



BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF W.A.

For the Testimony and Glory of Jesus Christ

March 25th, 2018

SUNDAY COMBINED WORSHIP SERVICE

1 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.

2 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.

3 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.

4 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.



Prelude/Preparatory Hymn

Winnie Lim/Deacon Joel Wong

The Lord Is in His Holy Temple 1

Call to Worship

Deacon Eugene Leong/Kong Vui Yip

*Hymn

HOP 33 Blessed Be the Name

*Invocation/Gloria Patri 2

Responsive Reading

Proverbs 4:20-27

Hymn

HOP 233 Like A River Glorious

Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

HOP 391 The Love of God

*Doxology 3/Offertory Prayer

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:25

Hymn

HOP 243 I Would Be True

Pastoral Prayer/Message

Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim

Speak the Truth to Each Other!

*Hymn

HOP 261 I Want a Principle Within

*Benediction/Threefold Amen

Announcements

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You 4

*Congregation Standing

THEME FOR 2018:

"...what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul," (Deuteronomy 10:12)

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PASTORAL LETTER

Betrayal of Christ

Dear BPCWAians, Over the past week, announcements and flyers have been publicising invitations to worshippers and friends to come to our Good Friday and Easter Services. This is a significant event in the Christian calendar, marking the completion of Christ's work for us. However, let us not approach this season in the same spirit of the world where it is about Easter eggs and mere joviality. It is a time when believers should meditate upon what our Saviour did for us.

The pain of betrayal. At the last Passover, Christ declared, "Verily I say unto you, One of you which eateth with me shall betray me." (Mk 14:18) Parents, how do you feel when your child rebels against you despite your love to them? How do you feel when someone that you had done much for betrays you? We are upset and filled with resentment when a friend betrays our confidence – when we tell someone a secret and they don't keep it a secret. We feel that they have betrayed our trust in them. Or we feel hurt when we go through much effort to show someone we care for our concern for them, but it is not reciprocated. As one might say, without even so much as a "squeak of gratitude". But what Christ experienced was infinitely more than that. It wasn't a secret that was "leaked". It wasn't just a lack of appreciation. All this cannot be compared to what Christ experienced.

To one less familiar with the Bible, they would think that this was said perhaps either to strangers, or to a crowd that Christ was preaching to in the fields, or just to a general group of disciples. But Christ was betrayed by someone close to Him – from within the group of 12 apostles. The Apostles would have seen Him every day. They would have witnessed Christ's tender words to the woman caught in adultery "go, and sin no more" (Jn 8:11). They would have seen Christ preaching with earnestness, and seen Christ weary, thirsting and hungry – all for the lost sheep, and for no personal gain. Judas, numbered among the 12 Apostles, would lift up his hand against his Master. Judas had intimate knowledge of Christ and His doctrines. He heard Christ preach. Watching the miracles, he could testify with absolute certainty that it was indeed miraculous. He even went out evangelising with the other Apostles, 2 by 2. In short, Judas knew Christ... But yet

used that intimate knowledge to betray Christ. Judas ate with Christ. He was the one that carried the treasury bag, their daily living would be from that which Christ provided, whether directly or indirectly. As the saying goes, he bit the Hand that fed Him. It was more than the lack of gratitude. Betrayal means “to give over into “one’s” power or use”. It wasn’t secrets that Judas gave over. It was the Lord, the Person, Christ Jesus, who offered him salvation.

Christ knew. We are man. We cannot read man’s minds, nor their hearts. But Christ, Son of God and Son of man, knew with unshakeable certainty what He would face. As He walked with the Apostles, He knew exactly what was in Judas’ heart. It was in Christ’s omnipresence that Judas went over to the Jewish leaders and bargained with them. Being God, Christ witnessed this betrayal even as it happened in secret away from Him. Christ knew that Judas had such a low view of Him that he would even betray his Master for just 30 pieces of silver (Matt 26:15) – the lowly price of a slave. Christ knew what was in the heart when Judas protested about the waste of the ointment being used to anoint His feet (Jn 12:4,5), but yet bent over to wash Judas’ feet (Jn 13: 11). Yet all the while, Christ continued to warn Judas with great tenderness. In His final warning and with His gracious love, Christ sought to move the heart of his betrayer to repent by even placing him in a place of honour as He “dipped the sop, he gave it to Judas Iscariot, the son of Simon” (Jn 13:26). When the act of betrayal materialised, Christ yet allowed Judas to give to Him that hypocritical kiss of betrayal, saying “betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss?” (Lk 22:48) Despite all this, Christ offered him forgiveness, if Judas would repent and come to Him to seek it... but Judas never did.

