



**30 November/
1 December 2019**
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The Chosen Workmen of God

Exodus 31:1-11

English Services

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

Prelude

Lighting of the Advent

Candle of HOPE

Worship through Praise

Worship through Fellowship

Anthem

Scripture Reading

Worship in the Word

Pastor BJ Sebastian

Prayer of Confession

The Lord's Supper

Worship through Giving

Benediction

Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda

Pagsisindi ng Ilaw

ng PAG-ASA

Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan

Pagkilala sa mga Bisita

Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos

Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos

Pastor Dags Miguel

Panalangin ng Pagsisisi

Banal na Hapunan

Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay

Bendisyon

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



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Today's Message (30 November/1 December 2019) / Exodus 31:1-11

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In Matthew 16:18, our Lord said, "...I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." He said this with the cross before Him, knowing that he would be offering Himself as a ransom for many, making possible, "the new and living way that He opened for us through the curtain, that is, through His flesh" (*Hebrews 10:20*).

The Father had this great sacrifice in mind when He instructed Moses about that "curtain" and the Tabernacle. And after He gave him all the detailed instructions about building of the tabernacle and its elements, He informed him of the workmen He had chosen to build it. God was really the One building the tabernacle, using Moses and his chosen workmen, as His hands to build it.

In the same way, Christ is building His church, His body of redeemed saints—"...like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ" (*1 Peter 2:5, 9*). And just like the Father, He is building His church with chosen workmen who are **called, consecrated craftsmen**, doing the work of God for the glory of God.

EXPOSITION

1. They were called (vv. 1-2, 6)

- By God: "The LORD said to Moses, 'See, I have called.'"
- By name: "...by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah...Oholiab, the son off Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan."

2. They were consecrated (v. 3)

- "...and I have filled him with the Spirit of God"
- With knowledge: "...with...intelligence... knowledge"
- With know-how: "...with ability... and all craftsmanship"

Traditional Service

November 30 (Sat.), 6 p.m.

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Worship through Fellowship
Worship through Giving
Preparatory Hymn
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word
Pastor BJ Sebastian
Prayer of Confession
The Lord's Supper
Benediction



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3. They were craftsmen (vv. 4-11)

- With special skills:
 - “...to devise artistic designs, to work in gold, silver, and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, to work in every craft...”
- For special work:
 - The tent: to help reconcile people to God (vv. 7-8)
 - “...the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is on it, and all the furnishings of the tent, the table and its utensils, and the pure lamp stand with all its its utensils...”
 - The altar: to help bring redemption from sin (v. 9)
 - “...and the altar of burnt offering with all its utensils, and the basin and its stand”
 - The priestly garments: to help reflect God's holiness to others (v. 10)
 - “...and the finely worked garments, the holy garments for Aaron the priest and the garments of his sons, for their service as priests”
 - The oil and incense: to help remember God in worship (v. 11a)
 - “...and the anointing oil and the fragrant incense for the Holy Place...”

APPLICATION

“...According to all that I have commanded you, they shall do” (v. 11b)

This sounds like “...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you...” (*Matthew 28:20*), the Great Commission—what we are to do to help build the church of Christ. And just like Bezalel, Oholiab, and all the workmen of the Tabernacle, we are also called, consecrated craftsmen, to help build His Body.

1. We are called: “...created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (*Ephesians 2:10; 4:1-3*).
2. We are consecrated: “But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth” (*Acts 1:8*).
3. We are craftsmen gifted with special skills for special work: “But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift...to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ” (*Ephesians 4:7,12*) ■

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

From November 25 to December 7, I will be leading an annual Holy Land Pilgrimage with 39 people, mostly GCFers, with some of their friends and relatives, and not all of whom are believers.

Church family, may I kindly request your prayers for the following:

1. Salvation of any unsaved people among us.
2. The spiritual revival of all believers with us, as they see solid proof of the authenticity of the Bible and the Gospel of Christ.
3. Safety and protection for all of us.

In my absence Pastors BJ Sebastian and Dags Miguel will cover the pulpit and Communion Service this weekend.

