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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 20 APRIL 2014

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 4	Psalm 96
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 1 – “O Worship the King”	RHC 227 – “O Glorious Day!”
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 66	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 66 verses 1-5, 7-9, 18-20</i> (to the tune of Ellacombe, RHC 29)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 558 – “We Plough the Fields”	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Mark 16:7	John 21:19
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Rev Nigel Smyth	Rev Nigel Smyth
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Renewed Hope: A Personal Word</i>	<i>Restored Calling: Recommissioned</i>
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 205 – “Thine Is the Glory”	RHC 203 – “He Lives”
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Rev Nigel Smyth	Rev Nigel Smyth
<i>Postlude</i>	<i>The Lord Bless You</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 2014 – “Waiting for God” – Isaiah 30:18

HE AROSE!

My Dear Reader,

20-04-2014 How blessed we are to be able to join this weekend in remembering the precious account of our Lord Jesus who came to earth for the explicit purpose of glorifying the Triune God by paying the price of redemption for our broken rebel world.

We live in a time when there are many reminders of advances in science, enabling travel and mobility unlike any time in recorded history. We tend to be far removed from those of a generation or two ago who lived nearly all their lives within an area of one to two miles from where they were born. We have come to anticipate safe, and on-time travels, even internationally. I was very surprised to learn last November that a law exists for travelers who have been delayed for more than a certain span of time (within defined boundaries) can charge the airline for a considerable assessment. Because my flight had been delayed due to a mechanical issue, we were not eligible for the assessment from British Airways. Thankfully, even after a nearly five hour delay, we had a safe flight to our destination.

Last month a major segment of the world joined in the effort to find the missing Malaysia Airline flight that was to have been on a "routine flight" from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing. As days stretched on to weeks all apparent hope of rescue has been snuffed out. We must not forget those tear stained faces of those who have lost their loved ones in this strange circumstance. But, there are other new stories and realities that have taken over the airwaves.

Just this week, we learned of the families who bid farewell to their children this past week in South Korea. They boarded a massive ferry boat with hundreds of others and departed on a school excursion. Ever eager to help children explore and learn more, the educators never anticipated that the ferry boat would capsize in frigid waters to the peril of nearly three hundred lives. Big numbers can lose their impact as just numbers. But personal accounts make us think more deeply.

Word has come that a vice-principal who had promoted the trip and survived the accident committed suicide by hanging himself in a tree. In his suicide note, according to the Wall Street Journal, he wrote that he was taking responsibility for the deaths of the students and was taking his life. He hoped that in another life he might be a worthy teacher for those students whose bodies have yet to be found. How miserable his final hours must have been. There is much we do not know about the man, nor what was most important in his life, but one thing we must conclude is that he had no confidence in the Gospel, nor in the promises of our hope for eternal life through Jesus Christ.

This weekend we have been privileged to reflect on ***the Passion of Christ through the Eyes of Peter***, with our guest preacher, Nigel Smyth. We remember another person who had great plans but failed his Lord. Remember the confessions he had made and the assurance he had given to Jesus in John 6, *"⁶⁸Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? Thou hast the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹And we believe and are sure that thou art that Christ, the Son of the living God."* Yet in a time of great vulnerability and temptation, he denied even knowing his Lord. Yet in the end he had a dependable hope in Jesus the Christ.

Perhaps that will help you to better understand why the Apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:14-19: *"¹⁴And **if** Christ be not risen, then is our preaching vain, and your faith is also vain. ¹⁵Yea, and we are found false witnesses of God; because we have testified of God that he raised up Christ: whom he raised not up, if so be that the dead rise not. ¹⁶For **if** the dead rise not, then is not Christ raised: ¹⁷And **if** Christ be not raised, your faith is vain; ye are yet in your sins. ¹⁸**Then** they also which are fallen asleep in Christ are perished. ¹⁹**If** in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men **most miserable**."*

What a sad ending our lot would be **if Christ had not risen!** Ah but how wonderful to go to the very next verse where he writes: *"²⁰**But now is Christ risen from the dead, and become the firstfruits of them that slept.**"* As the one who died as the Passover Lamb in our place and arose from the grave, we can be in the wonderful position of rejoicing in our salvation. That is wonderful news! Have you repented of your sin and by faith turned to Jesus for your eternal salvation? If you have, why not share that good news with someone else. If not have never turned to Jesus Christ, why not today?

Your grateful 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
Tues 22 Apr 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 25 Apr Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony 4pm & 7pm <i>The Future of Israel & The Millennium</i>	
Sat 26 Apr Bible Study & Prayer Meeting 4:00pm	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	<u>TODAY: 20/04/2014</u>
Message	Wonderful and Amazing Grace	The Lord's Prayer - "Our Father"	Chairman: Mok Chee Cheong
Text	Romans 3:21-31	Matthew 6:9	Organist: Anthony

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: Dr Martin will lead a study on "The Doctrine of the Church". • 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, Jonathan, Magdalene, Hannah, Maureen, Anthony. • Pray for those seeking employment: Yetta, Patricia, Rachael. • Pray for those on travels: Josiah. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology - 1st to 3rd July 2014: Theme for 2014 is "Rightly Dividing the Word". • Please note that the ECM will be held next Sunday 27th April 2014. 	<p>Ushers: Daniel / Yetta</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Maureen</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 27/04/2014</u></p> <p>Chairman: Jonathan</p> <p>Organist: Anthony</p> <p>Pianist: Jasmine</p> <p>Ushers: Tom / Margaret</p> <p>Sunday School: Hannah / Rachael</p> <p>Lunch: Tom</p> <p>Washing Up: Volunteers</p> <p>PA Crew: Scott</p>
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £601.90; Lunch: £54.60</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 24 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 5 (C)</p>	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 12

Q: What special acts of providence did God exercise toward man in the estate wherein he was created?

A: *When God had created man, he entered into a covenant of life with him, upon condition of perfect obedience, forbidding him to eat of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, upon the pain of death.*

Comments:

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 *Covenant of Life*. 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 good and evil. Their regard for this would show how far they were willing to obey him in all things.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 2:16-17; Galatians 3:12

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;"</i></p> <p>Colossians 3:12</p>	<p><i>"Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye"</i></p> <p>Colossians 3:13</p>	<p><i>"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:"</i></p> <p>Romans 5:1</p>