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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

Afternoon Service – 3pm

Prelude

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple

Call to Worship

Revelation 22:1-5

Psalm 109:30-31

*Opening Hymn **

RHC 23 – *“O Splendor of God’s
Glory Bright”*

RHC 105 – *“I Will Praise Him!”*

*Opening Prayer **

Jonathan Kim

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*Gloria Patri **

Glory Be to the Father

Responsive Reading

Psalm 136

*Second Hymn **

Psalm 136 verses 1-4, 23-26
(to the tune of Galilee, RHC 407)

*Announcements & Memory
Verse*

Jonathan Kim

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*Tithes & Offerings &
Doxology **

RHC 532 – *“Savior, Like a
Shepherd Lead Us”*

Scriptural Text

Joshua 6:1-21

Romans 8:9-11

Pastoral Prayer

Mr Mok Chee Cheong

Mr Mok Chee Cheong

Sermon Message

God’s Sacred Justice

*Life in and Through the Spirit –
Part 3*

*Closing Hymn **

RHC 292 – *“Jesus, Thy Blood
and Righteousness”*

RHC 239 – *“Come, Gracious
Spirit, Heavenly Dove”*

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen **

Mr Mok Chee Cheong

Mr 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.

THE BIRTH OF A KING – CHARACTER OF A SAVIOUR

Adapted from Maranatha Messenger, Sunday 24th December 2017

Introduction

As we approach this Christmas season this year, as God's people, we want to worship God and remember the birth of Christ meaningfully, witnessing of His first coming into the world like the wise men, and the shepherds and angels of old. Do not get caught with worldly revelry and forget the real reason for the season. This is a wonderful time to joyfully honour Christ when God became flesh and walked among men (John 1:16, 17). Jesus in His fullness, is presented in the Bible in Matthew 2 and Luke 2 and in these verses in Isaiah 9:1-7. These verses presents Jesus first and second coming, His life, death and His soon coming again. It tells of the work and life of Jesus in His ministry. We will examine its content prayerfully.

He is Wonderful in His Humanity

"A child is born in a humble manger in Bethlehem" brings to mind His real humanity. David Gucik says, "this glorious prophecy of the birth of Messiah reminds Israel that the victory bringing Messiah would be a *man*. Theoretically, the Messiah could have been an angel. Or, the Messiah could have been God without humanity. But in reality, neither of those options would have qualified the Messiah to be our Saviour and High Priest as Jesus was. The **Child** had to be **born**."

He is like one of us and He knows our infirmities and suffering (i.e. he slept, cried, ate, drank and felt pain). Historically, Jesus was born about 4 BC, (as King Herod died around this period as well) during the time of Herod the great but He was no ordinary baby! He was truly flesh and blood like us, but at the same time, He was also fully God and a real historical Person. He gave up His glory in heaven to be with us (John 1:1, 14)! His birth was truly extraordinary! Consider the Pronouncement of His birth (Luke 1:26-33); in its wonderful announcement as the very Son of God (Isaiah 7:14; Luke 1:32); in wonderful praise (Luke 2:1-20). Although Jesus was (is) God in the flesh in the fullness of time (Galatians 4:4), He submitted himself to be a humble servant and later to walk to Calvary to die on our behalf (Philippians 2:5-8). The wonder of the Creator God living among us and with us (1 Timothy 3:16). Yes He is truly a divine mystery and He is Wonderful!

He is Wonderful in His Honour

"The government shall be upon His shoulder". This *"Son that was given"* died on the Cross, was victorious over the grave and He rose again (1 Corinthians 15:51-57)! This risen Saviour comes again to this earth to reign in supreme glory upon the earth as King and Judge. The second advent could come any time are we ready for it (Acts 1:8-11)? He is returning to this world, not as *"the Lamb of God"*, but as *"the Lion of the tribe of Judah"*. He is coming to reign one day as sovereign King and Judge; to destroy evil and to rule the world forever! In the light of current events in the Middle East and around the world with wars and many disasters like earthquakes, are you ready for His soon coming? Titus 2:13-14 says, *'Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, zealous of good works.'*

The first time, He came as a humble Son of Man to die, the next time, He will come as a great sovereign King to rule, judge and to conquer after the battle of Armageddon (Revelation 19:11- 16). One day, they will all bow at His feet (Romans 14:12; Philippians 2:9-11). Even those men who said, *"We have no king but Caesar"* (John 19:15), will bow before Him in His honour and exaltation in that day!