INVITE YOUR OIKOS

By now you probably have an idea what *oikos* means. These are the people who are already part of our lives, the ones you are already talking to and conversing with. To put it another

way, they are the ones for whom we must give an account before the Lord someday (please read Ezekiel 33:8,9). Help us to help you bring the Gospel to them. On December 7, Saturday, at 5:00 p.m., and December 8, Sunday, at 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., we are holding our Christmas Cantata called "Behold the Lamb of God." There will be a short evangelistic message in the program. Perhaps that is what God will use to call them to Himself. Please do not miss this chance and invite them over.

LET'S GIVE HIM THE CHANCE

I am getting asked by quite a lot of people "What can you say about Kanye West?" Well, let us rejoice with anyone who professes to have received Christ, whether famous or not, poor or rich, unknown or known. In fairness, the lyrics of his latest album "Jesus is King" are quite sound. Let's just pray that he will be disciplined well and stops associating with people like Joel Osteen. And let's rejoice for everybody who gets saved including the poor and unknown ■

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: Moses takes the Israelites' offering, as the LORD instructed in Exodus 25:1-7, while the tabernacle is being constructed in the background. This 17th century drawing was created by the Italian artist Giovanni Romanelli (National Gallery of Victoria, Melbourne. Used with permission).



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Ministry Opportunities + Announcements



BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

2019 Christmas Musicale

December 7 (Saturday), 5:00 p.m.

December 8 (Sunday), 10:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.

(two services only on Sunday)

Don't forget to invite everyone in your *oikos*!



FAMILY CONFERENCE

All official and regular members included in the church roster are invited to attend.

December 8 (Sunday), 12 noon

Agenda: Approval of church budget for the year 2020



DECEMBER HOLIDAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve service:

December 24 (Tuesday), 5:00 p.m.

New Year's Eve service:

December 31 (Tuesday), 5:00 p.m.

Note: There are no Christmas Day and New Year's Day services.



JOB OPPORTUNITY AT GCF

We are looking for **one (1) building engineer** to join our full-time staff here at Greenhills Christian Fellowship. For other application information and complete job description, please email gcfhr@gcf.org.ph.

CHURCH LEADERS ELECTION 2019

Let us continue to pray for wisdom as we choose our next church leaders.

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

Publication of List of Candidates:

November 30-December 8

Election Day: **December 14-15**

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to God by Bingle Bravo Gutierrez, the Basilaad family, the Crosslight Medical Clinic and the Messiah College. Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.

Join a DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

Sunflowers Growth Group

Group for women

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

Rm. B506

Burning Hearts Chronicles Growth Group

Group for couples

Sundays, 9:30 a.m.-12:00 noon

Rm. B123

Jars of Clay Growth Group

Group for women

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

Rm. B512

Best Together in Christ

Group for couples

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

Rm. B508

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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**.*

STEWARDSHIP REPORT / November 2019

NOVEMBER	Projected	Rcvd., Nov. 1-28	YEAR-TO-DATE	Projected	Rcvd., as of Nov 28
General Funds	7,799,214	7,017,857	General Funds	84,548,022	87,592,563
Mission Support Fund	1,317,698	1,035,315	Mission Support Fund	14,494,673	13,459,883
Others (Designated, etc.)	607,760	1,450,446	Others (Designated, etc.)	16,212,020	13,994,503
TOTAL	9,724,672	9,503,617	TOTAL	115,254,719	115,046,950



Behold the Lamb of God

A SPECIAL *Christmas* MUSICALE

DECEMBER 7 (SATURDAY),
5:00 P.M.

DECEMBER 8 (SUNDAY),
10:00 A.M. AND 5:00 P.M.

ADMISSION IS FREE.
DON'T FORGET TO INVITE YOUR OIKOS!

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.

Name: _____

Age: ____ Landline no.: _____

Mobile no.: _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

Date: **30 November/1 December 2019**

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

Consent to use your information:

By affixing your signature below, you give permission to Greenhills Christian Fellowship to store and use the information you provided above for the sole purpose of contacting you and updating you about any inquiry you have made.

Your signature

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.