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SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

1 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.

Preparatory Hymn

Jason Tey

Prelude

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim

*Hymn

HOP 360 We Praise Thee, O God

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 71:9-24

Hymn

HOP 237 It Is Well with My Soul

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Numbers 26:52-56

Hymn

HOP 262 Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip

2 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.

3 The Lord Bless You and Keep 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.

My Lot In Life

*Hymn

HOP 285 He Leadeth Me

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2015: "WALK WORTHY OF THE LORD UNTO ALL PLEASING" (Colossians 1:10)

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WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

My dear readers,

Today we continue from last week:

1. “Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy” (Exod 20:8)

“Day of all the week the best, Emblem of eternal rest.”

The preparation: How should we prepare? It is a matter of devotion: How much do you care? Do you truly love God?

“Preparation of the heart” should be a prevailing engagement of the mind. My Lord means so much to me. *“As the hart panteth after the water brooks, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God?”* (Ps 42:1-2).

Saturday evening/night should be marked out *“holy unto the Lord.”* To let the world or some temporal business strain and drain our energy and resources will not leave us in a fit state for holy worship the next day.

As for Lord’s Day morning preparation, let God’s people rise up early (except those on essential/shift duty) to prepare to worship the Lord with heart and soul and mind and strength.

To arrive early for worship is to honour the Lord. Therefore leave home **early**, and aim to be seated in the sanctuary **ten minutes** before time for heart preparation. To habitually and consistently arrive late in God’s house is dishonouring the Lord. The same latecomers dare not insult the world’s VVIPs.

To worship the Lord in Spirit and in truth (John 4:24), the place of worship must be sanctified, meaning, “set apart for God’s use.” Anything dishonouring to God must not be permitted.

The building, Sanctuary, architecture, furniture, decoration, *“sights and sounds,”* must not be worldly. Be reminded, therefore, that “friendship of the world is enmity with God” (James 4:4). To bring into God’s house the *“sights and sounds”* of the world is *“enmity with God.”* God cannot be worshipped *“in Spirit and in truth”* if there are those things which detract from God’s holiness. (Beware: handphones! Ipad!) Consider then worldly music and instruments, worldly decorations, lighting effects, activities and performances, etc.

What about worldly attire? Never let into the Sanctuary unholy fashions. Honour the Lord by your appearance!

A glimpse of worship in Heaven (Rev 5:6-14): *“And he came and took the book out of the right hand of him that sat upon the throne. And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders: and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever. And the four beasts said, Amen. And the four and twenty elders fell down and worshipped him that liveth for ever and ever.”*

2. Treading the outskirts of heaven

By God’s unspeakable love and kindness, Grandfather was called to salvation at the age of nineteen. Often I have wondered, thinking of Grandfather through the years long after his departure, what it was that kept him so resolute and steadfast in his walk with God. Now I know, and am fully persuaded that like Abraham, Grandfather had by faith seen the City of God afar off (Heb 11:13). That turned his life direction from earth to Heaven. Lovingly, God had shown him the Heavenly City. Once seen, Grandfather was fully persuaded and confessed that he was but a stranger and a pilgrim on earth (Heb 11:13). Such godly persuasion never dies, but had enduring power which carried him through sixty-four blessed years until the final call of God came when he was eighty-three. This desire and longing for the City of God so gripped him that his entire lifestyle and conduct were transformed. Allow me to express in words what I observed in his way of life.

“If my home is in Heaven, where my God and Maker awaits my arrival, should not each day of this life be lived as in His presence? After all, we believers all know that our God sees us afar off, and observes our every action and movement, and He is very interested, nay, intimately concerned with all that we do, even as a caring Father watches over each and every child. How then should I walk, but to bring honour and glory to His name?”

