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The Liturgy for Ordination

Exodus 29

English Services

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

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Worship through Fellowship
Pastoral Prayer
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor Dags Miguel
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
Panalanging Pastoral
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor Sam Rendal
Banal na Hapunan
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Bendisyon

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



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Today's Message (1/2 June 2019) /
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WE ARE
HOLY NOT
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OF OUR
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RATHER HIS
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WORK IN US.

What we have seen in the instructions for the consecration of the priests and the institution of daily sacrifices was the establishment of a sacrificial system. We know, however, that this sacrificial system was only a shadow of the ultimate sacrifice that would be instituted by Jesus Christ himself. So then how do we apply the Bible's account for the ordination and consecration of Aaron and his son as priests? How does Jesus' sacrifice and Jesus being our great High Priest change the way we live today as a community of believers? We apply this by reflecting on how God called Aaron and his sons for service, and on how Jesus calls His church to live for Him and for His greater glory.

I. AARON AND HIS SONS: A FAMILY CONSECRATED AND ORDAINED

- **Exodus 28:41, 29:1.** God _____ those whom he calls for service.
- **Exodus 29:35.** God _____ his servants to carry out his purposes.
- **Exodus 29:45-46.** God _____ his people of his promise.

Traditional Service

(June 1, Saturday, 6 p.m.)

Prelude

Call to Worship

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Worship through Giving

Pastoral Prayer

Preparatory Hymn

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Pastor Dags Miguel

The Lord's Supper

Benediction



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II. JESUS AND HIS FOLLOWERS: A COMMUNITY SANCTIFIED AND SET APART

- **Hebrews 13:11-14.** Jesus' sacrifice calls us to live _____.
- **1 Peter 2:7-12.** Jesus' sacrifice enables us to _____ in spite of our failures and imperfections.
- **Matthew 1:22-23.** Jesus' sacrifice reminds us of God's fulfilled promise—_____, God who dwells with us.

FINAL THOUGHTS

Reflecting on the words from Dr. Thomas Constable's notes on the ordination of the priests in the book of Leviticus, God is teaching us that he did not demand perfection from his priests and he does not demand the same from us today. He does however remind us that we are holy not because of our work, but rather His cleansing work in us. Imagine, God graciously appointed the man most responsible for the golden calf incident, Aaron, to the office of high priest! It is reminder therefore that our life of service is acceptable to God only because of Christ. Because even through our imperfections, God has given to us Jesus in the same way that He provided for the priest's clothing, atonement, and enablement to serve Him.

In remembrance therefore of God's cleansing power, Jesus' sacrifice on the cross and Jesus being our great High Priest also cleanses us and calls us to partake from His table not by our lofty, priestly status but only by the mercies of our Lord and Savior ■

HOW THE REFORMATION BLESSSED US

As I wind down leading a Reformation tour today (with gratitude to Pastor David Miguel for taking the pulpit) I recall when I was asked by a satellite pastor, "Is GCF now Reformed in doctrine?" Well, we are Baptists by heritage and aim to be biblical in doctrine. But we must say this: the Reformation greatly blessed us and we owe so much to it for reviving, refining and defining most of the doctrines GCF holds on to today. A summary of what the Reformers sacrificed so much for 500 years ago is captured in the five Solas: *sola scriptura*—Scripture alone, *sola fide*—faith alone, *sola gratia*—grace alone, *solo Christus*—Christ alone, and *solus Deo gloria*—for the glory of God alone. Each is important, and all are tied together. Deviation from one leads to error in another, and creates a false gospel. The first three solas started the Reformation, and the last two elucidate the first three. Here are some thoughts on the first three solas:

1. *Sola scriptura* ('by Scripture alone'). *Sola scriptura* is the formal principle (the only source of authority for Christians) of the Reformation. *Sola scriptura* was the rallying cry of the Reformation. The Reformers rejected the divine authority of the Pope and blind trust in church tradition. Only the Bible was "inspired by God" (2 Peter 1:20-21) and "God-breathed" (2 Timothy 3:16-17). Anything taught by the Pope or in tradition that contradicted the Bible was to be rejected. *Sola scriptura* is implied in 2 Corinthians 4:6, where Paul warns not to "go beyond what is written." Jesus criticized those who allowed traditions to override the explicit commands of God in Mark 7:6-9. *Sola scriptura* is an argument against unbiblical, extra-biblical and anti-biblical teachings. The only way to know for sure what God

expects of us is to stay true to what He has revealed—the Bible.

2. *Sola fide* ('by faith alone'). *Sola fide* is the material principle (the church's central doctrine) of the Reformation. Luther called it the "doctrine by which the church stands or falls." *Sola fide* is the teaching that justification (being declared righteous by God) is received by faith alone, without any need for good works on the part of the individual. Good works are evidence of saving faith, but good works do not give salvation (*Ephesians 2:9*). This doctrine is summarized in the statement "Faith yields justification and good works" as contrasted with the Roman Catholic formula "Faith and good works yield justification."
3. *Sola gratia* ('by grace alone'). *Sola gratia* is the teaching that salvation comes by God's unmerited favor only, not something merited by the sinner. Salvation comes from what God has done for us, rather than what we do for God. *Ephesians 2:8-9* teaches, "For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast." *Sola gratia* is one of the crucial features that separate the true Gospel from false gospels that cannot save. *Sola gratia* is what makes the Gospel "good news." It helps us understand that while there is "no one who seeks God" (*Romans 3:11*), the good news is that God seeks after sinners. Jesus said He came to seek and save that which is lost (*Luke 19:10*). It is God who acts first, who draws sinners to Himself, who gives new life to one "dead in their trespasses and sins," and who causes you to be "born again" so you can "see the kingdom of God."

