



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

July 3rd, 2016

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.

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.

Preparatory Hymn

Claude Yiu

Prelude

Winnie Lim

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 33 Blessed Be the Name

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 106:16-31

Holy Communion [Michael, Adrian, Stephen, Joel, Robert, Kong Vui]

Hymn

HOP 92 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

HOP 101 At the Cross

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 2:21

Hymn

HOP 133 O Breath of Life

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Prabhudas Koshy/Yew Jinn Chieng

For the Master's Use

*Hymn

HOP 396 Give of Your Best to the Master

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 3

*Congregation Standing



Theme for 2016: "SANCTIFIED, AND MEET FOR THE MASTER'S USE" (2 Timothy 2:21)

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WORDS FROM OUR FOUNDING PASTOR

My dear readers,

I Found Peace at Calvary

(Dr SH Tow, Reformation Banner Mar/Apr 1978)

THERE IS MUCH TRUTH in the Chinese proverb which says: it is better to be a peace-time dog than a war-time man. For what is life without peace — peace in the land, peace at home and above all, peace in the heart? When human relationships go wrong, peace is lost. Take for example, the lawbreaker. He faces the penalty of the law, and the mere thought of appearing before the judge causes unspeakable mental anguish. When the process of law has taken its course, the lawbreaker is required to pay the price for his offence, whatever it may be. The traffic violator pays a fine, the housebreaker goes to prison, the murderer to the gallows. These are the law's demands.

The law is severe, but it is necessary for the welfare and protection of society. We must all respect the law, or we shall have no peace.

There is yet another law to which we are subject — the law of God our Maker. He rules supreme over human affairs and we are accountable to Him for our actions. God's law is high and holy, and it demands perfect obedience from every man. In our fallen condition, it is impossible to keep God's law. The Bible gives an accurate description of our condition. It says, *"There is none righteous, no, not one ... For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God"* (Rom 3:10, 23). We are all lawbreakers. Furthermore, there is a judgement day coming when we must account for our performance in this life. And while an offender of the law in Singapore may escape detection, none shall escape God's judgement day. On that day, you and I shall appear before Him to receive His righteous judgement.

How have you been doing in your life? Let us pause a moment and consider this question. Have we done our best? And is our best good enough? Can I pass the test of God's all-seeing eyes looking into every area of my life? What would He see if He were to walk through each chamber and concealed corner of my heart? While men look at the outside, God looks at the inside. There is nothing hid from him, for He understands all our imaginations and thoughts. As I examine my own life honestly and soberly, I am overwhelmed by a sense of failure, for I know that my performance is far short of God's requirement. God's standard is perfection in every area and at all times. My failures and imperfections in thought, word and deed, stand out under the searchlight of God's examination. There is no escape. God's Word says, all unrighteousness is sin and the wages of sin is death. And no matter how hard I try by my own self, I find no way of improving my performance. Does this fit in with your experience? It surely does with mine.

So, I find that I am in a desperate and hopeless situation. My performance has earned me nothing but the wages of death. Death means separation from God, the source of life, goodness and happiness. This condition may be likened to that of a little child, lost in the jungle, separated from home and parents, far from the source of life and happiness. His world has collapsed, and so has ours, when we realise that our sins have separated us from God and condemned us to a lifeless and joyless eternity ahead. It is a place called hell. Jesus describes hell as *"outer darkness (where there is) be weeping and gnashing of teeth"* (Matt 8:12).

We need someone to deliver us, someone to save from sin, death and hell! I cannot help you, neither can I help myself. We are in the same boat. God's Word is true: *"For all have sinned"* (Rom 3:23a), *"there is none righteous, no, not one"* (Rom 3:10). No man, no human being can help me. Help must come from elsewhere. Help must come from God Himself!

In mankind's dark hour, God intervened. The Bible tells us, *"The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance"* (2 Pet 3:9). *"Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins"* (1 Jn 4:10). God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto Himself. Ponder again the profound last statement.

My friends, that is the meaning of the Cross. That is the meaning of Calvary. On that hill, Jesus laid down His life, and gave Himself *"for a world of lost sinners."* He gave His precious life-blood as a ransom for many — for you and for me. He died that we might live.

There was a day in my life when I was faced with the problem of sin and its awful consequence. I had no peace as I struggled with that burden. One day, I heard the Gospel. *"The wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord"* (Rom 6:23). This is Good News. This is the Gospel. The love of God drew me to the Saviour on the cross of Calvary. As I looked, I saw that indeed Jesus had died in my place, the just for the unjust, that He might bring me to God. At that moment, I received Him as my own Saviour, and my burden rolled away. In its place God gave me peace and life everlasting. God's Word is true. *"He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life: and he that believeth not the Son shall not see life; but the wrath of God abideth on him"* (Jn 3:36).

