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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

### *Morning Service – 11am*

### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 97:1-6

Psalm 1

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 16 – *“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”*

RHC 28 – *“The God of Abraham Praise”*

*Opening Prayer \**

Mok Chee Cheong

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 68

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 68 verses 18-20*  
(to the tune of Ballerma, RHC 130)

RHC 55 – *“Our Great Saviour”*

*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Mok Chee Cheong

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 67 – *“Praise the Saviour”*

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*Scriptural Text*

Jonah 1

John 12:28-31

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

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*Sermon Message*

*When Jonah Heard from God*

*Why Has God Spoken?*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 258 – *“Lord, Thy Word Abideth”*

RHC 253 – *“Standing on the Promises”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Dr Carl Martin

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*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

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\* 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 2014 – “Waiting for God” – Isaiah 30:18**

# **ETERNAL REFUGE IN A STORM**

**(Isaiah 25:1-12)**

## **Introduction**

Life on earth has many trials and tribulations and we need a reliable anchor and refuge in times of great testings or distress. Consider these 4 aspects below where God can be our eternal Strength and Refuge.

### **Acknowledge Christ as our Lord and God and Ascribe to Him glory, repenting of our sins (v.1)**

Our God Jehovah is a holy, just, almighty personal and compassionate God who cares for His elect. We cannot have a strong refuge unless we have a personal relationship with Christ. When we ask our earthly father for help, we can be certain he will definitely help us. How much more our Father in Heaven. Do you know God personally? Have you acknowledged your depravity and believed and accepted Jesus in your life? Isaiah in Isaiah 6 confessed his sins with consecration to serve God wholeheartedly.

One of the evidences that you are saved is this: what would you think of or do with or for God? Despite hard times, Isaiah determined to praise God's name because God has done wonderful things. Do you remember what God has done for us at the cross while we were still fallen sinners? We should remember the day that God redeemed us by His saving grace with a life-changing transformation which gave us power and victory over sin.

The word "Exalt" means uplift. "Praise" means to acknowledge the worth of someone. We should resolve to magnify His name (Psalm 145:1-3), and determine never to miss worshipping God on the Sabbath and seeking Him in the prayer meeting. In your hectic schedule, do you make time for God daily? If you know God intimately, you will be filled with great reverence and you would want to glorify and praise Him. Keep a diary of these spiritual thoughts and do not be afraid to witness and tell others what God has done for you (Mark 5:19).

### **Accept the everlasting counsel of God given in His word which is faithful and true (v.1)**

In the bible, the word "counsel" is used in three ways: first, used in proverbs as a synonym to the Word of God; second, to refer to "advice"; and third, to refer to "direction". Here it refers to both advice and direction. Today, we tend to seek advice from different people but not all of them are sound. God's counsel is always faithful and true. Are you open to seek the counsel of God in your decisions of life or do you just do things that you want wilfully? (Proverbs 19:20).

King David always sought God's counsel when he was in need. In the times of the Old Testament Aaron, a High Priest would always carry two stones, the Urim and Thummim, that He used to seek God's counsel with much prayer (Exodus 28:30). Hebrews 6:18 speaks of the unchanging nature of God's counsel. Contrast this to man's changing and often deficient if not defective worldly counsel. Best of all, God's counsel is absolutely true and free though unfortunately many today do not take His counsel seriously. How do we deal with problems of the day? How should we guide our children in their studies or our employees? We need to humbly seek and honour God first diligently and then seek His will and study to obey His word as well (Proverbs 3:5).

## **Abide in Christ as the source of refuge and strength in times of life's troubles (v.2-4)**

Have you been needy or distressed before? Have you ever felt helpless in a situation? The concept of refuge is a safe hiding place in times of great troubles. In 1906 in the United States, a devastating storm swept through the city of Galveston, Texas. Many perished but some who hid inside a lighthouse were unharmed. God is the safe Lighthouse or the eternal and solid Rock (1 Corinthians 10:4) or the cave that we can hide in. During the tsunami of 26 December 2004, a group of Indonesian Christians were having their Christmas service in the mountains near Sumatra as they were driven away by their hostile neighbours and that higher ground ironically became a strong refuge in the midst of the fatal tidal wave where about 230,000 died.

