

Psalm 23

A psalm of David.

¹ The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,

³ he refreshes my soul.

*He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.*

⁴ Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,

I will fear no evil,

*for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.*

⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

⁶ Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,

*and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.*

Our Vision

Isaiah 54:2-3 Kingdom Enlargement

Mission Statement

Influence people for Christ to enlarge
God's Kingdom.

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LIGHTHOUSE

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Family News

SUMMER PSALMS SERIES: COME & GO IN PSALM 23

God's Presence to Lead, Direct, and Walk Alongside Psalm 23:3b-4

The Lord, our Good Shepherd, is with us to lead us through difficult times. And besides us to make the right decisions, make the right choices.

Today, Thomas Lau & Jun Unlayao, will share.

"Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me." – Psalm 23:4

This verse is one of the most well-known in the Bible. You've likely seen it on calendars, posters, or even quoted in movies.

Perhaps its widespread recognition stems from the fact that during the darkest moments of our lives—whether it's the loss of a loved one, a prolonged illness, career struggles, or business setbacks—we are often forced to face how little control we have over things we once took for granted: our job, our health, our finances, and even our lives. In the blink of an eye, all of it can be taken away. And it's in those moments that we often find ourselves turning back to God.

David reminds us that, even in these challenging times, there is always hope. We have a personal relationship with the Creator of the universe. It's not simply "He is with me" from a distant place, but "YOU" are with me—underscoring an intimate, one-on-one connection. The rod, used by the shepherd to protect the sheep, symbolizes God's protection over us, while the staff, used to guide us, leads us down the right path—even when it seems all hope has vanished.

Thomas Lau

Today, I want to share my testimony of the time I lost my daughter. Through this experience, I learned that God's answers are not always what we expect, but they are always for a greater purpose. He did not abandon me in my grief; instead, He carried me through it. I realized that my prayers for healing were answered in a different way—she is now healed, free from pain, and in the presence of the Lord.

I share this testimony not to dwell on the loss but to testify to God's faithfulness, even in the darkest times. I am learning to praise Him not only for the answered prayers but also for the strength He gives us to endure unanswered ones.

If you are facing a trial or waiting on God for something, I encourage you to trust His plan. His ways are higher than ours, and His love for us never fails.

To God be the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Jun Unlayao

"for the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to living fountains of waters. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

(Revelation 7:17, NKJV)

TODAY

Morning Prayer @ 8.00 am

Celebrating Our Lord @ 9.00 am
(live stream)

Praise & Worship
Welcome & Prayers
The Word
Ministry
Notices & Birthdays
Benediction

Coffee & Tea

Birthdays

January 13 – Irene Hong
January 13 – Joseph Arevalo
January 14 – Jasven Mirador
January 15 – Kim Lai

The Power of God's Presence

"When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze."

(Isaiah 43:2, NIV)

Take courage today:

The Shepherd who leads you to still waters will guide you through life's storms, ensuring you arrive safely at His intended destination. Amen.

Water Baptism

This is a word of Jesus Christ to everyone who receives HIM as the Lord and Saviour.

A beautiful occasion of experiencing death to the old life and resurrection to the new life of/with the Lord.

Please get in touch with any of the Pastors for prior prep for the coming baptism.

35th Anniversary

2 March

Praise the Lord!
Celebration

Some HK Lighthouse brethren
Joining us.

2024/2025 Church Theme

COME & GO

3/03 Introduction
10/03 Through Jesus, In Jesus
17/03 Come
24/3 Go
31/3 The Door
4/7-26/5 PAP
(Permission, Authority, Power)
02-23/06 Come and See
30/06-28/07 Go and Show
04-25/08 Come! The Invitation
08-29/09 Go in Grace
06-27/10 Come and Ask
03-24/11 Go Boldly
01-29/12 Advent- Jesus Comes! Come, Lord
05-26/25 Summer Psalm

Led by God Through the Valleys

Even if life feels uncertain or difficult, His presence is our strength.

God's guidance not only helps us make the right decisions, but also His comforting hand gives us peace when facing challenges. God is right there through every valley, walking beside us, leading us to safety and strength. Trust in His direction, for He always leads us where we need to be. Amen

Themes for the past 9 years

2023/2024
The Good Life

2022/2023
OUTSIDERS

2021/2022
complete **7** perfect

2020/2021
Contrast: Jesus Is
The Difference

2019/2020
Who Am I? Jesus Is:
Therefore, You Are

2018/2019
City On A Hill

2017/2018
Chosen Generation

2016/2017
Higher, Wider,
Deeper

2015/2016
Forward

Hearts Together In Prayer

12/01 (Sun): Thank you, Lord, for being our refuge and strength. No matter what we face, we know You are always with us. We trust You, Lord. Amen.

13/01 (Mon): Pray for healing, trusting in God's power to restore. Let us declare His promise as our Good Shepherd who cares for every need.

14/01 (Tue): Pray for hearts that reflect God's love for others and for opportunities to demonstrate Jesus' love in words and deeds.

15/01 (Wed): Pray for our children in Lighthouse that they may continue to follow God's way, build a strong foundation of faith, and walk in righteousness.

16/01 (Thu): Pray for our youth and young adults to have wisdom and discernment in decisions, seeing from God's perspective and will.

17/01 (Fri): Pray for our Seniors to continue walking in the path of righteousness, leaving a legacy of faith for future generations.

18/01 (Sat): Pray for all our leaders and Pastors that they may be filled with divine wisdom, strength, compassion, and humility of hearts as they lead Lighthouse.

"Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving;"
(Colossians 4:2, NKJV)