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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>	Mark 16:1-8	Romans 6:8-11
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 213 – “Welcome, Happy Morning!”	RHC 209 – “Because He Lives”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	1 Peter 1	John 16:1-16
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	RHC 214 – “I Know That My Redeemer Lives”	RHC 239 – “Come Gracious Spirit, Heavenly Dove”
<i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i>	RHC 184 – “Rock of Ages”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Corinthians 15:20	John 15:26, John 16:13-15
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Gavin Beers	Rev Gavin Beers
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Christ is Risen Indeed</i>	<i>The Spirit Glorifying the Son</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 16</i> <i>verses 6-11</i> (to the tune of Seraph, RHC 15)	<i>Psalm 45</i> <i>verses 3-8</i> (to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)
<i>Benediction / 3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Gavin Beers	Rev Gavin Beers
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</i>	<i>May the Grace of Christ Our Savior</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 2012 – “Have a Mind to Work” – Nehemiah 4:6**

# THE DAY DEATH MET HIS MATCH

## **Introduction**

“By His resurrection from the dead He was openly declared to be the Son of God in power. His excarnation was as much a part of the process of manifestation as His incarnation. Indeed, the real Christ has not become known in His essential glory, until He is known no longer after the flesh, but as the risen, exalted Christ, the conqueror of death and sin.” (James M. Campbell. *The Heart of the Gospel: A Popular Exposition of the Doctrine of the Atonement*. Fleming H. Revell Co. 1907, 137).

The Resurrection of Christ is the cornerstone of historic Christianity. It is the blessed Easter morning again in the year where we remember the glorious work of Christ in His triumphant victory over sin death and hell. The Christian faith is marked by 2 important events in the life of Christ, namely His vicarious death and His blessed resurrection.

After the crucifixion of Christ in AD 30, the frightened disciples were revived with hope when a few women witnessed the empty tomb where Jesus' body was missing. Jesus who was crucified but after 3 days, He had risen from the grave and victorious over the grave and hell. His disciples who have seen Him, are to go quickly and tell others also of this wonderful news that they might believe and be encouraged that Jesus is truly God (Mt 28:11).

## **The Inevitability of Death**

Hebrews 9:27 says, *‘And as it is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment.’* All of us have to die one day and we have all attended a funeral before and saw the great sorrow and pain death caused to many. Recently, one of the elders from Life BP Church went home to be with the Lord and a 25 years old teenager from Sharon BP Church as well after a failed kidney transplant and Fong Choon Chiak's mother on 24 March 2012 as well. An average of 17,000 people died in Singapore every year due to different causes. Cancer and heart failure being the top killer. There was a funeral that Jesus attended in John 11:1-40. A young man named Lazarus had passed away. He had 2 sisters named Mary and Martha whom Jesus knew. It was a tragic death for the family. Their sadness was aggravated by the fact that Jesus was late for 4 days and they pointed this out if he was earlier, maybe their brother would not have died. Those who are emotionally stretched often make unsubstantiated statements. Yet Jesus had everything planned according to His sovereign good will. He was there four days later, deliberately, and said in John 11:40, *‘Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou wouldest believe, thou shouldest see the glory of God?’* They thought he was referring to the end bodily resurrection of believers and judgment in heaven and all that, but then they are still depressed and distressed by their bereavement. They got it right and wrong, there will be a resurrection of the redeemed dead one day but Christ is referring to something else too which He will do at that time.

The physical defeat by death does not mean the end for us as Christians. Job said in Job 19:25-26, *'For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.'* Now, Jesus had risen from the dead, there is everlasting hope where there will be no despair, there is now peace where there was conflict and eternal life where there was only death.

Christ our Lord arose physically, literally and visibly and He is coming back again in the same manner (Acts 1:11). It says in Acts 2:24 that it was impossible for Him to be held in the power of death. There is a hymn that says that death cannot keep its prey. He tore the bars away. Jesus arose and He is alive for ever more!