My dear Reader, if you are troubled by your burden, the Saviour bids you come. I found peace at Calvary, and you can find it too.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Welcome:** We warmly welcome Reverend Prabhudas and Mrs Carolyn Koshy in our midst this morning. Thank God for journey mercies. Please continue to pray for Rev Koshy's preaching ministries at BPCWA and Mrs Koshy who will be running the children's program at camp.
- 2. Church Family Camp:** Begins this afternoon. Please plan to arrive at Orchard Glory Farm Resort by 3:30 pm. Camp briefing will begin at 4:30 pm in the main function hall. Camp messages will be made available online immediately after each session at <http://www.bpcwa.org.au/familycamp>.
- 3. Recess:** The Old Folk's Ministry this afternoon and Tuesday (5th July) Prayer Meeting will be in recess for one week due to Family Camp.
- 4. Family Seminar:** Will be held this Friday (8/7) and Sunday (10/7) by Rev Koshy. Bringing up children will become increasingly challenging in these times. We warmly invite and encourage worshippers and friends to come and learn on the subjects relating to families and parenting from the Bible. For session time, please refer to the table below. (announcement item 6)
- 5. Church Combined Fellowship Meeting:** Will be held this Friday (8/7) at 7:30 pm. Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy will be sharing. Mandarin translation will be available so please continue to invite families and friends to listen to God's Word.
- 6. July Program:** Following are the programs in July summarised for your reference. Please mark in your calendar and prayerfully participate in the programs.

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
8 th July (Friday)	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Family Seminar
	7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship with translation
9 th July (Saturday)	10:00 am - 3:00 pm	Session Retreat Led by Rev Koshy
10 th July (Sunday)	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Family Seminar (Continued)
11 th - 13 th July (Monday - Wednesday)	9:00 am - 12:00 pm	Children Holiday Bible Program
17 th July (Sunday)	6:00 pm	Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting
23 rd July (Saturday)	10:30 am	Seniors' Fellowship
31 st July (Sunday)	1:45 pm - 5:00 pm	City Evangelism

7. Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: The deadline for registration is 8th July, with the courses starting on 11th July. Please hand in the form today to Mark Heath so that you can be registered.

8. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the safe arrival of Reverend and Mrs Koshy.
- Thank God for guiding all the preparations planned for the camp. Pray for journey mercies, good weather, and safety at the campsite, the speakers, fellowship and each camper's receptiveness to learn God's Word.
- Pray for the Family Seminars, Session Retreat, Children's Holiday Program and various other activities as planned in July.
- Continue to pray for the design, translation and compilation of the 30th year thanksgiving magazine.
- Pray for the 2 projects currently undergoing on the extension of the rear car park towards Jeremiah House and replacing the near collapsing fences with color-bond fences and retained-wall at the south-side of Jeremiah House.
- Pray for God's will and leading in re-starting the Mandarin Sunday Worship Service once a month.
- Pray for those who are suffering from physical infirmities and those who may be struggling spiritually.
- Continue to pray for the brethren who are searching for job. May God's protection and grace be with the brethren who are working away from home and to those who are travelling.
- Pray for physical and spiritual safety in and around the church and in the homes of worshippers.

SERVICE DUTY	3/7 COMBINED - Holy Communion	10/7 COMBINED
Speaker/Interpreter	Rev Prabhudas Koshy/Yew Jinn Chieng	Rev Prabhudas Koshy/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Dn Adrian Cheng/Kong Vui Yip	Elder James Wong/Yew Jinn Chieng
Prep Hymns	Claude Yiu	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Lydia Pui
Welcomers	Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Mark Heath	Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu, Kenny Chia Yan Wei, Mark Heath, Kenny Tan	*Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Adrian Ng Kenny Tan, Dn Joel Wong, Dn Stephen Chia
Ushers	Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong	Adrian Ng, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng
P.A. System	Yi Choong Liew	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew Yung Tsing Mew, Julia Sun Illhoa Ramachandran	Yi San Chieng, Margaret Ng, Christine Chia Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon
Toddler Class Assistant	Yi Mey Tan/Victoria Lew	Shirlyn Lee/Lee Chin Yong
Transport	Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709)	

Old Folks' Home Ministry

Subiaco	Family Camp (Recess)	Yew Jinn Chieng (Ruth Wong)
South Perth		Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Caleb Cheng
Berrington		Yew Jinn Chieng

APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK

Tuesday	5/7	7:30 pm	Family Camp (Recess)
Wednesday	6/7	7:30 pm	FEBC Inter Semester Course Screening: Leviticus (Recess)
Friday	8/7	10:00 am - 4:00 pm	Family Seminars
		7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship Meeting
Sunday	10/7	8:30 am	Pre-Service Prayer Meeting
		9:00 am	English & Mandarin Sunday School/English Basic Bible Knowledge Class
		10:00 am	Sunday Combined Worship Service
		12:15 pm	Church Van Depart
		2:00 pm	Nursing Home: Concorde – 25 Anstey Street, South Perth Onslow Gardens – 39 Hamersley Road, Subiaco
		3:30 pm	Nursing Home: Berrington, Subiaco – 45 Bishop St, Jolimont
		3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	Family Seminars (continue)

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (26/6)

Attendance: 209 (Combined-181; JSS-28); Prayer Meeting: 71

Offerings in Total: \$6293.70; General Fund: \$6293.70

(#4058-289.70; #4059-#35.50; #4060-215.00, #4061-Family Camp-\$511.00)

SHORTER CATECHISM: How doth Christ execute the office of a priest? Christ executeth the office of a priest, in his once offering up of himself a sacrifice to satisfy divine justice, (Isaiah 53; Acts 8:32-35; Hebrews 9:26-28; Hebrews 10:12) and reconcile us to God; (Romans 5:10-11; 2 Corinthians 5:18; Colossians 1:21-22) and in making continual intercession for us. (Romans 8:34; Hebrews 7:25; Hebrews 9:24)