



# 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*

#### *Evening Service – 4pm*

*Prelude*

*The Lord Is in His Holy Temple*

*Call to Worship*

Psalm 145:1-3

Psalm 134

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 2 – "O Worship the King"

RHC 19 – "Come, We That Love the Lord"

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 89

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 89 verses 1-6*  
(to the tune of All Saints, RHC 562)

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*Announcements & Memory Verse*

John Poh

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*Tithes & Offerings & Doxology \**

RHC 399 – "I Am Thine, O Lord"

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*Scriptural Text*

Job 9:1-20

Romans 13:1-10

*Pastoral Prayer*

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*Sermon Message*

*I Need An Advocate*

*Be A Church That Loves One Another*

*The Lord's Supper*

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*Closing Hymn \**

RHC 199 – "Old Rugged Cross"

RHC 261 – "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

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*Postlude*

*The Lord Bless You*

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\* 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.

**"Keep thy heart with all diligence; for out of it are the issues of life." - Proverbs 4:23**

# **GLORIFYING GOD IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 5th November 2017**

## **Be Consecrated and Committed to Christ**

Romans 12:11 says, *'Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;'* Fervency is contagious when we put God first, and are serious about our faith in God and we do something about it. Others will be affected positively too. Are you only overwhelmed with your work, mobile phone, computer games or leisure or studies or is there a greater cause? Is God more important to you than your temporal life and worldly interest? Develop strong zest and spiritual concern for the things of everlasting life. Spend your time, resources and energy in promoting Christ and in the sharing of the pure gospel to the saving of souls as the Lord wills.

## **Right Priority and Do Not Neglect Worship and Service to God**

Let us ponder and put God first in our lives. Matthew 6:33 says, *'But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.'* It is lamentable that some will come to church only when it is convenient and some use any excuse (i.e. rain) to miss a worship service. Every church should have faithful men and women who love God and are willing to make the Sabbath Day a top priority. Accentuate the importance of Christ and His church in your life and share it with your children too.

1. With the means of grace like the sacraments, prayer and worship, that you receive in the church, strive to grow further in the knowledge and the fear of God. We are blessed by all these benefits of grace and the prayerful support and comfort of our brothers and sisters, in Christ too.

2. God made us part of His church for the spiritual benefit of others. 1 Peter 4:10 says, *'As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.'* God has gifted you to be part of your church, and those talents and gifts are to be used to edify other people. So discover and develop and demonstrate those talents and use it for the glory of God as an expression of your love toward God and men.

## **Make the Sabbath a Delight**

In an entire day of the week, do you dedicate your life to God and keep the Sabbath of the Lord as given in the 4th Commandment? While the Old Testament law has been largely fulfilled in Christ, the moral laws including the Sabbath command is still binding on us, for our spiritual good and vitality. Act 1:8 says, *'But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.'* It completely changes your Sunday when you set aside the entire day to the Lord and for His sake and keep the day wholly and holy too. We want to honour God and not desecrate the Lord's Day. Isaiah 58:13 says, *'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.'* You do not want to miss church during exam time or the marathon run because God is more important to you than all this. You do not want to come late or leave church early for children's tuition or exercise or to get home to play computer games, sleep or to watch TV. Put away all the cares of life and leave them to God (Psalm 55:22), and work and leisure, and dedicate the entire day to the worship of God, to Christian fellowship, evangelism to save souls and to serve and glorify God.

## **Read the Word with your Family and Pray together**

Be a good Christian witness at church and at home, at the workplace, camp or school. If you are surrounded by people of the world, you should stand up as a good testimony for Him and reach out and share the gospel with them, saving souls as the Lord leads. Let your life be for the glory of God and for the spiritual good of others. Each of us faces different challenges, testings, trials and temptations. Living as a victorious Christian requires quality time in reading the Word and prayer every day. Make this a priority, no matter how busy you are. Pray on your knees for yourself, family and for your church. Take commitment to God seriously and pray together with other members on the Wednesday night Church Prayer Meeting.

Make your corporate prayer life a potent spiritual force for the good of others. 2 Corinthians 1:11 says, *'Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf.'*

### **Reach Out to Others with Love and be Edifying in Our Conversations**

Churches are social communities too. Learn to live with these people and learn to love these people, even though some may be different from us. Paul says in Romans 12:4, 5, *'For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.'* For as in one body we have many members, and the members do have different gifts, so that one can complement one another. Reach out with kind words of encouragement to exhort one another. Colossians 4:6 says, *'Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man.'* Be constructive and edifying with your words to exhort and encourage one another in the Lord and not gossip or murmur against God. Hebrews 10:24, 25 says, *'And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.'* Pray and commit to reach out to others (visitors and new friends) and be a blessing to them. Some of our best friendships and relationships should be with people who love the Lord and His Word.

