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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 19 JUNE 2016

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>	Deuteronomy 4:39-40	Psalm 134
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 36 – <i>"High in the Heavens, Eternal God"</i>	RHC 48 – <i>"O Bless Our God With One Accord"</i>
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Apostle's Creed *</i>	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 17	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 17 verses 1-5</i> (to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 38)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	Jonathan Kim	Jonathan Kim
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 128 – <i>"His Yoke is Easy"</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Psalm 104:1-35	Psalm 118
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>A One-Word Sermon</i> Dr Owen Palmer Robertson	<i>Thanks to the Lord</i> Dr Owen Palmer Robertson
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 290 – <i>"Hallelujah for the Cross"</i>	<i>Psalm 118 verses 20-29</i> (to the tune of All Saints New, RHC 438)
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Owen Palmer Robertson	Dr Owen Palmer Robertson
<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.

"Growing in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" - 2 Peter 3:18

GROWING SPIRITUALLY AS A CHURCH

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The book of Acts tells us about the beginning of the Church under the powerful influence of the Holy Spirit. The early Church grew exponentially when Christians devoted themselves to certain practices or activities which enabled them to grow in their relationship with the Lord. This can be seen most clearly in Acts 2:42-47. These early Christians devoted themselves to the following activities (some would call them “spiritual disciplines”): the apostle’s teaching, fellowship, prayer, worship and service (benevolence).

1. **God’s Word.** Jesus said *“It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.”* (Matt 4:4) Again, *“All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.”* (2 Tim 3:16-17). All godly Christians in the past have been people of the Bible, literally Bible soaked – reading, meditating, teaching, preaching and sharing His word. (1 Tim 4:13; 2 Tim 2:15; Josh 1:8, Ps 1:1-2, Ps 119:11). Spiritual growth comes from knowing and obeying God’s word. *“Thy word is a lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path.”* (Ps 119:105) Have you been reading and obeying His word?
2. **Fellowship:** The early Church regularly spent time together. Close fellowship and sharing of common bond in the Lord, is the means God uses to bring us closer to each other. *“Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another.”* Rom 12:10 and *“And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”* Heb. 10:24-25. A single lighted coal quickly becomes extinguished when it is separated from all the coals in a burning furnace. Likewise, it is easy to drift away from Him if we get drawn away by the busyness of life and neglect the meeting together of believers as exhorted by His word to us above. Why not join a fellowship group today?
3. **Prayer (Fasting):** Prayer is essential for a healthy relationship with the Lord as breathing is to our body. It is through prayer that we commune with Him either privately or corporately. Prayer is the expression of trust, confession, thanksgiving, praise, adoration and worship. It can include fasting in which we give up something eg. food, in order to draw closer to the Lord. As an aside, instead of food-fast why not include a techno-fast which is to abstain from using your cell phone, TV, radio, etc. See Col 4:2. It is said that *“more prayers are offered by soldiers in trenches than worshippers in the Church.”* Unless we realize that we are in spiritual warfare with Satan, we will never pay heed to prayers. How often do you pray? Why not attend prayer meeting on Wednesday or Sunday?
4. **Worship:** We are exhorted to worship the Lord *“in spirit and in truth.”* (Jn 4:23-24). Many sermons have been preached on the topic of true worship. It is more than singing a few songs or praising the Lord. Paul defines it for us in Rom 12:1-2 *“I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.”* True worship is God centred and only reserved for Him alone. It is not focused on man or entertainment driven. True worship involves the giving of our whole being, our attitude and motives to God for His glory and honour. Have you worshiped the Lord *“in spirit and in truth”*?

5. **Service:** Ministering to the needs of others in Church is never easy, that is why we are told to “*let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works*” (Heb. 10:24). Each of us needs to exercise our gift(s) for the edification of the body of Christ. Paul’s instruction to Titus is timely “*This is a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men.*” (Titus 3:8) And “*And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.*” (Titus 3: 14) We need Christians to devote themselves to do what is good and profitable in the Lord. Are you serving the Lord in this Church? Why not?

