

# Sunday Praise and Worship Service

## † Order of Service

I would rather be known in life as an honest sinner, than a lying hypocrite...

### Matthew 23:1-36 (...continued)

<sup>18</sup> And you say, 'If anyone swears by the altar, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gift that is on the altar, he is bound by his oath.' <sup>19</sup> You blind men! For which is greater, the gift or the altar that makes the gift sacred? <sup>20</sup> So whoever swears by the altar swears by it and by everything on it. <sup>21</sup> And whoever swears by the temple swears by it and by him who dwells in it. <sup>22</sup> And whoever swears by heaven swears by the throne of God and by him who sits upon it.

<sup>23</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. <sup>24</sup> You blind guides, straining out a gnat and swallowing a camel!

<sup>25</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you clean the outside of the cup and the plate, but inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.

<sup>26</sup> You blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup and the plate, that the outside also may be clean.

<sup>27</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you are like whitewashed tombs, which outwardly appear beautiful, but within are full of dead people's bones and all uncleanness. <sup>28</sup> So you also outwardly appear righteous to others, but within you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

<sup>29</sup> "Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you build the tombs of the prophets and decorate the monuments of the righteous, <sup>30</sup> saying, 'If we had lived in the days of our fathers, we would not have taken part with them in shedding the blood of the prophets.' <sup>31</sup> Thus you witness against yourselves that you are sons of those who murdered the prophets. <sup>32</sup> Fill up, then, the measure of your fathers. <sup>33</sup> You serpents, you brood of vipers, how are you to escape being sentenced to hell? <sup>34</sup> Therefore I send you prophets and wise men and scribes, some of whom you will kill and crucify, and some you will flog in your synagogues and persecute from town to town, <sup>35</sup> so that on you may come all the righteous blood shed on earth, from the blood of righteous Abel to the blood of Zechariah the son of Barachiah, <sup>1f</sup> whom you murdered between the sanctuary and the altar. <sup>36</sup> Truly, I say to you, all these things will come upon this generation.

Footnotes: a. [Matthew 23:4](#) Some manuscripts omit *hard to bear* b. [Matthew 23:7](#) *Rabbi* means *my teacher, or my master*; also verse 8 c. [Matthew 23:8](#) *Or brothers and sisters* d. [Matthew 23:13](#) Some manuscripts add here (or after verse 12) verse 14: *Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you devour widows' houses and for a pretense you make long prayers; therefore you will receive the greater condemnation* e. [Matthew 23:15](#) Greek *Gehenna*; also verse 33 f. [Matthew 23:35](#) Some manuscripts omit *the son of Barachiah*

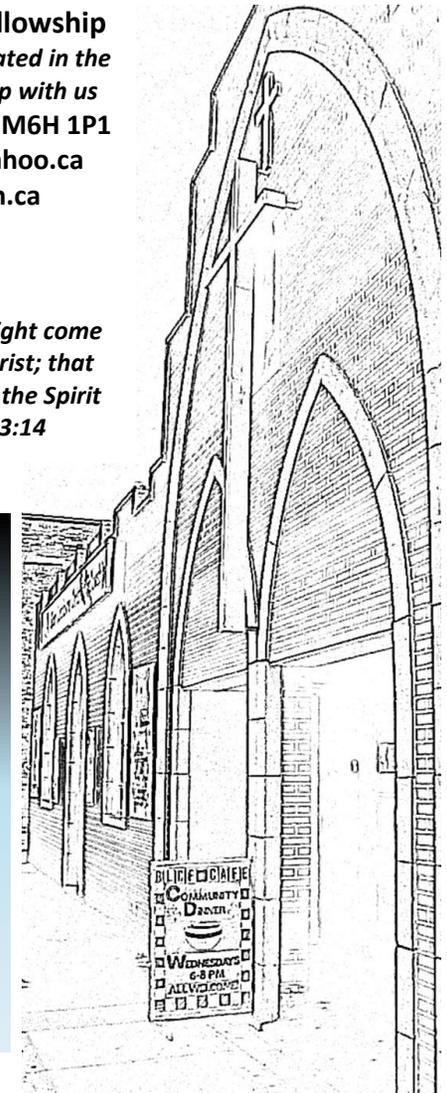
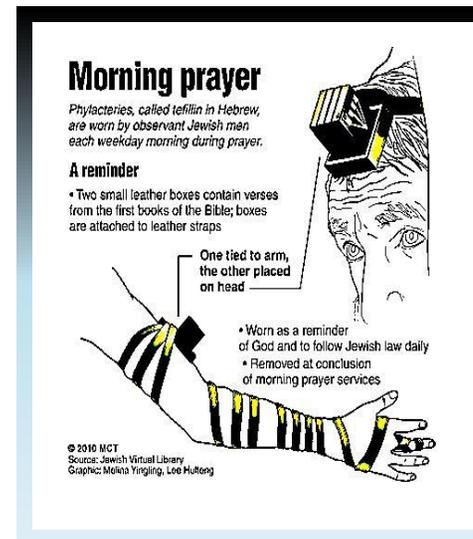
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*That the blessing of Abraham might come on the Gentiles through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.* — Galatians 3:14



