



A Song of Life and Love

Psalm 23

English Services

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

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Worship through Fellowship
Missions Testimony
Community Prayer
Anthem
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
Patotoo
Panalangin ng Komunidad
Tanging Bilang
Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos
Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay
Tugon na Awit
Bendisyon



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Today's Message (27/28 September 2019) / *Psalm 23*

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The shepherd is a perfect symbol of God's care for His flock. While foreign to most of our cultures, it is both interesting and instructive to see the obvious picture of meticulous care that a personal God gives to broken, tired, fearful or anxious people through this psalm.

Many of you know this psalm by heart. Many of you treasure this as it reminds you of dark times that it carried you through. Some of us remember a loved one who faced death, and you and they found peace through this psalm as they entered eternal peace. But realize also, in a positive way, that the Shepherd acts on the basis of who He is, and cannot and will never change:

1. THE SHEPHERD P_____ FOR ME:
I AM S_____ (vv. 1-3)

The All-Sufficient shepherd is more than enough to meet all my needs. His grace is enough for me (2 *Corinthians 12:9*):

- He gives rest and refreshment.
- He gives restoration.
- He gives righteousness (*Hebrews 13:21*).

Traditional Service

(Sept. 28, Sat., 6:00 p.m.)

Prelude

Call To Worship

Worship Through Praise

Worship Through Fellowship

Worship Through Giving

Missions Testimony

Community Prayer

Preparatory Hymn

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

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Response Hymn

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2. THE SHEPHERD P_____ FOR ME: I AM S_____ (vv. 4-5)

The Ever-Present shepherd never abandons me even when I cannot see or feel Him (*Psalm 139:5-12*):

- He is with me in the darkness (*Hebrews 13:5-6*).
- He comforts me.
- He raises me up before my enemies.
- He prevents more harm to come to me.

Because the shepherd protects me, I come from fear to overflowing!

3. THE SHEPHERD P_____ FOR ME: I AM S_____ (vv. 6)

The Gracious and Merciful shepherd gives me life (*John 10:11*) and love I could never earn:

- His goodness and mercy throughout my life are gifts, not rewards. What an assurance!
- If I ever doubt my value, or others make me, I must remember this: God wants me with Him forever. What an affirmation!

FINAL THOUGHTS

In John 10:14, Jesus said "I am the good shepherd. I know my own, and my own know Me." We have no other shepherd than the One God provided. If you belong to His flock you are sustained, secure and significant (*1 Peter 2:25*)

Do everything to verify that you are His (John 10:16). And as you enjoy His goodness and mercy throughout this life, always keep in mind: the best is yet to come! (*1 Peter 5:4*) ■

The Shepherd's Voice

by Pastor Erik Dizon

MADE FOR A PURPOSE

Remember this quote from Olympic champion runner Eric Liddell? “I believe God made me for a purpose. God also made me fast! And when I run, I feel His pleasure.

How about you? What are you made for? What has God gifted you with? Have you discovered your mission in life?

As I reflected on the words of Eric Lidell, it got me thinking about my personal mission in life. I thank the Lord by His grace as to how he has gifted me in the areas of wisdom, understanding and counsel, which I am able to exercise with His enabling wherever I find myself. In my experience the Lord provides divine appointments with people who are in a situation where they need to be basically in tune with themselves and/or in tune with God. I find it no struggle to help them somehow to either see the light or discover a way forward or even encounter God. This delightful journey of mine is also true with organizations or groups that I find myself in. It is as if He had intentionally placed me in those situations so that my spiritual gifts may be put to use. This fulfills His purposes for individuals or groups—that is, to be in tune with themselves (discover what is going on), to be in tune with God (encounter God) and find a step or a way forward

(enlightenment, resolutions, action steps). At the end of those divine appointments, the most pleasant thing happens. My heart is flooded with great delight and joy.

What has God granted you in your life? What spiritual gifts has He loaned to you? Are you exercising them for His purpose? If your answer is affirmative, continue to enjoy your sojourn, filled with joy. If you are yet to discover yours, please do. Don't miss out on the chance to fulfill your life purpose, wherever God has placed or will bring you, and enjoy a delightful life journey. There are many tools available to find out one's spiritual gifts. The church can assist you too in this process of discovery.