The apostle Paul says in 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 at the death of possibly a member of a church, that there is comfort for aggrieved souls and that is the resurrection. Regardless of the darkness of sin and death, death cannot keep the Lord Jesus and those who love Him and called by His name for He is the God of life. It was predicted He would rise again and He did and he is the True Messiah for His people. Though they crucified Him, He defeated them all for on the third day, He rose again and one day we will meet Him and our loved ones who die in the Lord and those who are faithful will receive their proper rewards in the will and time of the Lord according to their faithful stewardship. Revelation 14:13 says, *'And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.'*

## **Our Rightful Response**

Knowing the fact of the resurrection, we need to respond appropriately to this truth by putting our faith and our trust in Jesus Christ, when we believe in Christ with our hearts that God raised Him from the dead and repent of our sins, we shall be saved (Rom 10:9-10).

Margaret French Patton says well,

Ye sleeping buds, break  
Open your green cerements, and wake  
To fragrant blossoming for His sweet sake  
and seek Christ before it is too late (last stencil mine)

The gospel is good news for Christ is alive today and we worship a Living and True God. Those who will go with us to the holy land pilgrim educational tour to Israel and Jordan in November this year will witness the empty garden tomb for yourself. It is an invincible to critics and sceptics of the deity of Christ. We have no remains or relics of Christ today that we can pass around for there is none at all for we serve and worship a victorious risen Saviour and God who is now in the heavens seated on the right hand of the throne of God (Heb 12:3-4). The Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 1:3-4 say, *'Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you.'*

Our risen Lord will save us where we believe in Him as our Saviour and repent of our sinfulness and give up our sinful pasts. God have mercy on us where we are in our depraved and desperate condition for Romans 5:1, 8 says, *'Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ: But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.'* He never leaves His people without help. He transforms our lives by His Spirit and His saving grace is working in me. We are different today because He is our Lord and our God.

For those who are saved and justified, we are to press on with our sanctification in Christ as we grow in holiness and serve Him in the work of the Lord faithfully for 1 Corinthians 15:57, 58 say, *'But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.'*

## **Conclusion**

The glorious gospel of Christ is a message with a blessed eternal hope. Titus 2:13 says, *'Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.'* And God is working in our hearts. It is the best news and it is sealed by the resurrection of Jesus. He is risen and He is coming back for us one day indeed Our lord says in John 11:25, 26, *'Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?'* Call on Him today as your Saviour while there is yet time!

This is the touchstone and the pivotal point of the Christian faith that Jesus did rise from the dead, according to eye witnesses of more than 500 people (1 Cor 15:1-5) in the teachings of scripture, and it is an authenticated fact and truth for all to behold without doubt. We will end with this wonderful poem by Thomas Scott :

Angels, roll the rock away;  
Death, yield up thy mighty prey:  
See, He rises from the tomb,  
Glowing with immortal bloom.

*Jack Sin*

# THE CASE FOR ETERNAL HOPE

*JACK SIN*

THE SON OF GOD CAME IN OUR STEAD  
FOR ALL THE WRONGS WE COMMIT  
HE CAME TO EARTH TO DIE FOR US,  
FOR OUR INIQUITIES, HE WOULD REMIT.

THE CUP OF CONTEMPT, HE GLADLY DRANK,  
AND CRIED, IN A SOMBRE VOICE;  
"NOT MY WILL, BUT THINE ALONE"  
HE SAID, WITH A SUBMISSIVE CHOICE.

THE TRAITOR'S KISS WOULD SEAL HIS FATE;  
HE WOULD DIE AT ANY RATE  
THE GOVERNOR, PILATE, CRINGED IN FEAR;  
BUT STILL LET THE PEOPLE JEER.

"I WASH MY HANDS IN THIS DREADFUL WOE,"  
QUIPPED PILATE, "LET JESUS BE."  
THE CROWD RETORTED "CRUCIFY HIM NOW,  
AND GRANT US BARABBAS FREE!"

PILATE GAVE IN TO THEIR DEMANDS;  
AND OUR LORD WAS TAKEN AWAY.  
THE SOLDIERS ABUSED AND MOCKED HIM,  
IN ESSENCE, THEY HAD REALLY STRAYED.

