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“For the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ” (Rev 1:9)

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Evening Service – 4pm</i>
<i>Prelude</i>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>	
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 145:1-3	Psalm 145:17-21
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 411 – “Stand Up for Jesus”	RHC 95 – “My Saviour’s Love”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 25	1 Samuel 16
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 25</i> (to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 38)	RHC 247 – “Cleanse Me”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Joey Seow	Joey Seow
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 384 – “My Jesus, I Love Thee”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 6:9-13	Hebrews 11:32
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>The Lord’s Prayer – Part 2</i>	<i>David’s Faith</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 365 – “Teach Me to Pray”	RHC 339 – “When I Fear My Faith will Fail”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 13 (stanzas 1 &amp; 4)</i>

\* Congregation Stands

### THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE

The Lord is in His holy temple,  
The Lord is in His holy temple:  
Let all the earth keep silence,  
Let all the earth keep silence before Him -  
Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.

### DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heav’nly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, Amen.

### THE LORD BLESS YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,  
and give you peace, and give you peace;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,  
And be gracious unto you, be gracious,  
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

**Church Theme 2010 – “Believers Built in Christ”**

## WORSHIP PART 24

Last week, I talked about five points of the meanings of biblical service. Today, I'll begin with the sixth point.

Six, service is a sign of God's grace: (1) Only people whose hearts are stirred up can offer their services to the Lord as seen in Exodus 35:21, "And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, *and* they brought the LORD'S offering to the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for all his service, and for the holy garments"; (2) Only chosen people who are set apart for service have the privilege to serve as seen in Numbers 16:9, "*Seemeth it but* a small thing unto you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself to do the service [*leitourgia* added by me] of the tabernacle of the LORD, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them?" Numbers 18:6, "And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you *they are given as* a gift for the LORD, to do the service [*leitourgia* added by me] of the tabernacle of the congregation"; (3) Serving the Lord is a gift as seen in Numbers 18:7, "Therefore thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priest's office for every thing of the altar, and within the vail; and ye shall serve: I have given your priest's office *unto you* as a service of gift [*leitourgia* added by me]: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death." (4) Serving God comes together with all other spiritual blessings and benefits as seen in Romans 9:4, "Who are Israelites; to whom *pertaineth* the adoption, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service [*latreia* added by me] of God, and the promises." Having considered all the points, we may come to a conclusion that serving the Lord is an honor and privilege. If we truly think so, there are at least two thoughts dominating our hearts: (1) we will actively serve the Lord. We will not be passive service men or women, but active and faithful servants; (2) we will not be reluctant to take up responsibilities in church ministries. If the Lord has laid any burden in our hearts in terms of serving Him, then we will not give excuses such as we are not ready or we are not well qualified. Having studied the scriptures, I came to conclude many times that God has not called His people because He has seen their great merits or good qualifications. God calls His people and enables them to serve Him. The more I meditate on Isaiah's words in Isaiah 6:8, the more impressed I am by his spiritual insight about God's calling. In Isaiah, he said to the Lord that he was a man of unclean lips and dwelt in the people of unclean lips in 6:5. Then, when there was a calling from above, he replied, "Here am I; send me." He did not say, "Here am I; I'll go," but "send me." He knew and recognized that serving Him is God's gift, and he needed to be sent. That is a servant's heart and the proper attitude toward God's service. When God stirs us up, we say, "Here am I; send me." Or on the other hand, we may say that God's grace is expressed in forms of offering service opportunities.

Seven, service includes various stages of work in relation to the tabernacle construction: (1) preparatory stage in Exodus 35:24, "Every one that did offer an offering of silver and brass brought the LORD'S offering: and every man, with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought *it*"; (2) middle of the work in Exodus 36:1, "Then wrought Bezaleel and Aholiab, and every wise hearted man, in whom the LORD put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, according to all that the LORD had commanded" (cf. 36:1, 3, 5); (3) after the final stage in Numbers 4:31, "And this *is* the charge of their burden, according to all their service in the tabernacle of the congregation; the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and sockets thereof."

This particular meaning of service reminds me of Paul's explanation of his service/ministry in 1 Corinthians 3:6-9, "I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. <sup>7</sup> So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase. <sup>8</sup> Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. <sup>9</sup> For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building." Each and every one of us has a different work, and maybe we are involved in different stages of God's ministry, but we are serving the Lord all together. Every work and service for the Lord is equally important, and the glory belongs to the Lord.

Eight, service is to be shared as we share burdens. Exodus 38:21, "This is the sum of the tabernacle, *even* of the tabernacle of testimony, as it was counted, according to the commandment of Moses, *for* the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, son to Aaron the priest" (cf. Numbers 4:24). Numbers 4:27, "At the appointment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burdens, and in all their service: and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burdens" (*leitourgia* is used in both verses. cf. 4:28, 49- *ergon*). *Leitourgia* means (1) service of a ritual or other cultic nature (Luke 1:23; Philippians 2:17; Hebrews 8:6; 9:21) and (2) service rendered to one in need (2 Corinthians 9:12; Philippians 2:30). Ezra 6:18, "And they set the priests in their divisions, and the Levites in their courses, for the service of God, which *is* at Jerusalem; as it is written in the book of Moses." Having considered all the biblical references and the meanings of the Greek word, we may find two conclusions: (1) The Lord's ministry should not be borne by one person. When a ministry depends on one particular person and he becomes indispensable, there are countless dangers in the ministry. Such a ministry is like a body functioning only through one member such as the eye, hand, or leg. Such a body is handicapped. When a man becomes indispensable to any ministry, it will experience up and downs depending on that man. And also it will die with him. He will take all the glory and credit. We have seen such cases from charismatic and dictatorial church leaders. Only God is indispensable, not man; and (2) sharing burdens must be practiced both in religious functions and good works such as helping the needy.

