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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 08 DECEMBER 2013

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Evening Service – 4pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 31:1-5

Psalm 71:19-23

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 46 – “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

RHC 22 – “When All Thy Mercies, O My God”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 47

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 47 verses 5-9
(to the tune of Manoah, RHC 201)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 303 – “Saved, Saved!”
verses 1-2

Scriptural Text

Exodus 33

Mark 9:24

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Patrick Baker

Rev Patrick Baker

Sermon Message

Living in the Presence of God

Faith’s Expressive Cry

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 421 – “Have Thine Own Way, Lord!”

RHC 379 – “O For a Faith That Will Not Shrink”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Rev Patrick Baker

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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 2013 – “Understand and know God” – Jeremiah 9:24

LAST WORDS

My Dear Readers,

8-12-2013 At this time of the year we tend to think of music, usually Christmas music. Yet this week I was reminded of the Sunday singspirations at New Life when I learned the context of one of the favorite hymns from Samuel Rutherford. In the final pages of the book of letters (pp. 741-744) from Pastor Rutherford, edited by Rev. Andrew Bonar, we find the following nineteen stanzas under the title: LAST WORDS

Mrs. A. R. Cousin, wife of Rev. W. Cousin, Free Church minister of Melrose, has woven into a delightful poem many of Samuel Rutherford's most remarkable utterances. This piece has become almost a household hymn, known over all our country, and in America no less. It is entitled sometimes by its first line, "The sands of time are sinking," and sometimes, "The Last Words of S.R.," though it takes many of his sayings, besides his deathbed words.

The sands of time are sinking,
The dawn of Heaven breaks,
The summer morn I've sighed for,
The fair sweet morn awakes:
Dark, dark hath been the midnight,
But dayspring is at hand,
And glory – glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

Oh! well it is for ever,
Oh! well for evermore,
My nest hung in no forest
Of all this death-doom'd shore:
Yea, let the vain world vanish,
As from the ship the strand,
While glory – glory dwelleth,
In Immanuel's land.

There the Red Rose of Sharon
Unfolds its heartsome bloom,
And fills the air of Heaven
With ravishing perfume: -
Oh! to behold it blossom,
While by its fragrance fann'd
Where glory-glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

The King there in His beauty,
Without a veil, is seen:
It were a well-spent journey,
Though seven deaths lay between.
The Lamb, with His fair army,
Doth on Mount Zion stand,
And glory – glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

Oh! Christ He is the Fountain,
The deep sweet well of love!
The *streams* on earth I've tasted,
More deep I'll drink above:
There, to an *ocean* fullness,
His mercy doth expand,
And glory – glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

E'en Anwoth was not heaven –
E'en preaching was not Christ;
And in my sea-beat prison
My Lord and I held tryst:
And aye my murkiest storm-cloud
Was by a rainbow spann'd,
Caught from the glory dwelling
In Immanuel's land.

But that He built a heaven
Of His surpassing love,
A little New Jerusalem,
Like to the one above, --
"Lord, take me o'er the water,"
Had been my loud demand,
"Take me to love's own country,
Unto Immanuel's land."

But flowers need night's cool darkness
The moonlight and the dew;
So Christ, from one who loved it,
His shining oft withdrew:
And then for cause of absence,
My troubled soul I scann'd—
But glory, shadeless, shineth
In Immanuel's land.

The little birds of Anwoth
I used to count them blest, --
Now, beside happier altars
I go to build my nest:
O'er these there broods no silence,
No graves around them stand,
For glory, deathless, dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

Fair Anwoth by the Solway,
To me thou still art dear!
E'en from the verge of Heaven
I drop from thee a tear.
Oh! if one soul from Anwoth
Meet me at God's right hand,
My Heaven will be tow Heavens,
In Immanuel's land.

I have wrestled on towards Heaven,
'Gainst storm, and wind, and tide:--
Now, like a weary traveler,
That leaneth on his guide,
Amid the shades of evening,
While sinks life's ling'ring sand,
I hail the glory dawning
From Immanuel's land.

Deep waters cross'd life's pathway,
The hedge of thorns was sharp;
Now these like all behind me—
Oh! for a well-tuned harp!
Oh! to join Halleluiah
With you triumphant band,
Who sing, where glory dwelleth,
In Immanuel's land.

