



The Majesty of God

Psalm 8

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 Larry Pabiona
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
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Tugon na Awit
Bendisyon



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Today's Message (29/30 June 2019) / *Psalm 8*

THE MAJESTY OF GOD ISN'T REVEALED BY HIS AWESOME HANDIWORK ALONE. IT IS PROCLAIMED LOUDEST BY HIS LOVE. IN LOVE, HE CREATED THE EARTH, WITH MANKIND AS HIS HIGHEST CREATION.

David was driven by the experience of the magnificent sky at night to acknowledge what humans spend much of their time denying in the day: while humans have little authority and power in the ultimate scheme of the universe, evidence of God's power is ready at hand all around. But God is majestic not only because of His works, He is even more majestic because of His love. All of this brings upon our shoulders as His managers a delightful task, if only we realized it:

1. THE MAJESTY OF GOD'S C_____ (vv. 1-2)

- a. God is a communicating God, and His majesty is that aspect of His glory that He intentionally reveals to us. Right now, we cannot gaze directly at God and not die, so He communicates through ways we can handle: creation!
- b. His glory is above the heavens. There an accepted worshiper can behold God and relate to Him personally and without limitations. While the heavens fill us with awe, the highest heaven ('third heaven') is called so because God is there.
- c. God will use the weak to prove His strength—babies and infants. Satan trembled when a baby was born from a virgin, then had his head crushed when this baby grew up to be crucified on a cross, victoriously shouting, "It is finished!" Jesus treasured this verse when His enemies wanted to stop kids from worshiping Him (*Matthew 21:16*). Only God can do that.

2. THE MAJESTY OF GOD'S C_____ (vv. 3-4)

- a. The entirety of creation is an invitation; it says "Worship God!" Don't miss it.

Traditional Service

(June 29, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

Worship Through Fellowship

Worship Through Giving

Pastoral Prayer

Preparatory Hymn

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Response Hymn

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- b. The God great enough to create the heavens goes beyond taking notice of man: He is “mindful” of man; he cares about mankind. God’s greatness does not mean distance but detail—an eye for it, a tiny detail called ‘you.’ God is great precisely because He can get very personal: He hears your prayer, cares for you, and act like no one exists but you.
3. THE MAJESTY OF GOD'S C_____ (vv. 5-8)
- a. David didn’t say man was “a little higher than animals.” We look up, not down. As Dr. James Boice said, “Although made in God’s image and ordained to become increasingly like the God to whom they look, men and women have turned their backs on God. And since they will not look upward to God, which is their privilege and duty, they actually look downward to the beasts and so become increasingly like them” (*Romans 1:20-25*).
- b. Verses 4-5 opens a new window to who we really are. Although we see ourselves as insignificant, God sees us as only a little lower than Himself. Although we are rebellious sinners, in Christ God provided a way to change our names. We are no longer called enemies but friends of God. Christ made a way for sinners to be called “children of God” (*John 1:12*).
- c. As God set mankind apart by the glory and honor of His image in us, He also set mankind apart by giving them responsibility over the earth. This is our Creation Commission (*Genesis 1:27-28*). Living with care for the earth and all who live there, and doing justice for every human being stamped with His image (*Genesis 9:6*) brings God glory. It is a tragedy when a man is captured and held in bondage by the things of this world. We were born to have dominion over material things, instead of being in bondage to them.

CONCLUSION

The majesty of God isn’t revealed by His awesome handiwork alone. It is proclaimed loudest by His love. In love, He created the earth, with mankind as His highest creation. “In love, He predestined us for adoption to Himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of His will” (Ephesians 1:4-5). In love, He gave us the mandate to care for His creation, and redeems and re-commissions believers to fulfill His Creation Commission.

Psalm 8 calls us to let an awe-filled glimpse of the majesty of our Creator God to renew our sense of wonder, and aim to be the image of God that our world desperately needs to know ■

The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Erik Dizon

The young generation of today seek foremost in their lives authenticity, purpose, and meaning. The finding is from a mixed-method study done recently among Filipino Gen Z ('Centennials') called "Growing Up Gen Z: A Portrait of Filipino Teens Today." Reflecting on this, as someone belonging to an older Gen, we should ask, am I setting a good model of genuineness or authenticity for the next Gen? As the young ones watch our lives, are they finding purpose and meaning in life that is worth desiring for their own?

These are times that call for real (authentic) encounters with God that manifest in a lifestyle of worship (devotion to God or loving God) and grateful service/ministry to one another and even to those outside of the church. The good news is that we are not left to our own to produce this kind of witness to the Gospel. God, through His Spirit present in our lives, is willing and at work to transform us so that we produce the necessary fruit as Christians. We cannot do it on our strength.

What is God speaking to you about that you need to respond to in obedience? How is your daily life of worship of the One true God? Is the Gospel of Christ a central point of celebration in your life? Is there an area or aspect of your life that you need to set right or align to God's desires? Is there an assignment from the Lord that you need to respond to?