God has made each of us for a purpose. Each of us has a mission in life. God meant for us to fulfill them as we participate in the Mission of God for our world. Let us discover and exercise our spiritual gifts. And as a community around Jesus engage in loving God and loving others. Be expectant of divine appointments He will bring your way. When they come respond in obedience and fulfill God's purposes. Finally, nurture the rhythm of worship and service. Cultivate a daily rhythm of being in God's presence and being present among people. Allow the love and life of Jesus Christ to flow in and through you. Shalom! ■

Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



FAMILY CONFERENCE

All official and regular members included in the church roster are invited to attend
 September 29 (Today), after the 10:30 a.m. service. Agenda: To approve the proposed amendment to the GCF Statement of Faith



PASTORS' APPRECIATION MONTH

This coming October
 Growth Groups are encouraged to host pastors and their families to appreciate them. For more details and to sign-up, please visit the ministry information booth.



NAVIGATING ANXIETY IN AN INSECURE WORLD

Speaker: Summer Parcon of GCF South Metro
 This talk is open to everyone.
 October 12 (Sat), 2-5 p.m. at the Youth Center
 For more details, contact 0917 532 7693.



F3 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Topics: Finances, Family, Fitness
 Enjoy relaxing and fun time with fellow men on October 18-20 (Fri-Sun) at MMRC
 Fee: P2,500. For more details, please visit the info booth or contact 0917 532 1921.



SEEING I TO I? EXPERIENCING GRACE IN MARRIAGE

GCF Couples' Retreat 2019
 November 9-10 (Sat-Sun) at CCT Tagaytay
 Fee: P2,500/couple. Reg. deadline is on Nov. 3 (Sun). For more details, please visit the info booth or contact 0917 532 7713.

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Burning Hearts Chronicles GG
Group for couples
 Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
 Rm. B123

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

Sowers 2
Mixed group
 Sundays, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 nn.
 Rm. B514

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 779 1549.

CHURCH LEADERS ELECTION 2019

Nomination Period: **October 5-27**

Pre-qualification Period: **November 2-16**

Publication of List of Candidates: **November 30-December 8**

Election Day: **December 14-15**

Nomination forms are available at the info booth every Sunday or with Ms. Grace Mosquera at the 3rd floor office.

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

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / September 2019

SEPTEMBER	Projected	Rcvd., Sep. 1-26	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Sep. 26
General Funds	6,866,516	7,778,438	General Funds	70,958,454	71,838,305
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	1,000,309	Mission Support Fund	15,600,951	11,131,941
Others (Designated, etc.)	695,754	826,296	Others (Designated, etc.)	9,269,188	11,136,354
TOTAL	8,879,968	9,605,042	TOTAL	95,828,593	94,106,601

Whenever the impure spirits saw him, they fell down before him and cried out, "You are the Son of God." But he gave them strict orders not to tell others about him.

—Mark 3:11-12 (NIV 2011)

After His second encounter with synagogue rulers, Jesus again withdrew and continued on ministering to the crowds. These crowds are in contrast with the synagogue rulers. They are the masses who, compared with the ruling authorities and social elites, are poor, unemployed, displaced, sick, and legally unfit to approach God in His temple. But Jesus showed in His ministry that He is much closer to these kinds of people. Just as God has always been in the business of redeeming people, Jesus manifests and taught such way to His disciples.

Jesus' announcement of God's kingdom comes as hope for the needy, but it is also a looming threat to the powers that be—political and religious powers that oppress and alienate. He brings into reality the reign of God in confronting and exorcising spirits that hold people in bondage. Mark reminds us that Jesus' miracles work deeper than just in the physical, and goes into the spiritual level of human suffering.

Mark shows us that true discipleship with Jesus is to join Him in His ministry. Obedience to His way should confront the powers and spirits that keep people from experiencing true freedom in God. Coming to grips with the spirits over the power to frame reality, Jesus exposes them and their schemes. While the spirits try to expose His identity as the Son of God so as to frame Him as a rebel and a blasphemer, Jesus silenced them and chose to identify Himself instead as the Son of Man. Such confrontations came to be all throughout His gospel account, culminating at His crucifixion.

In Mark's story, demons and humans alike can give such honorific titles to Jesus, but if they do not follow the way of the Son of Man, they are silenced. Such is the same for us who claim to worship and banner the name of Christ. If we disregard Jesus' teaching on loving our neighbor, but work instead to manipulate and oppress the weak and needy, we are in danger of working with the same impure spirits He means to cast out.

As we seek wisdom from God, let us open our hearts to Jesus. Let Him search our hearts and our thoughts, and create in us a pure heart that longs after Him. Let us hear His call to repentance and follow His way that is marked with genuine love for those He loves ■

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: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures. He leads me beside still waters.—Psalm 23:1-2.* (Photo of a shepherd leading his flock by the Gundal Dam in India from unsplash.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 27/28 September 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.