Summary A preacher once said “*Many people are entering into the Kingdom of God but not all are living for the Kingdom of God.*” We are grateful for the gift of salvation but how easy we drift from the path of discipleship through neglect and indulgences in the world. When we follow the examples of the early Church we will grow spiritually.

The aim of “spiritual disciplines” is not for self glory but to grow in godliness and be Christ-like. Paul told Timothy “... *exercise thyself rather unto godliness. For bodily exercise profiteth little: but godliness is profitable unto all things, having promise of the life that now is, and of that which is to come.*” (1 Tim 4:7b-8) We strive to foster and to deepen our relationship with the Lord in accordance to His word. We reject those worldly teachings or philosophies eg. New Age movement, transcendental meditation, eastern mysticism, which are focused on self and not on the truth of God.

Let us not remain as spiritual infants but let us grow in spiritual maturity with the help of His word and the Holy Spirit. Let us follow the examples of the early Church by practicing these “spiritual disciplines.” May God help us to grow more and more to be like the Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Elder Sim Chee Seng

Apostle’s Creed

*I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary;
Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.*

*I believe in the Holy Ghost.
the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints;
The forgiveness of sins;
The resurrection of the body;
And the life everlasting.
Amen.*

**meaning the universal Christian church--all believers in Jesus Christ*

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
Weds 22nd June 7pm Mid-Week Outreach 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 24th June 7pm Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony <i>Foreshadowings of the Antichrist - Pharaoh</i>	
Sat 25th June 4pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting Study of Calvin's Institutes	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 19/06/2016</u> Chairman: Jonathan Organist: Anthony Pianist: Keene Ushers: Keene / Yetta Sunday School: Rachael / Keene / Hannah Lunch: Tan Family Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Joel
Message	Building Fellowship – Keeping the Faith	Who Sentenced Jesus to Die?	
Text	Titus 2:12-15	John 19:12-15	

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pre-lunch Bible Study: Dr Robertson will be leading a study on “<i>The Structure of the Psalms</i>”. • Basic Bible Knowledge Class, 3pm today: Dr Martin will be leading a series of studies for those wishing to become members of the Church. • Pulpit Ministry: Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and as he seeks guidance for his PhD studies. • Registry of Members & Gift Aid Forms: Please can all members of the congregation complete and return the forms to John ASAP. • There will be Ladies Fellowship after lunch next Lord's Day. • Baptism Service, Sunday 7th August 2016: Those interested in preparing for baptism, please speak to Dr Martin as he will be leading a series of classes. • Metropolitan Tabernacle School of Theology: 5th to 7th July 2016 Theme for this year is <i>Calvary & Covenant</i>. 	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 26/06/2016</u></p> Chairman: John Organist: Anthony Pianist: Joel Ushers: Tom / Keene Sunday School: Rachael / Keene Lunch: Maureen Washing Up: Volunteers PA Crew: Scott
Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £805.50, Lunch: £65.91 Attendance - Morning: 36 (A) 12 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 3 (C)	

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 19

Q: What is the misery of that estate whereinto man fell?

A: *All mankind by their fall lost communion with God, are under his wrath and curse, and so made liable to all miseries in this life, to death itself, and to the pains of hell for ever.*

Comments:

We are here taught the extent of the misery which has come upon us through Adam's sin. We are told that we have, in consequence, no longer that intercourse with God which Adam enjoyed, but are living under his displeasure, and therefore exposed to all the sorrows of this life, the pangs of death, and the pains of hell for ever. This is the condition in which we all are by nature; and, unless God had taken pity on us, this is the condition in which we should all have remained.

Scriptural Reference:

Isaiah 59:2, Ezekiel 18:4, Genesis 3:17, Psalm 9:17

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"Jesus answered and said unto him, Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."</i> John 3:3	<i>"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not."</i> Jeremiah 33:3	<i>"The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust; my buckler, and the horn of my salvation, and my high tower."</i> Psalms 18:2