- ❖ Sunday ~ 11:00 AM Praise and Worship Service
- ❖ Wednesday ~ Morning Prayer and Bible Study - Summer Break
- ❖ Wednesday ~ 6:00-8:00 PM: BLCF Café Community Dinner
- ❖ Friday ~ 7:30 PM: BLCF Outreach
- ❖ Online Sermons: [bloorlansdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com](http://bloorlansdownechristianfellowship.wordpress.com)

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Announcements and Call to Worship - Responsive Reading #667:  
*Humility and Exaltation* (Philippians 2 and Matthew 23)

Opening Hymn #25: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee; Choruses*

Prayer and Tithing: Hymn #572: *Praise God from Whom All Blessings;*  
Prayer Requests

Today's Scriptures: Psalm 119:57-64 and Matthew 23:1-36

Message by Steve Mickelson: *'Rejoice and Be Renewed In His Image'*

Closing Hymn #177: *Rejoice, the Lord is King*

Benediction: - (2 Thessalonians 2:16-17):

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

### Psalm 119:57-64 (ESV)

Heth

<sup>57</sup> The LORD is my portion;  
I promise to keep your words.  
<sup>58</sup> I entreat your favor with all my heart;  
be gracious to me according to your promise.  
<sup>59</sup> When I think on my ways,  
I turn my feet to your testimonies;  
<sup>60</sup> I hasten and do not delay  
to keep your commandments.  
<sup>61</sup> Though the cords of the wicked ensnare me,  
I do not forget your law.  
<sup>62</sup> At midnight I rise to praise you,  
because of your righteous rules.  
<sup>63</sup> I am a companion of all who fear you,  
of those who keep your precepts.  
<sup>64</sup> The earth, O LORD, is full of your steadfast love;  
teach me your statutes!



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Genesis 1:27 (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> So God created man in his own image,  
in the image of God he created him;  
male and female he created them.

**Jesus Scorned  
Hypocrites,  
not Sinners!**

Colossians 3:9-11 (ESV)

<sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have put off the old self<sup>[a]</sup> with its practices<sup>10</sup> and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge after the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> Here there is not Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave,<sup>[b]</sup> free; but Christ is all, and in all.

Footnotes: a. [Colossians 3:9](#) Greek *man*; also as supplied in verse [10](#) b. [Colossians 3:11](#) Greek *bondservant*

Matthew 23:1-36 (ESV) Seven Woes to the Scribes and Pharisees

<sup>23</sup> Then Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup> "The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat,<sup>3</sup> so do and observe whatever they tell you, but not the works they do. For they preach, but do not practice. <sup>4</sup> They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear,<sup>[a]</sup> and lay them on people's shoulders, but they themselves are not willing to move them with their finger. <sup>5</sup> They do all their deeds to be seen by others. For they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long, <sup>6</sup> and they love the place of honor at feasts and the best seats in the synagogues <sup>7</sup> and greetings in the marketplaces and being called rabbi<sup>[b]</sup> by others. <sup>8</sup> But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>9</sup> And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. <sup>10</sup> Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. <sup>11</sup> The greatest among you shall be your servant. <sup>12</sup> Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

<sup>13</sup> "But woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you shut the kingdom of heaven in people's faces. For you neither enter yourselves nor allow those who would enter to go in. <sup>[d]</sup> <sup>15</sup> Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel across sea and land to make a single proselyte, and when he becomes a proselyte, you make him twice as much a child of hell<sup>[e]</sup> as yourselves.

<sup>16</sup> "Woe to you, blind guides, who say, 'If anyone swears by the temple, it is nothing, but if anyone swears by the gold of the temple, he is bound by his oath.' <sup>17</sup> You blind fools! For which is greater, the gold or the temple that has made the gold sacred?

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