A CROWN OF THORNS LAID ON HIS HEAD,  
AS HIS EXECUTION WAS CARRIED OUT;  
HIS HANDS AND FEET WERE ALL IN RED,  
BUT HE DID NOT SCREAM NOR SHOUT.

"FATHER, FORGIVE THEM FOR THIS SIN;  
THEY KNOW NOT WHAT THEY DO."  
HE CRIED IN EARNEST DESPITE THE PAIN,  
HE DID FOR OUR ETERNAL GAIN.

"IT IS FINISHED," HE SAID IN ANGUISH,  
AS THE SOVEREIGN GAVE IN TO DEATH.  
THE CURTAIN TORE, AND SIN VANQUISHED,  
AND SATISFY THE FATHER'S WRATH.

CONSIDER THIS POIGNANT FINAL PART;  
IT'S WHY CHRISTIANS ARE FILLED WITH JOY:  
THE SAVIOUR DEFEATED SATAN'S DARTS;  
HIS TRIUMPH IS OURS TO ENJOY.

HE DEFIED DEATH AND ROSE FROM THE GRAVE;  
A TESTIMONY OF OUR SALVATION,  
NOW, JUSTIFIED SINNERS CAN RANT AND RAVE,  
FOR CHRIST, OUR ETERNAL PROPITIATION.

THE RUGGED CROSS IS NOT A SHAMEFUL PLACE,  
FOR CHRIST SUFFERED AND DIED FOR HUMAN RACE.  
HE ROSE AS KING, AND REDEEMED HIS OWN,  
OUR SAVIOUR, WE GLADLY WORSHIP AND PRAISE.

8 APRIL 2012

# 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 13 Apr	7:30pm	<b>Young Adults Fellowship</b>	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Stephany & Beatrice to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Sat 14 Apr	4:00pm	<b>Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b> "Eschatology" – Rev Timothy 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>TODAY: 08/04/2012</b>
<b>Message</b>	TBC	TBC	<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan
<b>Text</b>	TBC	TBC	<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
<b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>			<b>Pianist:</b> Jasmine
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday Pre-Lunch Bible Study:</b> Rev Gavin Beers will be leading a study on "<i>Personal Evangelism</i>".</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Eld Ford, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah Sherwood, Brian, Mrs Ki, Lai Kheng, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are/will be on travel:</b> Sonia, Nana, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Rev Gavin Beers.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Rachael, Michelle, Joy.</li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology:</b> 3rd - 5th July 2012. Theme: "<i>Living &amp; Walking in the Holy Spirit</i>"</li> </ul>			<b>Ushers:</b> John / Constance
			<b>Sunday School:</b> No Sunday School
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £1358.00, Lunch: £100.00 Gift Donation, Kenya: £50.00, Book Sales: £113.19</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 34 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 24 (A) 3 (C)</p>			<b>Lunch:</b> Maureen
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Lee Wei / Yangfan
			<b>NEXT WEEK: 15/04/2012</b>
			<b>Chairman:</b> John
			<b>Organist:</b> Joy
			<b>Pianist:</b> Anthony
			<b>Ushers:</b> Jonathan / Yetta
			<b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Joy
			<b>Lunch:</b> Constance
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Lee Wei / Yangfan
<b>SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 12</b>			
<p><b>Q: What special acts of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?</b></p> <p><i>A: When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of <u>perfect obedience</u>, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of <u>death</u>.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p>When God made Adam and Eve, he said that if they kept his commands, they should live for ever; but if they broke his commands, they should die. This was the <i>Covenant of Life</i>. God then put forth his first command, which was that they should not eat of a particular tree, called the tree of the knowledge of god and evil. Their regard for this would show how far they were willing to obey him in all things.</p> <p><u>Proofs:</u></p> <p>Genesis 2:16-17; Galatians 3:12</p>			
<b>MEMORY VERSE</b>			
<b>Last Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>	
<i>"The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly."</i>	<i>"Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me."</i>	<i>"But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth."</i>	
<b>John 10:10</b>	<b>John 14:6</b>	<b>Acts 1:8</b>	