



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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ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 148:1-6

2 Timothy 1:7-10

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 82 – “*This Day at Thy Creating Word*”

RHC 109 – “*Jesus Is All the World to Me*”

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 49

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 49 verses 1-9
(to the tune of Green Hill, RHC 192)

Announcements & Memory Verse

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 301 – “*My Faith Has Found a Resting Place*”

Scriptural Text

Colossians 3:12-17

Romans 12:2

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

The Christian’s Grace-clothes

Release from Conformity

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 429 – “*We Have Not Known Thee as We Ought*”

RHC 385 – “*May the Mind of Christ, My Saviour*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Postlude

The Lord Bless You

* 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.

THE REASON AND WAY TO PRAY

Introduction

“Lord, teach us to pray” (Luke 11:1). These words spoken by the disciples to the Lord Jesus Christ revealing. It was customary in those days for rabbis to teach their disciples this important discipline. Yet there is more to this request than rabbinical custom. The disciples had heard Jesus pray various times; surely they were impressed and moved by the intimate bond with God that Jesus’ prayers revealed, among other things in calling upon Him as Father.

What is prayer?

Prayer is both the greatest privilege and greatest burden of every true Christian. It is a privilege because we can point to various times in our lives when prayer has been one of our greatest delights. You pour your heart your heart to God when burdened with sin, suffering, or need, and sense a living connection with Him. You want to say at such times like Jacob at Peniel, *“This is none other but the house of God, the gate of heaven”* (Gen. 28:17).

Other time you pray out of a sense of custom and obligation, and your prayers seem like empty repetitions and could husks nearly devoid of life. You know something is wrong but are not quite sure what to do about it. If your prayers make you sigh, what effect do they have on God, you wonder. One reason we find prayer so difficult is that we tend to use the identical words to pray for the same things. Certainly there are always some new things to bring to the Lord, such as the crisis of the moment in the church or family. But most of our prayers are about the same things. It quickly seems boring and unspiritual.

There can also be the sneaking suspicion of unbelief in our hearts that wonders if prayer really accomplishes all that much. Remember the prayer meeting asking the Lord to free the apostle Peter from prison the night before his scheduled execution? When informed he was standing at the door, they said to his servant girl Rhoda, *“Thou art mad”* (Acts 12:15).

Why pray?

In light of these difficulties and struggles, it is important to realise that why we pray is the key to knowing how to pray. Why pray? The answer is simple, and yet profound and encouraging. God becomes your Father through faith in Christ and the adoption of His grace (Gal. 4:4-6). Even when you feel cold or distant, God is the perfect Father who loves living interaction with His children. As earthly fathers, we become impatient, weary, or distracted. God the Father never suffers from such weakness (Matt. 7:11). Through Christ the Mediator, He also purifies our prayers so that they all rise accepted before Him like incense, even when we are most burdened by our coldness or weakness. Reminding yourself of this is a great help for prayer.

How to pray?

God has also given wonderful helps in how to pray. Have you ever wondered how someone could pray for an hour or more in a day? You feel unspiritual and second rate because you doubt you could ever do that. The secret is to pray God's own words back to Him. One method is to divide the Psalms into five sections of thirty each. So on the first day of the month, read Psalm 1, 31, 61. etc. Prompt yourself to pray over one verse or one thought at a time. Ask God to keep you meditating on His Word day and night. Perhaps at least one of the five Psalms of the day will prompt the fountains of prayer; you might not even get to them all before your time is up. Nevertheless, you will find a freshness and variety to your prayers in so doing.

Conclusion

The ACTS acronym - adoration, confession, thanksgiving, supplication - can also be a wonderful help to prayer. Adore God for who He is, confess your sins wholeheartedly, thank Him sincerely, and offer up your supplications to Him. He will hear the needy when they cry. Prayer is not trying to get God to agree with us or to provide for our selfish desires. Prayer is affirming God's sovereignty, righteousness, and majesty and seeking to conform our desires and our purposes to His will and glory. - *PM*

- partly adapted from The Reformation Heritage KJV Study Bible

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begins with the **Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting** at **10:00 am** followed by the **Worship Services** at **11.00 am and 3.00 pm**. Please stay back for fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the afternoon service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK		WELCOME
Wed 4 th Mar	No 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.
Sun 8 th Mar, 10am	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting	
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i> <i>Afternoon Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong Pr Mok Chee Cheong	<u>TODAY: 01/03/2020</u>
<i>Message</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan K
<i>Text</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Organist:</i> Venise

NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School: Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend. • Catechism Class: For those seeking baptism or church membership, the catechism classes will continue today at 2pm. Please inform Pr Mok if you would like to join the classes. Please note that new starters will not be able to complete the course for baptism but are welcomed to still attend. • Mid Week Bible Study: This will be held fortnightly in the manse on Wednesday evening, 7pm. The next bible study will be on the 11th Mar. • Library Ministry: The Church library is now open, please see Pr Mok if you wish to borrow any books. 		<p style="text-align: center;"><u>NEXT WEEK: 08/03/2020</u></p> <p><i>Chairman:</i> John</p> <p><i>Organist:</i> Anthony</p> <p><i>Pianist:</i> Anthony</p> <p><i>Ushers:</i> Jonathan K / Tom</p> <p><i>Lunch:</i> Jonathan K</p> <p><i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers</p> <p><i>PA Crew:</i> Mark / Jason</p>

Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £325.00, Lunch: £46.20, Maintenance Fund: £12 Attendance - Morning: 24 (A) 10 (C), Afternoon: 13 (A) 4 (C)	Church Maintenance Fund Total: £6,260.50
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SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 107
<p>Q: What doth the conclusion of the Lord's Prayer teach us?</p> <p><i>A: The conclusion of the Lord's Prayer – (which is, FOR THINE IS THE KINGDOM, AND THE POWER, AND THE GLORY, FOR EVER, AMEN) – teacheth us to take our encouragement in prayer from GOD ONLY, and in our prayers to <u>praise</u> him, ascribing kingdom, power and glory to him. – And, in testimony of our <u>desire</u>, and <u>assurance</u> to be heard, we say, AMEN.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u> The conclusion means the <i>end</i>. And the concluding part of the Lord's Prayer teaches us three things: 1. That we should look to God alone for help; 2. That we should give all praise to him who alone can answer our prayers; 3. And that we should end all our prayers with some such word as Amen, which means, <i>May it be so</i>, or <i>May our prayer be heard</i>.</p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u> Psalm 65:2, 1 Chronicles 29:11, Psalm 106:48</p>

MEMORY VERSE		
<p>Last Week</p> <p><i>“But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you.”</i></p> <p>Matthew 5:44</p>	<p>This Week</p> <p><i>“Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust.”</i></p> <p>Psalm 16:1</p>	<p>Next Week</p> <p><i>“Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid.”</i></p> <p>Matthew 5:14</p>