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

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LORD’S DAY 13 MARCH 2011

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 105:1-4	Psalm 113:1-3
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 24 – “Praise to the Lord, The Almighty”	RHC 26 – “Come, Thou Fount”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 62	Psalm 119:97-112
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 62 verses 1-6</i> (to the tune of St. Anne, RHC 21)	RHC 389 – “Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord”
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 311 – “Does Jesus Care?”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Matthew 9:35-38	Exodus 20:1-26
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Prayer for Labourers</i>	<i>Ethics and Commandments</i>
<i>Lord’s Supper</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 182 – “Lead Me to Calvary”	RHC 255 – “Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart”
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>RHC 80 (stanzas 1 & 5)</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 2011 – “Continue in the Word” – 2 Timothy 3:14

BIBLICAL PRAYER – PART 18

Today, we will continue to study the actual prayers found in the Gospel of Mark.

Third, people prayed for the sick. Mark 6:56, “And whithersoever he entered, into villages, or cities, or country, they laid the sick in the streets, and besought him that they might touch if it were but the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole.” Mark 7:32, “And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to put his hand upon him.” Mark 8:22, “And he cometh to Bethsaida; and they bring a blind man unto him, and besought him to touch him. ²³ And he took the blind man by the hand, and led him out of the town; and when he had spit on his eyes, and put his hands upon him, he asked him if he saw ought.” One common experience we find from all these passages is that the sick were taken to Jesus by caring people. The sick, a deaf, and a blind were brought by the people who cared about them. It may be an indication that it is our duty to pray for the sick. James 5:13-15, “Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms. ¹⁴ Is any sick among you? let him call for the elders of the church; and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord: ¹⁵ And the prayer of faith shall save the sick, and the Lord shall raise him up; and if he have committed sins, they shall be forgiven him.”

Fourth, James and John prayed for what they desired to have. Mark 10:35, “And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, come unto him, saying, Master, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall desire. ³⁶ And he said unto them, What would ye that I should do for you? ³⁷ They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and the other on thy left hand, in thy glory.” The reply from Jesus was probably not what they wanted to hear from Him. What they desired might not be something that God was going to do for them. It is an indication that the answers to our prayers may include negative replies. They might not get what they wanted, but they could know what the Lord had for them. A blind man, Bartimaeus, desired to see and prayed to the Lord for His mercy. Mark 10:46-48, 51, “And they came to Jericho: and as he went out of Jericho with his disciples and a great number of people, blind Bartimaeus, the son of Timaeus, sat by the highway side begging. ⁴⁷ And when he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, *thou* Son of David, have mercy on me. ⁴⁸ And many charged him that he should hold his peace: but he cried the more a great deal, *Thou* Son of David, have mercy on me. ⁵¹ And Jesus answered and said unto him, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? The blind man said unto him, Lord, that I might receive my sight.”

Fifth, Peter cried when he realized that he had betrayed Jesus. It must be a prayer of repentance, though there was no utterance from his lips. Mark 14:72, “And the second time the cock crew. And Peter called to mind the word that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thou shalt deny me thrice. And when he thought thereon, he wept.” His tears were powerful prayers showing his sorrow over sins he had committed, though not all tears always imply repentance. It also implies desperate conditions of the ones praying. For example, Psalm 18:6, “In my distress I called upon the LORD, and cried unto my God: he heard my voice out of his temple, and my cry came before him, *even* into his ears.” Psalm 88:1, “O LORD God of my salvation, I have cried day *and* night before thee.” Jonah 2:2, “And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.”

The Gospel of Luke also includes a few very important prayers. We will be able to see a few of fine examples of biblical and scriptural prayers.