Are we any better? “Betray”... that word screams of treachery. “I am no betrayer of Christ”, we say as a believer, “I don’t sell out my Lord Jesus!” Really? We betray His selfless love for us when we “trade Him” in for many things in life. Believers betraying Him is the most treacherous. Because after knowing what Christ has done in detail today, which is much more than the unregenerate Judas saw and knew in his day, betrayal is most terrible! Yes, Judas was not a true believer and he betrayed Christ because he loved money. As believers, we may not blatantly do such things. Yet when we need to be a witness for Him, we are ashamed to speak of Him. How often have we not rather have the world’s friendships, good grades, promotions, luxuries, self-ambitions, and fame, and readily forego our fellowship with our Lord? We readily forsake our quiet time, our time to worship and serve Him for all these. We despise Judas, but let us look at the mirror and ask – have I in

any way betrayed my Lord who has never and will never forsake me? Is it not most frightening when we have chosen other things or someone above Christ and like Judas, still sit and eat with Christ at the table?

Let us search our hearts even as we approach Good Friday. As we partake of the Lord's Supper in remembrance of Him, let not the familiarity of these verses breed contempt in our hearts. May this be the time that you will give your heart to Christ, forsake your sin and follow Him.

"1 Corinthians 11:25-27 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, This cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. 26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come. 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord."

Yours in our Lord's service
Pastor

ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRAISE & PETITION

1. **Fellowship Lunch (Today, after Worship):** All worshippers and visitors are welcome to join the fellowship lunch after Worship Service today. Do take the opportunity to mingle and get to know one another, new students and visitors better.
2. **City Evangelism (Today, 2:00 pm):** Whether you are new to evangelism or not, join the outreach today. Please meet in the upper fellowship hall for a briefing. Outreach will conclude at 5 pm in the church with testimonies.
3. **Good Friday Worship Service (This Friday, 30 March, 7:30 pm):** Let us come and commemorate our Lord's suffering and crucifixion in our place this Friday. There will be Holy Communion during the Service. Do use the invitation flyers at the foyer to invite family and friends to come and hear the gospel during the period of Good Friday and Easter.

4. **Easter Sunrise Worship Service (Next Sunday, 1 April, 7:30 am):** Come join us to celebrate Christ's resurrection and triumph over death. Next week, the Sunrise Service will be held at the Melville Limestone Amphitheatre, 10 Almondbury Road, Booragoon. Map printouts are available at the foyer. Following this Sunrise Service, worshippers are invited to a time of warm fellowship over breakfast which will be held at church before the 10 am Worship Service. In view of this, the Chinese Adults Sunday School and Basic Bible Knowledge classes will be in recess next Sunday.
5. **BPCWA 32nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebrations (Next Sunday, 1 April, after Worship):** We will commemorate BPCWA's 32nd Anniversary beginning with a cake reception after Worship Service next week. Please bring a plate of finger foods to share.
6. **Church Anniversary Dinner (Next Sunday, 1 April, 6:00 pm):** Anniversary Dinner to celebrate and remember God's goodness to BPCWA for the past 32 years will be held at Pinn's Palace (1481 Albany Hwy, Beckenham) on Easter Sunday.
7. **Church Combined Fellowship Series (Friday, 6 April, 7:30 pm):** The topic is on the "Inspiration and Preservation of Scriptures". Why do we use only the King James Bible? What is preservation of Scriptures? Why are there divisions over these issues? Must we take a stand on this? There have been requests over time to cover this topic so that the church comes to a common understanding together. Come, learn, and ask questions regarding this critical subject regarding the Holy Scriptures.
8. **Holy Matrimony:** Congratulations to Yi Choong and Ellainne Liew on their Holy Matrimony. May their marriage be one that that will always serve our Lord with fervency and point others to Him.
9. **Rededication forms and Service Survey:** Please remember to return your rededication forms to the box provided in the foyer. Extra forms are there if needed.

10. Programs planned for April:

DATE	TIME	PROGRAM
1/4 (Sunday)	7:30 am	Easter Sunrise Worship Service
1/4 (Sunday)	10:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship Service
1/4 (Sunday)	6:00 pm	BPCWA 32 nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration
6 & 13/4 (Fridays)	7:30 pm	Church Combined Fellowship Series
8/4 (Sunday)	3:30 pm	Husbands and Fathers Fellowship
14/4 (Saturday)	9:00 am	Busy Bee
15/4 (Sunday)	3:30 pm	Adelphe Bible Study
22/4 (Sunday)	6:00 pm	Men's Fellowship and Ladies Fellowship
28/4 (Saturday)	10:30 am	Seniors Fellowship

