

HARBOUR
CITY CHURCH

Sunday Program

24 MARCH 2024



(Tim Keller)

“Suffering is not the absence of God’s goodness but the presence of His grace in ways we cannot always comprehend.”

(J.I. Packer)

“God allows suffering not to break us, but to make us more dependent on Him and to deepen our intimacy with Him.”

(John Calvin)

“Suffering is the forge where our faith is refined, producing perseverance, character and hope.”

(Derek Thomas)

“In the midst of suffering, we find that God is not distant but present, walking with us through the valley of the shadow of death.”

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Presider: M. Dave Choi

Preacher: P. Jim Jung

Please stand where indicated by *

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

[based on Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7 ESV]

"Hear the Word of the Lord!"

Oh come, let us sing to the LORD; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

SILENT CONFESSION

Let us continue to draw nearer to God by confessing, repenting and bearing of our hearts before our loving Heavenly Father. Be transparent and earnest, bringing the offering of broken and contrite heart before the Lord who knows us better than we know ourselves. He is more willing to forgive than we are to repent!

(Silent Private Prayer)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

(In Christ, our sins are covered!)

Hear the good news of the forgiveness of your sins!

Isaiah 43:25

“²⁵I am he who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.”

PRAYER OF ADORATION

(Presider)

CONFESSION OF FAITH - Heidelberg Catechism

(Confess Aloud Altogether the answer as a Believing Congregation)

Lord's Day 12 – SECOND PART: OF GOD THE SON

31. Why is He called “Christ,” that is, Anointed?

Because He is ordained of God the Father and anointed with the Holy Ghost to be our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption; and our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of His body, has redeemed us, and ever lives to make intercession for us with the Father; and our eternal King, who governs us by His Word and Spirit, and defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

32. But why are you called a Christian?

Because by faith I am a member of Christ and thus a partaker of His anointing, in order that I also may confess His Name, may present myself a living sacrifice of thankfulness to Him, and with a free conscience may fight against sin and the devil in this life, and hereafter in eternity reign with Him over all creatures.

SONGS OF PRAISE*

<Preschool Children are excused for "Bible Story Time">

OFFERING PRAYER & INTERCESSION

(Brent)

To help you think about your level of giving, here is the financial snapshot of HCC for this month:

Giving: 13th March - 19th March = \$10,331.40

Total March Giving = \$18,582.40

Sydney Space Balance: \$189,549.56

Monthly Giving Target: \$28,000.00

GENERAL TITHES & OFFERINGS vs. SYDNEY SPACE OFFERING

These are two separate HCC accounts (BSB: 082 057).

For General Tithes and Offerings (16 207 4037); and specifically for Sydney Space (32 844 5724).

At the end of each month, 10% of all general tithes and offerings will go towards SS account as "seed money". Please DO NOT reroute your general giving towards SS account. SS is specifically to give above and beyond your general commitment.

SERMON

"Living in the Last Days" Series

"Christian Suffering" - 1 Peter 3:10-22

1. Reasons for Suffering
2. Reasons for Hope

RESPONSIVE SONG*

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BENEDICTION*

Philippians 4:7

“⁷And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.”

WELCOME TO HCC!

We are a gospel centered church seeking the renewal of our city by the transforming power of the gospel of Jesus Christ to the glory of God! We are so glad to have you join us for our worship service today.

If you're with us for the first time, please let us know who you are by filling out our please fill out the 'Newcomers Form' [here](#) and we'll get in touch!

SUNDAY WORSHIP

We'd love for you to join us for our weekly Sunday services. You can join us in person. Our live stream is available by request only, by filling out this form [here](#). Past sermons can be found [here](#).

- 10:00AM Harbour Tea
- 10:30AM Worship Service

CHURCH LOCATION

41B College Street, Gladesville NSW 2111

OFFERING

Offering is part of our worship to God. The Bible gives us an enduring principle of tithing of our gross income as the baseline for the Christian's worship through giving (2 Cor 9:7; Malachi 3:8-10). If every church member gave 10%, we would have enough financial resources for all the gospel ministry God is calling our church to do. Let the Spirit guide you in all final matters.

