

**ONE THING: WORSHIP**

(Luke 10:38-42, John 12:1-8)

**We are created to worship.** By nature we worship one thing or other. If we don't worship God we worship other things or other people. When we come to church, we come to worship God. We know that worship is not only singing to God but listening to Him attentively too.

**Lessons we learn from Mary:** Worship first and work second. Though worship includes all aspects of our lives, e.g. Hospitality and serving as demonstrated by Martha, the Lord Jesus Christ said that listening to Him attentively is one of the most important priorities. Worship precedes any other assignment or work. God had to deliver His people out of slavery in Egypt to freedom to worship Him. Slaves can't worship while in slavery. Even in the parable of The Prodigal Son, the elder son could not celebrate as he said; "I have been slaving for you". Jesus also commissioned the worshippers to preach the good news (Mt 28:17-20); we are first worshippers before we undertake God's work.

**Worship includes both Personal and Corporate:** Our best, our all and our everything. Mary worshipped God with one year wage value! Her devotion to her Lord cost so much. It starts with her attention to Him with top priority. We all know that *although God is all present everywhere*, we have to make our *personal specific time* and *specific place to spend time with Him on a daily basis*. It has to precede every other aspect of life. Even Jesus had regular personal prayer time. We learn priority to worship from Christ our Lord. And as was His practice *He goes to Synagogue regularly*. Though He had enough time with His Father yet He never neglected Corporate fellowship. For us fellowshiping on Sunday devotion together is like a feast, a spiritual feast. It has to be regular and systemic for our healthy spiritual growth in relationship with one another. And when we grow together in Christian fellowship in love others will know that we are Christ's followers.

**Danger of missing corporate fellowship** as we learned from Thomas. He missed Jesus after His resurrection appearance when he missed the disciples' fellowship which made him doubt on the resurrection of Christ! Graciously the Lord appeared to him later. Let us not miss or neglect our *personal devotion* or *corporate fellowship*- as an act of your devotion and worship to the Lord. It is so important for us to grow up into maturity as Christians.

- Dr. Ahokhe Shikhu



CHRIST THE POWER OF GOD  
AND THE WISDOM OF GOD

# City Church

## SUNDAY SERVICE

- Leader : Oponlumi Esaca
- Speaker : Colo Mero
- Ushers : Dr. Aphre Odyuo & Kaka Zhimomi
- Keyboard : Shin-Jung Mijito
- Flower : Abano Chüpuo

## Call to Worship Praise & Worship

Reading : Psalm 24

## Mass Prayer

Announcement

Offertory

Hymn No. 4 : Come, Christians, Join to Sing

Message

Hymn No. 207 : I Need Thee Every Hour

Benediction



## Information

- Enroute today at 3pm.
- Wednesday Evening Service ( Prayer and Bible Study) at 5pm.
- Thursday Women's fellowship Bible study by Mrs. Nini Bendang at 4:30pm in EGF Hall.
- There will be Executive meeting on 4th of March.

## **VISION statement of the City Church:**

*City Church seeks to honor and worship Jesus Christ as Lord and the only God; and to build the Body of Christ (The Church) with all who love Him as disciples, proclaiming Him as the Savior to all nations.*

## **AIMS of the City Church:**

**Worship:** *To Worship God and exalt His name together as a Church.*

**Fellowship:** *To build the body of Christ with all who love Him through mutual sharing, help and growth.*

**Evangelism:** *To witness for Christ both by proclamation and by lifestyle so as to cause others to experience God's great salvation.*

**Discipleship:** *To establish members as disciples of Jesus Christ through systematic Bible Studies and teaching and equip them for effective service.*

**Mission:** *To send out people in obedience to God's call and command to reach the un-reached for Christ.*

## PSALM 24

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it,  
the world, and all who live in it;  
for he founded it on the seas  
and established it on the waters.

Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD?  
Who may stand in his holy place?

The one who has clean hands and a pure heart,  
who does not trust in an idol  
or swear by a false god.

They will receive blessing from the LORD  
and vindication from God their Savior.

Such is the generation of those who seek him,  
who seek your face, God of Jacob.

Lift up your heads, you gates;  
be lifted up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is this King of glory?  
The LORD strong and mighty,  
the LORD mighty in battle.

Lift up your heads, you gates;  
lift them up, you ancient doors,  
that the King of glory may come in.

Who is he, this King of glory?  
The LORD Almighty—  
he is the King of glory.

## PRAYER

- Pray that each of us would grow in faith, in knowledge and understanding of the word of God .
- Pray for our children as they prepare for their exams.

### *Pray for the General Election:*

- Pray for the Clean Election Campaign, for NBCC and other church organisation, that God will work through these efforts to bring peace and justice to the people.
- Pray for all the Election Candidates that they may do what is good and right before God and men. And pray for all officials who will be on election duty, for wisdom and protection as they prepare to carry out their duties.
- Pray for the people of Nagaland so that good sense and righteousness may prevail over selfishness and temporary gain as we face another general election.
- Like in the Psalm, let us pray that God will frustrate and destroy the plans of those who intend evil and destruction, that we may see the power of His righteousness.

## ENROUTE

**Exhortation to the Faithful (Jude 17-23):** Jude provides a series of exhortation to make sure that the believers remain faithful. How? **Build ourselves up in the Most Holy Faith (v20):** To “Build Up” suggests growth. We must continue to build upon Jesus Christ the object of our faith (**2 Peter 3:18**). **Keep ourselves in the love of God (v21):** Peter wrote, we are “*kept by the power of God through faith*” *1 Peter 1:5*. As someone wrote, ‘*The power of God is the divine contribution to keep us safe and remaining faithful is the human contribution to being kept safe*’. **And be compassionate, with fear (v22-23):** The need for fear: So we don't get caught in the same sin (**Gal 6:1**).

- Moa Imsong, Youth Pastor

## Notes:

Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Tithes: ₹ 2,60,800    Offering: ₹ 7,351    Thanksgiving: ₹ 800    Mission: ₹ 5,600  
Building Fund: ₹ 1,000    Nagamese: ₹ 480    Total: ₹ 2,75,981

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