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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*

Psalm 62:1-2

Isaiah 55:6-7

*Opening Hymn \**

RHC 46 – “A Mighty Fortress  
Is Our God”

RHC 76 – “Day is Dying in the  
West”

*Opening Prayer \**

John Poh

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*Gloria Patri \**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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*Responsive Reading*

Psalm 142

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*Second Hymn \**

*Psalm 142*  
(to the tune of Vox Dilecti, RHC 298)

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*Announcements & Memory  
Verse*

John Poh

John Poh

*Tithes & Offerings &  
Doxology \**

RHC 399 – “I am Thine, O  
Lord”

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*Scriptural Text*

Joshua 11:1-23

Romans 8:31-36

*Pastoral Prayer*

Mr Mok Chee Cheong

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*Sermon Message*

*God is Faithful that Promised*

*The Five Unanswerable  
Questions*

*Closing Hymn \**

Insert – “We Rest on Thee”

RHC 361 – “Jesus, Lover of My  
Soul”

*Benediction/3-Fold Amen \**

Mr Mok Chee Cheong

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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.

# IS MONEY EVERYTHING?

Adapted from Marantha Messenger, Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2018

Is money everything? George Bernard Shaw, an Irish dramatist and critic, 1856-1950 said, "I am a millionaire. That is my religion." Money was his religion. Money was everything to him. Again he said, "The universal regard for money is the one hopeful fact in our civilization. Money is the most important thing in the world. It represents health, strength, honour, generosity and beauty." New Zealand-born British writer, Katherine Mansfield, 1888-1923 said, "I must say I hate money but it's the lack of it I hate most."

What motivates a man to get rich? Shaw said, "Lack of money is the root of all evil." A French dramatist said, "He must have killed a lot of men to have made so much money." Money can be a form of manipulation. For example, if you want good services, in some countries, all you need to do is to pay a couple of dollars more to expedite the matter. Money could help save you from being convicted for a crime you have committed. Just get the best lawyer in town to fight for you. Money can do magic. Solomon said, "... *but money answereth all things*" (Ecclesiastes 10:19). Money is the answer to everything. Is it true?

## **Can Money meet all our Demands?**

Can money meet all human needs? Many years ago, there was a report in the paper about a woman who used to spend \$32,000 a month on designer clothes and accessories, shoes, facials, cosmetic treatments of her fingernails (manicures), cosmetic treatment of her feet and toenails (pedicures), and jewellery. To her, money was everything. With that kind of money, she could do anything she wants. But now she said, "I don't do this anymore. I don't have the kind of money today" (The Strait Times, "Wife splurged \$32,000 a month on Luxuries," Thursday, February 25, 1999).

This woman whose husband was estimated to be worth a \$100 million dollars, had all the money she could have. Why did she spend \$32,000 a month to beautify herself? Could she have a low self-image? Despite her luxurious living and lifestyle, had she gotten what she wanted? No. Unfortunately, she was still unhappy. Is money everything? No. Money could not buy her a happy marriage. Money could not stop her from divorcing her husband. Money could not stop her husband from seeing his sweetheart (though money could hire a private investigator to track her husband's affair with a woman). Money is not the answer to everything.

Dearly beloved, are you one of those who still believe that money is everything? King Solomon, in his pursuit of happiness and satisfaction of life, had sought satisfaction in every aspect of life - science, philosophy, pleasure, possession, wealth and music, religions, but all in vain. He exclaimed, "*Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher, vanity of vanities; all is vanity*" (Ecclesiastes 1:2).

Is there a way to a life of happiness? The answer to this question is found in the second last verse of chapter 12 of Ecclesiastes: "*Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the whole duty of man.*"

The wealth and pleasures of the world are here for a moment only and offer only a passing satisfaction, a transient happiness and a fleeting contentment. A man's soul is far more precious than all the riches in this world (Mark 8:36, 37). Therefore, don't squander your life in pursuit of a transient satisfaction that will only leave you emptier than before. Don't waste your youth and energy and resources in the things that cannot ease your innermost longings. Don't throw away your eternal soul by chasing an elusive dream that will turn to dust in your hand. May your eyes be opened, your priorities be set right and your true sense of values (like the prodigal son who came to his senses and returned to his father in Luke 15:17, 18) be restored by the carpenter from Galilee. Money is not the answer to everything.