What is God asking you to give? Or to give up? Perhaps Jesus, our Master, is asking you to take a step of faith about something? Is your life whole? Is what people see as our public life an accurate reflection of our private life? Is Jesus truly your Lord? What is it that you seek foremost in your life? Are there people or things that are essentially idols, that come between you and God? Are you buying into the gospel of consumerism (i.e., pursuing happiness through material consumption)?

Perhaps there is a question or two from above that you need to face and answer in order to be an authentic Christian and to worship daily through all aspects of our lives, radiating the love and life of Christ, being a good model to the younger Gen. Remember, it is the work of the Holy Spirit in us. Let us unceasingly pray for faith, grace, and love for our lives to our God who is present in our lives.

If I may suggest, each morning, commit to be attentive to God's presence. Ask the Lord to reveal to you where He is, what He is intending to do or what He is doing all throughout your day, so that you can keep in step with Him and allow the life and love of Christ to flow in and through us to others. When this happens, there is a greater chance for authentic, purposeful and meaningful living that attracts people to the Way, the Truth and the Life ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



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; go to thinkright.gcf.org.ph to sign-up or visit the info booth at the lobby every Sunday.



MUGS 'N' MUFFINS: ONCE WORTHLESS, NOW PRECIOUS

with Precious Lara Quigaman

July 20 (Sat), 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon

For women 18 years old and above

Admission is free. To register or for more details, contact 0917 532 1921.



SUFFICIENT, SUSTAINED, SATISFIED

Connect Ministry Camp for BPO workers

August 2-4 (Fri-Sun), Word of Life Camp Site

Speaker: Pastor BJ Sebastian

Early bird fee: P1,000, until July 7 (Sun)

Regular fee: P1,500, until July 21 (Sun)

To register, please fill out the form at <https://forms.gle/aS9wV3ktAuN356W8A>. Payment is at the information booth at the lobby.



DISCOVERING OUR PLACE IN THIS WORLD

Sabbath Retreat 2019

August 23-25 (Fri-Sun), Hacienda Isabella

For young and middle adults

Fee: P2,500, registration starts July 7 (Sun)

For more details, contact 0917 625 0244.

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by an anonymous donor, Rubelyn Enriquez 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

Burning Hearts Chronicles GG

Group for couples

Sundays, 9:30-10:00 p.m.

Rm. B124

Jars of Clay GG

Group for women

Sundays, 9:30-11:00 a.m.

Rm. B512

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 0932 282 2290.

Oikos Bible Study (OBS) Training

Learn how to facilitate inductive Bible studies at your home, school, or office on June 30, July 7, 14, 21, 28, August 4 and 11 (Suns), 9:30-10:30 a.m., at the Fellowship Hall.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / June 2019

JUNE	Projected	Rcvd., June 1-27	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Jun 27
General Funds	7,311,261	7,076,493	General Funds	48,655,827	49,341,555
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	1,866,143	Mission Support Fund	7,906,187	7,278,515
Others (Designated, etc.)	717,488	629,792	Others (Designated, etc.)	7,190,106	6,642,106
TOTAL	9,346,447	9,572,428	TOTAL	63,752,120	63,262,176

I, the Lord All-Powerful, will send my messenger to prepare the way for me. Then suddenly the Lord you are looking for will appear in his temple.

—Malachi 3:1 (CEV)

The beginning of the gospel of Mark paints a picture of a voice speaking in the wilderness. He paraphrases Isaiah's words by including words from Malachi: God appears in His temple. What was about to happen echoes a familiar theme about what Israel anticipates—the Day of the Lord.

The Day of the Lord has been marred with images of destruction, of death, and bloodshed. It portrays Armageddon, the war that will end all wars. But to clearly understand this Day, we need to look back to the beginning of all beginnings.

God created an amazing universe, and established time and space. He called it very good. He created and placed humanity in His garden, a kind of a temple in which work and worship happen simultaneously. They are given authority to rule creation on His behalf, sustaining and nurturing what He called good.

But humanity was tempted by a strange, evil, and un-human being. It offered a promise that humanity could rule creation in the place of God, defining their own good and evil. This led to a vicious cycle of a struggle against death, straying further and further from the presence of God. However, in God's holiness and perfect love, He will never leave nor forsake His beloved creation. God became flesh, restoring life and declaring God's rule on earth. He came to redeem humanity and all

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creation by taking on the full extent of evil in His suffering and death.

This is how the Day of the Lord comes. He saves humanity by His word, even with His life. He renews creation by restoring work and worship in His temple, calling people out of the ashes of destruction and death into His garden. His death and resurrection welcomes all creation to His Day, to a new way of life ■

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: "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?"—Psalm 8:3-4 (photo of the Milky Way galaxy from pixabay.com).



Greenhills Christian Fellowship

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 **29/30 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.