Nine, service also comes with God's appointment. It is because the service we render to God is also His as seen in Hebrews 9:6, "Now when these things were thus ordained [underline added], the priests went always into the first tabernacle, accomplishing the service *of God* [*latreia* added by me]." Numbers 4:19, "But thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint [underline added] them every one to his service and to his burden." Numbers 4:23, "From thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to perform the service, to do the work in the tabernacle of the congregation" (cf. 4:26, 37, 41, 43, 47). In the latter verse, service comes from a Hebrew word, *tsaba'*. It refers to religious services. However, its primary meaning refers to army service. It probably indicates the serious nature of our religious duties and services. Two expressions in Numbers 4:23, "to perform the service" and "to do the work," must attract our attention. Each expression is emphatic by having one same root word with two different forms (infinitive and noun). The first expression (to perform the service) may express the rigidity and serious nature of the service like arms services, while the second expression (to do the work) may express the work ethics like faithful labor work. 1 Chronicles 9:13, "And their brethren, heads of the house of their fathers, a thousand and seven hundred and threescore; very able men for the work of the service [*leitourgia* added by me] of the house of God" (cf. 1 Chronicles 9:19; 23:28, 32; 25:6; 28:13). God's appointment of us for services brings sanctity into our services to Him.

Lovingly,

Your Pastor

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm.**

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME		
Fri 02 July	7:30pm	<b>Young Adults Fellowship:</b> Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Rudy & Family, Joanne Khor, Gloria Khoo and Jay McCarthy to our worship services last Lord's Day.		
Sat 03 July	4:00pm	<b>Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Shorter Catechism (led by Rev Ki)			
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i>	<i>Evening Service</i>	<b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>		
<b>Preacher</b>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki			
<b>Message</b>	The Lord's Prayer – Part 3	Isaiah's Faith			
<b>Text</b>	Matthew 6:9-15	Hebrews 11:32-40			
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>Today: 27/06/2010</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Saturday Prayer Meeting &amp; Bible Study:</b> Come and join us every Saturday to pray and study God's Word.</li> <li>• <b>Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Today, Pastor Ki will continue on the series of studies based on "<i>The Doctrine of Church.</i>"</li> <li>• <b>Pray for the students:</b> For their exams (including preparations).</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Constance, May Chew and Deborah Sherwood. Also, pray for Brian upcoming radiotherapy sessions.</li> <li>• <b>Remember to pray for those who are/will be travelling:</b> Eka &amp; family (Nigeria), Lydia (Paris), Prema (Sri Lanka)</li> <li>• <b>School of Theology at Metropolitan Tabernacle</b> – 6th to 8th July: The theme for this year programme is "Winning &amp; Keeping Souls from the World".</li> </ul>			<b>Chairman:</b> Joey Seow <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Grace <b>Ushers:</b> Jonathan / John <b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan / Joy / Grace <b>Lunch:</b> Constance <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Brian		
			<b>Next Week: 04/07/2010</b>		
			<b>Chairman:</b> John Poh <b>Organist:</b> Grace <b>Pianist:</b> Joy <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Evelyn <b>Sunday School:</b> Jonathan / Joy / Grace <b>Lunch:</b> Grace <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Joshua		
			MEMORY VERSE		
			<b>Last Week</b> <i>"For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus hath made me free from the law of sin and death."</i>		
			<b>Romans 8:2</b> <b>This Week</b> <i>"For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh:"</i>		
<b>Romans 8:3</b> <b>Next Week</b> <i>"That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit."</i>					
<b>Romans 8:4</b>					
<b>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £672.80, Lunch: £44.37</b> <b>Attendance - Morning: 32 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 16 (A) 3 (C)</b> <b>Prayer Meeting (26/06): 10 (A)</b>					
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 25					
<b>Q: How doth Christ execute the office of a king?</b> <b>A: Christ executeth the office of a king, IN SUBDUING US TO HIMSELF, in <u>ruling and defending</u> us, and in <u>restraining and conquering</u> all his and our enemies.</b>					
<u>Comments:</u> A king is the ruler of a kingdom. Now there is a great kingdom set up on earth, consisting of all God's people, and its ruler is Christ. As such, his duties are here said to be threefold: 1. He makes us willing to obey him; 2. He gives us laws for our guidance and safety; 3. He limits and finally puts down all who oppose us and him.					
<u>Proofs:</u> 2 Corinthians 10:5, Matthew 11:29, 2 Timothy 4:18					