### **What is the Christian's View of Money?**

How should Christians view money? There are certain biblical principles to follow:

1. Christians do not believe that money is evil (1 Timothy 6:10). They believe that money is only a form of commodity exchange. They need it for buying and selling. They do not believe that money is the answer to everything. They are aware that money can lead to many temptations. Some people who desire to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge them into ruin and destruction (1 Timothy 6:9). Why should they wander from the faith and pierce themselves with many sorrows? Let us be warned of the danger of covetousness!
2. Christians do not place their hope in money. They may have some savings in the bank, but that is not what they place their trust in. Their motto is: "In God We Trust," and not in the mighty dollar. Parents should provide for their children (1 Timothy 5:8). They should save enough for rainy days. Some parents buy insurance for their children. They open a bank account for them. They do everything they can to provide for their future needs. That is scriptural and commendable. However, there are some parents whose hope is solely in their mighty dollar. Their motto is: "In the Mighty Purple Note We Trust." (Can you guess what dollar note I am referring to?)  
  
To remind his people not to put their trust in the mighty dollar, God sends us a plague spasmodically. For example, the economic downturn has taught many people a precious lesson not to place their hope in wealth. A person may be a millionaire today and tomorrow a poor man. In First Timothy, Paul warned the rich not to place their trust in uncertain riches (6:17) because money has wings (Proverbs 23:5; 11:28). Instead he exhorted them to share their riches with those who were in need (6:18, 19; Acts 2:44, 45; 4:32; Romans 12:13).
3. A man's life is not made up of the abundance of his possessions (Luke 12:15). Riches do not determine a man's happiness. A friend of mine just lost \$300,000 in shares. Of course, he felt sad about it but he did not mourn over his loss. Instead he gave thanks to God for the lessons learned. That should be the Christian's attitude toward money.

*Some think that they have everything  
When riches come their way,  
But that they're poor will be revealed  
On God's accounting day.*

God has blessed some of you with wealth. May I encourage you to use it to the glory of God. The wise use of money pays eternal dividends. Jesus said, *"So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God"* (Luke 12:21). Some of you may not be blessed with riches. However, this should not stop you from giving glory to God (1 Thessalonians 5:18). Rather you should bring your daily needs to the Lord and wait on him to provide for you (Philippians 4:6, 7; 13). The contented person is never poor; the discontented person is never rich.

*Thinking it over  
What worries do you have about money?  
Which ones can't God take care of?  
Give God your financial worries right now.*

Is money everything? Money is not the answer to everything. A struggling soul rightly said, "It's pretty hard to tell what does bring happiness. Poverty and wealth have both failed." "I don't care too much for money," said the Beatles' song, "Money can't buy me Love." "Money will buy - A bed but not sleep; food but not appetite; a house but not a home; amusement but not happiness; a cross but not a Saviour; a church pew but not heaven." However, what money can't buy for you, Jesus Christ gives freely without charge.

Friend, have you come to a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ? Have you been truly born again? Let me gently remind you that money will not save you from eternal suffering. After you have gone to an unknown world, your loved ones may burn you tons of paper money, buy you the latest paper mobile phone to call for help, or any paraphernalia, but none of these things will help to ease your suffering. Only Jesus can save and rescue you from this impending suffering. Come to Him today!

Jesus said, *"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"* (Matthew 6:19-21).

Dearly beloved, what is your view on money? How should you invest your money? C. T. Studd aptly said, "Only one life, 'twill soon be past; only what's done for Christ will last." May I encourage you to invest your money in God's business, for it surely pays eternal dividends! Amen.

