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The One Who Died Because Of Us

John 19:31-37

English Services
(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Worship through Fellowship
Worship through Giving
Worship in Music
Scripture Reading
Anthem
Worship in the Word
Pastor Larry Pabiona
Celebration of the
Lord's Supper
Benediction

Filipino Service
(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
Tawag sa Pagsamba
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit
Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Natatanging Bilang
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor Emer Manaloto
Pagdiriwang ng
Banal na Hapunan
Pangwakas na Panalangin
at Basbas

See inset inside for the Traditional Service (Sat., 6 p.m.) program.



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Today's Message (3/4 February 2018)
/ *John 19:25-30*

JESUS' GREATEST VICTORY CAME WHEN PEOPLE THOUGHT HE HAD HIS GREATEST DEFEAT. IN THE SAME WAY, GOD MAY USE YOUR SUFFERINGS IN A WAY GREATER THAN ANYTHING YOU HAVE EVER DREAMED OF.

There are five people milling around the foot of the cross; they are close enough to hear the dying words of Jesus. In a way, they represent a cross-section of humanity—they are people just like us. And even as the Bible paints a portrait of ourselves, this passage ends with yet another reminder of the paradox that God's kingdom is full of—our greatest triumphs can come at the moments of our seemingly worst defeats. Whether you find this true for you or not, see how this plays out as we look at the One who died for us:

1. JESUS DIED FOR FOUR WOMEN AT THE CROSS, INCLUDING HIS OWN MOTHER (V. 25)

- Jesus died for Mary, who acknowledged that she needed a Savior (*Luke 1:46-47*).
- Jesus died for Salome, whom Jesus had rebuked for selfishness (*Matthew 20:20-28*).
- Jesus died for Mary Magdalene, the woman who had seven demons (*Luke 8:2*).
- Jesus died for Mary the wife of Clopas, about whom little is known.

They all needed a Savior. We all need a Savior. Whatever you've done or not, however you see yourself—you and I need this very same Savior.

2. JESUS DIED FOR "THE DISCIPLE WHOM HE LOVED," TO WHOM HE ENTRUSTED HIS OWN MOTHER (VV. 26-27)

- John was the cousin of Jesus, the disciple whom Jesus loved, and the author of the Gospel of John.

Traditional Service

(Saturday, 6 p.m.)

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Worship in Music

Doxology

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- Both out of love for his mother, and his love for John, he entrusted his own mother to his most trusted disciple.

At the start of his ministry, over 10,000 people were forcing him to be king. Later, hundreds followed him as the crowd began to thin and people left. Eventually, only 12 remained, and at the cross, only one. Whoever tells you to go where the numbers are is likely unfamiliar with the life of Jesus. The Way of Christ is **not** the popular way, but it is the only way.

3. JESUS DIED BECAUSE OF ME AND YOU (VV. 28-30)

a. Jesus suffered the physical agony of the Cross: "I thirst."

- When we face difficulties, they don't only come because we've done something wrong. Often they come because we've done something right. Suffering and hard times are no sign that you are out of the will of God. The Lord Jesus Christ did the will of God, and he ended up on the cross.

b. Jesus finished His saving work triumphantly on the Cross: "It is finished!"

- Jesus' greatest victory came when people thought he had his greatest defeat. God may use your sufferings in a way greater than anything you have ever dreamed of. God can redeem the hardship you are going through right now to bring something beautiful into your life far beyond your imagination, or beyond this life.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Jesus died because of us. And at the point where his enemies thought he lost it all, he won it all. Jesus fully met the righteous demands of a holy law and paid our debt in full. The Old Testament sacrifices could never take away sins; their blood only covered sin. But the Lamb of God shed His blood, and His blood can take away the sins of the world (*John 1:29, Hebrews 9:24-28*).

Remember what Jesus did for us. Never forget what it cost Him. Because it cost Him everything, following Him may also cost you everything. And only those willing to accept that are truly His ■

BIG DAY NEXT SUNDAY!