With mercy and with judgment
My web of time He wove,
And aye the dews of sorrow
Were lustred with His love,
I'll bless the hand that guided,
I'll bless the heart that plann'd,
When throned where glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

Soon shall the cup of glory
Wash down earth's bitterest woes,
Soon shall the desert-briar
Break into Eden's rose:
The curse shall change to blessing—
The name on earth that's bann'd,
Be graven on the white stone
In Immanuel's land.

Oh! I am my Beloved's,
And my Belove is mine!
He brings a poor vile sinner
Into His "House of wine."
I stand upon His merit,
I know no other stand,
Not e'en where glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

I shall sleep sound in Jesus,
Fill'd with His likeness rise,
To live and to adore Him,
To see Him with these eyes,
'Tween me and resurrection
But Paradise doth stand;
Then-then for glory dwelling
In Immanuel's land!

The Bride eyes not her garment,
But her dear Bridegroom's face;
I will not gaze at glory,
But on my King of Grace—
Not at the crown He giffeth,
But on His pierced hand:
The *Lamb* in all the glory
Of Immanuel's land.

I have borne scorn and hatred,
I have borne wrong and shame,
Earth's proud ones have reproach'd me,
For Christ's thrice blessed name:--
Where God His seal set fairest
They've stamp'd their foulest brand;
But judgment shines like noonday
In Immanuel's land.

They've summoned me before them,
But there I may not come, --
My Lord says, "Come up hither,"
My Lord says, "Welcome Home!"
My kingly King, at His white throne,
My presence doth command,
Where glory—glory dwelleth
In Immanuel's land.

Surely as we reflect on these lines we are made aware of the profound relationship this pastor had with our Lord and his care for his congregation. May we all aspire to a deeper and closer walk with God as we conclude 2013 and anticipate 2014.

Your brother, CTM

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
Wed 11 Dec No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study	We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We do hope that you have a blessed time of worship on this day.
Fri 13 Dec 7:00pm Young Adults Fellowship	
Sat 14 Dec 4:00pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Rev. Aaron Lewis	Rev. Aaron Lewis	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>TODAY: 08/12/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Jasmine Ushers: Tom / Constance Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael Lunch: Hannah Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Yangfan / Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 15/12/2013</u></p> <p>Chairman: John Organist: Jasmine Pianist: Sarah Ushers: Daniel / Yetta Sunday School: Hannah Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Yangfan / Scott</p>
Message	My Wanderings, My Tears, My Heavenly Father	Looking to, and Seeing Jesus	
Text	Psalm 56:8	Job 19:25	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-Lunch Bible Study: Rev Baker will lead a short study on "<i>The Providence of God as Traced Through Jonah</i>". • Pray for those who are sick: Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor Ki, Mrs Ki, Susan, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Rev Colin Wong, Elizabeth. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia. • Pray for those on travel: Yangfan, Matthew, Jasmine. • Pulpit Ministry: Please pray for the Church and the calling of Rev Colin Wong as our resident minister, and that the visa application will be accepted and completed without delay. 			
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £1063.50 Attendance - Morning: 30 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 18 (A) 4 (C)</p>			

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 100

Q: What doth the Preface of the Lord's Prayer teach us?

A: The preface of the Lord's Prayer – (which is, OUR FATHER WHICH ART IN HEAVEN) – teacheth us to draw near to God with all holy reverence and confidence – as children to a father, able and ready to help us; - and that we should pray with and for others.

Comments:

Preface means introduction or beginning. And we here learn that the Preface of the Lord's Prayer teaches us three things: 1. That we should draw near to God reverently, seeing he is in heaven; 2. That we should draw near confidently, seeing he is our Father, 3. That we should pray along with others, and for them, seeing he is our Father.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 6:9, Romans 8:15, Isaiah 64:9

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"For promotion cometh neither from the east, nor from the west, nor from the south."</i></p> <p>Psalm 75:6</p>	<p><i>"But God is the judge: he putteth down one, and setteth up another."</i></p> <p>Psalm 75:7</p>	<p><i>"Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding."</i></p> <p>Proverbs 3:5</p>