



**GCF ORTIGAS**

# WORSHIP BULLETIN



## WORSHIP SERVICES • March 4–5, 2023

### TRADITIONAL SERVICE

**Saturday • 5:30 PM**

Call to Worship  
Worship Through Praise  
Worship Through Fellowship  
Worship Through Giving  
Doxology  
Scripture Reading  
Preparatory Hymn  
Worship in the Word

**Pastor Larry Pabiona**  
*John the Baptizer –  
Our Fellow Forerunner*  
**Luke 3:1–20**

Confession Prayer  
Communion  
Response Hymn  
Benediction

### ENGLISH & SUNSET SERVICE \*

**Sunday • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM**

Call to Worship  
Worship Through Praise  
Baptism  
Worship Through Fellowship  
Worship Through Giving  
Anthem  
Scripture Reading  
Worship in the Word

**Pastor Larry Pabiona**  
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**Luke 3:1–20**

Confession Prayer  
Communion  
Response Song  
Benediction

### FILIPINO SERVICE \*

**Sunday • 3:00 PM**

Tawag sa Pagsamba  
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit  
Baptism  
Pakikipag-ugnayan  
Paghahandog  
Tugon na Awit  
Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan  
Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos

**Pastor BJ Sebastian**  
*Juan Bautista – Ang Ating  
Kapwa Tagapagpauna*  
**Luke 3:1–20**

Panalangin Pangungumpisal  
Banal na Hapunan  
Tugon na Awit  
Basbas



## John the Baptizer – Our Fellow Forerunner

### LUKE 3:1-20

When you know what your life is all about, you can live without fear while driven by a sense of purpose and direction. John the Baptizer knew what his whole life was for. This led to a chain of events familiar to unashamed Christians: a fearless life, the attraction of opposition but the triumphant accomplishment of God's purposes, and His servant's eternal good. Watch how this plays out in John's life:

#### THE MINISTRY OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER

- A. His Mission: To prepare the way for Christ by preaching repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:1-6).**
- B. His Message: Repent and show proof of repentance by bearing fruit (Luke 3:7-14)**

From John the Baptizer to Jesus and the apostles, and for us today, the message has never changed: turn away from sin and turn to Jesus Christ (Mark 1:15: Acts 20:21). Then, if a conversion is genuine, there has to be a changed life.

#### THE MASTER OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER

- A. The Majesty of Jesus Christ (Luke 3:15-16):** *"He who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie."*
- B. The Ministry of Jesus Christ: to save and to judge (Luke 3:16-17).**
  - To Save: *"He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... His winnowing fork is in His hand to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn."*
  - To Judge: *"He will baptize you with fire... the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire."*

The two-fold ministry of Jesus Christ as Savior and Judge is "good news," and so is the call to repent by John. It is all good news. Watering down the gospel to make it as palatable as possible may create half-converts who aren't saved at all.

#### THE MALTREATMENT OF JOHN THE BAPTIZER

The narrative ends with the unjust imprisonment of John, which foreshadows the unfair imprisonment and eventual murder of his Master. Following Christ faithfully doesn't guarantee health and wealth. Sometimes it costs suffering and sacrifice. But the joy of a Christian isn't because his circumstances are pleasant but because His Master is present.

#### Final Thoughts

Like John the Baptizer, we prepare the way of the Lord in the hearts of others. And what really counts is that we know why we serve because we treasure the One we serve. If, like John the Baptizer, our Master is Messiah Himself, let us emulate Him *"who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame."* So, *let us lay aside every weight and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us* (Hebrews 12:1-2). ■



## Juan Bautista — Ang Ating Kapwa Tagapagpauna LUKE 3:1-20

### ANG MINISTERYO NI JUAN BAUTISTA

- Ang Kanyang Misyon: Ihanda ang daan para kay Kristo sa pamamagitan ng pangangaral ng pagsisisi para sa kapatawaran ng kasalanan (Luke 3:1-6).
- Ang Kanyang Mensahe: Magsisi at magpakita ng ebidensya nito sa pamamagitan ng pamumunga ng kabutihan (Luke 3:7-14).

Mula kay Juan Bautista hanggang kay Kristo Hesus, sa mga apostol, at sa atin na mga tagasunod Niya ngayon, ang mensahe ay hindi nagbabago: talikuran ang kasalanan at kumapit kay Kristo (Mark 1:15; Acts 20:21). At ang tunay na pananampalataya ay dapat nakikita sa isang pagbabago ng buhay.

### ANG PANGINOON NI JUAN BAUTISTA

- Ang Karangyaan ni Kristo Hesus (Luke 3:15-16): “...he who is mightier than I is coming, the strap of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie...”
  - Ang Ministeryo ni Kristo Hesus: Magligtas at maghusga (Luke 3:16-17).
- Magligtas: “He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit... His winnowing fork is in His hand to clear His threshing floor and to gather the wheat into His barn.”
- Maghusga: “He will baptize you with fire... the chaff He will burn with unquenchable fire.”

Ang dalawang aspeto ng ministeryo na ito ni Kristo Hesus bilang Tagapagligtas at Tagahukom ay “mabuting balita,” pati na rin ang panawagan ni Juan na magsisi. Ang lahat ng ito ay mabuting balita. Ang pagpapalabnaw ng ebanghelyo para gawin itong madaling tanggapin ay di tama, at maaaring magbunga ng mga di tunay na mananampalataya na hati ang paninindigan at hindi tunay na ligtas.

