



# NEW LIFE

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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 MARCH 2016**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

#### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 145:1-3

Philippians 2:9-11

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 18 – *"Come, Thou Almighty King"*

RHC 73 – *"All Hail the Power"*

*Opening Prayer \**

Peter Koy

Jonathan Kim

*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 5

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 5 verses 1-7*  
(to the tune of Martyrdom, RHC 194)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

Peter Koy

Jonathan Kim

*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 66 – *"Fairest Lord Jesus!"*

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*Scriptural Text*

John 12:12-19

John 18:25-27

*Pastoral Prayer*

Dr Carl Martin

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*Sermon Message*

*When Jesus entered Jerusalem*

*You, A Disciple of Jesus?*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 67 – *"Praise the Saviour"*

RHC 433 – *"Am I a Soldier of the Cross"*

*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.

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

# DUTIES OF CHURCH MEMBERS IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger - 28th February 2016

Every ordinary church member has privileges and duties in a local church. Every single member has a spiritual job to do for the Lord. What then are the responsibilities that come with responsible church membership? Consider the following:

## **1. Attend All Church Services Regularly**

Hebrews 10:24-25 says, *'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.'* You, as a baptized Christian and ordinary member of a church, are responsible to attend Sabbath Services (and Holy Communion) and prayer meetings in your church to worship the Lord regularly. Scripture could not be clearer about this fundamental responsibility. Therefore give yourself to the reverently worship of God, to take the Lord's Supper, attend also the Sunday School and membership or catechism classes and be involved in the edifying work of love and service deeds to the mutual encouragement of the body. If you do not attend church, you forfeit yourself of the privilege of worshiping God and may not be able to fulfill the next few responsibilities. Attendance makes it possible.

## **2. Witness and Propagate the Gospel and Support Missions**

As a baptized Christian and ordinary member of a church, we are responsible for the sharing of the gospel of Christ to the saving of souls and to the proper sharing of the gospel and the missions in your church. Be actively involved in missions and in evangelistic outreaches. Romans 1:16 says, *'For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.'* Think about Paul's "shock" in Galatians 1:6-9 that the people were turning to a different gospel (v. 6). He strongly warned the members, and told them to reject even so-called apostles or angels who teach a false gospel (2 Corinthians 11:13-14).

We are to know the gospel and know how to share it. Can you share the gospel in a few minutes? Can you explain the relationship between faith and salvation? Can a Christian live in unrepentant sin? Why is it important for a Christian to affirm the doctrine of Christ or God? What role do fervency love, service, faithfulness have in promoting a church's gospel ministry? How can a church not let its ministry be undermined by the world? Be ready to answer queries to guard the gospel. 1 Peter 3:15 which says, *'But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear.'* You should be equipped to answer questions on the faith and be a good testimony for Christ. Know the gospel well to witness for Christ effectively.

## **3. Encourage, exhort, Comfort and Reach Out to others Christians and visitors**

As a baptized Christian and ordinary member of a church, we are to exhort others and be willing to share the gospel and support the missions and other ministries in the church by prayers and tangible service.

In a matter of church discipline, Paul addressed the Corinthian church (1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 2 Corinthians 2:6-8). Likewise, it is your responsibility, Christian, to receive and welcome members. For you to neglect this work only cultivates complacency, and eventually ecclesiastical liberalism. At members' meetings, it is both voting for new leaders and members and working to know and be known by your fellow members. You cannot affirm a person you do not know. You are to know personally every member of your church if possible. We can do this work collectively. Ephesians 4:2-3, *'With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.'*

## **4. Attend Prayer Meeting, Fellowship, Bible Study and Members' Meetings**

2 Corinthians 1:11 says, *'Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.'* So how do you preach or share the gospel and affirm other members? By showing up consistently for regular in Wednesday night prayer meetings. ACM and other members' meetings and be concerned for others. Different churches make decisions in different ways, the Presbyterian system of church government is the closest to the Bible. But whatever polity your church uses for making the decisions concerning the work of God, it should be done biblically.

In every church, the prayer and members' meetings have their challenges. By God's grace, the church prayer and members' meetings can be edifying and encouraging to the building up of the flock. The attendance and leading of the pastors, elders and deacons in those meetings are important. Philippians 4:6-7 says, *'Be careful for nothing; but in every thing by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.'*

## **5. Serve God as a Faithful Steward of His Resources and Support the Church**

Romans 15:1 says, *'We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.'* As a baptized Christian and ordinary member of a church, you are responsible for protecting the gospel and the gospel's ministry in your church by disciplining other church members.

Remember Ephesians 4:15–16. The church grows when we do our part with God's help. We need to use our time, treasure and talents in building up the church. This includes the ministry of service, ushering, praying, giving to God, in the Chinese Service, Maranatha Resource Ministry (MRM), fellowships, Neighbourhood Bible Classes (NBC), Sunday School, evangelism and supporting the church ministry. Let us learn to speak in truth, and help others to grow in the Lord. Be available to serve and support your deacons, elders or pastor in their stewardship.

Basic Christianity involves building up other believers. It is a part of fulfilling the Great Commission and making disciples for Christ.

