



# Worship Bulletin

GCF ORTIGAS • DECEMBER 2023

COMMUNION SERIES ON LUKE:  
GOD THE SON, SON OF MAN

## The Redeemer's Authority and Compassion to Heal

**LUKE 5:12-26**

**DEC 2-3, 2023**

**Traditional Worship  
Saturday • 5:30 PM**

## ENGLISH SERVICES

**SUNDAY • 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM**

Call to Worship  
Worship Through Praise  
Worship Through Fellowship  
Scripture Reading  
Worship in the Word  
*Pastor Larry Pabiona*  
Confession Prayer  
Communion  
Worship Through Giving  
Response Song  
Benediction

## FILIPINO SERVICE

**SUNDAY • 3:00 PM**

Tawag sa Pagsamba  
Pagsamba sa Pag-awit  
Pakikipag-ugnayan  
Pagbasa ng Banal na Kasulatan  
Pag-aaral ng Salita ng Diyos  
*Pastor BJ Sebastian*  
Panalanging Pangungumpisal  
Banal na Hapunan  
Paghahandog  
Tugon na Awit  
Basbas



## The Redeemer's Authority and Compassion to Heal

### LUKE 5:12–26

As Jesus continued His ministry in Galilee, He encountered sick people who needed more than physical healing. While this shows the divine authority of God the Son to heal, it also shows the compassion of His heart. He's the same Messiah for you and me today:

#### Jesus, Healer of the Rejected (Luke 5:12–14)

- If you were a leper, you could go no lower in society. Lepers were the lowest of outcasts. The poor and disabled were far better off because they still had friends and relatives who could help. But lepers were driven away by family because their condition was contagious.
- The leper called him "LORD" and was sure Jesus could heal him, but didn't know if Jesus *would*.
- Jesus touched him even when He could have just spoken—the first human touch for this outcast in years. Jesus knows our deepest need and meets it even when we ask for something else. And His power is such that instead of being made unclean, He made the unclean one clean—a picture of Christ's redemption.

#### Jesus, Healer of the Unforgiven (Luke 5:15–26)

- Jesus' compassion had created a crowd. And the more who sought Him, the more He prayed—because where God is at work, the evil one also is (v. 17).
- (v.20) "*And when he saw their faith*" is the faith of the paralyzed man and his friends. Do you have a disability or lack of resources that hinder your walk with God? You don't have to go it alone. Find a group of believers to walk alongside (2 Timothy 2:22).
- The friends wanted Jesus to heal their friend's body, but Jesus wanted to heal his soul. Then and today, He forgives the unforgiven who turn to Him in faith—a picture of Christ's redemption.
- The scribes and Pharisees started with the assumption (correctly) that God alone could forgive sins and arrived at the conclusion (correct again!) that Jesus made Himself equal to God. For anyone else, this was blasphemy. Not for Jesus.
- Forgiving sins and healing a paralytic are equally impossible for humans. But Jesus validated His authority to forgive sins in the spiritual realm by demonstrating His authority to heal paralysis in the physical realm (5:23–24).

#### Final Thoughts

Jesus showed He could forgive sins. And since He could forgive sins, He should be acknowledged as the Son of Man, the Messiah. These miracles we see are vignettes of the greatest miracle of all, Christ's redemption. Jesus still heals the rejected and unforgiven today. ■



## Mga Aral Mula sa Isang May-ketong at Isang Paralitiko

**LUKE 5:12–26**

Nagpapatuloy ang ating mga pag-aaral sa ebanghelyo ayon kay Luke na nagpapakita kay Hesus bilang tunay na Anak ng Diyos, na tunay na nagkatawang-tao para sa kaligtasan ng mga makasalanang. Sa teksto natin ngayon, makikita natin ang Kanyang pagiging Panginoon sa pamamagitan ng pagpapagaling Niya ng isang may-ketong, at isang paralitiko. Sa mga salaysay na ito makikita natin ang kapangyarihan ng ating Panginoon sa paglilinis at pagpapatawad ng kasalanan.

