



8:00 p.m. Saturday 20 May 2023

8:45 a.m. Sunday 21 May 2023

ORDER OF SERVICE

ASCENSION SUNDAY

PRELUDE / PERSONAL REFLECTION & PREPARATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Great is the Lord!

C: God has redeemed God's people!

L: Let the heavens shout with joy!

C: Let all the people celebrate God's awesome love!

L: Shout and sing praise to God!

C: For God has healed and restored God's people.

L: Hallelujah!

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OPENING PRAYER

God of Grace and God of Glory, come and be known to us in our gathering together; come and be present in the songs we sing and in the prayers we raise. As we affirm our faith this day, deepen the roots of our commitment, that we may learn Your calling upon our lives. Surround us now with the love and comfort of Your Holy Spirit and the direction and redemption of Christ. AMEN.

ACT OF PRAISE

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous, life-giving God, You sent Jesus that we might have life and have it abundantly. In response to this great gift, we now offer ourselves and our resources. May these gifts help us as a church to be Your voice, calling all people to abundant life and to their true identities as Your beloved. AMEN.

WELCOME & FAMILY NEWS

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

HYMN OF PREPARATION

All Hail The Power Of Jesus Name

UMH 154

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Samuel 11:1-15

SERMON

Saul Scores An Important Victory

CLOSING HYMN

Crown Him With Many Crowns

UMH 327

THREE FOLD AMEN

PRAYER MINISTRY

If you would like someone to pray for you, please come forward.

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SERMON OUTLINE

SERMON TITLE:
SAUL SCORES AN
IMPORTANT VICTORY

SCRIPTURE TEXT:
1 SAMUEL 11:1-15

PREACHER:
REV DR ANDREW TAN

Introduction

Saul's physical warfare draws 4 parallels with NT spiritual warfare in proclaiming the gospel.

1. The Ammonites Threatens Jabesh-Gilead. Vv 1-3

a. The Ammonites Besiege the City of Jabesh-Gilead. Vv1-2

¹ *Nahash the Ammonite went up and besieged Jabesh Gilead.*

Men of Jabesh: "Make a treaty with us, and we will be subject to you."

² *But Nahash: "I will make a treaty with you only on the condition that I gouge out the right eye of every one of you and so bring disgrace on all Israel."*

Parallel 1: Satan keeps people in bondage to sin and demean them.

b. Jabesh-Gilead Ask for Time Before Surrender. V3

³ *The elders of Jabesh: "Give us seven days so we can send messengers throughout Israel; if no one comes to rescue us, we will surrender to you."*

2. Saul Defeats The Ammonites. Vv4-11

a. Saul Hears of the Plight of Jabesh Gilead. Vv4-5

⁴ *When the messengers came to Gibeah and reported ... they all wept aloud.*

⁵ *Saul: "What is wrong with the people? Why are they weeping?"*

b. Saul Rallies Israel to Fight the Ammonites. Vv6-8

⁶ *When Saul heard their words, the Spirit of God came upon him in power, and he burned with anger.*

⁷ *He took a pair of oxen, cut them into pieces, and sent the pieces ... throughout Israel: "This is what will be done to the oxen of anyone who does not follow Saul and Samuel."*

Then the terror of the LORD fell on the people, and they [330,000] turned out as one man.

Parallel 2: The Spirit wants to stir us to take action.

c. Saul Delivers Jabesh Gilead. Vv9-11

⁹ *They told the messengers: "By the time the sun is hot tomorrow, you will be delivered."* ¹⁰ *They said to the Ammonites, "Tomorrow we will surrender to you, ... do to us whatever ..."*

¹¹ *... during the last watch of the night they broke into the camp of the Ammonites and slaughtered them until the heat of the day...no two of them were left together.*

Parallel 3: There is a spiritual war we are to fight in.

3. Saul's Kingship Is Reaffirmed. Vv12-15

a. Saul Shows Mercy to His Opponents. Vv12-13

¹² *The people: "Bring these men to us and we will put them to death."*

¹³ *But Saul: "No one shall be put to death today, for this day the LORD has rescued Israel."*

Parallel 4: Jesus offers forgiveness to sinners since today is the day of salvation.

b. Saul's Kingship Is Widely Accepted. Vv14-15

¹⁴ *Samuel: "Come, let us go to Gilgal and there reaffirm the kingship."*

¹⁵ *So all the people went to Gilgal and confirmed Saul as king ... held a great celebration.*

Conclusion

The Lord who wrought deliverance that day long ago is doing it still today.

