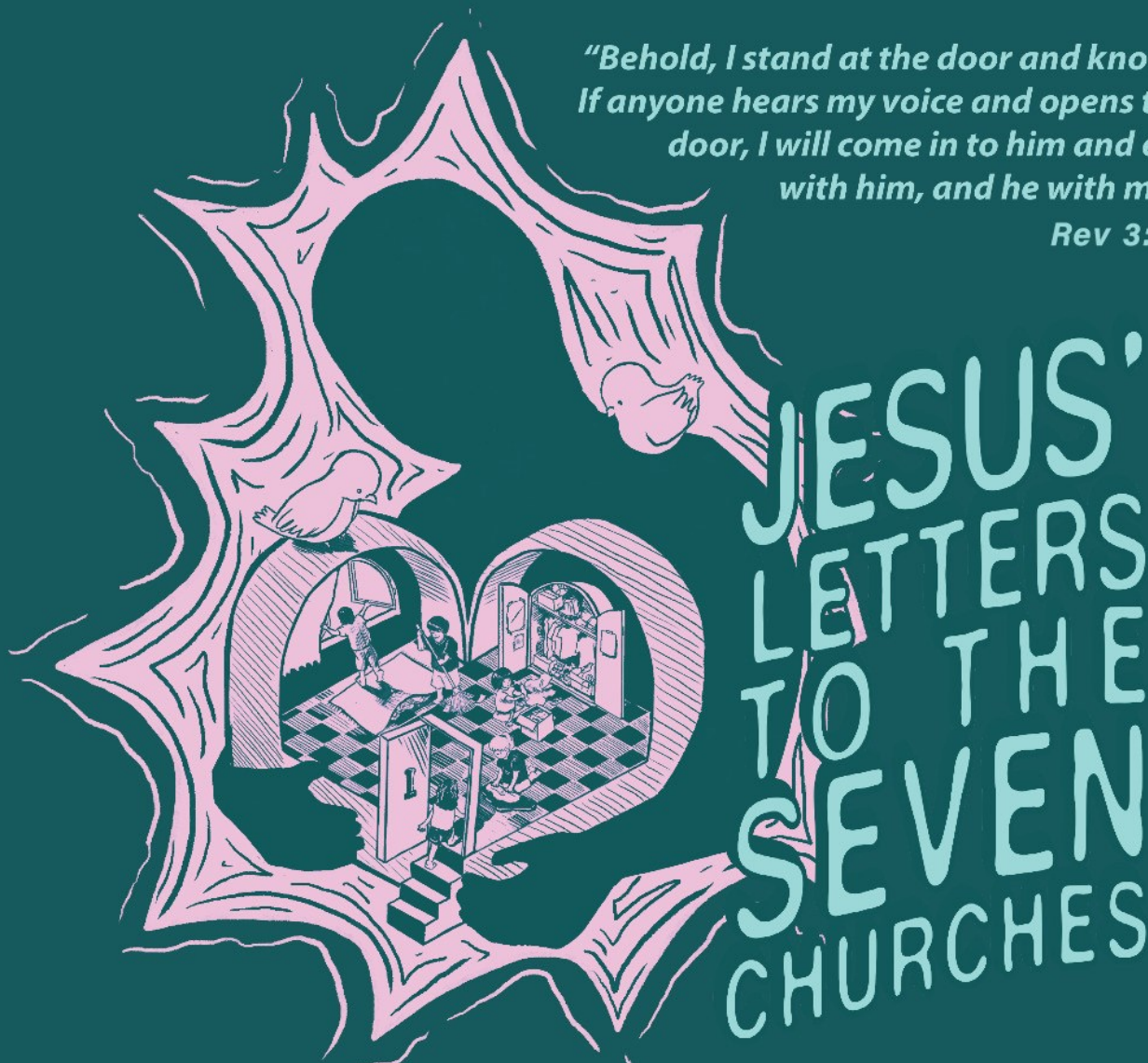
This event is organized for Young Adults (aged 21—35 years old).

Please sign up by **Today** and contact Angel (81390411) or Aaron Cheang (96467489) for any enquiries.

