

# WORSHIP SERVICES • April 1-2, 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

I Pastor Larry Pabiona

Pastor Larry Pablona
Christ's Baptism: The
Beginning of His Ministry
Luke 3:21–22

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

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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**

Ang Simula Ng Kanyang Ministeryo: Ang Bautismo

Ni Kristo. Luke 3:21-22

Panalanging Pangungumpisal

Banal na Hapunan

Tugon na Awit

Basbas



# **ENGLISH MESSAGE OUTLINE**



COMMUNION SERIES ON LUKE: GOD THE SON, SON OF MAN APRIL 1-2, 2023

# **Christ's Baptism: The Beginning of His Ministry**

LUKE 3:21-22

This baptism of Jesus was the highlight and culmination of John the Baptizer's ministry (John 1:31-33). From here on, John fades from the scene (John 3:28-30) as Jesus begins with the affirmation of the other members of the Trinity. How did the Triune Godhead show itself and affirm that Jesus is the Messiah, the only Savior that God appointed?

#### **JESUS WAS BAPTIZED.**

- Why would One who never sinned need to be baptized? Matthew 3:15 "It is fitting
  for Us (the Trinity) to fulfill all righteousness." Baptism was a necessary part of the
  righteousness Christ secured for sinners:
  - It marked His first public identification with those whose sins He would bear (2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:11; 1 Peter 3:18).
  - 2. It was a public affirmation direct from heaven of being the Messiah.
  - 3. It foreshadowed Christ's death and resurrection (Luke 12:50).
  - 4. It prefigured the significance of a believer's baptism.

#### **JESUS WAS PRAYING.**

 Why would God the Son need to pray? Because He was also fully human and declared His dependence on the Heavenly Father. The Holy Spirit moved in response to prayer. Luke often added references to Jesus at prayer (Luke 6:12; 9:18, 28–29; 11:1). Jesus is a model for our prayer lives.

#### JESUS WAS AFFIRMED.

- By the Holy Spirit.
- By God the Father.

The voice from heaven confirmed what we already know from Luke 1:32–35 and 2:49: Jesus was the Son of God from eternity past before His baptism.

**Doctrinal Excursus:** The Truth and Mystery of the Trinity

#### **FINAL THOUGHTS**

The Father loves the Son and has given all things into His hand. Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life; whoever does not obey the Son shall not see life, but the wrath of God remains on him (John 3:35–36).

As we commemorate the suffering and death of Christ, we do so to celebrate grace. Celebrating grace transforms us into what God wants us to be, a people who learn to love God back out of gratefulness for past, present, and future grace. ■	



# **FILIPINO MESSAGE OUTLINE**



COMMUNION SERIES ON LUKE: GOD THE SON, SON OF MAN APRIL 1-2, 2023

# Ang Simula Ng Kanyang Ministeryo: Ang Bautismo Ni Kristo

LUKE 3:21-22

Ang bautismo ni Kristo Hesus ang pinaka-sukdulang pangyayari sa ministeryo ni Juan Bautista (John 1:31-33). Mula noon, unti-unti nang pumanaw sa eksena si Juan (John 3:28-30), habang nag-umpisa na ang ministeryo naman ni Hesus nang Siya'y kumpirmahin ng ibang miyembro ng ating Tatluhang Diyos. Titignan natin ngayon kung paano nagpamalas ang Trinity at kinumpirma na si Hesus nga ang Mesias, at ang nag-iisang Tagapagligtas na hinirang ng Diyos Ama.

#### 1. SI HESUS AY BINAUTISMUHAN.

- Bakit kinailangang bautismuhan ang Isa ng hindi kailanman nagkasala? Matthew 3:15
   "Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us (the triune God) to fulfill all righteousness."
- Sapagkat ang Kanyang bautismo ay kailangan upang matupad Niya ang pagiging matuwid ng mga makasalanan na kailangan upang maging katanggap-tanggap sa Diyos:
  - Ito ang Kanyang pakiki-isa sa mga taong tutubusin Niya sa kanilang mga kasalanan (2 Corinthians 5:21; Isaiah 53:11; 1 Peter 3:18).
  - O Ito ay isang publikong pagkumpirma mula sa langit ng Kanyang pagka-Mesias.
  - Ito ay isang propesiya ng Kanyang darating na kamatayan at pagkabuhay na mag-uli (Luke 12:50).
  - O Ito ang nagtaguyod ng kahalagahan ng bautismo ng mga tunay na mananampalataya.

#### 2. SI HESUS AY NANALANGIN.

Bakit kailangan manalangin ng Anak ng Diyos?

