



# 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

	<i>Morning Service – 11am</i>	<i>Afternoon Service – 3pm</i>
<i>Call to Worship</i>	Psalm 118:19-25	Ephesians 2:8:10
<i>Opening Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Jonathan Kim
<i>Opening Hymn</i>	RHC 211 – “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”	---
<i>Responsive Reading</i>	Psalm 106	---
<i>Scriptural Text</i>	Mark 16:6	Acts 4:13
<i>Pastoral Prayer</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong
<i>Sermon Message</i>	<i>Unbelief in the Resurrection</i>	<i>Imitators of Christ</i>
<i>Closing Hymn</i>	RHC 212 – “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!”	---
<i>Benediction</i>	Pr Mok Chee Cheong	Pr Mok Chee Cheong

### **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 manservant, 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**

<b>Last Week</b>	<b>This Week</b>	<b>Next Week</b>
<p><i>“For the promise is unto you, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call.”</i></p> <p><b>Acts 2:39</b></p>	<p><i>“Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”</i></p> <p><b>Acts 3:19</b></p>	<p><i>“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”</i></p> <p><b>Acts 4:12</b></p>

# CHRIST'S RESURRECTION AND OURS

**Considering Christ's resurrection**, there are three points to be expressed: first, the necessity of the resurrection; second, the significant characteristics of the resurrection; and third, the uses of the resurrection for comforting the child of God. Christ's resurrection was necessary for three reasons:

First, His resurrection evidenced a complete victory over death. For believers, the resurrection confirms that Christ's whole obedience was a work both of perfect satisfaction, destroying death, and of a meritorious nature, earning life.

Second, Christ's resurrection was demanded by virtue of His divine nature as the Son of God. He is the Author of life itself; for this reason it was neither fitting nor possible for Him to be overcome by death. Thus, it was imperative that Christ rise from death to life.

Third, Christ's resurrection confirmed that His priestly work consisted of two parts. One was to make satisfaction for sin by sacrificing Himself on the cross. The other was to apply the virtue of this sacrifice to every believer. Therefore, Christ rose to perform this second part of His priesthood for His people.

Christ's resurrection had significant characteristics:

First, He rose as a public person, standing in place of His people not only in death but also in resurrection. Consequently, when Christ rose the whole church rose in Him (Eph. 2:6).

Second, Christ by His own power raised Himself from the dead (John 2:19; 10:18). This demonstrated that He was not only man but also true God. Further, this exhibited Christ's power to raise also His church from death to life.

Third, Christ rose again with an earthquake. This was to prove that He had lost no power by death, that He still remained the absolute Lord of heaven and earth, before whom the earth still trembled.

Fourth, Christ's death and resurrection were accompanied by other wonders as well. For example, Matthew 27:52–53 declares that graves were opened and that many were raised. This occurred in order that the church might know that there is a renewing and quickening virtue in the resurrection of Christ, whereby He is able to raise those who are dead in sin to newness of life. This signifies the order of it all: Christ arose, then the saints after Him; thus, He is the firstborn of the dead, with many to follow Him in rising (Col. 1:18).

This flows into the uses of the resurrection in comforting the child of God. These comforts are three.

First, Christ's resurrection effects the justification of all who believe in Him (Rom. 4:25). Indeed, life was the very wage He was sent to earn (Isa. 32:17); therefore, having been reconciled by His death, we shall much more be saved by His life (Rom. 5:10).

Second, the resurrection of Christ is the notable means by which God works sanctification (Rom. 6:4–5; 1 Peter 1:3). As Christ by the power of His Godhead freed His manhood from death and from the guilt of our sins, so does Christ free the believer from the corruption of nature in which he lies dead — all so that he may live unto God (Rom. 14:8).

Third, the resurrection of Christ discloses the church's resurrection. He that raised Christ from the dead "*shall also quicken your mortal bodies*" (Rom. 8:11). This is why Christ is called the firstfruits of the dead (1 Cor. 15:20). His resurrection is a pledge and assurance of the resurrection of the church. He is the head of His church; therefore, all His members must follow after Christ in their time. The godly rise by the power of Christ their Redeemer, who raises them up so that they may be partakers of the benefits of His death (Heb. 3:14) — to enjoy both in body and soul the kingdom of heaven that He has so dearly bought for them. The godly rise as Christ by the virtue of Christ's own resurrection. They rise, as He did, unto eternal glory.

— adapted from *The Reformation Heritage KJV Bible* (William Perkins, "Christ's Resurrection," in *An Exposition of the Symbol or Creed of the Apostles*)

#### NEWS / ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Dear Worshippers, as the Church Premises reopens for Morning Worship Service please note that there will be strict social distancing measures put in place. Face coverings must be worn in the church at all times out of consideration for all worshippers.**

**For the time being, the 3:00pm Afternoon Worship Service will still be conducted online.**

If you require the link to our online zoom services, or have any questions or require further clarity, please call the church manse, or email us at admin 'at' newlifebpc.org.uk.

