

Storms, Sovereignty, and Servanthood

*The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever.
The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace.
Psalm 29:10-11*

Most glorious and gracious Father, it's not just social media footage from a faraway country. It's our friends, families, and those you deem our neighbours to love. The wind, rain, and storm surge of Florence have forced evacuations, are damaging homes, livelihoods. And more is ahead.

As the sun rises, veiled by threatening storm clouds, we lift our gaze and hearts to you. Florence is big, but you are bigger. We come, no, we run to the one who sits enthroned over the flood—the eternal King, who does all things well. We come praying for the people and properties along the coast of North and South Carolina, and other areas surely to be impacted as well.

We know the rain falls on the righteous and the unrighteous, even as the sun rises on the evil and the good (Matthew 5:45). And we rejoice that the present world will never be destroyed again by floodwaters. But there are two things we do ask for—two things King David mentioned in this Psalm, two things you've promised—strength and peace.

Grant us strength (especially to first-responders) for serving one another in love—whether we live near or very far away. As Florence continues her landward movement, more people will be disheartened, despairing, and displaced. Strengthen hearts, backs, and arms for what lies ahead. This is a time for neighbour love, not self-preoccupation.

Grant us your peace for acting wisely, trusting boldly, and loving deeply. We pray for those most vulnerable and anxious. We especially think of the elderly, children, and the homeless. We boldly ask for a minimal loss of life.

Lastly, Father, we praise you today for the gospel—the Rock, the ultimate trustworthy foundation for any and every storm of life (Matthew 7:24-27). Thank you for rescuing us from building our lives on all kinds of “shifting sands”, that Jesus mentions. As we long for the Day of no more hurricanes, tornadoes, and typhoons, we are grateful that you have hidden our lives safely and eternally in Christ. So very Amen, we pray, in Jesus' strong and peace-giving name.



16 September 2018 | Service Times: 9am & 11:30am

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Isaiah #9— Will the Faithful King Please Stand Up

Hezekiah was a good king and a model of faithfulness, bringing salvation for the people and experiencing salvation himself. Yet he is also deeply flawed just like the rest of God's people and his downfall mirrors that of the people. We long for and look forward to a king who will not be faithless.

Next Week:

Isaiah #10 [Isaiah 40-42]



Today's Service

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| Welcome and Singing | Great Is Thy Faithfulness Rock of Ages Speak O Lord |
| Holy Communion | |
| Offering | |
| Community News | |
| Bible Reading | Isaiah 38 |
| Sermon | By Pastor Ben Ho |
| Song of Response | Every Promise |

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Check out slechurch.org.au/groups to find a group that you can join.

Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

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| Last Week | \$5,469.75 |
| Weekly Required | \$5,520 |
| Shortfall 2018 | \$0.00 |

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD THAT OUR TRUST IN HIM

is never in vain! Praise God that in sending His Son Jesus He was shown Himself to be worthy of our full devotion and love. Pray that we would keep trusting God through all seasons of life.

PRAISE GOD THAT THE GOSPEL

continues to change and transform lives. Praise God for the work He has been doing in our church to draw the curious and seekers to know more—and in doing so have bowed their knees to Jesus! Pray for more opportunities to speak the gospel and invite our friends along.

PRAY FOR THE UPCOMING SALT

CAMP. Pray for the teens in attendance to be challenged to trust Jesus, and encouraged to live for Him. Pray for the leaders and Pastor Steve to teach clearly from the Bible that the teens may draw nearer to Jesus in saving faith.

Community News

BLOOM #3 – 20 OCT 1:30-4PM

At our last Bloom session for the year, we will gather to hear answers to *your* questions about God's design for woman. The afternoon will include a Q&A session with a panel of speakers, book reviews, and testimonies from women who will share their journey in discovering and living out God's design for women.

Don't miss this opportunity to meet with other women to wrestle and think through how we can live out God's design practically and wholeheartedly in every aspects of life.

THE GOSPEL AND SEXUALITY – 9 NOV, 7-9PM @ QTC, SPRING HILL

Sam Allberry will be speaking on the topic of "The Gospel and Sexuality". Cost is \$5 (+\$1.36 fees and GST). Spaces are very limited, so grab your ticket ASAP at <https://acts-29-sam-allberry.eventbrite.com.au/>

TOGETHER FOR THE GOSPEL – 25 NOV @ BRISBANE CITY HALL

The Gospel Coalition along with Queensland Theological College present 'Together for the Gospel'. Gather in the heart of Brisbane City with 1500 brothers and sisters to encourage one another, sing, pray and hear God's word preached (from Kevin DeYoung) as we stand together for the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Brisbane City Hall | Sunday, 25 November 2018 | 7:00pm

Tickets: \$10 from <https://www.qtc.edu.au/event/together/>

Serving

| | Today | Next Week |
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| Chair | Mervin | Bryan |
| Preach | Ps Ben | Ps Ben |
| Bible Read | Matthew <i>Marilyn</i> | Jansen <i>Dan Lowe</i> |
| M.Tea | Corina Georgie | Yee Lin Lillian Sheu |
| Wash Up | SOS Randy | SOS Dan |
| Welcome | Ken Steph Amy <i>James</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Leya</i> <i>Marilyn</i> | Ken Steph Amy <i>James</i> <i>Marcus</i> <i>Leya</i> <i>Marilyn</i> |
| Stewards | Meng Yin David Chong <i>Nethanel</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Sarah</i> | Meng Yin David Chong <i>Nethanel</i> <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Sarah</i> |
| Piano | Liesl | Dan Lowe |
| Guitar | Mark | Mark |
| Bass | Aaron | Ivan |
| Drums | Marcus | Ariel |
| Vocal | Sarah/Alisha/ | Sharne/Shawn |
| PA | Li Wei <i>Daniel</i> | Matt <i>Jowin</i> |

Will the Faithful King Please Stand Up? (Isaiah 38-39)

iii. What life means (38:18-20)

1. Introduction

2. Hezekiah's Faithfulness (Is 38)

A. Facing death and receiving life (38:1-8)

3. Hezekiah's Faithfulness (Is 39)

A. Facing flattery

B. Tragic consequences

B. Reflecting on death and life (38:10-20)

i. What death means (38:10-16)

4. Implications

A. Will the faithful king please stand up?

ii. Deliverance (38:17)

B. Will the faithful followers please stand up?