## **6. Be a Tangible Blessing to Others and a Good Example**

Romans 12:11-12 says, *'Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;'* Your whole life should reflect the love of Christ in word and deed. You are an ambassador and servant of the Lord. Every Christian has been saved by grace through faith in Christ and we are ambassadors for Christ, pleading with sinners to be reconciled to God. This, too, is a part of your calling. The command is to *'Go and teach (or make disciples) of all nations'* (Matthew 28:19). That includes our dressing (i.e. modest and appropriate for worship of a thrice holy God and that it will not stumble any one) gait, demeanour and decorum and our thought life and speech as well that it will be befitting of our calling as a Christian. Punctuality in worship honours God and continual lateness shows an irreverent attitude and can be a potential stumbling block to others as well

## **7. Support and Pray for Your Pastor, Missionaries and Leaders**

It is the duty of the pastors or elders to equip the saints for the work of ministry (Ephesians 4:12). Pastors, preachers and missionaries and elders are to teach the word, catechizing the members of the church in the Westminster Confession of Faith (WCF), teaching them the word of God as they equip the church for effectual service and worship.

You are responsible to avail yourself to the elders' instruction and counsel. Hold on to the pattern of sound teaching you've learned from them (2 Timothy 1:13). Follow their teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, love, endurance and praying along with their persecutions and sufferings (2 Timothy 3:10–11).

## **Membership has Privileges and Responsibilities**

The Bible gives blessings and responsibility to the gathered congregation. With authority comes responsibility. By joining a church, you are responsible for what your church teaches and for the member's discipleship.

- You are to discern if a speaker is teaching the true or false gospel (Acts 17:11).
- You are to help a new friend to adequately understand the gospel and feel welcome in church.
- You are to assist in the discipleship of young believers in Christ, and that he or she's being cared for and nurtured toward Christlikeness.
- You are to reach out to the erring or unrepentant member in love with the gentle correction from the word of God (Galatians 6:1-2).

Pray for our pastors, elders and deacons that God will give them wisdom to do His will and His work among us.

## **Joining and Being Part of the Church**

When a person comes to join our church, they are asked to go for an interview with the elders, where they are asked to share their testimony and to explain the content of the gospel. At the conclusion of any interview of a person for transfer of membership or baptism by the Board of Elders, we will share the word of God (on the meaning of church membership, salvation and baptism) after examining him or her and praying with him or her as well.

## **Conclusion**

There are privileges and sacred duties of being a member of a local church and we want to fulfill them in the Lord. Pray about how you can play an effective role to serve the Lord and edify the saints in your church. Ephesians 4:16 says, *'From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.'*

Rev Jack Sin

# 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 23rd Mar	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 25th Mar	11am	Good Friday Service & Easter Camp	
Sat 26th Mar	9am	Easter Camp - Trip to Olney	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr David Allen	Dr David Allen	<b><u>TODAY: 20/03/2016</u></b>
<b>Message</b>	John SAW; Peter SEETH; but John SAW and believed	Angels sitting, but Jesus standing	<b>Chairman:</b> Peter / Jonathan
<b>Text</b>	John 20:5-8	John 20:12-14	<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations".</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those who are sick:</b> Douglas, Barbara, Prema, Margaret, May Chew, Constance, Deborah, Pastor &amp; Mrs Ki, Dr Carl Martin, Dr Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen, Nina, Helen, Eld Chew's mother, Shirley, Daniel, Dr Tow, Matthew, Jonathan's father, Ellie, Anthony, Bethany, Jonathan, Magdalene, Meredith, Kristen.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those seeking employment:</b> Yetta, Nana, Keene.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for those on travels this week:</b> Margaret, Prema, Jiak Eng, Constance.</li> <li>• <b>Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and as he continues his PhD studies.</li> <li>• <b>Saturday Bible Study:</b> Dr Martin will be starting a series on Calvin's Institute. Books can be purchased from John or Jonathan for £7.</li> <li>• <b>There will be Church Cleaning after lunch today.</b></li> <li>• <b>Easter Camp:</b> Please see Sis Rachael if you have not yet signed up for the Easter Camp and the trip to Olney to visit the Cowper &amp; Newton Museum. Payment is due today.</li> <li>• <b>Please note that clocks go forward 1 hour on the 27th March 2016.</b></li> </ul>			
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> – Last Sunday: £892.60, Lunch: £48.30 <b>Love Gift for Olney Trip:</b> £100 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 26 (A) 6 (C), Evening: 19 (A) 5 (C)			
<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 27/03/2016</u></b>  <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Matthew <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Joel <b>Sunday School:</b> Rachael / Keene / Hannah <b>Lunch:</b> Volunteers <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott			

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 6

**Q: How many persons are there in the Godhead?**

**A:** There are three persons in the Godhead – the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Comments:

The Bible tells us that the Father is God, the Son is God, and the Holy Spirit is God. And yet it tells us that these three persons form only one God, exist and act together as one, and must be honoured and worshipped alike. This is a subject on which we know nothing except what is revealed.

Scriptural Reference:

Matthew 28:19, Deuteronomy 6:4

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p>"All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out." <b>John 6:37</b></p>	<p>"For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life." <b>Roman 5:10</b></p>	<p>"Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised)." <b>Hebrews 10:23</b></p>