He is the sovereign King of Kings but is He enthroned as Lord and King in your life? His name is Emmanuel God with us (Isaiah 7:14) and we learn more of His nature and character. In His name, we find out more about Who He really is! He Is Wonderful. This word means *Supernatural, Mystery, Secret or Extraordinary* (Judges 13:18). This name points out the truth that there is something special about Jesus, He is God in the flesh! He is so far beyond our level of comprehension that we cannot fully understand, yet He can be known by a little child! He is truly Wonderful to know, believe in and trust as our only and personal Lord and Saviour for there is none else!

He is Divine Counselor

We live in the world of consultancy and we do consult many people in our lives. We need to look for the right counselor who can really help us in our souls greatest need. This word here means *“to advise, counsel, give purpose, guide, devise or plan.”* It refers to His role as the leader and the guiding Person of our lives. He is wonderfully qualified for this job to guide, comfort, exhort and help us and we need Him desperately every day. Thank God for His comfort, strength and wisdom given to us. Did you consult Him in prayer today for your work, family and personal decisions? Do it daily in prayer to Him. He is all wise (Daniel 7:9; Hebrews 4:15). He has all the knowledge and wisdom (Acts 1:24; 1 John 3:20). He has all the ability to guide and help us (Isaiah 40:13-14). His salvation plan is free to all repentant sinners (Isaiah 55:1). He is always available to save us if we turn to Him in faith (Matthew 28:20; Hebrews 13:5). He always gives perfect advice to help us eternally (Hosea 14:9; Psalm 19:7-8; John 16:13) provided we are willing to submit and obey Him. David Gucik quoting Spurgeon adds,

“Jesus is our **Counselor** in the sense that He sits in the High Counsel of the Godhead, and takes council with the Father and the Holy Spirit for our good. The High Counsel of the Godhead brought forth our salvation.” Hence we you read in the book of Zechariah, if you turn to the sixth chapter and the thirteenth verse, this passage, *‘The council of peace shall be between them both.’* The Son of God with His Father and the Spirit, ordained the council of peace. Thus was it arranged. The Son must suffer, He must be the substitute, must bear His people’s sins and be punished in their stead; the Father must accept the Son’s substitution and allow His people to go free, because Christ had paid their debts. The Spirit of the living God must then cleanse the people whom the blood had pardoned, and so they must be accepted.”

He is the Mighty God and the Everlasting One

The idea in these Hebrew words is that Jesus is the source or author of all eternity, that He is the Creator Himself. It *does not* mean that Jesus Himself is the Person of the *Father* in the Trinity. This word means *“Hero! It refers to one Who is strong, mighty and invincible.”* He alone is worthy to be our Hero or champion for He has defeated all our enemies. Death - He is victorious over sin and hell and all our foes (1 Corinthians 15:55). He is the first fruits from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:20). Sin (Romans 6:14); He brought salvation to all men (Hebrews 7:25; Romans 10:13). Let us worship and submit to Christ, with reverence and fear.

Sin, hell and the grave were finally defeated by the Lord (Matthew 28:1-6). He is risen! He has ascended and is seated on the throne of God and ruling from Heaven, from where He is coming back for us again. Everlasting Father. He is *“everlasting”*! There has never been a time when He was not and there will never be a time when He will not be! He is the great *“I AM”*! If you are saved, you will be with God in heaven and live forever! This verse also says that He is our *“Father”*. This word means *“Producer or Generator.”* He is our Source of life! He brought us into being and He Sustains our lives by His Power.

He loves and saves us (Jeremiah 31:3; Romans 8:38-39) and support us (Psalm 18:35; Deuteronomy 33:27). He sustains (2 Timothy 1:12) and comforts us (John 14:16-18). He provides for us and much more than we need (Luke 12:32; Matthew 6:25-33, Philippians 4:19-5).

He is the True Prince of Peace

Israel is craving for peace but it is far off (unrest now in Jerusalem) with conflict and tension in Gaza. Christ as the Prince of Peace is truly the only Source of Everlasting peace and not the false temporary peace of the Anti-Christ who is a deceiver. This refers to the fact that Jesus is the source of peace and He will rule His kingdom in perfect peace one day. He is the Almighty Creator and sure Provider of lasting peace that does not come through men or the United Nations or the Antichrist who will give a false sense of world peace in the short run and deceive many (2 Thessalonians 2:3-12). Only those who know Christ know true lasting peace in the heart (John 14:27; John 16:33a; Philippians 4:7). He provides peace with God and of God and He is our peace. What a joy and privilege for He is truly God (Ephesians 2:16). We are all Reconciled with God through Him our Mediator, Prophet, Priest and King! What a great honour joy and lasting peace that will come one day finally to Israel and all of us. We can now have peace in our hearts for His is our Peace (Philippians 4:7; John 14:27) and will rule this earth for a 1000 years and then the new heavens and the new earth will begin under His divine kingdom forever and ever (Revelation 20). We will call Christ, the Prince of Peace for He truly is.

