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For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

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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

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Lydia Pui

Call to Worship

Robert Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng

*Hymn

HOP 364 Praise Him! Praise Him!

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalms 88:10-18

Hymn

HOP 367 He Lifted Me

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Choir Presentation

God's Promises

Scripture Reading

Psalms 23

Hymn

HOP 249 Stepping in the Light

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim

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.

The LORD is my Shepherd

*Hymn

HOP 286 Surely Goodness and Mercy

*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,

(Excerpts from RPG “Morning & Evening” Jan – Mar 1997, Mar 27 / Mar 19 / Mar 23 / Mar 9).

1. Let us ... turn again to the Lord

The loving wife longs for the absent husband’s return, for “absence makes the heart grow fonder.” Separation from one’s spouse is a sorrow exceeded only by death. We who deeply love the Saviour must see the smile on His face or our days would be mournful and cheerless.

Loving children who honour their father with filial affection are greatly grieved if he should cast a reproaching glance, or point an accusing finger. So it is with every true child of the Father. Should He reprove by a Scripture text, or apply even if lightly the rod of affliction, we would go at once to the Father’s feet crying, “Show me my fault, O Father.”

Is it so with you? Are you content to follow the Lord afar off? Can you bear to have your Beloved walking contrary to you, because you are walking contrary to His law? Have your sins stood between you and your God, and you are not alarmed? O be warned: it is a perilous thing to live happily without the smile of the Saviour’s face! It is a great evil that you feel little love for your dying Saviour, little joy in His presence and little fellowship with Him.

Awake! O Christian! Grieve over your hardness of heart. Think again how you first found salvation, how the Saviour received you with tender loving arms. Go at once to the cross. There your spirit will be quickened and revived. No matter how ungrateful and unfilial we may have become, let us return to the Lord in our rags and defiled state. At the foot of the cross, the loving Saviour’s cleansing flow – that fountain filled with blood – will wash us once again, and we will be restored to simple faith and tenderness of heart. But we must turn again to the Lord.

Without Him life is worthless and tasteless.

2. Only Christ died for us

Blessed be His name, the only name under heaven given among men whereby we can be saved (Acts 4:12). In Him was no sin: neither original nor actual sin had defiled Him. Therefore, death had no claim on Him. No man could have taken His life from Him justly, and none could have slain Him by force. "I lay it down of myself" (John 10:18) said our Good Shepherd. "Greater love hath no man than this ..." (John 15:13).

Herein is the love of God revealed, the mystery of the atonement: God sent His Son to be "the propitiation for our sins" (1 John 4:10). Man sins and his Maker suffers. Justice was made a mockery by us, but found its satisfaction in Christ. Nothing that we could have done could have availed for the removal of sin: not rivers of tears, mountains of offerings, lifetimes of service – nothing but the blood of Jesus.

At Calvary, He was cut off for us, and the cause of wrath was removed at once, for sin was put away for ever. Herein is God's wisdom: by substitution – God dying for man – full atonement was made, once and for all. No more is there any need for penance, self-mortification, pilgrimages, or any other man-made ways of gaining merit with God. The Lamb of God has paid our debt in full. On the cross, He cried, "It is finished" (John 19:30)!

Dear reader, do you see the Saviour bleeding for you, in your stead? Look to Him, God's own Son, your representative, bearing away your sins, every one of them. Look only to Him, not to any other person, not to any priest or pastor, not to Mary or any beautiful image. Only Jesus! No one else died for you, only He, our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ.

“Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: For I am God, and there is none else” (Isa 45:22).

3. The love of Christ

The love of Christ in its sweetest, its fullness, its greatness, its faithfulness, surpasses all human comprehension. What language can describe His matchless and unparalleled love towards the children of men? For the love of a lost humanity, the Second Person of the holy Godhead, forsook heaven’s glory for lowly earth and the depths of shame.

We cannot understand or even imagine His previous glory and majesty, when He was enthroned in the highest heaven with God the Father. By Him were the heavens made, and all the hosts thereof. His almighty hands upheld the spheres in countless billions of galaxies. The praises of cherubim and seraphim perpetually surrounding Him, with chorus of hallelujahs flowing to His throne. Our Lord Jesus reigned thus before His incarnation.

Just to become a man was already an inexpressible sacrifice. But to be “a man of sorrows” far exceeded the former. Christ came to suffer, to bleed and die, to hang on the cross of shame and cry in bitter anguish, “My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?” (Ps 22:1). Such was the depth, the height, the length, the breadth of His divine, infinite, condescending love.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us that He should give us His Son! And what manner of love that the Son should become as one of us to take our place, bear our burden, and die our death! Such love flows only from the Lord of love, the Lover of our souls, Jesus the Christ.

His love conquered my heart, made me His captive for life.

God bless all readers.

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

CHOIR PRESENTATION – GOD’S PROMISES

God hath not promised
skies always blue,
Flower strewn pathways
all our lives through;
God hath not promised
sun without rain,
Joy without sorrow,
peace without pain.

