

HARBOUR  
CITY CHURCH

# Retreat Sunday

23 APRIL 2023



(J.C. Ryle)

*“Zeal in religion is a burning desire to please God, to do His will, and to advance His glory in the world in every possible way. It is a desire which no man feels by nature — which the Spirit puts in the heart of every believer when he is converted — but which some believers feel so much more strongly than others, that they alone deserve to be called “zealous” Christians..”*

(Charles Spurgeon)

*“True Christian zeal will seek to do the highest work of which sanctified humanity is capable. Stephen is first heard of as a distributor of the alms of the church to needy widows. He exercised what was virtually, if not nominally, the deacon’s office.”*

(Karl Kutbrod)

*“We western Christians probably need to get a hard grip on this; we need to rediscover the earthiness of God. We must realize that even enjoying the grand act of the kingdom of God will not mean floating as a beeping soul in some sort of spiritual ether but walking around with a resurrection body in new heavens and a new earth (cf. Isa.65-66; Rev.21-22).”*

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Presider: E. Daebi Choi**

**Preacher: P. Jim Jung**

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Please stand where indicated by \*

### CALL TO WORSHIP

#### **Psalm 115:1-8**

*1 Not to us, O LORD, not to us, but to your name give glory, for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

*2 Why should the nations say, "Where is their God?"*

*3 Our God is in the heavens; he does all that he pleases.*

*4 Their idols are silver and gold, the work of human hands.*

*5 They have mouths, but do not speak; eyes, but do not see.*

*6 They have ears, but do not hear; noses, but do not smell.*

*7 They have hands, but do not feel; feet, but do not walk; and they do not make a sound in their throat.*

*8 Those who make them become like them; so do all who trust in them.*

### 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!

### **Rom. 8:31-32**

*31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?*

*32 He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?*

## **PRAYER OF ADORATION**

(Presider)

## **CONFESSION OF FAITH**

### **Westminster Shorter Catechism**

#### **Week 17: “Effectual Calling”**

31. What is effectual calling?

*Effectual calling is the work of God’s Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ, and renewing our wills, he doth persuade and enable us to embrace Jesus Christ, freely offered to us in the gospel.*

32. What benefits do they that are effectually called partake of in this life?

*They that are effectually called do in this life partake of justification, adoption, and sanctification, and the several benefits which, in this life, do either accompany or flow from them.*

## OFFERING & DEDICATION

### Word of Dedication: "Reflection of our Giving God"

#### 1 Timothy 6:17-18

*"17 As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.*

*18 They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,"*

## SONGS OF PRAISE\*

## PRAYER OF DEDICATION & INTERCESSION

(Flora Y)

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

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### 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.

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## **SCRIPTURE READING**

**1 Cor.15: 12-19** (James L)

## **SERMON**

**Joshua Series (Life's a Battle)**

**"Zeal & Prize" – Joshua 15:1-19**

1. Markers and boundaries
2. Zeal & Prize
3. Real estate

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **RESPONSIVE SONG\***

## **BENEDICTION\***

**Rev. 1:5b-6**

*"To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood & made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."*

## 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 or online via our church [Facebook Page](#). Past sermons can be found [here](#).

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

### Church Location

41B College Street, Gladesville NSW 2111

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## 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 3 years old and above will be taking place in the Children’s Ministry room during Sunday services, after the announcement time. 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 whenever there is a 5th Sunday of the month for lunch fellowship after worship. This ministry is for wider church bonding beyond GGs, including mixed fellowship and activities.

## ELDERS

Jim Jung  
**Senior Pastor**

Jason Ju  
**Ruling Elder**

David Choi  
**Ruling Elder**

0430 423 986

0422 647 599

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\\_sydney](#)

[www.harbourcitychurch.com](http://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

### 3. Thanksgiving

Thank Jesus for His salvation

### 2. Confession

Confess and acknowledge your sinfulness

### 4. Supplication

Ask the Spirit to transform you

## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. How do we relate with all these odd names of places for markers, boundaries, cities and towns?
2. Are you zealous to realize God's promises in your life? How zealous—little or a lot?
3. What are we willing to put down (or sacrifice) to win the greatest challenge for our souls?
4. What is 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](mailto:info@harbourcitychurch.com)

### WOMEN'S ONE LOVE CONFERENCE EARLY BIRD TIX

KCC'S One Love women's conference is coming up this August. Early bird is closing soon. HCC WM will be subsidising \$50 towards your tickets. Once you have purchased. Please fill out the ministry reimbursement form - links will be provided by you GG leaders. Please see details below and direct any questions to Sarah G or Claudia.

Date: Saturday 26 August 2023, 9:30AM-4:00PM

Venue: Hillsong Convention Centre, Norwest

Early bird tickets: \$99, closing 30 April

Standard tickets: \$115, 1 May - 20 August

### SOW 2023 ALUMNI GATHERING

Saturday 29th April at 3pm at Harbour City Church

If you're an alum or final year student, come to hear an update on the vision and direction of SOW, meet other SOW Alumni, and fellowship over food and drink.

Please register [here](#).

### COMMUNITY GROUP LUNCH

Community Groups gather for lunch fellowship every fifth Sunday of the month after worship. Next CG lunch is next week on 30th April.

If unsure of where you belong, contact Daebii or Delaney. > [back to OOW](#)

## **LIVE STREAM ENDING**

HCC will continue to upload sermon audio but will end its live stream of worship services starting in May. We hope to see you in-person!

## **NO TBS FOR APRIL**

No Topical Bible Study in April. Growth Groups are encouraged to meet the last week of April in lieu of TBS this month.

## **SRT RICE & OIL DRIVE**

The M&J Team invites HCC for the 2nd consecutive year to donate 150kg of basmati rice and 150 L of vegetable oil over the course of Q2 2023 (16 April - 25 June). These donations will go straight to asylum seekers and refugee families in need living in Sydney. SRT staff and refugee companions will make the deliveries weekly. Please pledge [here](#). Speak to Cyril or Keara if you have any questions!

## **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.

## **GROWTH GROUPS**

Growth Groups meet every week except for during school holidays. Be sure to get connected in these small group meetings for care, accountability, sermon reflection, prayer, and fellowship. Please remember to follow all necessary safety protocols during this time.

If you'd like to get plugged into a group, contact P. Jim, Elder David, Delaney, Sarah G, or email [info@harbourcitychurch.com](mailto:info@harbourcitychurch.com)

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