



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 08 MARCH 2020

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 100

Isaiah 55:6-7

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 28 – “*The God of Abraham Praise*”

RHC 418 – “*O Jesus, I Have Promised*”

*Opening Prayer **

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 50

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 50 2nd Version, verses 1-6
(to the tune of tune of All Saints, RHC 562)

Announcements & Memory Verse

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology **

RHC 387 – “*I Need Thee Every Hour*”

Scriptural Text

Colossians 3:18-4:1

Romans 12:2

Pastoral Prayer

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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Sermon Message

New Life at Home and Work

The Unappealing Will of God

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 471 – “*A Christian Home*”

Insert – “*Thy Way, not mine, O Lord*”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

Pr Mok Chee Cheong

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.

WORSHIP AND THE MEANS OF GRACE

Introduction

When Christians assemble for worship on the Lord's Day, they participate in what is by far the most meaningful and consequential activity in the body of Christ. Worship is the highest calling of the believer. It is the centre jewel on the crown of Christian discipleship. It is the verdant pasture in which Christ Jesus, the Good Shepherd, feeds and nourishes His sheep. Worship is the dynamic spiritual context in which the powers of the age to come break forth into this present evil (Heb. 6:5; Gal. 1:4). Indeed, through the means of Word, sacraments, and prayer God is glorified and His children through faith gratefully receive the benefits of redemption in Christ (Westminster Larger Catechism, Q. 154). Therefore, it is paramount that we understand and devote ourselves to corporate worship on the Lord's Day.

The Corporate Worship of God

The early Christians made public worship a priority in their lives. Luke reports that *"they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers"* (Acts 2:42). Notice the definite article preceding each action; this indicates that this was public worship. And what constitutes worship in the nascent days of the church? The Word of God, the sacraments, and prayer (cf. Matt. 28:18-20).

The Word of God

The faithful reading and preaching of God's Word are essential to biblical worship. Paul writes to Timothy, *"Till I come, give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine"* (1 Tim. 4:13). Later he charges Timothy to *"preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all long-suffering and doctrine"* (2 Tim. 4:2). All pastors and churches are called to do the same - without exception. The bride of Christ hears the voice of her beloved in worship when His living Word is read, and especially when it is preached (Rom. 10:17; Heb. 4:12). The Bible is the sure Word that we do well to pay attention to until Christ's return (2 Pet. 1:19-21; 1 Tim. 3:17-17).

The question is, dear believer, are you listening? Are you attending the Lord's Day worship with a humble and teachable heart? Puritan George Swinnock commented that *"all in the church may hear the Word of Christ, but few hear Christ in the Word."* Nothing glorifies God more than when His dependent children gather together under the public ministry of the Word in order to hear, believe, and delight in His sublime attributes, loving promises, and fatherly commands. Moreover, nothing provides greater spiritual blessing for Christ's church (cf. Westminster Larger Catechism, Q.155).

The Sacraments

The sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper are also integral to biblical worship. They are signs and seals of God's covenant promises fulfilled in Christ. The waters of baptism represent Christ's cleansing blood and the regeneration of the Holy Spirit (Acts 22:16; Titus 3:5), and the bread and the wine of communion signify the broken body and shed blood of Christ - the sinless Lamb who bore God's wrath in our place (Matt. 26:26-28). Through these visible signs and seals, the Holy Spirit powerfully assures us that God "grant us freely the remission of sin and life eternal for the sake of that one sacrifice of Christ accomplished on the cross" (Heidelberg Catechism, Q.66).

God creates and nourishes faith through the preaching of the Word, and He confirms it in the sacraments. Prayer, the third non-negotiable of biblical worship, is the church's humble and grateful response to the gospel (Ps. 103:1-5). Led by the minister or elders, prayer in worship is the church's heartfelt response (spoken or sung) to the sovereign majesty and grace of God.

Conclusion

Lord's Day worship is no ordinary activity. In an extraordinary way, biblical worship both glorifies God and sanctifies the believer. Therefore, on the divinely appointed "market day of the soul," faithfully attend worship with a ready heart and expectant faith (Heb. 10:25). Come with a heart that is eager and willing to exalt the name of the Lord and to joyfully receive all the spiritual benefits that your heavenly Father proffers you in Christ.
- PM

- partly adapted from The Reformation Heritage KJV Study Bible

Isaiah 58:13 & 14

¹³ *If thou turn away thy foot from the sabbath, from doing thy pleasure on my holy day; and call the sabbath a delight, the holy of the Lord, honourable; and shalt honour him, not doing thine own ways, nor finding thine own pleasure, nor speaking thine own words:*

¹⁴ *Then shalt thou delight thyself in the Lord; and I will cause thee to ride upon the high places of the earth, and feed thee with the heritage of Jacob thy father: for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.*

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 11 th Mar, 7pm	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 15 th Mar, 10am	Pre-worship Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service Afternoon Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
Preacher	Pr Mok Chee Cheong Pr Mok Chee Cheong	<u>TODAY: 08/03/2020</u>
Message	TBC TBC	Chairman: John
Text	TBC TBC	Organist: Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		Pianist: Anthony
<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. 		Ushers: Daniel / Tom
		Lunch: Jonathan K
		Washing Up: Volunteers
		PA Crew: Mark / Jason
		<u>NEXT WEEK: 15/03/2020</u>
<p>Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £296.05, Lunch: £26.00, Hospitality: £100.00</p> <p>Attendance - Morning: 25 (A) 1 (C), Afternoon: 10 (A) 1 (C)</p>		<p>Church Maintenance Fund</p> <p>Total: £6,260.50</p>
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 1		
<p>Q: What is the chief end of man?</p> <p><i>A: Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.</i></p> <p><u>Comments:</u></p> <p>The <i>chief end</i> of a thing means the <i>chief purpose for which it is made</i>. For instance, the chief end of a window is to let in light. Man's chief end is <i>to serve</i> God; and if he do so faithfully on earth, he will be happy with him for ever in heaven.</p> <p><u>Scriptural Reference:</u></p> <p>1 Corinthians 10:31, Revelation 7:15-17</p>		
MEMORY VERSE		
<p>Last Week</p> <p><i>"Preserve me, O God: for in thee do I put my trust."</i></p> <p>Psalms 16:1</p>	<p>This 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>	<p>Next Week</p> <p><i>"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law."</i></p> <p>Galatians 5:22-23</p>