### **1. ANG PANGINOON AY MAKAPANGYARIHAN SA PAGLILINIS NG KASALANAN (Luke 5:12–16)**

- a. Isang matinding karamdaman, v. 12a
- b. Isang malinaw na pananampalataya, v. 12b
- c. Isang makapangyarihang pagpapagaling at paglilinis, v. 13–14
- d. Isang mapagpakumbabang Panginoon, v. 15–16

### **2. ANG PANGINOON AY MAKAPANGYARIHAN SA PAGPAPATAWAD NG KASALANAN (Luke 5:17–26)**

- a. Ang pagpapakita ng pananampalataya sa pagpapagaling ng Panginoon, v. 17-19
- b. Ang pagpapatawad ng Panginoon na nagpagaling sa paralitiko
  - i. Tugon sa pananampalataya ng mga kaibigan ay ang pagpapatawad ng kasalanan, v. 20
  - ii. Tinuligsa ng mga pariseo at escriba, v. 21
  - iii. Tugon ay ang pagpapagaling ng paralitiko, v. 22-25
- c. Ang pagpupuri sa Diyos dahil sa makapangyarihang pagpapagaling ni Kristo Hesus, v. 26

Ang pagpapatawad sa kasalanan ang dahilan kung bakit bumaba mula sa Kanyang kaluwalhatian ang ating Panginoon. Ito ang puso ng Kanyang misyon mula sa Diyos Ama (Luke 19:10). Ang karamdaman at sakit ay resulta lang ng kasalanan ng tao (Genesis 2:17). Sa Kanyang pagpapagaling nito, inilarawan ni Hesus ang Kanyang tunay na pakay sa mundo — ang paglilinis at pagpapatawad ng kasalanan ng mga tao. ■




# The Shepherd's Voice


by Dr. Larry P. Pabiona, Senior Pastor


## INVITE FRIENDS AND FAMILY TO OUR GCF CHRISTMAS SPECIAL

Welcome to this Christmas season! We can now say, without any apology, that this is Christmas time. In connection, we request you invite your friends and family to join us this special month.

**The Overall Concept:** We celebrate Jesus as the Light of the world this season. These events are lined up to make this month memorable for all.

 **December 9 and 10 – Evangelistic Christmas Special:** “LIGHT OF THE WORLD.” This is happening this coming weekend already. We will share the Gospel in all Worship Services for this musical event that we used to call a “Cantata.” Whoever you may invite, please include those who have yet to receive Christ as God’s only Savior and Mediator.

 **December 23 and 24 – Christmas Eve Services:** “CAROLS OF LIGHT” A Christmas Eve Hymn Sing. Bring your singing voice; this will be that once a year, when being out of tune is forgiving! Because this time, we all become the GCF Choir!

 **December 30 and 31 – New Year’s Eve Services:** “LIGHT OF A NEW DAWN” A New Year’s Eve Service. Listen to a reflection on the Word that will prepare you to meet the journey ahead of a New Year with excitement.

## WANTED: REFERRALS FOR GCF DUBAI

You already know that Pastor Marc Sosmeña and wife, Susan, are in Dubai to set up GCF Dubai. They urgently need your referrals, people they could tap to help set up and possibly join this new GCF in the Middle East. They need contacts like people who could help find a worship area, your relatives and friends in Dubai who are either believers already or open to the faith. If you have any of these referrals, please email them to [sosmena@me.com](mailto:sosmena@me.com) ■

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# come WORSHIP GOD WITH US!