### **Intercede and Support Gospel Missions and Be a Blessing**

The faithful Stewardship of our God-given resources is our duty and privilege as it can show what we really believe and what we really value in life. 1 Corinthians 4:1, 2 says, *'Let a man so account of us, as of the ministers of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.'* Let us learn to be good custodians or trustees of our substance and be generous with God's work and with your resources. The Bible teaches us in Luke 6:38 and 2 Corinthians 9:7, *'Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.'* Remember that it is not just about our own money but being a wise caretaker. We are stewards of the material substance from God and He has given it to us to be responsible in managing it. Manage it well for His glory as we will be accountable to Him one day (2 Corinthians 5:10).

Set it aside and honour the Lord first before self. Learn to give sacrificially the first and best of your time, resources and talents to the advancement of the Kingdom of the Lord.

### **Be a Faithful, Fervent and Fruitful Church Steward for God**

Stewardship is both a privilege and a calling. Be strongly devoted to the glory of Christ in your church, and do this by worshipping and serving God well. Remember Dorcas, the woman Peter raised from the dead who was described as being a woman *"full of good works and almsdeeds which she did"* (see Acts 9:36). When Peter arrived, they took him to the upper room. All the widows wept and showed him the coats that Dorcas made while she was with them. Dorcas was a wonderful example of an edifying, serving and sacrificial member. She loved people and did so much for them, that the whole community or church mourned when she died God resurrected her again for a reason.

### **Conclusion**

Are others edified and encouraged by you and your love for God, His Word and work? Pray and look for your God given niche (i.e. Sunday School, Neighbourhood Bible Classes, Chinese Service, choir, Maranatha Resource Ministry, PA, food ministry, missions, driving the van etc.). You can serve God in your church. Make it a goal to serve Him faithfully and sacrificially. Do it because we love God and for the edifying of others and to the glory of God as we enjoy His presence which is the chief end of man. Our lives are in His hands and we number our days and apply our hearts unto wisdom. We do not have much time left for the Lord is coming very soon and we need to work diligently for God while it is yet day for night will come and no man can work (John 9:4).

- Rev Jack Sin

# WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our **worship services** begin promptly at **11.00 am and 4.00 pm**.

Please stay back for Bible Study and fellowship lunch after the morning worship and for tea after the evening service. Do invite your friends to come to Church.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK			WELCOME
Weds 15th November	7pm	Mid-Week Outreach 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.
Sat 18th November	4pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	
Next Lord's Day	Morning Service	Evening Service	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<b>Preacher</b>	Dr David Allen	Dr David Allen	<b><u>TODAY: 12/11/2017</u></b>
<b>Message</b>	Why was Paul not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ?	The Righteousness of God	<b>Chairman:</b> John
<b>Text</b>	Romans 1:16	Romans 1:17	<b>Organist:</b> Michael
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS			<b>Pianist:</b> Anthony
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Pre-lunch Bible Study:</b> This week, Rev Lim will continue with the study on "<i>Building Firm Foundations</i>".</li> <li>• <b>Sunday School:</b> This afternoon at 2:45pm the church will be holding Sunday School for young children and toddlers, led by Elizabeth, Nina and Barbara. Please invite friends and family to attend.</li> <li>• <b>Church Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for Rev Lim Chee Boon who will be ministering to us until the 26th November.</li> <li>• <b>Church Cleaning:</b> Saturday 18th November, 11am. All are encouraged to come and help clean the church building.</li> <li>• <b>Please note that today is Remembrance Sunday and we will be observing 2 minutes silence at 11am</b></li> </ul>			<b>Ushers:</b> Tom / Jonathan
			<b>Lunch:</b> Tan Family
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Scott / Jonathan
			<b><u>NEXT WEEK: 19/11/2017</u></b>
			<b>Chairman:</b> Jonathan
			<b>Organist:</b> Anthony
			<b>Pianist:</b> Matthew
			<b>Ushers:</b> John / Yetta
			<b>Lunch:</b> Luisa
			<b>Washing Up:</b> Volunteers
			<b>PA Crew:</b> Scott / John
<b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £602.00		<b>Church Maintenance Fund</b>	
<b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 38 (A) 5 (C), Evening: 15 (A) 1 (C)		<b>Total: £3,880.50</b>	

## SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 92

**Q: What is a sacrament?**

**A:** A Sacrament is an holy ordinance instituted by **CHRIST**, wherein, – by sensible signs – Christ, and the benefits of the New Covenant, are represented, sealed, and applied to believers.

Comments:

We are here taught that the marks of a sacrament are: 1. That it is appointed by Christ; 2. That it is a way of teaching the gospel by outward signs. Its uses are three in number: 1. To represent the gospel to us, or teach it plainly; 2. To seal the gospel to us, or confirm our faith in it; 3. To apply the gospel to us, or bring it home to our hearts. The word sacrament is derived from a Latin word, which signified the sacred oath of fidelity to his commander, which the soldier took on entering the army for the service of his country. In a Christian sense, it means the vow of fidelity and obedience to Christ which is taken when we enter the Church. This vow was taken for us in Baptism, when we were infants. In the Lord's Supper, we take it upon ourselves.

Scriptural Reference:

Genesis 17:10, Romans 4:11

## MEMORY VERSE

Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<p>"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil." <b>Ephesians 5:15-16</b></p>	<p>"Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name." <b>Psalms 86:11</b></p>	<p>"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." <b>Psalms 90:12</b></p>