As the days wind down, we are closer and closer to our 40th anniversary celebration next Sunday. Again, we must remind you of the following things:

1. There will be only one service next weekend. All five services will be compressed into one. So the Saturday traditional worship, and the 8:00 a.m., 3:00 p.m., and 5:30 p.m. services on Sunday will all be held as one worship service at 10:00 a.m. this coming Sunday, February 11.
2. Parking will be tight. Please come a little earlier than you are used to, maybe an hour earlier? A map showing available parking spaces around GCF is inside today's bulletin to serve as your guide. Last resort is always Robinson's Galleria. If you do come very early, use the time to chat with friends who have been attending other worship schedules. If you have friends to be baptized on that day, pray with them that they may have a great start at GCF.
3. There will be four (4) overflow areas on February 11: Auditorium A, the Chapel, 4/F Assembly Area, and the Youth Center at the 6/F. Please come early if you prefer a seat in Auditorium B rather than the overflow areas.
4. There will be a potless "fiesta" lunch fellowship on February 11. Buffet stations will be set up at the lobby and the Fellowship Hall, and food will be served there right after the Worship Service. This is a labor of love by the different Growth Groups and certain generous individuals. Should you decide to join it, kindly expect a little "Christian chaos" at the fiesta event, so let your patience be a little longer than usual and bring your sense of fun and

humor. No "hangry" outbursts please! (I'm half-kidding). After getting your food, you may settle to eat at any of the worship areas (i.e., Auditoriums A and B, the Chapel, 4/F Assembly Area and 6/F Youth Center).

5. We have invited special guests from PCEC, CBAP and our GCF church plants to celebrate with us. Let's give them a sample of good old GCF hospitality and a warm welcome.
6. This is going to be a yearlong anniversary celebration. After February 11, we will keep announcing other events that are related to this 40th Anniversary Celebration.
7. Please cover this event, both February 11, and the rest of the Anniversary year, in prayer.

SEMINAR AND EXHIBIT FOR INTERESTED GCFers

On February 24, Saturday, at 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon, we will have a seminar/exhibit by Dr. Scott Carroll entitled "Stones and Scriptures," to held at Auditorium B. It will explore the archaeological and manuscript evidence supporting the Bible. The most recent discoveries will be described, including the latest information on the Dead Sea Scrolls. The seminar will explore how Biblical manuscripts were written, copied, and preserved. Hands-on exposure to Biblical scrolls and ancient Bibles and passionate teaching will inspire a deeper love and appreciation for the Bible. The seminar and exhibit will last at least two hours—one on the evidence for the Old Testament, and one on the evidence for the New Testament and the canon, with time for Q&A. The exhibit is open to all GCFers ■

2018 PRAYER JOURNAL

A 40-day prayer journey to GCF's 40th Anniversary

"Blessed is she who has believed that what the Lord has said to her will be accomplished!" — Luke 1:45

The encounter of Mary and Elizabeth shows us the beauty of a community that affirms the work of God. We see how both lives reflected full confidence in the promises God proclaimed to them. Both experienced a miracle that brought hope, not just for themselves, but hope for all the nations. The promised rescue, relief, and release that a people in despair and oppression waited for has now come to its fulfillment. YHWH whose name means presence, has now dwelt with His people.

May the faith of Elizabeth and Mary be a witness to our hearts. Today, let us incline our ears to the wonderful name of Jesus, Immanuel. As we do, may our souls leap for joy with Elizabeth, for the Lord has come and moved in with us. May our hearts sing and declare with Mary about the redemptive work of the Lord. We receive God's salvation that overthrows the powers of sin and oppression, that shines light to those who are in darkness.

Though far removed from Christmas we are now, let us remember our Savior's birth by affirming one another. Let us be a voice of relief and comfort to those who are in need. Let us pray for opportunities on how we can open our doors to our neighbor. Just as God has blessed us, may we be a blessing to those around us—affirming and journeying with people who still await for God's redemptive work in their lives. To our families, and community, let us become voices of joy and peace ■

Regular Prayer Gatherings

- GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.
- Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



CALL FOR DONATIONS: 40TH ANNIVERSARY PRINT AD

As part of our church's 40th Anniversary celebrations, we are publishing a commemorative, full-page feature in a major broadsheet on February 14, 2018.

In line with this, we are opening to you an **opportunity to sponsor this commemoration.** Just designate in your offering envelope "GCF Anniversary Print Ad" and the amount, should you want to give towards this endeavor.