First, there is Mary's prayer with praise, known as *Magnificat*. Luke 1:46-55, "And Mary said, My soul doth magnify the Lord, ⁴⁷ And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour. ⁴⁸ For he hath regarded the low estate of his handmaiden: for, behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed. ⁴⁹ For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; and holy *is* his name. ⁵⁰ And his mercy *is* on them that fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹ He hath shewed strength with his arm; he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts. ⁵² He hath put down the mighty from *their* seats, and exalted them of low degree. ⁵³ He hath filled the hungry with good things; and the rich he hath sent empty away. ⁵⁴ He hath holpen his servant Israel, in remembrance of *his* mercy; ⁵⁵ As he spake to our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed for ever." There are a few fine points we may want to consider: (1) If we carefully read this prayer, we cannot but be impressed by its fullness of scriptures. It is consisted of 1 Samuel 2:1-10; Habakkuk 3:18; Psalm 138:6; 71:19; 126:2-3; 111:9; 103:17; 98:1; 118:15; Isaiah 41:8; Genesis 17:7, 19. (2) We cannot miss the point that Mary is calling God her Saviour in verse 47. It is a very clear and direct refutation of the Church of Rome's claim that Mary was sinless (including sinless birth). To a sinless person, no savior is needed. (3) We see that soul and spirit are interchangeably used. The proponents of trichotomy view (man has body, soul, and spirit) have argued that soul is related to our mind and emotions, and spirit is related to the things and person of God. However, Mary magnifies the Lord in her soul and spirit. It appears that both soul and spirit are doing the same thing, and these two terms are simply interchangeably used. In this case, dichotomy (man has body, which is material element, and soul, which is immaterial element) may be a more preferable view. (4) Mary praised God's might and holiness. (5) She also praised the Lord for fulfilling His promises given to the Fathers. She was thinking about the messianic promises in the prayer.

Second, there is Zechariah's prayer, known as *Benedictus*. Luke 1:68-79, "Blessed *be* the Lord God of Israel; for he hath visited and redeemed his people, ⁶⁹ And hath raised up an horn of salvation for us in the house of his servant David; ⁷⁰ As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets, which have been since the world began: ⁷¹ That we should be saved from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; ⁷² To perform the mercy *promised* to our fathers, and to remember his holy covenant; ⁷³ The oath which he sware to our father Abraham, ⁷⁴ That he would grant unto us, that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies might serve him without fear, ⁷⁵ In holiness and righteousness before him, all the days of our life. ⁷⁶ And thou, child, shalt be called the prophet of the Highest: for thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to prepare his ways; ⁷⁷ To give knowledge of salvation unto his people by the remission of their sins, ⁷⁸ Through the tender mercy of our God; whereby the dayspring from on high hath visited us, ⁷⁹ To give light to them that sit in darkness and *in* the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." (1) Zechariah praised the Lord God of Israel, especially over His visitation of His people. (2) He praised the Lord, in particular, over the fulfillment of messianic promises. He spoke of God's salvation for them in the house of David. (3) He recalled the words given by the prophets of God. (4) He also remembered the covenants of God and God's oaths to Abraham. (5) He prayed for the day of the Messiah for salvation from sins in verse 77. (6) He anticipated the work of the Messiah. We may say that his prayers are scriptural (based on prophets' prophecies and their fulfillments) and Christo-centric (Messiah is the theme of his prayer).

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 18 March	7:30pm	Young Adults Fellowship Bible Study on Philippians	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day.
Sat 19 March	4:00pm	Prayer Meeting & Bible Study Study on Shorter Catechism	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev Timothy Ki	Rev Timothy Ki	<u>TODAY: 13/03/2011</u>
Message	Call and Commission of the Twelve	Ethics and Commandments – Part 2	Chairman: John
Text	Matthew 10:1-15	Exodus 20:1-17	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pianist: Joy
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Pastor Ki will continue the series of studies on “<i>The Doctrine of the Church.</i>” • Basic Bible Knowledge: Pastor Ki will lead the BBK course after lunch at the manse. • Saturday Prayer Meeting & Bible Study: Come and join us to pray and to study God's Word. • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Lydia, Margaret, May Chew, Brian, Mrs Ki, Constance • Pray for those who are/will be on travel: Barbara, Eld George & May Chew, Margaret • Easter Camp 2011 (22/4 to 25/4): Please take note of the dates for the camp. The camp speaker is Pastor John Sherwood. More information will be provided later. 			Ushers: Joey / Jonathan
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch: Maureen
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Brian
			<u>NEXT WEEK: 20/03/2011</u>
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £989.02, Lunch: £84.50			Chairman: Joey
Attendance - Morning: 35 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 1 (C)			Organist: Anthony
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 63			Pianist: Joy
<p>Q: Which is the Fifth Commandment?</p> <p><i>A: The Fifth Commandment is, HONOUR THY FATHER AND THY MOTHER; that thy days may be long upon the land which the LORD thy God giveth thee.</i></p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Exodus 20:12</p>			Ushers: Daniel / Yetta
			Sunday School: Jonathan / Joy
			Lunch: Constance
			Washing Up: Volunteers
			PA Crew: Jonathan
			MEMORY VERSE
<p style="text-align: center;">Last Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Romans 8:37</p> <p style="text-align: center;">This Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come ,”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Romans 8:38</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Week</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>“Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Romans 8:39</p>			