**Tithes & Offerings** – There will be an offering box at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary for you to place your offerings in.

**Worship Service Collections:** 13/12/20 - £1510, 14/03/21 - £5020, 21/03/21 - £1725.46, 28/03/21 - £1765

**Church Maintenance Fund:** 21/03/21 - £100, 28/03/21 - £100

**Church Maintenance Fund Total: £6,460.50**

## **CHURCH NOTICE**

Dear fellow worshippers and friends,

We are pleased to inform the worshippers and visitors of New Life Bible Presbyterian Church that the church will resume holding worship services in the Church premise on Sunday mornings.

The church activities will take place as follows:

- Sunday Morning Worship Service, 11am – Church Premises & Online
- Sunday Afternoon Worship Service, 3pm – Online only

Provided that there is no worsening of the pandemic in London, we hope to start holding the Afternoon Worship Service and Fortnightly Bible Study within the church premises in the coming months.

### **Changes introduced to the Worship Services held at the church premises**

In compliance with the current Government guidelines, the following changes have been introduced:

- Worship services will be limited to 60 minutes duration.
- No singing and offering collection during the worship service. Offerings can be made at the offering box when entering or exiting the church.
- All Bibles and hymn books will be kept and unavailable for use. Please bring your own Bible and remember to take it away with you after worship service.
- Adopt a 2-metre social distancing seating arrangement (household members may sit with each other).
- Face coverings to be worn in the church **at all times** out of consideration for all worshippers. For young children under the age of 11, the use of face covering is optional. **Please ensure you bring your own face covering.**
- No socialising with anyone outside of your household or support bubble within the Church premises.
- No socialising outside the Church premises.
- No food and drinks will be made available (Fellowship Lunch has been temporarily suspended).
- No access to non-essential areas of the church – this includes the Fellowship Hall and kitchen.
- New movement arrangements to be adopted (please follow directions).
- Temperature measurements will be taken for every worshipper and visitor.
- Worshippers and visitors are required to complete the contact details slip for the NHS Test & Trace service. These details will be kept securely in church for 21 days and then destroyed. They will only be submitted to Test & Trace if a Covid-19 case occurs.
- Alternatively, please download the NHS COVID-19 Mobile App and scan one of the QR codes in the Church entrance to check-in.

To join our online services or to obtain further updates, please visit the church website ([www.newlifebpc.org.uk](http://www.newlifebpc.org.uk)) or call the church manse (020 73280869).

With the Lord's blessing,

John Poh & Jonathan Kim  
Task Force Members

## **RHC211 - Christ the Lord is Risen Today**

Christ the Lord is ris'n today, Alleluia!  
Sons of men and angels say: Alleluia!  
Raise your joys and triumphs high,  
Alleluia!  
Sing, ye heav'ns, and earth reply: Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia!  
Where, O death, is now your sting?  
Alleluia!  
Dying once He all doth save, Alleluia!  
Where your victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia!  
Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia!  
Death in vain forbids Him rise, Alleluia!  
Christ has opened Paradise, Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led,  
Alleluia!  
Foll'wing our exalted Head, Alleluia!  
Made like Him, like Him we rise, Alleluia!  
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies,  
Alleluia!

*Charles Wesley*

## **RHC107 - Hail, Thou Once-Despised Jesus!**

Hail, Thou once-despised Jesus!  
Hail, Thou Galilean King!  
Thou didst suffer to release us;  
Thou didst free salvation bring.  
Hail, Thou agonizing Savior,  
Bearer of our sin and shame!  
By Thy merits we find favor,  
Life is given thru Thy name.

Paschal Lamb, by God appointed,  
All our sins on Thee were laid;  
By almighty love anointed,  
Thou hast full atonement made.  
All Thy people are forgiven  
Thru the virtue of Thy blood;  
Opened is the gate of heaven,  
Peace is made 'twixt man and God.

Jesus, hail! enthroned in glory,  
There forever to abide;  
All the heav'nly host adore Thee,  
Seated at Thy Father's side:  
There for sinners Thou art pleading;  
There Thou dost our place prepare,  
Ever for us interceding  
Till in glory we appear.

Worship, honor, pow'r, and blessing  
Thou art worthy to receive;  
Loudest praises, without ceasing,  
Meet it is for us to give.  
Help, ye bright angelic spirits,  
Bring your sweetest, noblest lays;  
Help to sing our Savior's merits,  
Help to chant Immanuel's praise!

*John Bakewell*

*Tune: HYFRYDOL*