You may give electronically to the account details below:

Account Name: Harbour City
Church

BSB: 082 057

Account No. : 16 207 4037

Account Name: HCC Sydney
Space

BSB: 082 057

Account No. : 32 844 5724

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Harbour City Church welcomes families with children of all ages to the Sunday worship services. An “open creche” area is provided at the back of the venue for parents to use with their babies and toddlers. Bible Story Time for children who are preschool aged takes place during Sunday services, except on the 5th Sunday of the month, and begins just before the sermon. If you have any questions about Children’s Ministry, please contact Gloria.

GROWTH GROUPS

GGs are small group support and accountability units, available to all members and regulars. It is the core discipleship ministry of HCC.

COMMUNITY GROUPS

CGs meet for dinner every weekend when there is a 5th Sunday in the month. CGs gather in homes for wider church bonding and fellowship in various locations around Sydney.

ELDERS

Jim Jung
Senior Pastor

0430 423 986

Jason Ju
Ruling Elder

0422 647 599

Sijin Yang
Associate Pastor

0415 058 976

David Choi
Ruling Elder

0433 666 991

KEEP IN TOUCH

Find us online for regular posts, reflections and to get to know us a little better via our Facebook, Instagram and website.

Facebook: [@harbourcitychurch](#)

Instagram: [@hcc_syd](#)

www.harbourcitychurch.com

COMMUNITY BIBLE READING

Please join us in daily reading of God's word as a church body. There is an app available for the reading plan 'Community Bible Reading' and a link available [here](#).

PRAYING THROUGH YOUR PEN

1. Adoration

Praise the Father for His attributes and actions

2. Confession

Confess and acknowledge your sinfulness

3. Thanksgiving

Thank Jesus for His salvation

4. Supplication

Ask the Spirit to transform you

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How are you experiencing suffering, whether presently or in the past? Please share if you're able.
2. Of many knowable and unknowable reasons, why do you believe you are experiencing suffering when you do? Which of the many reasons covered in the sermon resonate for you?
3. In light of the message, how will you now convey the reason for the hope that you have? What is the role of "conscience" in your expression of hope?
4. What was the most helpful/challenging/encouraging part of the sermon for you?

WHAT'S ON AT HCC

WELCOME TO HCC

Thank you for joining our HCC worship. If you are new to our church, we want to welcome you and would love to get to know you. Please fill out the 'Newcomers Form' [here](#) and we'll get in touch! For any more information about anything or to respond to any announcements, you can always email info@harbourcitychurch.com

PRAISE AND PRAYER NIGHT

Wednesday 27 March 7:30pm

Please join us for our upcoming Praise and Prayer night, where we will be gathering as a church community to offer songs of praise & worship, and pray for our nations, church and ourselves. Can't wait to see you there!

GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER SERVICES

Please join us and invite your friends, family, and coworkers as we gather to celebrate the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Good Friday service: 4:30pm Friday 29th March

Easter service: 10:30am Sunday 31st March

EASTER DEVOTIONALS

Please use the provided devotionals this week as we reflect on the importance of Easter.

Grab a paper copy from the Welcoming desk, access the devotionals online here: harbourcitychurch.com/easter-devotionals or follow along with daily HCC Facebook posts.

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BIBLICAL THEOLOGY WORKSHOP BY NANCY GUTHRIE

Date: Saturday 1st June

Calling all women to attend a Biblical theology workshop held by Nancy Guthrie. \$75 dollars for the whole day with morning and afternoon tea provided. See you all there!

Please register here: <https://signupforms.com/registrations/35147>

HCC MEN'S RETREAT- "UNWAVERING"

Date: Thursday 4th - Saturday 6th April 2024

Location: Redgate Farmstay

Calling all brothers! Come join us as we get away and share quality time with one another, through topical materials and deep fellowship. The deadline to register is 31st March! \$50 deposit via HCC account. For any questions please reach out to J Pak, Tim or Eric.

Rego here: <https://fb.me/e/dxu6la44j>

SAVE THE DATE- HCC CAMP

Singles- Fri 5th July to Sun 7th July

Married- Fri 11th Oct to Sun 13th Oct

For any additional details or questions, please contact Jess L.

NEWTOWN MISSION: VOLUNTEERING AT JORDAN CAFE

Join us for Jordan Cafe volunteering on Thursday evenings. Service starts at 6PM, followed by dinner service at 7PM. Contact Keara for further information.

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

- Welcoming and Data- Contact Delaney
- Slides- Contact Dave
- City Sanctum Steering Committee- Contact Brent
- Sunday Program: Contact Michelle
- Praise: Contact Kev
- Women's Ministry: Contact Sarah G or Louise