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The Life-Giving Bread on the Lord's Table

Exodus 25:23-30, 37:10-16 & 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

English Services

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

Prelude
 Call to Worship
 Worship through Praise
 Worship through Fellowship
 Scripture Reading
 Anthem
 Pastoral Prayer
 Worship in the Word
Pastor Emer Manaloto
 The Lord's Supper
 Worship through Giving
 Response Song
 Benediction

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda
 Tawag sa Pagsamba
 Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan
 Pagkilala sa mga Bisita
 Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
 Panalanging Pastoral
 Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor Emer Manaloto
 Banal na Hapunan
 Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
 Tugon na Awit
 Bendisyon

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



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Bread is considered one of life's staple foods. Throughout recorded history it has been a prominent food in large parts of the world, and is one of the oldest man-made foods. It is life's main source and nourishment. It comes in different shapes and types. As commonly seen in bakeshops, you have round, oblong, and flat. A variety of such includes white, wheat, multigrain, rye, pita, pumpernickel, tortilla, and many other Italian and French bread that are hard to pronounce. But nothing, of course, beats the Pinoy *pandesal*, the most known Filipino bread of all time. But there is one more kind of bread that shapes our story, and that is the unleavened bread served on the Lord's table.

Bread is mentioned many times in the Scripture having special meaning in various aspects of the spiritual heritage of Israel and provides a special role within the practice of Jewish worship like "the bread of the Presence" ("showbread" in KJV), which is so-called because it was placed before God's presence in the Holy Place of the tabernacle (*Exodus 25:30*). It is the consecrated bread made from the finest flour only to be eaten by the priests before the Lord. Then in the New Testament, an ordinary bread was used at the Last Supper. And yet both bread symbolize only the same thing. The Life-Giving Bread on the Lord's Table points to Christ. Our passage tells us its implication for God's people before and us today. How did God reveal Himself through the Life-Giving Bread?

1. THE BREAD ON THE TABERNACLE'S TABLE: POINTS FORWARD TO THE LIFE-GIVER (CHRIST WHO WILL GIVE LIFE)

- God gives Moses exact materials and measurements for the table of the bread (*Exodus 25:23-30*). It is to be made out of acacia wood overlaid with gold. It is to be three feet long, 1.5 feet wide, and 2.25 feet high. As Criswell notes: "The acacia wood

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is a product of the earth. It is a picture of the humanity of our Lord. And the gold, of course, is a type of the deity of our Savior: the God-Man, Christ Jesus.”

- Twelve loaves of the bread of Presence (representing the twelve tribes of Israel), baked fresh weekly, are to be placed on the table each Sabbath day (*Leviticus 24:5-9*). The old bread would be removed, and new hot bread put in its place continually. That is why it is also called “the continual bread.” The Showbread was to be continually renewed, and so the Word of God must frequently be reintroduced in our lives (*John 5:39*). The priest lived upon the Showbread. He receives strength and stamina. We receive satisfaction and sustenance in Christ as we eat of the Bread of Life (*John 6:27,35,51*).

2. THE BREAD ON THE COMMUNION TABLE: POINTS BACKWARD AND FORWARD TO THE LIFE-GIVER (CHRIST WHO GAVE HIS LIFE AND WILL GIVE US LIFE)

- The name and story of Jesus being the Bread of Life, is often attached to the taking of communion (*1 Corinthians 11:23-26*). The bread on the communion table is just a symbol of the body of Christ which suffered and died on the cross because of our sins. When we partake it we commemorate or look back to His death and at the same time anticipate or look forward to His return. As we celebrate communion, may we be grateful to Him for what He has done for us and at the same time be excited to see the Life-Giver someday who promised us eternal life.

FINAL THOUGHTS

In his book entitled “God’s Psychiatry,” Charles Allen tells this story. As World War II was drawing to a close, the Allied armies gathered up many hungry orphans. They were placed in camps where they were well-fed. Despite excellent care, they slept poorly. They seemed nervous and afraid. Finally, a psychologist came up with the solution. Each child was given a piece of bread to hold after he was put to bed. This particular piece of bread was just to be held—not eaten. The piece of bread produced wonderful results. The children went to bed knowing instinctively they would have food to eat the next day. That guarantee gave the children a restful and contented sleep.

What can be notable about this bread is that it wasn’t bread for the stomach, but bread for the soul. Their stomachs were already full. But a deeper hunger and need was at hand. A need to find security and satisfaction of soul. If you want peace and comfort for your soul no matter what tomorrow may bring, hold on to the Bread of Life. Always remember that the Life-Giving Bread on the Lord’s Table points to Christ who gives you life by giving His own life for you! ■

The Shepherd's Voice

by Dr. Lazaro Pabiona
Senior Pastor

A COMMUNION REFLECTION: "IT IS FINISHED!"

Jesus' greatest victory came when people thought he had his greatest defeat.

Jesus did not say, "It is finished" in a defeated voice. He said it as one who shouts for joy, as one who won a victory. "It is finished" is one word in Greek, *tetelestai*. It is in the perfect tense: "It is finished, it stands finished, and it always will be finished." When a bondsman was reporting to his master, *tetelestai* meant "I have completed the work you gave me to do" (John 17:4). When a priest examined a lamb for sacrifice, *tetelestai* meant it was perfectly worthy. But the most significant use of *tetelestai* was by businessmen to mean: "It has been paid in full." Since Jesus Christ paid in full, the work of salvation is now complete. Since Jesus Christ paid in full, all efforts to add anything to what Christ did on the cross are doomed to fail.