Refrain

But God hath promised
strength for the day,
Rest for the labor, light for the way,
Grace for the trials, help from above,
Unfailing sympathy, undying love.

God hath not promised
we shall not know
Toil and temptation,
trouble and woe;
He hath not told us we shall not bear
Many a burden, many a care.

Refrain

God hath not promised
smooth roads and wide,
Swift, easy travel, needing no guide;
Never a mountain rocky and steep,
Never a river turbid and deep.

Refrain

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. City Evangelism:** whether you are experienced in evangelism or wanting to learn how to evangelise, we will be going for our bi-monthly city outreach today. Please meet at 1:45pm in Church for a briefing. The outreach will conclude in Church with testimonies at 5pm. Please keep this outreach in prayer this afternoon.
- 2. Congratulations:** to Brother Eddie Foo and Sister Carol Wee for the safe arrival of a granddaughter, Kaitlin Kwong, born on last Sunday the 15th November. Thank God their daughter Wendy and the baby are doing well.
- 3. Lunch Fellowship:** will be held next Sunday after the Worship Service. All are welcome. Please bring a dish to share.

4. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship: Will be held in two weeks' time on Sunday 6th December starting with dinner at Church at 6pm. Messages will start at 7:15pm with the ladies meeting downstairs, Sister Sharon speaking on the topic The Samaritan Woman: From Sinner to Saint. The men will be meeting in the upstairs sanctuary. Rev Joseph will speak on David: Functioning Under Pressure. All are welcome.

5. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the diligent service of the Sunday School teachers and the helpers assisting the Junior Sunday School. May God grant them wisdom and strength to prepare and teach the lessons faithfully. May the children be trained up in the way of the Lord, so that when they are old they will not depart from His Word (Proverbs 22:6).
- Thank God for the opportunity to evangelise this afternoon. Pray for God's protection to all those who are participating, and the non-believers who have received the gospel tracts, that they may come to the saving knowledge of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
- Thank God for seeing Brother Yew Jinn through his first year of study at the bible college. Pray for his service with the church during his study break.
- Pray for the Church Session and congregation to put their trust in God, love His counsels and be built up in the knowledge of Him.
- Pray for the brethren who are sick and spiritually unwell.
- Pray for Dn Stephen Chia's eye surgery on Thursday the 26th of November.
- Pray for Brother Stephen Cheng. Pray for God's healing. May the Lord grant him the grace and strength to be able to bear the bodily pain.
- Pray for the planning and preparation of the Mandarin Family Camp (28-31 March 2016).
- God's guidance and wisdom in the re-development of Nehemiah Place.
- God's will and leading on re-starting of the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service.
- Pray for protection in and around the church and homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	22/11 COMBINED	29/11 COMBINED - Lunch Fellowship
Speaker/Interpreter	Elder James Wong/Sonny Lim	Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Robert Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng	Dn Michael Lee/Kong Vui Yip
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Allan Ang
Musician(s)	Lydia Pui	Karen Ee
Welcomers	Terry Chong, Lydia Chong, Julia Sun	Allen Liew, Fiona Liew, Lilian Yong
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Caleb Cheng, Claude Yiu Yi Choong Liew, Steven Sun Dn Stephen Chia	*Allen Liew, *Allan Ang, Eugene Leong Alex Luu, Dn Joel Wong Dn Adrian Cheng
Ushers	Caleb Cheng, Rowena Cheng Angeline Yong	Dn Joel Wong, Shie Tian Wong Lee Lee Yong
P.A. System	Kenny Chia	Yi Choong Liew
Kitchen Duties	Lilian Yong, Victoria Lew, Yung Tsing Mew, Julia Sun, Ilhoa Ramachandran	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng Christine Chia, Ming Ming Th'ng Mable Soon
JSS Singspiration	Valerie Wan/Kenny Chia	Yung Tsing Mew/Yi Mey Tan
Toddler Class Assistant	Ka Yii Yip/Lydia Chong	Yi Mey Tan/An Ning
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Yew Jinn Chieng (Karen Ee)	Robert Wong (Ruth Wong)
South Perth	Hall A: Rev Joseph Poon Hall B: Allan Ang	Hall A: Allan Ang Hall B: Yew Jinn Chieng
Bayswater	Allan Ang	Yew Jinn Chieng
Berrington	Yew Jinn Chieng	Edward Ee

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	24/11	7:30pm	Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Yew Jinn Chieng, Dn Adrian Cheng, Audrey Liow
Friday	27/11	7:30pm	Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG
Sunday	29/11	8:30am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00am	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 Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (15/11)

Attendance: 190 (Combined-158; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 66
Offerings in Total: \$7344.40; General Fund: \$7344.40

SHORTER CATECHISM: What rule hath God given for our direction in prayer? The whole Word of God is of use to direct us in prayer (1 John 5:14); but the special rule of direction is that form of prayer which Christ taught his disciples, commonly called the Lord's Prayer (Matt 6:9-13).