With Holy Spirit illumination, what the believer’s response ought to be becomes crystal clear. Yes, I am a child of God, a follower of the Lamb. He died for me, saved me and purchased me, and gave me new life — His life. I am no more my own, but I belong to Him. Should I not, even now, walk as in His presence? Praise God, His love constrains me to show my gratitude by giving Him my body, a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to Him. With joy then I walk with my Lord, as in His presence, on earth as in Heaven. Yet, *not yet!* I tread each day just the outskirts, awaiting His call. Before then, *“Lord, order my life accordingly, in Thy righteous pathways. Let me burn and shine for Thee each day,”* just as what Grandfather did in his day. If he had a motto for life, it would have been **“Holiness unto the Lord.”**

God filled his thinking: each day Grandfather spoke only words of edifying and godly concern. God filled his lips with prayer and praise. In moments of ecstatic longing, he would cry out in the night watches, *“Lord, receive the soul of Thy unworthy servant unto Thyself.”* God filled his eyes with holy discernment, to see only the things approved of God and to guard the eye gate from lustful sights. *“O be careful little eyes what you see! Lord, keep my eyes from beholding what may become a temptation.”* God took his hands and feet, and kept them busy with holy activities, for His own glory. God filled his entire being — his desires, aspirations, longings — with all godliness and holiness. Grandfather was truly a man wholly given to God. Not once did a careless or hurtful word escape his lips. He cultivated no worldly friendships, visited no place of entertainment, wasted no time in unprofitable employment.

We sing oftentimes the hymn by Mary James, *“All for Jesus, all for Jesus, all my being’s ransomed powers.”* But how many of us truly mean *“all”*? For Grandfather, his life expressed it all. I thank God for the years with this man of God. Not what he said, but how he lived left an unforgettable impact on my own thinking and way of life. May God help me also, like Grandfather, to tread each day the earthly pathway as it were the outskirts of Heaven.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour’s Service,
Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Lunch Fellowship:** Please stay behind for lunch fellowship after the Church service today.
2. **Holy Communion:** Please prepare your hearts for the Lord's Supper which will be observed next Sunday.
3. **Church July Family Camp:** We would like to invite all worshippers to join us for our annual Family Camp at Orchard Glory Farm Resort from Sunday 5th to Thursday 9th of July. Reverend Prabhudas Koshy, Pastor of Gethsemane BP Church in Singapore, will conduct a series of messages on this year's theme, "Walk Worthy of the Lord" (Col 1:10). He will be accompanied by his wife, Mrs Carolyn Koshy, who will be leading the children's program. Please pray, encourage one other to come and prepare to learn God's Word together.
4. **Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:**
 - Thank God for a blessed Mens Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship last week.
 - Thank God for Youth 180° and CYPG outing yesterday.
 - For spiritual protection of the Session.
 - Spiritual and physical protection for Elder James, Sister Choon Fang and Sister Joyce Yip participating in the mission trips. Also pray for Sister Joyce's involvement in the children ministry in Myanmar and Cebu.
 - Planning and preparation for the July family camp and the camp speaker Reverend Koshy.
 - Re-building of Nehemiah Place and the building committee to have wisdom and clear direction to proceed with the project.
 - God's leading and timing in restarting the Mandarin Worship Service once a month.
 - Those who are working away from home and travelling.
 - Those who are spiritually and physically unwell.
 - Safety and Security in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	26/4 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	3/5 COMBINED - Holy Communion
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim	Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong
Prep Hymns	Jason Tey	Claude Yiu
Musician(s)	Lydia Pui	Winnie Lim
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Bernie Clarke
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Yi Choong Liew, Jason Tey, Steven Sun Dn Michael Lee	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia, Mark Heath, Eugene Leong, Kenny Tan
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng, Shie Tian Wong	Kenny Chia, Ruth Wong, Camilia Sin
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Adrian Ng
Kitchen Duties	Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng, Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong	Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng, Valerie Wan, Edward Ee
JSS Singspiration	Valerie/Yi Jye	Holy Communion
Toddler Class Assistant	Lydia/Ka Yui	Yi Mey/An Ning
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	
Old Folks' Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Karen Ee)	Mark Heath (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Jason Tey	Hall A: Dn Adrian Cheng Hall B: Rev Joseph Poon
Bayswater	Allan Ang	Allan Ang

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	28/4	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip, Dn Adrian Cheng, Karen Ee
Friday	1/5	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	3/5	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English & Mandarin Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	Holy Communion Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:00pm	Mandarin Choir
		12:15pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30pm	Nursing Home: Ben Ritcher Lodge – 480 Guildford Road, Bayswater

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (19/4)

Attendance: 197 (Combined-164; JSS-33); Prayer Meeting: 48
 Offerings in Total: \$8197.40
 General Fund: \$7897.40 (#3894-\$372.65; #Mission-\$300)

SHORTER CATECHISM: What is required in the sixth commandment? The sixth commandment requireth all lawful endeavors to preserve our own life, and the life of others. (Eph 5:28-29).