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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 145:1-3	Psalm 84:1-2
<i>Opening Hymn *</i>	RHC 66 – <i>"Fairest Lord Jesus!"</i>	RHC 26 – <i>"Come, Thou Fount"</i>
<i>Opening Prayer *</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Gloria Patri *</i>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>	---
<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Apostle's Creed	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 54	---
<i>Second Hymn *</i>	<i>Psalm 54</i> (to the tune of Green Hill, RHC 192)	---
<i>Announcements & Memory Verse</i>	John Poh	John Poh
<i>Tithes & Offerings & Doxology *</i>	RHC 315 – <i>"Walk in the Light"</i>	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	1 Corinthians 1:1-3	Jeremiah 18:18-23
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Welcome to Corinth</i>	<i>Hidden Religious Agendas</i>
<i>The Lord's Supper</i>	Dr Carl Martin	---
<i>Closing Hymn *</i>	RHC 473 – <i>"Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life"</i>	RHC 429 – <i>"We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought"</i>
<i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen *</i>	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin
<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.

"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23

KNOWING THE WAYS OF GOD

Adapted from New Life BP Church Singapore Weekly, Sunday 19th February 2017

*“Now therefore, **I pray thee**, if I have found grace in thy sight, **shew me now thy way**, that I may know thee, that **I may find grace in thy sight**: and consider that this nation is thy people.” Exodus 33:13*

Introduction:

Spiritual leadership is crucial to any church. As, we are drawing near to Election of our Church Spiritual Leadership in 2017. We will be participating in nominating and electing our leadership. Thus, it is a very important exercise for the glory of God and the growth of our church in the right direction. Hence, I urge every one of us to take serious thought, pray and consider right people for this very important task. Also, I request those who are going to participate in the leadership may prayerfully prepare themselves for this high calling. With that note, I call your attention to Moses who had been a great leader and learn some of the spiritual lessons how he prepared himself for the great calling.

Moses had the great task of leading a congregation with more than three million people, through the wilderness and into the land of Canaan for 40 years. Moses knew that he was neither able, nor fit for the challenge. Thus, he had only one option to look to God's favour to lead these people. Hence, prayed a special prayer and it is recorded in the Scripture in Exodus 33: 12-14. He was asking God, to “**shew me now thy way**” (vs.13). Was this prayer answered? Did God show Moses His way? Indeed, He did. In Ps.103:7 we read this and it is very significant, “**He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.**” When Moses humbled and pleaded with God to show him His ways. God answered his prayer by showing His Way and His Presence throughout. Thus, we need to “Know the Ways of God” to lead His people in His way. Hence “Knowing the ways of God” requires us to do certain things in our life such as...

i) Prayer (vs13a): “*Now therefore, **I pray thee...**”*

When Moses was in distress and troubled over the people of Israel, he did not seek anyone for help or depended on his ability. Rather, it had drawn him to God in prayer. He knew that the only solution to his problem is to come before God the Almighty with the heart of humility and submission by praying for the people of Israel. The best way to solve our problem is to seek the counsel of God and to come to Him in prayer and supplication. Thus, we need to pray for the leadership that would be like Moses, depend on God to lead our Church.

ii) Passion (vs13b): “*...if I have found grace in thy sight, **shew me now thy way...**”*

Secondly, prayer must be with the passion to do His Will. In this verse Moses did not pray anything else except “**shew me now thy way**”. Moses determined to do God's will by living and leading the people of Israel.

Therefore, he prayed to God asking **Him to show him God's way**. God's ways include His thoughts and motivations. Knowing God's ways helps us know Him intimately. We should know His ways; it is His command to us, "*Oh that my people had hearkened unto me, and Israel had walked in my ways!*" (Psalm 81:13). When we know His ways, we will develop intimate relationship with God. In other words, Moses wanted to know the heart of God intimately, so that he may guide and lead the people of Israel in the ways of God.

