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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**

### ***Easter Sunday Service – 11am***

<b><i>Prelude</i></b>	<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>
<b><i>Call to Worship</i></b>	Psalm 16:7-11
<b><i>Opening Hymn *</i></b>	RHC 213 – “Welcome, Happy Morning!”
<b><i>Opening Prayer *</i></b>	Jonathan Kim
<b><i>Gloria Patri *</i></b>	<i>Glory Be to the Father</i>
<b><i>Responsive Reading</i></b>	Psalm 4
<b><i>Second Hymn *</i></b>	<i>Psalm 4 verses 1-5</i> (to the tune of St Anne, RHC 21)
<b><i>Announcements &amp; Memory Verse</i></b>	Jonathan Kim
<b><i>Tithes &amp; Offerings &amp; Doxology *</i></b>	RHC 209 – “Because He Lives”
<b><i>Scriptural Text</i></b>	1 Corinthians 15:1-28
<b><i>Pastoral Prayer</i></b>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson
<b><i>Sermon Message</i></b>	<b><i>What the Resurrection of Jesus Christ Means</i></b>
<b><i>Closing Hymn *</i></b>	RHC 212 – “Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus!”
<b><i>Benediction/3-Fold Amen</i></b>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson
<b><i>Postlude</i></b>	<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.

# **IF ANY MAN SERVE ME**

**Adapted from Life BP Church Singapore Weekly, Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

On Palm Sunday many churches remember the triumphal entry of our Lord into Jerusalem, prior to the events that led to His betrayal, death and resurrection. Since we will remember the Passion of Jesus Christ and His Resurrection this week on Good Friday and Easter Sunday, it is good for us to trace some of the significant events that took place, beginning with Palm Sunday.

Jesus rode a lowly ass into Jerusalem, fulfilling Zechariah's prophecy that the Messianic king would enter into the city not on a horse, as a mighty conqueror, but as a gentle bringer of salvation (John 12:12-23). This typifies the first advent of Jesus Christ when He came to the world not to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved (John 3:17).

The triumphal entry was warmly greeted by the cheering crowds of Jews waving palm branches in their hands and shouting, "*Hosanna* [meaning: Save now!]: *Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord.*" At this point it would seem as if the whole of Jerusalem was acknowledging Jesus to be the rightful King of Israel and Messiah of the Jews. But the true picture is revealed a few days later, when they hurled at Him jeers of "*Crucify Him! Crucify Him!*"

## **Why did they change their tune?**

It was probably due to an utterly selfish and mistaken concept of the Messiah. Having heard that Jesus had raised Lazarus who had been dead at Bethany for four days, they probably hoped to feast their eyes on more great miracles by Him (cf. John 12:18). And so they thought that He was about to raise the glorious Davidic Kingdom of Israel back to life, a kingdom which had been dead for more than four centuries. Thus, they cried "*Hosanna!*" to express their hopes that Jesus would now lead them to overthrow the Romans, and to restore all the lost fortunes of their Kingdom.

But when it became clear that this was not His intention, all their excitement gradually fizzled out. In the days that followed, they went back to their own businesses and hardly paid any attention to what Jesus said or did. All the honour given to Him was soon forgotten, revealing that the people had sought after Him for the wrong reasons. They craved for all His benefits and for manifestations of His power, but they refused to give themselves and all that they had to Him.

The same thing is still true today. Out of the multitudes of people who seek Jesus, how many come to Him for the right reasons? Many may be looking for a Saviour who is powerful enough to give them whatever they wish for in this life or in the life to come, be it wealth, health, comfort or ease.

## **What are you looking for?**

Do you seek Jesus for these reasons? Are you seeking Him with the right motives? Why do you come to church each Sunday? Do you come to give Him the full-hearted worship He deserves, or do you come with the expectation of procuring all the blessings you can get from Him? Would you still come to Him if He requires you to sacrifice your life for Him?

Listen to what Jesus said at the end of His triumphal entry – "*Verily, verily, I say unto you, Except a corn of wheat fall into the ground and die, it abideth alone: but if it die, it bringeth forth much fruit. He that loveth his life shall lose it; and he that hateth his life in this world shall keep it unto life eternal. If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also My servant be: if any man serve Me, him will My Father honour.*" (John 12:24-26)

These words remind us of the cost of being a disciple of Jesus Christ. We must be willing to follow Him fully, even to the extent of forsaking our own life. Jesus used a picture that farmers are familiar with: A seed can never produce anything unless it is first planted into the ground. Only then will it germinate into a plant and produce many more seeds.

One reason why Jesus said this was that His own death was imminent. As the seed falls to the ground and 'dies' so Jesus was shortly going to fall into the hands of those who would crucify Him. But out of His death, the bountiful atonement for sins would germinate and blossom, bringing many into eternal life!

### **Are you willing to die to self?**

There is another reason why Jesus said this: To teach us to follow His example of self-sacrifice. The world's philosophy is based on the survival of the fittest. Most people not only desire to preserve their lives, but to enhance and improve them as much as they can. Self-love makes them put their desires and will before God's desires and will. It makes them want to have things going their way rather than God's way, and live the way they want rather than the way God wants them to live.