– Rev Colin Wong

# We Rest on Thee

*Lord, it is nothing with thee to help, whether with many, or with them that have no power:  
help us, O Lord our God; for we rest on thee, and in thy name we go. 2 Chr. 14:11*

1. We rest on Thee, our Shield and our De - fend - er! We go not forth a -  
 2. Yes, in Thy Name, O Cap - tain of sal - va - tion! In Thy dear Name, all  
 3. We go in faith, our own great weak - ness feel - ing, And need - ing more each  
 4. We rest on Thee, our Shield and our De - fend - er! Thine is the bat - tle,

lone a - gainst the foe; Strong in Thy strength, safe in Thy keep - ing ten - der,  
 oth - er names a - bove; Je - sus our Right - eous - ness, our sure Foun - da - tion,  
 day Thy grace to know: Yet from our hearts a song of tri - umph peal - ing,  
 Thine shall be the praise; When pass - ing through the gates of pearl - y splen - dor,

We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go. Strong in Thy strength, safe  
 Our Prince of glo - ry and our King of love. Je - sus our Right - eous -  
 "We rest on Thee, and in Thy Name we go." Yet from our hearts a  
 Vic - tors, we rest with Thee, through end - less days. When pass - ing through the

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# 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  |
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| Sat 02 Feb   | <b>No Bible Study &amp; Prayer Meeting</b>   | 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>  | <b>LORD'S DAY DUTIES</b>   |
| <i>Preacher</i>  | Mr Charles Scott-Pearson      Mr Charles Scott-Pearson   | <b><u>TODAY: 27/01/2019</u></b>  |
| <i>Message</i>   | TBC      TBC   | <i>Chairman:</i> John  |
| <i>Text</i>  | TBC      TBC   | <i>Organist:</i> Anthony   |
| <b>NEWS/ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>  |  | <i>Pianist:</i> Venise   |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Sunday School:</b> Sunday School for young children and toddlers will be held at 1:45pm. Please invite friends and family to attend.</li> <li>• <b>Church Pulpit Ministry:</b> Pray for the Pulpit Ministry and for the calling of a new minister.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for the forthcoming preachers:</b> Feb – Mr Charles Scott-Pearson, Mr Graham Chewter. Mar – Mr Charles Scott-Pearson, Rev Lim Chee Boon, Mr Marco Reale.</li> <li>• <b>Pray for Journey Mercies</b> as Mok &amp; Carol leaves us this week for Singapore.</li> <li>• <b>Chinese New Year Carry-in Lunch, Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb:</b> Please see Sis Maureen if you wish to contribute a dish.</li> </ul> |  | <i>Ushers:</i> Tom / Margaret  |
|  |  | <i>Lunch:</i> Jonathan   |
|  |  | <i>Washing Up:</i> Volunteers  |
|  |  | <i>PA Crew:</i> Jason  |
|  |  | <b><u>NEXT WEEK: 03/02/2019</u></b>  |
| <b>Worship Service Collections</b> - Last Sunday: £567.50, Lunch: £33.46<br><b>Attendance</b> - Morning: 27 (A) 6 (C), Afternoon: 18 (A) 6 (C)   |  | <b>Church Maintenance Fund</b><br><b>Total: £4,630.50</b>  |
| <b>SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 49</b>   |  |  |
| <b>Q: Which is the Second Commandment?</b><br><i>A: The Second Commandment is, THOU SHALT NOT MAKE UNTO THEE ANY GRAVEN IMAGE, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth, THOU SHALT NOT BOW DOWN THYSELF TO THEM, NOR SERVE THEM: for I the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.</i>  |  |  |
| <u>Comments:</u><br>The First Commandment tells us whom we are to worship. The Second tells us how we are to worship him. It tells us we must not think to represent God to our minds by any image visible or even conceivable, or that he will accept such worship at our hands. We must worship God, who is a Spirit, in spirit and in truth. We are here likewise told that God visits the iniquity of the fathers upon the children; but this does not mean that the children have to bear the <i>guilt</i> of the fathers. It means only that bad fathers are punished by seeing the evils of their misconduct entailed upon their children, while good fathers are cheered and rewarded by the opposite.                 |  |  |
| <b>MEMORY VERSE</b>  |  |  |
| <b>Last Week</b><br><i>"Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time:<br/>           Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."<br/>           1 Peter 5:6-7</i>   | <b>This Week</b><br><i>"Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life."<br/>           John 6:47</i> | <b>Next Week</b><br><i>"Thus saith the LORD, thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel; I am the LORD thy God which teacheth thee to profit, which leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go."<br/>           Isaiah 48:17</i> |