-----**questions for sermon discussion**-----

1. How does sin keep us in bondage and demean us?
2. What concerns do you have that moves you to take actions?
3. Where do you see spiritual warfare taking place in the world? What warfare goes on in our soul?
4. Why does "*now is the day of salvation*" (2 Cor. 6:2b) make it urgent for us to preach the gospel?

INTERCESSORY PRAYER

WORLD - MYANMAR

Soldiers from Myanmar's military government raided a village, killed 19 including 4 children and burning their bodies, in retaliation for an attack by resistance forces opposed to army rule.

- **PRAY for God to break these continued violence and senseless killings.**

Amidst all the violence, families in western Myanmar, are seeking shelter and higher ground ahead of a cyclone, forecast to bring high winds and a storm surge to the eastern Bay of Bengal.

- **Pray for God's mercy and the safety of those in that region.**
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MALAYSIA

The searing heat continues and the temperature remains high. The situation is made worse in some states where taps run dry.

- **PRAY for God's mercy to grant favourable weather and for some states with ample water (like Perak) to share with those, whose dams are running low.**

The six state elections to be held soon may determine if the present Unity Government will remain grounded for the next 4 years or our dreams of a better and cleaner Malaysia will be destroyed once again.

- **PRAY for good candidates to be nominated and elected.**
 - **PRAY for everyone in these states who loves our Malaysia to come out in full strength to vote wisely.**
 - **PRAY for the outcome of the state elections to strengthen the present government and counter the onslaught of lies and half-truths by populist influencers.**
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CGMC

PRAY for God's blessings on all families:

- **for loving marriages of mutual respect with couples respecting each other and with God at the center.**
- **for teenagers and young adults to grow strong in faith and mighty in the Lord.**
- **for protection over the children, especially from the influence of the digital world culture.**
- **that members will continue to grow in the Lord, walk in holiness and more and more members will have the confidence to return and congregate together in church, for our services and activities.**

Welcome to CGMC Worship Service

We are honored and excited to have you here to worship with us.
Please scan the QR code to connect with us and to access the digital bulletin.

May you encounter God and be enriched in your fellowship with us.
Visitors, guests and members are welcome to join us for coffee / tea at
our Concourse after service.



IN-PERSON WORSHIP

Saturdays, 8:00 p.m. and Sundays, 8:45 a.m.

CGMC LIVESTREAMS

Click/tap cgmcipoh.org/livestreams

KKM has made mask wearing in public places optional except in health care facilities and public transport. In view of the KKM guidelines, our church LCEC has made a decision to make it optional to wear masks during worship services.

People who are not feeling well, who have fever, cough, running nose or sore throat are encouraged to stay at home and follow the live stream service.

Church members attending worship service can wear masks if they wish to but it is not compulsory. This will be effective from 1st of April.

JKC (3 to 6 years old)

Sundays, 11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. Chapel

Kim Bee 012-461 3763
Priscilla 012-523 0176

KIDS (7-12 years old)

Sundays, 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m. SS

Mrs Mimi Tan 013-521 9850

MYF MEETING

Sundays, 3:00 p.m. SS

Sum Kwan Hoo 012-522 7282
Loh Xiu Ming 012-528 8981

PRAISE DANCE

Mondays & Thursdays, 7:15 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.
at CGMC car park

Ms Wong Bee Siew 012-532 6018

CGMC PRAYER ALTAR (ZOOM)

Mondays – Fridays, 4:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Everyone is welcome to join.

Meeting ID: 836 0347 8653 Passcode: prayer125

SIT DOWN EXERCISE (SDE) (In Person)

Fridays - 11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., KMH

PRAISE AND PRAYER

Friday, 26 May 2023, 8pm, SS

Members are encouraged to join
the Praise and Prayer

D6 MALAYSIA CONFERENCE

Theme: All in - Heart, Soul, Strength
August 3 -5, Dream Centre PJ, DUMC.

Keynote Speaker: : Dr. Ron Hunter Jr

COST: RM220 / pax

EARLY BIRD: RM200 / pax (by May 15, 2023)

CLOSING DATE: June 30, 2023 REGISTRATION

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://bit.ly/d6malaysia2023>

TYPE A EVANGLISM

Saturday, 3 June, 2pm – 5pm

Register:

➤ Email: cgmcipoh@gmail.com

➤ Telephone : 05-5462023

➤ <https://forms.gle/gT2DmZweBYXbMCwR6>

Closing Registration: 1 June

PLEDGE & OFFERING

- Write cheque : Canning Garden Methodist Church CA No 2
- Bank transfer online: AmBank Account No: 218-201-200487-4
- Touch n Go QR Code (Only for E-Offering)

(Reminder: Put bank-in slip into the envelope that the Church provides,
indicate what the money is for and drop the envelope into the offering
bag.)