- Dahil Siya ay tunay na nagkatawang-tao at tunay na naging malaya sa Amang nasa langit.
- Upang ipakita na ang Diwang Banal ay kumikilos bilang tugon sa panalangin.
- Paulit-ulit na ipinakita ni Luke ang pagiging mapanalangin ni Hesus (Luke 6:12; 9:18, 28–29; 11:1).
- Si Hesus ang ating dakilang ehemplo na isang buhay na puno ng pananalangin.

#### 3. SI HESUS AY KINUMPIRMA.

- Ng Diwang Banal "and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily form, like a dove"
- Ng Diyos Ama "and a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

(Pag-aaral ng Doktrina: Ang Ministeryo ng Ating Tatluhang Diyos) Kinumpirma ng isang tinig mula sa langit ang katotohanang alam na natin — na si Hesus ay ang Anak ng Diyos magmula pa sa walang hanggan bago pa siya napabutismuhan (Luke 1:32–35)

#### **HAMON**

Mahal ng Diyos Ama ang Diyos Anak, at ibinigay na ang lahat sa Kanyang mga kamay (Matthew 28:18). Kung sinuman ang manampalataya sa Anak ay mayroong buhay na walang hanggan; at kung sinuman ang hindi sumunod sa Anak ay hindi makakakita ng buhay, kundi tatanggap ng poot ng Diyos na siyang mananatili sa kanya (John 3:35–36).

Sa ating pag-aalaala ng pagdurusa at kamatayan ni Kristo Hesus, pinagdiriwang din natin ang Kanyang kagandahang-loob. Ang pagdiriwang na ito ang siyang magbabago sa atin upang maging mga taong ayon sa kagustuhan ng Diyos para sa atin — mga taong nagmamahal sa Kanya dahil sa ating pagtanaw ng ating utang na loob para sa Kanyang kagandahang-loob sa nakaraan, sa pangkasalukuyan, at sa hinaharap.

# 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

nar 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

#### **HOLY WEEK IS HERE**

We invite you to our Good Friday Service—*The Seven Last Words of Christ*. Bring your friends and family to join us on April 7, 5:30 PM, live on-site at GCF Ortigas and online via the GCF YouTube and Facebook channels. Our elders and pastors have prepared messages that will enable you to better appreciate the finished work of Christ on the cross.

Good Friday is always followed by the most glorious day in history, the day we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ — Resurrection Sunday. This will be live on-site and online on April 9 at 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM. While we have no qualms about the word "Easter," it is clearer to say "Resurrection Day." As 1 Peter 1:3-9 reminds us, "God has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ. In this you rejoice, though you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ."

#### ENROLL YOUR CHILD IN A CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

There are many good "secular" schools and catholic-run schools. Many have high standards of education. But as the world becomes increasingly saturated with evil, will you risk having a well-educated child who views the Bible and Christianity differently from you? Let me put it this way: "What does it profit a parent who gains a well-educated child who has lost his soul?" Our church runs a school, GCF International Christian School (GCF-ICS), with classes from Kinder to Grade 12. Many of its graduates have gained admission to the best universities here and abroad. Best of all, the school looks after not just your children's learning but their spiritual state as well. If interested, visit their website gcf-ics.edu.ph/admissions or send them an email at admissions@gcf-ics.edu.ph

#### A PERSONAL NOTE OF THANKS

On behalf of my family and especially my son, Benjamin Caleb Pabiona, we wish to thank all of you who prayed for his medical board licensure exam, which by God's grace, he has hurdled. Soli Deo Gloria

# **WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING**



"...God loves a cheerful giver."
2 CORINTHIANS 9:7



Send a copy of your transaction document to finance@gcf.org.ph so your giving can be properly recorded and an official receipt can be sent to you.



## **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** 



# **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

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# **CHURCH UPDATES**



#### **Sunday Bible School**

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

## Young Adults Bible Study

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 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas (New location!) Pre-register at qcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite
- KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2-5) Sundays • 10:00 AM 4th Floor, GCF Ortigas Pre-register at 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 via Zoom Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763 Passcode: 984990

# **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**

#### **HOLY WEEK 2023**

- Good Friday Service April 7 • 5:30 PM Live on-site and online
- Resurrection Sunday Services April 9 • 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM Live on-site and online

\*No Traditional and Filipino Worship Services on April 8 and 9

#### **Last 2 RGCF Devotionals**

April 4 and 11 Tuesdays • 8:00 PM New Sunday Bible School lessons will be available on the GCF YouTube channel

#### SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

#### **CYBERSCAPE BETA PARKING via Topaz**

Discounted rate for GCFers P50 for first 3 hours, P10 per hour thereafter Only Saturdays and Sundays, starting April 1. Inform the Guard/Parking Attendant that you're from GCF.

## **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.

Zoom Room: gcf.link/WelcomeToGCF Welcome Form: gcf.link/GCFWelcome