Although you may not like to be humbled or end up having less privileges and rights than others, that's the price you must be willing to pay to follow the Lord's example. But if you die to self, you will produce much fruits that bring glory to God. Let it be your resolve that whether you live or die, you do so to glorify God. Let your earnest prayer be, *"In my life, or in my death, may God be the One who is praised and glorified."*

Anyone who follows Christ must be willing to have the same attitude of self-denial that He had. This requirement is not unreasonable because as Christ Himself said, the disciple should never expect to be better off than his master (Matthew 10:24,25). You should not expect to be in better circumstances than your Lord's. You should have the same willingness He had, to forsake every right for the sake of God's Kingdom whenever necessary.

### **What has it cost you thus far?**

What price have you paid for following Him? What sacrifices have you made to do His will? How does it compare with what Christ paid to do the Father's will? And how does it compare with what other believers have paid to do the Father's will? Many have paid the price of discipleship with their own lives – some were fed to the lions by the Roman Emperors and others were burnt at the stake for their faith during the Spanish inquisition.

But not all Christians are called to pay such a price. Many are called to glorify God by a life of consecrated service, burning themselves out for the Lord. God has put each one of us in different circumstances, with different opportunities, different abilities, and with different limitations. Discipleship simply means that you make the utmost use of whatever God has given to you, in doing His will.

Perhaps it may cost you the loss of convenience, comfort, sense of security or leisure time. Perhaps the cost may involve going the second mile, or stretching yourself to your limits, whether physically, mentally, emotionally or spiritually to do God's will. Or perhaps the Lord may lead you to serve Him in the Sunday School, or in Vacation Bible School, or in evangelism, or in the mission field (*"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few"* – Matthew 9:37).

Serving in any area will involve some kind of sacrifice in time, in effort, or in forsaken opportunities for personal advancement. But you must be willing to make whatever sacrifices the Lord requires of you.

### **What does Christ deserve from you?**

As your Lord and Master, Jesus deserves nothing less than total compliance with His will, and total willingness to give Him your best. If Christ is your Lord and master are you giving Him what He deserves from you? What price are you willing to pay to do His will?

If your life has not measured up to His standards of discipleship, please take steps to make sure that it does from now on. May the Lord help us all to be what He wants us to be.

- Rev Charles Seet

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 3.00 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
Fri 26 <sup>th</sup> April, 4pm & 7pm  Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> April	<b>Sovereign Grace Advent Testimony</b> <i>“Entering into His Rest &amp; Christ the Priest”</i> Mr Stephen Toms & Mr Martin Humphrey <b>No Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>	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.
Next Lord’s Day	Morning Service      Afternoon Service	LORD’S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>  <b>Message</b>  <b>Text</b>	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson TBC TBC	Mr Charles Scott-Pearson TBC TBC
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		<b>TODAY: 21/04/2019</b>  <b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> - <b>Ushers:</b> Daniel / John <b>Lunch:</b> Maureen <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> John  <b>NEXT WEEK: 28/04/2019</b>  <b>Chairman:</b> John <b>Organist:</b> Anthony <b>Pianist:</b> Venise <b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Margaret <b>Lunch:</b> Jonathan <b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers <b>PA Crew:</b> Scott / Jason
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>No Sunday School today due to ECM.</b></li> <li>• <b>Church Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of a new minister.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for the forthcoming preachers:</b> April-June – Mr Stephen Toms, Mr Marco Reale, Mr Charles Scott-Pearson, Dr David Allen.</li> <li>• <b>Please note that the Church will be holding an ECM today after Morning Service in order to discuss the calling of Mr Mok Chee Cheong to become our resident minister.</b></li> <li>• <b>There will be no Afternoon Service this Lord’s Day.</b></li> </ul>		
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £466.46, Lunch: £33.00, Love Gift: £140.00 <b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 27 (A) 1 (C), Afternoon: 9 (A)		<b>Church Maintenance Fund</b> <b>Total: £4,810.50</b>
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 61		
<p><b>Q: What is forbidden in the Fourth Commandment?</b>  <i>A: The Fourth Commandment forbiddeth the <u>omission or careless performance</u> of the duties required, and the profaning the day by <u>idleness</u>, or doing that which is in itself <u>sinful</u>, or by unnecessary thoughts, words, or works, about our <u>worldly</u> employments or recreations.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u>                  This commandment forbids: 1. The omission of Sabbath duties; 2. The careless discharge of them; 3. Being idle; 4. Committing sin; 5. Being engaged, without proper reason, in worldly matters.</p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u>                  Isaiah 58:13, 14; Malachi 1:13</p>		
MEMORY VERSE		
<b>Last Week</b> <i>“Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;”</i> <b>Colossians 3:12</b>	<b>This Week</b> <i>“The Lord is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him.”</i> <b>Nahum 1:7</b>	<b>Next Week</b> <i>“And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever;”</i> <b>John 14:16</b>