Together, let's seek to know  
Christ and make Him known

## WORSHIP SERVICES

### SUNDAYS

10:00 AM – English\*  
3:00 PM – Filipino  
5:30 PM – English

### SATURDAYS

5:00 PM – YouthLIVE Worship  
5:30 PM – Traditional Worship

### WEDNESDAYS

6:30 PM – Ortigas Community Worship

Join us in-person at GCF Ortigas

\*KidsLIFE Sunday School every Sunday 10:00 AM

## PRAYER GATHERING

### THURSDAYS

8:00 PM

GCF Family's Hour of Prayer  
Via Zoom  
Meeting ID: 848 3227 7763  
Passcode: 984990

## BIBLE STUDY

### SUNDAYS

9:00 AM

Sunday Bible School  
Series: Basic Doctrines  
Live at GCF Chapel

## ON-SITE FELLOWSHIP

### FRIDAYS

7:30 PM

Young Adults (YA) Fridays  
Open to 20–40 year olds  
Fellowship Hall

## GROWTH GROUPS

Discipleship groups for all ages, all days of the week,  
throughout Metro Manila and online

SIGN-UP AT [gcf.org.ph/growth-groups](http://gcf.org.ph/growth-groups)

## TRUTHS ABOUT LIFE & DEATH

### THE CHARACTER OF GOD

God is holy, pure, and just. He rightfully and righteously judges and punishes all sin.

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory! (Isaiah 6:3)

Who will not fear you, O Lord, and glorify your name? For you alone are holy. (Revelation 15:4)

### THE CRISIS WE FACE

We all have failed God's standard and face God's righteous judgment.

“For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God... (Romans 3:23)

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. (Romans 1:18)

### THE CALL OF JESUS

The Lord Jesus is God's only way for us to be forgiven and reconciled to God. He took the judgment for our sins on the Cross, and whoever comes to Christ for forgiveness, He gives new life and an eternal relationship with God.

“Jesus said “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6)

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. (Romans 6:23)

The Lord Jesus is calling out to us: “Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.” (Matthew 11:28–30)

### WHAT MUST WE DO?

Come to the Lord Jesus for forgiveness and salvation:

“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.”

# Church **UPDATES** **AND UPCOMING EVENTS**

## YouthLIVE and KidsLIFE

### LIVestream (YouthLIVE Worship)

Saturdays • 5:00 PM  
Auditorium A, GCF Ortigas & online  
Open to high school and college aged youth

### All-New KidsLIFE Sunday School

(except Special Sundays)  
Sundays • 10:00 AM  
4th Floor, GCF Ortigas

- **KidsLIFE Play & Learn (ages 2–5)**  
Pre-register at [gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg](https://gcf.link/PlayNLearnReg)
- **KidsLIFE Worship (ages 6–12)**  
Pre-register at [gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite](https://gcf.link/KidsLIFEonsite)

## CHRISTMAS SEASON 2023

### LIGHT OF THE WORLD: An Evangelistic Christmas Special

- Dec 9 – 5:30 PM
- Dec 10 – 10:00 AM and 5:30 PM

### CAROLS OF LIGHT: A Christmas Eve Hymn Sing

- Dec 23 – 5:30 PM
- Dec 24 – 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

### LIGHT OF A NEW DAWN: A New Year's Eve Service

- Dec 30 – 5:30 PM
- Dec 31 – 10:00 AM and 5:00 PM

\*No 3:00 PM Services on all these weekends.

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TUES

### EVERLASTING LOVE

A Christmas Musical  
9:00 AM  
Auditorium B, GCF Ortigas  
Admission is free!

Pre-register via [gcf.link/EverlastingLove](https://gcf.link/EverlastingLove)

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SUN

### PASKONEK

GCF Connect Ministry  
Christmas Celebration  
12:00 NN  
Fellowship Hall, GCF Ortigas  
Open to all BPO professionals

Pre-register via [bit.ly/PaskonekReg2023](https://bit.ly/PaskonekReg2023)

## DO YOU NEED SOMEONE TO TALK TO?

If you need support or clarification on some issues, we are here to help.

GCF ERCC Hotline: **0917 532 7794**

## ARE YOU HERE FOR THE FIRST TIME?

We would love to connect with you after every Worship Service. Our pastors and team are excited to meet you!

Drop by Room BM07 at the Mezzanine Floor or reach out to us at [gcf.link/GCFWelcome](https://gcf.link/GCFWelcome)

## QUESTIONS ABOUT GCF ORTIGAS?

Want to join a Growth Group?  
Looking to apply for church membership?  
Curious about the various ministries?

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