SEPTEMBER -- NOVEMBER SERMON SERIES

*"Behold, I stand at the door and knock.
If anyone hears my voice and opens the
door, I will come in to him and eat
with him, and he with me."*

Rev 3:20



3 Sep	<i>Revelation: Who is Jesus Now?</i>	Revd Ian Chew
10 Sep	<i>Ephesus - How to Rekindle First Love?</i>	Revd Soon Soo Kee
17 Sep	<i>Smyrna - Faithfulness to What End?</i>	Ps Barnabas Sim
24 Sep	<i>Pergamum - How Dangerous is Compromise?</i>	Revd Stephen Lim
1 Oct	<i>Thyatira - Tolerance: Virtue or Vice?</i>	Ps Edward Zaccheus
5 Nov	<i>Sardis - What is Your Reputation Worth?</i>	Revd Jeremy Joe Tan
12 Nov	<i>Philadelphia - What are Open Doors?</i>	Ps Jamie Harris
19 Nov	<i>Laodicea - Which Perspective is Right?</i>	Revd Ian Chew

YOU ARE INVITED TO ...

BIDADARI KIDS CLUB

FOR A TIME OF GAMES, STORIES, CRAFT, SONGS

Program is catered for 9 years and below, all ages are welcomed



DATE: EVERY 1ST & 3RD THURSDAYS (EXCLUDING PH)
TIME: 6-7PM
LOCATION: PLAYGROUND BETWEEN 106B & 108A BIDADARI PARK DR (NEAR PRIME SUPERMARKET)



JOIN OUR WHATSAPP CHAT FOR LATEST UPDATES !



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BIDADARI KIDS CLUB - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

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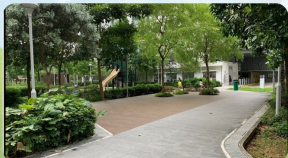
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Organised by: **Good News Community Services**

Details of Event

Event Name: Bidadari Kids Club

Date/Time: Every 1st and 3rd Thursdays (excluding PH), 6pm to 7pm

Venue: Playground between Blk 106B and 108A Bidadari Park Drive (near Prime Supermarket)

Objective: Reach out to children (aged 3 to 9) and their caregivers in Bidadari. Join us as.....

- Curriculum planner
- Game Master
- Story Teller
- Registration/ Parents' Liaison
- Audio-visual/ Technical Photographer/Videographer
- Befriender to parents
- Visitation team

Please sign up at <https://forms.gle/3BicNMCXLgFEKzWT6>

For enquiries, please contact Karen Wong @ mobile: 98234044 or email wongkaren@goodnews.org.sg

ONLINE DIOCESAN CERTIFICATE OF BIBLICAL STUDIES (DCBS) - TERM 4



Diocesan Certificate of Biblical Studies **ONLINE**



Old Testament

Module 4A 1&2 Kings, Isaiah

Instructors: Revd. William Chee
Mrs. Bernice Gan

10 lessons: 14 Sep – 16 Nov 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 25 Nov

Click <https://tinyurl.com/DCBSModule4A>

Or Scan the QR code to register!



New Testament

Module 10 Romans & Galatians

Instructor: Revd. Bertram Cheong
Revd. Hambali Leonardi
Ms. Vivien Chen

9 lessons: 14 Sep – 9 Nov 7.30pm - 9pm

Exam (optional) 25 Nov

Click <https://tinyurl.com/DCBSModule10>

Or Scan the QR code to register!



DIOCESAN APOLOGETICS COURSE MODULE 2: THE EVIDENCES

DIOCESE APOLOGETICS COURSE MODULE 2: THE EVIDENCES FOR CHRISTIANITY

TEACHER: DR ANDREW LOKE

DATE: 6TH SEPTEMBER – 25TH OCTOBER 2023 (EVERY WEDNESDAY)

TIME: 7.30PM TO 9.30PM, VIA ZOOM COST: \$20.00

CONTACT PERSON: MS LUCILLA TEOH (LUCILLATEOH.DTS@GMAIL.COM)

REGISTER AT: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/3YESCIG](https://bit.ly/3YESCIG)

PRESENTED BY DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE & ST. PETER'S HALL

DIOCESAN THEOLOGICAL STUDIES MODULE 8: THE CHRISTIAN

DTS Module 8: The Christian and the Last Things

Presented by Diocese of Singapore & St Peter's Hall

Teaching Team:

Revd William Chee

Revd Thomas Isaac

Revd Gary Chng

Revd Hambali Leonardi

Canon Terry Wong

Dates: 12 Sept – 31 Oct 2023 (Every Tuesday)

Time: 7.30 – 9.30 pm Via Zoom

Cost: \$20.00

Contact: Ms Lucilla Teoh (lucillateoh.dts@gmail.com)

Register: <https://bit.ly/47ffwyG>

BEING A CHRISTIAN IN THE PUBLIC SPHERE BY DIOCESAN YOUTH BOARD (DYB)

Topic: Being a Christian in the Public Sphere

Date: 20 October 2023

Time: 7.30PM - 9PM

Venue: St Andrew's Cathedral, Pavilion

Panel: Mr Keith Chua, Mr Sim Guan Seng, Revd Dr Jeremy-Joe Tan

Event Synopsis:

Wonder how our Christian faith and value intersect with business, ethics, and leadership?