Psalm 46 is the favourite psalm of the German Protestant Reformer, Martin Luther. He was once summoned to the Diet (a meeting) of Worms in 1521 to meet Charles V, the Roman emperor and a host of prelates to answer false charges. He thought he might never come back alive but he faced his travail with great courage, and famously gave the unforgettable quote: "I cannot and will not recant anything, for to go against conscience is neither right nor safe. Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God. Amen." The Emperor finally let him go and gave the decree he could not be harmed in the next 21 days. Later the Elector Frederick of Saxony had him kidnapped and kept him for 10 months under protection in Wartburg castle, and there he wrote the blessed hymn, 'A Mighty Fortress is our God' and translated the New Testament into German in 1522.

## **Assent or agree to the power of Christ over sin and death as our only hope (v.6-12)**

Will you come to the spiritual feast of life and partake of the pure gospel of Christ? Matthew 11:28-30 says, *'Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.'* Imagine the abundance and richness of the wonderful spiritual feast that is offered by Christ. There is so much we can receive from Christ if only we depart from sin and accept the glorious invitation to trust in Him fully and hope in the victorious risen Christ and experience abundant and everlasting life. John 10:10 says, *'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.'* Jesus is the only true Saviour of the world and we can rejoice in His everlasting salvation if He is truly our God and our Lord!

## **Conclusion**

Psalm 139:23-24 says, *'Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.'*

We need to reflect soberly and prayerfully forsake self and all and repent of all our sins and believe and acknowledge Jesus Christ today as our personal Saviour and Lord. Follow Him fully and take up your cross and call on Him for mercy and grace and read and obey His word (Romans 10:9-10) and God will be our eternal Refuge and Fortress in times of many troubles.

*By Pastor Jack Sin, Maranatha Messenger - 30th March 2014*

# 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
Tues 06 May	No Ladies Mid-Week Bible Study		We extend a warm welcome to all worshippers this Lord's Day. We like to welcome Rebecca to our worship services last Lord's Day.
Fri 09 May	No Young Adults Fellowship		
Sat 10 May	4:00pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>TODAY: 04/05/2014</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Mok Chee Cheong</p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Anthony</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b> Jasmine</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Evelyn</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Rachael</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Hannah</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b> Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>NEXT WEEK: 11/05/2014</u></b></p> <p><b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan</p> <p><b>Organist:</b> Sarah</p> <p><b>Pianist:</b> Matthew</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / Constance</p> <p><b>Sunday School:</b> Hannah / Rachael</p> <p><b>Lunch:</b> Maureen</p> <p><b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers</p> <p><b>PA Crew:</b> Scott</p>
<b>Message</b>	Faith Credited as Righteousness	The Lord's Prayer - "Who Art In Heaven"	
<b>Text</b>	Romans 4:1-12	Matthew 6:9	
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> Dr Martin will lead a study on "The Doctrine of the Church".</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> 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, Jonathan, Scott</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Patricia, Rachael.</li> <li>• <b>Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology - 1st to 3rd July 2014:</b> Theme for 2014 is "Rightly Dividing the Word".</li> <li>• <b>Please note that there will be an ECM next Sunday 11th May 2014.</b></li> </ul>			
<p><b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £682.32, Lunch: £47.99</p> <p><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 25 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 21 (A) 5 (C)</p>			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 14

**Q: What is sin?**

*A: Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the Law of God.*

Comments:

We are here taught that there are two kinds of sins. The first consists in not doing what God commands; the second consists in doing what God forbids. Our first parents committed the latter.

Scriptural Reference:

Luke 10:31, Luke 22:61

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week		Next Week
<p><i>"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."</i></p> <p><b>Romans 5:1</b></p>	<p><b>This Week</b></p> <p><i>"For we walk by faith, not by sight:"</i></p> <p><b>2 Corinthians 5:7</b></p>	<p><i>"Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children;</i></p> <p><i>And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweetsmelling savour."</i></p> <p><b>Ephesians 5:1-2</b></p>