Finally, consider why Jesus came to earth to be with us on Christmas : **JESUS CAME** as a child on Christmas day to live a perfect life keeping the laws of God and to finally die and to arise from the grave, victorious for the spiritual redemption of depraved sinners who are hopeless and helpless and who cannot save themselves. Salvation is for sinners who repent and believe in Jesus Christ alone, forsaking all others. This is the only hope in the true and living Saviour, Jesus Christ. **JESUS CAME** to be the sinner's substitute and died on the cross for their sins and He resurrected the third day, victorious over the grave and witnessed by more than 500 people (1 Corinthians 15:1-6). He took our place and paid the penalty for our sins. **JESUS CAME** to save us which none other can do. He is the only way! His sovereign grace and covenant mercy save and justify us from our condemnation (Romans 8:1).

JESUS CAME to provide eternal assurance of hope and everlasting life to the trusting sinner. We need to have faith in Christ and let us come to Him today before it is too late (John 3:36).

Conclusion

With the knowledge of all this, what is our response then? We will need to examine ourselves and to sincerely confess and repent of our sins and to fully trust in Jesus as our Saviour and Lord today if we have not. Do It Now before while there is yet time and breath in us. Let this be a really meaningful Christmas for you. Romans 10:9-10, *'That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.'*

Do you know Jesus as your personal Saviour and Lord today? He is Wonderful! Would you like to come before Him today, reaffirm your commitment to believe and trust in Him for your life? If you do not know Him then you can come to the knowledge of the living God. If you will come to Him in faith and with repentance, you can be saved now. Surrender your lives to Him today and seek and accept Christ as your personal Lord and God. Will you do it today before it is too late?

- Rev Jack Sin

WELCOME TO NEW LIFE B-P CHURCH LONDON

Our worship services begin promptly at **11.00 am** and **3.00 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
Sat 22nd Dec, 3pm	Bible Study & Prayer Meeting	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.
<i>Next Lord's Day</i>	<i>Morning Service</i> <i>Evening Service</i>	LORD'S DAY DUTIES
<i>Preacher</i>	Mr. Mok Chee Cheong Mr. Mok Chee Cheong	<u>TODAY: 16/12/2018</u>
<i>Message</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Chairman:</i> Jonathan
<i>Text</i>	TBC TBC	<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS		<i>Pianist:</i> Matthew
<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. • Church Pulpit Ministry: Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of a new minister. • Pray for the forthcoming preachers: Nov-Jan – Mr Mok Chee Cheong. • Christmas Lunch, Sunday 23rd December: Please see Sis. Maureen if you wish to bring a dish or help to cook. • Christmas Day Service: This will be held at 11am. Please note that there will not be a lunch served after service. Please see Bros. Jonathan or John for more information. 		<i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom
		<i>Lunch:</i> Maureen
		<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
		<i>PA Crew:</i> John / Venise
		<u>NEXT WEEK: 23/12/2018</u>
		<i>Chairman:</i> John
		<i>Organist:</i> Anthony
		<i>Pianist:</i> Anthony
		<i>Ushers:</i> Daniel / Tom
		<i>Lunch:</i> Christmas Lunch
		<i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers
		<i>PA Crew:</i> Venise / Jason
Worship Service Collections - Last Sunday: £961.24; Lunch: £44.00; Maintenance Fund: £100.00		Church Maintenance Fund
Attendance - Morning: 33 (A) 9 (C), Afternoon: 20 (A) 7 (C)		Total: £4,630.50
SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 43		
Q: What is the preface to the Ten Commandments?		
<i>A: The preface to the Ten Commandments is in these words, 'I AM THE LORD THY GOD, WHICH HAVE BROUGHT THEE OUT OF THE LAND OF EGYPT, OUT OF THE HOUSE OF BONDAGE.'</i>		
<u>Comments:</u>		
These are the words which precede the Ten Commandments. They were spoken to the children of Israel at Mount Sinai, shortly after their deliverance from the bondage of the Egyptians. And they may be applied to us in token of our deliverance from the bondage of sin.		
<u>Scriptural Reference:</u>		
Exodus 20:2		
MEMORY VERSE		
Last Week	This Week	Next Week
<i>"But when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman, made under the law,"</i>	<i>"To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons."</i>	<i>"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."</i>
Galatians 4:4	Galatians 4:5	John 1:14