For more information, please approach **Pastor Jojun Loanzon** or contact him through **0917 896 8926**.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

January 2018

	January Budget	Received, Jan. 1-31
General	9,510,844	6,911,842
Missions	1,008,500	965,254

	Jan. to Dec. Budget	Received, January
General	100,208,208	6,911,842
Missions	12,102,000	965,254

Flower Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God for His faithfulness and mercy by an anonymous donor and the Messiah College. The flowers are also given in memory of Mr. Josue B. SyQuimsiam.

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.



LOVING GOD CONFERENCE

A Disciple-making Conference with Pastor Edmund and Ann Chan

May 11-12 here at Greenhills Christian Fellowship
Tickets are available today (PhP 800 and 400)
Visit the information booth for more details



Love God, love others.

THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT



As a child, Dana Dalope has often dreamt of living in far flung areas and helping those in need. However, as she grew up, this desire became buried beneath enticements of living comfortably. Her plans then

included going abroad in search for greener pasture.

Her life direction changed when she became a follower of Jesus in 2013. As she grew in her spiritual journey, God slowly revived her childhood passion. In 2015, she had the opportunity to join a short-term missions (STM) trip in Mindanao. It was through this firsthand experience that she overcame her fear of missions and Muslims. God showed her His heart for these people. That pivotal trip made her realize that it is a privilege to participate in God's redemptive work. She also saw this as a way to worship God and express her love for others. Since then, she would join STMs among Muslims whenever she can; each trip creating an even greater desire to be in frontline missions where she saw that, indeed, the workers are few. Her latest participation was with Operation Compassion's Medical Mission in Sultan Kudarat last year.

Currently, she is a ministry assistant in the church and sees it as an avenue to be equipped in becoming a missionary. She also realized that there are various ways to participate in God's mission and that all are called to be missionaries wherever God places us ■

ON THE COVER: Ruins of the Library of Celsus of the ancient city of Ephesus, now in modern-day Turkey (Wikimedia). In today's passage, Jesus gave his mother over to his beloved disciple, the apostle John, to be taken care by him. John, who wrote a gospel account and three epistles, is believed to have spent his latter years in the city of Ephesus as an elder in a church there. Because of what the gospel account says, Mary, the mother of the Lord, is also believed to have lived her years and died in Ephesus also.

Join a GROWTH GROUP

HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE Y-GROUPS

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., and 4:30-5:30 p.m.

At GCF (Youth Center, 6th flr.)

ICU (Intimacy Care Unit) GG

for Couples aged 30 up

Saturdays, 4-6 p.m. at GCF (Rm. A109)

GREEN MEADOWS GG

for Couples aged 40 up

Every other Thursday, 8-10 p.m.

at Green Meadows Subdivision

NEW GG (GATHERING CONTACTS)

for Single Men and Women aged 21-30

Tentatively scheduled on Sundays, 3-5 p.m. at GCF

YACIES TUESDAY GG

for Single Men and Women aged 30 up

Tuesdays, 7-10 p.m. at GCF (Rm. BM07)

SPORTS GGs (THREE GROUPS)

for Boys aged 11 to 18

Saturdays, 12 nn.-3 p.m. at GCF Multi-purpose Gym (6th flr.)

Pass by the GGEX (Growth Group Express)!

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room B124

Get a feel of what a Growth Group is like before you participate in one.

Come and join us!

If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form inside this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag or submit it to the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at 0917 532 7740.



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How may we
SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

- I am a first-time guest.
- I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.
- I would like to know how to become a Christian.
- I am interested in becoming a member of this church.
- I want to join a Growth Group.**
(Specify age group: _____)
(Specify group composition: _____)
- I want to start a Growth Group.
- I want to host a Growth Group.

Please share with us some information about yourself:

Name: _____
Age: ____ Landline no.: _____
Mobile no.: _____
Address: _____

E-mail: _____
Year of membership: _____
Name of Growth Group (if you already have one): _____

Today is 3/4 February 2018, and I attended the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).

Write below *any* inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.

For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.

God's Way to Heaven

THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."
(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

God is holy and righteous: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (*Isaiah 6:3*). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (*1 Peter 1:16*).

THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (*Romans 3:23*).
Sin demands a penalty: "For the wages of sin is death" (*Romans 6:23*).

THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (*Romans 5:8*). **Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners:** "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (*1 Peter 3:18*). **Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation:** "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins against them" (*2 Corinthians 5:18*).

WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (*Romans 10:9*).

PRAYER: *Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.*

Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.