



# 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 15 MARCH 2026**

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### *Morning Service – 11am*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 67

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 20 – “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”

*Opening Prayer*

Jonathan Kim

*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 44

*Second Hymn \**

Psalm 44:1-8

*(to the tune of Cleansing Fountain, RHC 173)*

*Scriptural Text*

Romans 8:34

*Pastoral Prayer*

Rev Brian Harper

*Sermon Message*

*“The work of Christ as Priest”*

*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 212 – “Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Rev Brian Harper

*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.

#### **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.

### **WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 103**

**Q: What do we pray for in the Third Petition?**

*A: In the Third Petition – (which is, THY WILL BE DONE IN EARTH, AS IT IS IN HEAVEN) – we pray, That God, by his grace, would make us able and willing to know, obey, and submit to his will in all things, as the angels do in heaven.*

Comments:

God’s will means what he wishes to be done. This will is obeyed perfectly in heaven, and in this petition we pray that it may be obeyed as perfectly on earth. This can never be done in our own strength, and therefore we ask that God would help us to know perfectly what his will is, and having learned it, to do and suffer it.

Scriptural Reference:

Psalm 119:34, Matthew 26:39

Dear brethren, this week's article is a continuation from last week as we prepare for Easter and is written by Rev Brian Harper specially for our edification.

## Preparing for Easter (Part 2)

As we continue to prepare our hearts for Easter our thoughts remain focused upon Christ's offices of Prophet, Priest and King.

We saw last week that as Prophet, our Lord continues to speak to His church through the ministry of His word to us.

Today, we come to think about His Priestly ministry, the heart of which is the gracious fact that He sacrificed Himself for our sins. That event is fundamental to the saving ministry of Christ Jesus. It is not without reason that His Priestly work is central in the three offices He exercises.

But that sacrifice and that finished work is not the end of our Lord's priestly ministry. Making sacrifice for sins was only part of a Priest's duties. The other part was making intercession for the people. Thus, the words of Romans 8:34 *"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."*

What is our Lord now doing in heaven? He is appearing in God's presence on His people's behalf, interceding there by His presence and on the basis of His completed redemption on the Cross. In the words of Dr. Henry Swete, "The New Testament does not represent Him standing ever before the Father, as with outstretched arms, and with strong crying and tears pleading our cause in the presence of a reluctant God; but as a throned Priest-King, asking what He will from a Father who always hears and grants His request".

Here then, is our contentment and comfort. Christ's presence with the Father is the source of our peace, the assurance of our access, and the guarantee of our permanent relationship with God.

My Christian brother and sister, know this: today, right now, Christ has you on His heart, loving you and caring for you and continuing to uphold you before the throne of God.

### MEMORY VERSE

#### **This Week**

*"Who is he that condemneth? It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us."*

**Romans 8:34**

#### **Last Week**

*"For Moses truly said unto the fathers, A prophet shall the Lord your God raise up unto you of your brethren, like unto me; him shall ye hear in all things whatsoever he shall say unto you."*

**Acts 3:22**

**New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church**

**“Christ our Priest”**

**Rev Brian D Harper**

**March 15<sup>th</sup> 2026**

**Introduction:**

**1. Christ’s suitability for the office of Priest: Hebrews 5:1**

1. from men
2. for men
3. to God
4. for sins

**2. Christ’s superiority in the office of Priest: Hebrews 4:14-7:25**

1. His person: 4:14
2. His nature: 4:15
3. His order: 5:6
4. His ordination: 7:20-21
5. His sacrifice: 10:11-12
6. His administration: 7:28
7. His office: 7:23-25

**3. Christ’s solidarity with the office of Priest:**

Oblation

Intercession

1. The greatest offering
2. The greatest crime
3. The greatest penalty
4. The greatest atonement

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our Lord's Day activities begin with the **Worship Service** at **11.00 am** followed by a **Bible Study & Children's Sunday School** at **1:30pm**. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

## NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Worshippers, we extend a warm welcome to you this Lord's Day. We hope that you have a blessed time worshipping with us today.

For those unable to attend Church in person, please join our Worship Service and Bible Study on our live-stream via YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/@NewLifeBPCLondon>

**We thank God for providing Rev Brian Harper to minister to us today.**

Rev Harper will be ministering to us until the end May.

**Tithes & Offerings** – The offering box is located at the entrance to the Church Sanctuary.

**After-Service Fellowship** – Join us for lunch fellowship after the morning worship service.

Please bring your own lunch as only drinks will be provided.

**Afternoon Bible Study** – For the duration of Rev Harper's ministry, he will be conducting the study on Philippians. This week's study is taken from Philippians 1:3-8.

**Children's Sunday School** – held after the After-Service Fellowship at 1:30pm.

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## Principles for Christian Service: A MIND TO WORK AND PRAY (Part 2)

(study in Nehemiah 4 written by Rev Nelson Ng'uono Were; Read, Pray & Grow Jan to Mar 2026)

Prayer does not equal inaction. Relying on God and seeking Him and His grace in the face of our helplessness does not equal inability. In the face of opposition in the service of God, the hands of the servants of God are not slackened. Nehemiah prayed, and the work continued. True and believing prayer does not hinder or reduce the zeal and diligence of the person praying. Neither does it promote negligence of duty, even in the face of trials and opposition.

So built we the wall (Neh 4:6). Christian service entails both devotion and action. Devotion to seek God's will and guidance, as well as devotion to do God's work and accomplish what is set out for God's glory. This is the testimony recorded for us in Nehemiah 4:6. When Nehemiah was burdened with the state of Jerusalem, he prayed (Neh 1:4). Before he made his request to the king, he prayed (Neh 2:4). Then when faced with opposition while doing the work, he prayed (Neh 4:4). He and the builders were determined and focused in their prayers and in their work, which were reflected in the obvious and visible progress of the work: "... *all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof...*" (Neh 4:6).

The people had a mind to work (Neh 4:6). Christian service has to be intentional and deliberate. The mind to serve God includes:

- (1) the knowledge of God and the acknowledgement of God, trusting His Word and providential leading as we approach the work set before us, and
- (2) the willing yielding to God through commitment to do the work we have confirmed to be God's work and will for us even when faced with intimidation from outside, and discouragement and fears from within.

The challenges, obstacles, and hurdles in the course of the work drive us to God in prayer. These also remind us to trust in His wisdom, power and provision, and commit ourselves to His care. In the face of mockery and adversity, Nehemiah and the builders simply prayed and pressed on with the work.