



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

August 7th, 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

Sharon Poon

Call to Worship

Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong

*Hymn

HOP 38 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 1

Responsive Reading

Psalm 107:33-43

Holy Communion [James, Michael, Adrian, Stephen, Joel, Mark]

Hymn

HOP 96 Lead Me to Calvary

HOP 94 Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Doxology 2/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

1 Corinthians 10:12-13

Hymn

HOP 296 Day by Day

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Understanding Temptation

*Hymn

HOP 309 Yield Not To Temptation

*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,

O death, where is thy sting?

(Dr SH Tow, Reformation Banner July 1975)

The supreme anguish and pain of parting drives man to the extreme in his desperate quest for reunion with the departed. One of the latest innovation is the deep-freeze cap-sule, an American brainwave reported in the *Daily Express* of London on 21 June 1975. Cooled to 327 degrees below ze-ro, deep-frozen bodies lie in arctic soli-tude, awaiting the day when science will have discovered a way of bringing the dead back to life — and reunion with the living. Man ignores the fact that death had been conquered some 2000 years ago and that eternal life can be his as a free gift.

ANN DE BLASIO was a beautiful woman in love with life when, at the age of 35, she developed can-cer and, as the medical profession would say, “died.”

Her husband and a refrigeration engineer called Curtis Anderson, plus the growing numbers of the New York Cryonics Society, how-ever, believe that she merely “stop-ped living.” Her body, deep-frozen and preserved at a cost of US\$50,000, now awaits scientists of the 21st century to bring it back to life. Meantime, De Blasio visits his beloved daily in her icy mausoleum while Anderson offers the prospect of everlasting life at S\$113,500 per taker. If this novel method of dis-posing of the dead should catch on, refrigeration engineers will soon be in short supply.

Whatever one might think of Anderson, he is, at least, honest in his claims. He says, “We definitely don’t promise to bring people back to life. All we promise is the even-tual possibility . . . It could be in the year 2000 or even

later. I must admit that so far no one has gone not deep-freeze and been brought back to life.” Anderson is an avowed atheist.

Death is man’s mortal enemy, which he has yet to conquer. Man has conquered the barriers of sound and space, the secrets of microbes and atoms, the mysteries of health and disease. But he has no answer to the enemy he must face one day, and from whom he has no escape.

We are familiar with that great Oratorio “*The Messiah*” composed by Handel in 1742, and which has been performed perennially through-out the world ever since. This piece of immortal music gives an account of God’s prescribed remedy to man’s fatal malady. Music-lovers delight to listen to “*The Messiah*” whenever it is performed. Many go merely for the sake of the music and miss the message — words of hope and everlasting life, words taken from the great Book of Life, the Bible.

Read again those words from Handel’s *Messiah*:

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first-fruits of them that sleep. Since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. For this corruptible must put on incorruption and this mortal must put on immortality.

Then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written: Death is swallowed up in victory!

O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin, and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Listen again to the words of Jesus Christ: *“I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?”* (Jn 11:25, 26).

These are no empty words, but are backed up by the historical records of the life of Christ. During His three-year ministry, His works belonged to the realm of the supra-human, or if you like, the miraculous. He healed the sick, raised the dead, walked on the sea, changed water into wine, fed thousands with five loaves and two fishes. His ultimate manifestation of divine power: He rose from the dead and in the space of forty days showed Himself alive by many infallible proofs, to hundreds of eye-witnesses. The same power of God which raised Jesus from the dead will raise those who believe in Him.

Therefore, in Christ we have the sure promise of joyous reunion with departed believers. *“And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.”* (Rev 21:4)

Dear Readers, have you settled the problem of death? If not, I urge you, do it now. This life is –certain. If you die in sin, you find yourself in hell and will be tormented for eternity. If you believe in Christ who died for your sin, you will have all your sins forgiven and you will find yourself in heaven. Life is very brief and transient. Like the morning mist on the hills, it is there one moment, and gone the next. God’s offer of eternal life is free for the asking. You receive it the moment you believe in Jesus. I did that more than forty

years ago and never looked back. In Christ there is safety and certainty. There is a day of reunion, never to part again. Why then trust in the deep-freeze capsule of icy uncertainty? Or any other way? Isn't this foolishness?

God bless you dear readers.

Yours faithfully in the Saviour's Service,

Dr SH Tow

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

- 1. Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship:** Will be held tonight starting with dinner at church at 6 pm. Messages start at 7:15 pm with the ladies meeting downstairs. Sister Sharon will be speaking on "Joanna: An Example of Service". The men will be meeting in the upstairs sanctuary with Rev Joseph speaking on "David: Moments of Weakness". Mandarin interpretation will be available. All are welcome.
- 2. Combined Fellowship Series 1, 2 & 3:** This series will be held over three Fridays (19/8, 26/8 & 9/9). The first of the series will be held next Friday the 19th August at 7:30 pm. There will be Mandarin interpretation and everyone is welcome to attend these sessions. Details on the topics will be announced next Sunday.
- 3. Mandarin Family Care Group Meeting:** Will be held on Sunday the 21st of August at 6 pm. Details to follow next week.

4. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the brethren who participated in the city evangelism last Sunday. Pray for those who have heard the gospel and have received tracts that they may come to know Christ.
- Thank God for the Murdoch University Outreach last Thursday. Pray for the new students and friends that were spoken to and invited to our church.
- Pray for tonight's Men's Fellowship and Ladies' Fellowship.
- Continue to pray for the students, friends and new families who have been worshipping with us in the last few months. Pray for their studies, their spiritual growth and salvation of those who are not believers.
- Continue to uphold the Church Session and church ministries in prayer.
- Continue to pray for the design, translation and compilation of the 30th year thanksgiving magazine.
- Pray for the maintenance projects around the church, including the extension of the rear car park towards Jeremiah House, replacement of collapsing fences with colour-bond fences and a retaining-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 sick and who may be discouraged and struggling spiritually.
- Pray for those who are still searching for a job, for God's protection and grace to 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 | 7/8 COMBINED - HOLY COMMUNION | 14/8 COMBINED |
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| Speaker/Interpreter | Rev Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim | Rev Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip |
| Worship Leader/Interpreter | Dn Adrian Cheng/Dn Joel Wong | Dn Joel Wong/Sonny Lim |
| Prep Hymns | Claude Yiu | Allan Ang |
| Musician(s) | Sharon Poon | Lydia Pui |
| Welcomers | Jonathan Woo, Bonnie Woo, Yi Choong Liew | Eddie Foo, Carol Wee, Albert Ho |
| Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering | *Jonathan Woo, *Claude Yiu Kenny Chia, Yan Wei, Kenny Tan Yi Choong Liew | *Eddie Foo, *Albert Ho, Claude Yiu Allan Ang, Dn Adrian Cheng Dn Stephen Chia |
| Ushers | Kenny Chia, Yi San Chieng, Ruth Wong | Claude Yiu, Lilian Cheo, Ellainne Cheng |
| P.A. System | Caleb Cheng | Caleb Cheng |
| Kitchen Duties | Yi Min Chieng, Yi San Chieng Lily Liow, Shuin Ning Jong | Lilian Cheo, Irene Yap, Yi Jye Chieng Valerie Wan, Edward Ee |
| Toddler Class Assistant | Ellainne Cheng/An Ning | Shirlyn Lee /Yi Mey Tan |
| Transport | Eugene Leong (0401 155 386) / Allan Ang (0433 032 709) | |

| Old Folks' Home Ministry | | |
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| Subiaco | Mark Heath (Hannah Th'ng) | Allan Ang (Hannah Th'ng) |
| South Perth | Hall A: Kenny Tan Hall B: Caleb Cheng | Hall A: Mark Heath Hall B: Jason Tey |
| Berrington | Mark Heath | Allan Ang |

| APPOINTMENTS OF THE WEEK | | | |
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| Tuesday | 9/8 | 10:00 am | Mandarin Bible Study |
| | | 7:30 pm | Prayer Meeting: Rev Joseph Poon/Dn Joel Wong, Mark Heath, Mew Yung Tsing |
| Wednesday | 10/8 | 7:30 pm | Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Daniel |
| Friday | 12/8 | 7:30 pm | Fellowship Meeting: Regen/Youth 180°/CYAF/CYPG |
| Sunday | 14/8 | 8:30 am | Pre-Service Prayer Meeting |
| | | 9:00 am | English & Mandarin Sunday School (in Recess) English Basic Bible Knowledge Class |
| | | 10:00 am | Sunday Combined Worship Service |
| | | 12:00 pm | Mandarin Choir |
| | | 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 |

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (31/7)

Attendance: 168 (Combined-200; JSS-32); Prayer Meeting: 64

Offerings in Total: \$6469.10; General Fund: \$6469.10 (#4078-Library-\$30.00; #4079-Family Camp-\$28.00; #4080-FEBC-\$80.00; #4081-\$60.00; #4082-\$150.00; #4083-\$236.00; #4084-100.50)

SHORTER CATECHISM: How doth the Spirit apply to us the redemption purchased by Christ? The Spirit applieth to us the redemption purchased by Christ, by working faith in us, (Romans 10:17; 1 Corinthians 2:12-16; Ephesians 2:8; Philippians 1:29) and thereby uniting us to Christ in our effectual calling. (John 15:5; 1 Corinthians 1:9; Ephesians 3:17)