Praise God for the glorious legacy we received from the Reformation! ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



MEN'S BREAKTHROUGH WEEKEND

Break free from hurts, hang-ups and bad habits
June 15 and 16 (Sat-Sun) at CCT Tagaytay
Fee: P1,000 | For more details, visit the info booth or contact 0917 532 1921.



ROOTED IN GOD'S LOVE

Joy Women's Fellowship
June 18 (Tues), 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon
at the Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Hon. Maria Lourdes Sereno
For more details, visit the info booth.



WIDOWS: PRECIOUS IN GOD'S SIGHT (WIDOW'S RALLY)

Naomi Women's Ministry celebrates International Widows Day
Speaker: Helene Fischer (Open Doors Int'l.)
June 22 (Sat), 8:30 a.m. at the Fellowship Hall
For more details, contact 0917 532 1921.



JOY OF MOTHERHOOD AS SUPAMOMS

Speaker: Emma Yujico
June 22 (Sat), 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Youth Center | For more details, contact 0917 532 1921.



THINK RIGHT! SEEING CHRIST ABOVE THE GODS OF TODAY

Apologetics Conference with Pat Zukeran and Greg Koukl
July 12 (Fri, 6-9 p.m.) & 13 (Sat, 8 a.m.-3 p.m.)
Topics include worldviews, Jesus as apologist, faith and relativism, and many more
Registration is free; sign-up at the info booth.
For more details, contact 0932 371 3457.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by the Basilad family, the Valera 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

Growth Group Express

Mixed group led by Ptr. Emer Manaloto
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Rm. B124

GGEx Extreme

Choose any group: Women, Men, Young Men, Youth
Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m.
Fellowship Hall

Chesed 3

Group for ladies aged 21-35
Sundays, 8:30-10:00 a.m.
Rm. BM02

God's Grace GG (G4)

Group for couples
Fridays, 7:30-10:00 p.m.
Rm. B124

Best Together in Christ

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

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.

Precept Facilitators' Training with Elder Ave Gaspar for those who want to lead an **Oikos Bible Study** (at home or office) | June 30 to August 11 (Sundays), 9:30-10:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / May 2019

MAY	Projected	Rcvd., May 1-29	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of May 29
General Funds	7,736,444	9,016,756	General Funds	41,344,566	42,194,801
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	752,412	Mission Support Fund	6,588,489	5,412,372
Others (Designated, etc.)	1,370,033	1,040,119	Others (Designated, etc.)	6,472,618	5,879,230
TOTAL	10,424,175	10,809,286	TOTAL	54,405,673	53,486,403

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

—Matthew 19:14 (NIV)

We often view God as a God who seems to be out there, far removed and detached from His creation. But the God revealed in the Bible is so much more than that of an all-powerful, distant God. In Scripture we see the God who is near, a God whose name means presence. We see a God who is all-powerful in His love.

God fully expressed His being, this reality, in Jesus. In Jesus, we see God with flesh and blood. We see God with feet that walked the earth. In Him, the omnipotent God clothed Himself with frail humanity. In Jesus, we see a God whose hands touched the dirt of broken humanity, and even welcomed little children to His side.

Today, we are celebrating the Lord's Supper. We remember Jesus, who in His humanity, endured pain and suffered brokenness—His body was broken so that we could be made whole. We remember the Lord Christ, who, though King, shed

His blood for His people—He lost His own life on the cross so that we might find our own. We remember the Risen Savior, His resurrection a promise that we who believe in Him will be raised just as He was raised. We remember our great Advocate, who, while in heaven interceding for us, is near—He is with us through the Holy Spirit. He is coming back again.

Because of what Christ has done we can come to Him like little children. But children are meek and humble while we can be stubborn and disillusioned. So as we continue to journey in prayer, let us ask God to open and soften our hearts like little children. Let us allow God to create in us hearts that celebrate His kingdom, which is also at work in us. Let the love of the Father revealed in Jesus Christ, be the love that is at work as we serve.

As we continue to journey in prayer, let us ask God to open and soften our hearts like little children.

Let us pray for the children of our church. May they never lose the sense of wonderment at the beauty of Christ and what He has done. May He ever attract them so that they will always come to Him ■

PRAYER

at the Chapel

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

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

Weeknight Prayer Gatherings
Except Wednesdays, 7-8 p.m.

ON THE COVER: "Now this is what you shall do to them to consecrate them, that they may serve me as priests. Take one bull of the herd and two rams without blemish, and unleavened bread, unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers smeared with oil."—Exodus 29:1-2 (photo of two rams from pixabay.com).



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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 for the first time 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 1/2 June 2019, 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.