Hence, to know the ways of God, one must have the passion and devotion. Do we really want to know the ways of God for our church and leadership? The first step is to pray earnestly by submitting ourselves. Secondly, we must have the burden and passion to do His will in our life.

iii) Providence (vs13c): "*that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight:..*"

Thirdly, Moses having the foresight, which he knew only with Divine Providence of "knowing the ways of God," is the sure evidence of God's grace in his life that would enable him to lead the people of Israel. Like Moses we must have the confidence that only by knowing the ways of God, and the divine providence, we will be successful in all our endeavours by His grace alone. Thus, our church's future is in God's hand. Hence one must 'know the ways of God' not only to pray with passion and burden but also understand the divine will to lead and guide our lives.

Conclusion:

Though, the people of Israel had sinned against God repeatedly, when Moses prayed with earnest burden and passion having known the providence. God promised him with His Presence and Peace (*vs 14. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest*). When we walk in His ways, the Divine Providence of God's Presence and Peace will continue to be in our church as it was with Moses and His people. We are in dire need of God's presence for better future of our church. We need leaders and members willing to know and walk in the ways of God. Shall we know and walk in the ways of God like Moses. May God bless us with godly leadership to lead our church.

- Rev. S. V. Nathan

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 15th 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.
Sat 18th Mar 4pm Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	

Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Dr Carl Martin	Dr Carl Martin	<u>TODAY: 12/03/2017</u>
Message	Uniquely United	Humpty Dumpty's Fall	Chairman: John
Text	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	Jeremiah 19:1-15	Organist: Anthony

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Pre-lunch Bible Study:** This week, Dr Martin will continue with the study on "Building Firm Foundations".
- **Pulpit Ministry:** Pray for Dr Martin as he serves as the minister and for the continuation of his PhD studies.
- **Study of the Book of Psalms:** at 3pm, Dr Martin will lead a Bible Study on the book of Psalms, using the book "*The Flow of the Psalms*" by Palmer Robertson.
- **The Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on Sunday 19th March 2017 after morning service.** Please see Jonathan or John for more information.
- **Church Maintenance Fund:** The Church is currently undergoing some significant repairs; a Maintenance Fund has been set up for anyone wishing to offer a love gift to assist with the costs.
- **Church Maintenance Day: Saturday 18th March, 11am.** All are encouraged to come and help do maintenance to the church building.

- Pianist:** Keene
- Ushers:** Jonathan / Joel
- Sunday School:** Hannah / Rachael
- Lunch:** Sharon
- Washing Up:** Volunteers
- PA Crew:** Scott / Anthony

NEXT WEEK: 19/03/2017

- Chairman:** Jonathan / Keene
- Organist:** Anthony
- Pianist:** Joel
- Ushers:** John / Yetta
- Sunday School:** Hannah / Rachael
- Lunch:** Maureen
- Washing Up:** Volunteers
- PA Crew:** Scott / Anthony

Worship Service Collections – Last Sunday: £1108.60; Lunch: £39.00

Church Maintenance Fund: £160.00; **Baalah Fund:** £60.00

Attendance - Morning: 26 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 14 (A)

Church Maintenance Fund Total:
£3,020

SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 57

Q: Which is the Fourth Commandment?

A: The Fourth Commandment is, REMEMBER THE SABBATH DAY, TO KEEP IT HOLY. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is the SABBATH of the LORD thy God; in it THOU SHALT NOT DO ANY WORK, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the Sabbath-day, and hallowed it.

Comments:

This commandment fixes the *portion of our time* which God requires us and our households to give exclusively to his worship – namely, one day in seven. Six days for *work* – one for *worship*. Such is the division of our time appointed for us by God, and required by the nature he has given us. The word *remember* is used in this commandment as implying that the Sabbath was not instituted here for the first time

MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p><i>"And Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on me shall never thirst."</i></p> <p>John 6:35</p>	<p><i>"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."</i></p> <p>Hebrews 12:2</p>	<p><i>"Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ;"</i></p> <p>Titus 2:13</p>