### ANG PAGMALTRATO KAY JUAN BAUTISTA

Ang ating salaysay ay nagtapos sa di makatarungang pagpapakulong kay Juan, na siya namang nagbadya ng di patas na pagpapakulong din at tuluyang pagpatay sa kanyang Panginoon. Ang pagsunod kay Kristo ay hindi garantiya ng kalusugan at katiwasayan sa buhay. Minsan, nagreresulta ito sa sakit at sakripisyo. Ngunit ang kaligayahan ng isang Kristiyano ay wala sa kanyang pansamantalang kalalagayan na maaaring hindi mabuti, kundi ang makapangyarihang presensya ng Panginoon sa kanyang buhay. ■

# THE SHEPHERD'S VOICE



## 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 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, 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, be merciful to me, a sinner. I believe that You are the Son of God who took the penalty for my sins on the Cross. I humbly ask You to be my Savior and submit to you as my LORD forever. Amen.*

Dr. Larry P. Pabiona, Senior Pastor

## GRADUAL RETURN TO NORMALCY

As the incidence of COVID-19 continues to decrease, we've restored aspects of our worship and fellowship for our mutual benefit.

You probably noticed that our **Sunday School** for kids aged 2-12 is fully back on-site, with innovations to familiarize them with how their parents and grandparents worship (i.e., KidsLIFE Worship and KidsLIFE Play & Learn). For children, there is no substitute for face-to-face fellowship and Bible lessons! Please bring your kids on-site for this.

There are also good things coming back to our Weekend Worship Services. Anticipate the following in the coming weekends:

- We are returning the pew Bibles (in ESV) in our main Auditorium. If you wish to take one home, you may approach me and if you've fully memorized Psalm chapter 1 from the ESV, the pew Bible will be your prize!
- We will bring back Offering bags during our Worship Services. This means the return of a pertinent song we will sing together or a special number with the offering.
- Prayerfully, we hope to start distributing the elements for the Lord's Supper again, starting at the April Communion Services. We currently serve the elements pre-packed, but not only is it more expensive, furthermore, we want you to see and personally know our Elders and Deacons along with the Pastors as they distribute the elements.

## PLEASE JOIN US IN PRAYER FOR THIS

Pray with us for a solution to our parking problem, which returned with increasing on-site worshipers. Some say it is a "nice problem," but still, it is a real problem. We are negotiating with nearby commercial establishments that don't use their parking slots on Sundays if they can allow us to park at their facilities at reasonable rates. Pray that God inclines their decision-makers to an agreement with GCF for a win-win situation for all concerned. ■

# WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING



*"...God loves a cheerful giver."*

2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



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## Give to Turkey and Syria

Support the relief and rehabilitation efforts following the devastating earthquakes, by placing "For Turkey/Syria" on your Offering Envelope or when you email your digital transaction document to [finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph)



## Missions Support

By God's grace, GCF continues to support missionaries and missionary organizations. If you are being led by the Holy Spirit to designate your giving to our Missions Support Fund, please indicate "**FOR MISSIONS**" when you email your transaction document to [finance@gcf.org.ph](mailto:finance@gcf.org.ph)

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# CHURCH UPDATES



## WORSHIP AND GROW WITH ONE ANOTHER

### Sunday Bible School

(formerly Adult Sunday School)  
Sundays • 8:30 AM • GCF Chapel  
Open to everyone!

### Young Adults Fellowship

Fridays • 7:30 PM  
6th Floor, GCF Ortigas

### LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 PM  
Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online

### All-New KidsLIFE Sunday School

(except 1st and Special Sundays)

- **KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)**  
Sundays • 10:00 AM  
Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas  
Pre-register at [gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite](https://gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite)
- **KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2–5)**  
Sundays • 10:00 AM  
4/F Assembly Area, GCF Ortigas  
Pre-register at [gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg](https://gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg)

### Reminders of God's Care and Faithfulness Devotionals

Tuesdays • 8:00 PM  
Live online at GCF YouTube & Facebook

### The GCF Family's Hour of Prayer

Thursdays • 8:00 PM  
Live at GCF Ortigas (every 1st Thursday)  
and Live on Zoom

### KidsLIFE Online Discipleship

(except 1st Saturdays)

- **KidsLIFE Bible Videos**  
10:00 AM – ages 2-5  
10:15 AM – ages 6-12  
Live at GCF YouTube and Facebook
- **KidsLIFE Small Groups**  
For ages 6–12  
3:30 PM via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 235 685 7988  
Passcode: KIDS365

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### Biblical Portrait of Marriage 2

*For all Couples (Married, Engaged, and those in a relationship)*  
March 11, April 15, and May 13 (Saturdays)  
9:30 AM – 3:00 PM  
Live at GCF Ortigas  
Register via [gcf.link/RegisterBPOM2](https://gcf.link/RegisterBPOM2)

### #EmbraceYourWorth

*An International Women's Month Celebration*  
March 18 (Saturday) • 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM  
On-site at Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas  
Online via Zoom  
Register via [gcf.link/WMRegister](https://gcf.link/WMRegister)

### Seniors Summer Forum 1

*Gardening for Good Health - Ornamentals & Succulents*  
March 25 (Saturday) • 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
On-site at the Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas  
No registration needed!

## DEPRESSED? ANXIOUS? LOST A LOVED ONE?

If you need someone to talk to, we are here to listen. Contact us at  
**GCF ERCC Hotline: 0917 532 7794**

## ONLINE VISITOR'S CENTER

Is it your first time today?  
We would like to meet you via Zoom after each Worship Service.

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Welcome Form: [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)



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