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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 17 MAY 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Morning Service – 11am

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Psalm 108:1–5

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 237 – “Revive Us Again”

Opening Prayer

Jonathan Kim

Responsive Reading

Psalm 53

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 53:1–6
(to the tune of Dundee, RHC 555)

Scriptural Text

Luke 10:30–37

Pastoral Prayer

Rev Brian Harper

Sermon Message

“Blessed are the merciful”

*Closing Hymn **

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

*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 5

Q: Are there more Gods than one?

A: There is but one only, the living and true God.

Comments:

We are here taught that there is only one God; and this one God is the source of all life, and the only true object of worship.

Scriptural Reference:

Isaiah 45:5

Dear brethren, this week's article is the continuation of the series of articles on The Beatitudes written by Rev Brian Harper specially for our edification.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy

This morning we come to the shortest of the beatitudes as it is only six words in the original written form. It inspired one of Charles Wesley's most personal hymns and consequentially a most interesting story. Here is the hymn followed by the story.

Depth of mercy! Can there be
Mercy still reserved for me?
Can my God His wrath forbear,
Me, the chief of sinners, spare?

I have long withstood His grace,
Long provoked Him to His face,
Would not hearken to His calls,
Grieved Him by a thousand falls.

Whence to me this waste of love?
Ask my advocate above!
See the cause in Jesus' face,
Now before the throne of grace.

There for me the Savior stands,
Shows His wounds and spreads His hands.
God is love! I know, I feel;
Jesus lives and loves me still.

Jesus, answer from above,
Is not all Thy nature love?
Wilt Thou not the wrong forget,
Permit me to kiss Thy feet?

If I rightly read Thy heart,
If Thou all compassion art,
Bow Thine ear, in mercy bow,
Pardon and accept me now.

The Story:

"An actress in a town in England, while passing along the street, heard singing in a house. Out of curiosity she looked in through the open door and saw a number of...

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New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy”
(The Beatitudes – Part 6)
Rev Brian D Harper
17th May 2026

Introduction:

1. The meaning of mercy:

The words that define it.

The history that displays it.

2. The motive for mercy:

It is something to be received.

It is something to be revealed.

3. The ministry of mercy:

Giving help to the needy.

Giving hope to the guilty.

MEMORY VERSE	
This Week <i>“Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.”</i> Matthew 5:7	Last Week <i>“Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”</i> Matthew 5:6

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 4:1–9.

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

people sitting together singing this hymn. She listened to the song and, afterwards, to a simple but earnest prayer. When she went away, the hymn had so impressed her that she procured a copy of a book containing it. Reading and re-reading the hymn led her to give her heart to God and to resolve to leave the stage.

The manager of the theatre pleaded with her to continue to take the leading part in a play which she had made famous in other cities, and finally he persuaded her to appear at the theatre. As the curtain rose the orchestra began to play the accompaniment to the song which she was expected to sing. She stood like one lost in thought, and the band, supposing her embarrassed, played the pre-lude over a second and a third time. Then with clasped hands she stepped forward and sang with deep emotion: "Depth of mercy, can there be mercy still reserved for me?"

This put a sudden stop to the performance; not a few were impressed, though many scoffed.

The change in her life was as permanent as it was singular. Soon after, she became the wife of a minister of the Gospel."

The content of Wesley's hymn accurately reflects the attitude we should have toward God. We are guilty sinners; He is a holy, righteous Judge. Yet He chose to pay the price for our sins and to extend mercy to us.