11. Thanksgiving and Prayer Items:

- Thank God for the opportunity to learn about how to know God's Will at the Adelphe Bible Study last Sunday.
- Thank God for the Friday fellowship groups and for all who serve and attend these meetings. Pray that it will continue to help believers grow in their faith and obedience, and serve as opportunities to encourage one another in our daily walk with God.
- Pray for City Evangelism to be used to reach out to unbelievers with the Gospel and to bring in His elect to grow spiritually. Pray for continued freedom to evangelise in Perth.
- Pray for Good Friday Worship Service this Friday and Easter Worship Services next Sunday to stir believers to depart from sin and live for Christ, and to turn unbelievers to the Saviour. Pray for the baptism candidate to be a committed disciple of Christ.
- Pray for God's keeping and protection of BPCWA until He returns, that we will be faithful to Christ's commission to teach and make disciples of Christ. Pray that every worshipper will shine as a light in the midst of the darkness in the world.
- Pray for the preparation of the Combined Fellowship Series to help worshippers understand the importance of God's Word and clarify doubts that they may have.

SERVICE DUTY	25/3 COMBINED - Fellowship Lunch	1/4 COMBINED - Holy Communion Easter
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim	Pastor Joseph Poon/Sonny Lim
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Eugene Leong/Kong Vui Yip	Deacon Eugene Leong/Deacon Joel Wong
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Joel Wong	Kenny Tan
Musician(s)	Winnie Lim	Sharon Poon
Welcomers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Lily Liow	Alex Luu, Grace Luu, Colin Chng
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Terry Chong, *Eddie Foo, Kenny Tan Colin Chng, Caleb Cheng, Edward Ee	*Eddie Foo, *Colin Chng, Allan Ang Kenny Tan, Mark Heath, Terry Chong
Ushers	Edward Ee, Nancy Chai, Yung Tsing Mew	Benjamin Kan, Cheryl Lin, Mable Soon
Audio Visual	Soo Jin Kang	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	Lee Lian Yong, Victoria Lew, Christine Chia Illhoa Ramachandran, Lee Chin Yong	Yung Tsing Mew, Andy Ho, Lee Fung Fong Ming Ming Th'ng, Mable Soon
Transport	Allan Ang (0433 032 709) / Eugene Leong (0401 155 386)	
Nursing Home Ministry		
Subiaco	Edward Ee (Hannah Th'ng)	Colin Tey (Benjamin Kan)
South Perth	A: Pastor Joseph Poon B: Caleb Cheng	A: Caleb Cheng B: Kenny Tan
Berrington	Edward Ee (Benjamin Kan)	Kenny Tan (Benjamin Kan)
Bull Creek	Pastor Joseph Poon	Caleb Cheng

SERVICE DUTY	30/3 GOOD FRIDAY - Holy Communion 7:30 pm	1/4 EASTER SUNRISE - Amphitheatre, City of Melville 7:30 am
Speaker/Interpreter	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip	Pastor Joseph Poon/Kong Vui Yip
Worship Leader/Interpreter	Deacon Adrian Cheng/Sonny Lim	Deacon Joel Wong/Kong Vui Yip
Preparatory Hymn	Deacon Eugene Leong	-
Musician(s)	Karen Ee	Hannah Th'ng
Holy Communion Helpers	Deacon Adrian Cheng, Deacon Eugene Leong, Deacon Joel Wong	-
Welcomers	Colin Tey, May Chee Tey, Kenny Tan	Colin Chng, Fiona Chng
Offering Stewards *To Help Count Offering	*Allan Ang, *Pei Shion Chai, Stephen Chia Wei Yan, Jonathan Woo, Colin Chng	-
Ushers	Claude Yiu, Esther Yiu, Vincent Naing	Kenny Tan, Yi Mey Tan
Audio Visual	Caleb Cheng	Caleb Cheng
Kitchen Duties	-	-

APPOINTMENTS FOR TODAY AND THE WEEK

Sunday	25/3	12:45 pm	Teens Q & A
		2:00 pm	City Evangelism
Tuesday	27/3	7:30 pm	Prayer Meeting: Pastor Joseph Poon/Deacon Joel Wong, Deacon Eugene Leong, Sharon Poon
Wednesday	28/3	7:30 pm	Far Eastern Bible College Online Courses: Genesis
Friday	30/3	7:30 pm	Good Friday Worship Service
Sunday	1/4	7:30 am	Easter Sunrise Worship Service: Amphitheatre, City of Melville
		10:00 am	Easter Sunday Worship Service
		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 Bull Creek – RAAFA Memorial Estate, 2 Bull Creek Drive, Bull Creek WA 6149
		6:00 pm	BPCWA 32 nd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebrations – Pinn's Palace (1481 Albany Hwy, Beckenham)

ATTENDANCE & OFFERINGS (18/3)

Attendance: 226 (Combined-191; CSS-35); Prayer Meeting: 84
Tithes and Offerings: \$9,719.10 (#4407: \$27.00; #4408: \$51.00; #4409: \$852.50; #4410: \$60.00; #4412: \$87.00)

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