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 God and His law and paid our debt in full. The blood of animals 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. Hebrews 9:26-28 says, "He has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to do away with sin by the sacrifice of himself. Just as man is destined to die once, and after that to face judgment, so Christ was sacrificed once to take away the sins of many people."

How should a Christian respond to this? How should we then live? 2 Corinthians 5:15 tells us that "He died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for Him who died for them and was raised again."

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 ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



BUDGET BY THE BOOK

YA Talk on biblical money management

Speaker: Pastor BJ Sebastian
Nov. 10 (Sat), 2:00-4:00 p.m., Youth Center
Everyone is invited to attend.
Please text **0917 532 7741** to register.



CHANCEL CHOIR RECRUITMENT

There is joy in serving Jesus!

The Chancel Choir invites church members to consider serving the Lord through singing. Rehearsal schedules: 3 p.m. (Sat), 2 p.m. (Sun). Please contact Josh Capule at **0915 601 1211** if you're interested.



GGEX EXTREME

featuring How to Make Decisions You Won't Regret (Lessons on David's Life)
All adults without GG are invited.

Nov. 18 (Sun), 12-3 p.m., Fellowship Hall
Free lunch and material will be provided.
Please register at the booth at the lobby.
Registration is **free** but **limited to first 200**.



GCF JOB OPPORTUNITY

GCF is looking for a **full-time building engineer** who will be responsible for ensuring compliance with all engineering, mechanical, telecommunication, and electrical requirements of the church. For information on applying, please e-mail gcfhr@gcf.org.ph.

Notice: Dr. Larry P. Pabiona is still with a group of over 40 GCFers in the Holy Land, leading them in a spiritual pilgrimage. Pastor Emer Manaloto ably fills the pulpit for us this weekend.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by the Basilad family and the Messiah College. Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

New Growth Group (Mixed)

Topic: Counting the Real Cost of Being A Disciple

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Rm. B124 (Growth Group Center)

Best Together in Christ

Group for Couples
Sundays 9:30-11:00 a.m.,
at Rm. B508

Spark Growth Group

Mondays, 6:30-8:30 p.m.
Seniors' Room

Overcomers

support group for those under any kind of addiction
Thursdays, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

*If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form of this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag, or submit it at the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at **0917 532 1921**.*

Q4 DMG LEADERS' ASSEMBLY

November 10 (Sat), 4:00-6:00 p.m.
at the Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / October 2018

	October Budget	Received, Oct. 1 to 30	January to October Budget	Received, Jan. 1 to Oct. 30
General Fund	9,505,598	5,838,306	87,822,514	76,067,728
Missions Fund	927,000	520,573	9,270,000	8,244,179

Knowing Christ in a deeper way

BY NOEL BUGAY



To know our Lord Jesus Christ in a deeper way. That's the main reason why I joined a Growth Group. This started when Pastor Larry encouraged the attendees of Christmas Cantata last December 2017 to join a Growth Group. I, along with others who responded, started attending the GG Express in January of this year—which started my journey in what will eventually become the HighLight GG.

We in this GG thank God for the ministry of Pastor Emer. He is the one who has been used by God to lead us, teach us, and pray for us. Bro. Ave Gaspar was also used by God to help us grow spiritually. Pastor Emer helped us in the way we study God's Word, to where we got the idea for the name of our Growth Group, HighLight. When we study God's Word, we mark keywords with different shapes. For example, when we see the word "God" in the Scripture we mark it with triangle. We put a square when we see the word "blessed," and we draw a circle when we

see the word "believers." But the most important is that HighLight for us is a Light from on High, a Light coming from our God.

Our Growth Group is new and most of us are also new in our group, and yet many among us have already joined the various ministries of our church. Some are already in Carelink Ministry and others are in Music Ministry, Ushering Ministry and Prayer Ministry. Why Prayer Ministry? Because every time we meet together in our Growth Group all of us pray for our church and for one another. And we believe that's one of the best aspects of having a Growth Group. As you study God's Word together, you can interact, share your testimony, and sing together. Sometimes you laugh, and at other times you cry and share about your burdens and prayer concerns. You may consider Growth Group as your second family, your spiritual family.

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Beloved, if you have not joined any Growth Group yet, we encourage you to join one. If you are hesitant, I invite you to join GGEX Extreme this coming November 18. I hope that through it you will see the value of GG in helping you know Christ in a deeper way ■

GCF PRAYER GATHERINGS *at the Chapel*

The GCF Hour of Prayer
Tuesdays, 6-7 a.m.

Midweek Prayer Service
Wednesdays, 7-8:30 p.m.

ON THE COVER: *Last Supper* by Flemish painter Peter Paul Rubens (1630-31) (*public domain*). The Last Supper has been popularly depicted in Christian art, across different traditions and cultures. This is a testament to the centrality of celebrating the Lord's sacrifice in the lives of Christians the world over.



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Know Christ and Make Him Known

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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 November 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.

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.

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