Come join us as we dialogue with Christian leaders from the marketplace where they share their experiences, challenges, and strategies for making an impact as a Christian in a secular environment.

#PARISHOFTHEWEEK – CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

- The Diocese of Singapore is embarking on a 2-year campaign: Parish of the Week, where one parish is featured per week.
- This week, the Parish of the Week is Church of the Epiphany (COTE). You can view a video about PCC via <http://anglican.org.sg/potw> or the Diocesan Facebook or Instagram page @dioceseofsingapore.
- For YouTube Link, please click [here](#).



Lord, in Your mercy, hear our prayers

PRAYER FOCUS FOR WEEK: 3 - 9 SEPT 2023

1) DIOCESE OF SINGAPORE:

CHURCH OF THE EPIPHANY

Acting Vicar:

Revd Edison Wilson

Tamil, English and Chinese Congregations:

Clergy, staff and parishioners

1) Pray for the leadership

- Acting Vicar - Revd Edison N.W, Revd Joseph Goh, Revd Lee Kong Kheng, Ps Lissy Arulselvi, Ps Karen Choo, Bro Daniel Yogarajan (TTC student); for God to continue to strengthen them as they shepherd the flock together.
- Leaders (laity); for God to grant them grace and wisdom to serve, lead the church.

2) Pray for the church members

- to grow and root themselves deeper in God's Word.

3) Pray for the smooth integration of all 3 congregations (COTE-T, COTE & COTE-C)

4) Pray for opportunities for community outreach

- That God will enable us to walk through the doors that He has opened/will open and to serve the community.

2) SINGAPORE AND THE WORLD:

Singapore: The recent case of child abuse in a pre-school in Singapore has highlighted the need for our children to grow up in a safe and nurturing environment. Pray for suitable childcare teachers and for all childcare teachers to be strengthened with love and compassion for the young.

China: Pray for God's protection and mercy to be on the victims of the floods in China and for the church to be kept safe and be able to help the community at this time.

3) PARISH

- Sept - Nov sermon series: Pray that we will grow to have deeper revelations of who our Lord Jesus is and the church through Jesus' letters to the seven churches.
- Confirmation: Pray for good response to the class starting on 24 Sep, leading to the Confirmation Service on 29 Oct. Pray that God's Spirit will move the hearts of those considering affirming their commitments to live a life of committed discipleship through confirmation.
- Teacher's Day Celebrations
 - Sunday School teachers of Little Gems and Kids for Christ.
 - Educators of our chaplaincy work at Ascension Kindergarten, LSP (Ascension) and St Andrew's Junior School (SAJS).
 - Members teaching and serving in the education sector.

4) THE SICK AND SUFFERING:

For health and recovery

Evelyn Tan, Joanne Lau,
Lily Chan, Mary Yee, Tan Teck Hin,
Wong Wah Kum, Zephan Heng

Relatives and Friends of COA members

Benjamin (Lesley Ho's nephew) - Hepatitis B
David Yeong (Margaret Onn's husband) - cancer
Sng Hock Meng - healing of the mind
Soo Ngook Khinn (Sien Yee's father) - salvation
Ong Chwee Hock (Ong Siew Chin's brother) -
physiotherapy and lymphoma

For healing

Annie Huan - strength for her legs
Conelius Loo - sleep apnea
Joseph Phua - muscular degeneration
- stones in left kidney.
- urinary tract infection.
Felicia Koh - tiny cyst on the liver.
Pray for favorable results and no
further tests need to be done.
Zephan Heng - ALP in the liver to be back to normal
level and good report for test results.
Steven Syn - restoration and wellness.
Janet Hale - relief from pain in the stomach.
Wilson Lim - continued recovery from loss of red blood
cells
Jasmine Tan - health and protection of baby.
Nancy Chan (Low) - stroke & heart

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
Revelation 1:8*