

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"Not my will, but Thine, be done" – Luke 22:42

A WORD ON WORSHIP

We worship on the first day of the week after the tradition of early Christians (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2). The first day of the week was also known as "the Lord's day" (Revelation 1:10). "The Lord's day" means the day pertaining to the Lord. It was the day of Christ's resurrection (Matthew 28:1-6; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1), and it was also the day the risen Christ appeared to His disciples as they gathered together (John 20:19). Obviously, those reasons have led Christians to meet for worship on the first day of the week. The writings of the early church fathers also bear witness to those facts. So, let us also according to this biblical tradition, rejoice and worship the Lord.

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Doublemindedness

James 1:8

A double minded man
is unstable in all his ways.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

Hymn 217: Rejoice - the Lord is King!*

Invocation & Gloria Patri*

Responsive Scripture Reading*

Revelation 20

Gethsemane Children's Choir

Hymn 25: The Lord is King!

Collection of Offerings

A Prayer for a Godly Home

Doxology & Prayer*

Hymn 186: Wounded for Me

Scripture Memorisation

Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Parable of the Net"

Matthew 13:47-52

Holy Communion

Hymn 194: Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed?

Hymn 559: Near the Cross*

Gethsemane Youth Choir

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Benediction & Threefold Amen*

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 5 MARCH 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 12 MARCH 2017

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Francis Tan Ushers: Lawrence Ng & Robert Ooi	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Angeline Wong Flowers: Winnie Yap Refreshments: Rose Chua Ah Moey Ushers: John Peh & Lawrence Ng		
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Low, Ellyzabeth Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Linus Kok Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Choy Luan Kheng Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Nancy Lau Jolyne Cho, Lena Chan Junior Worship: Diana Chan, (Sally Lum) Neo Kian Seng, (Corliss Ooi) Arvind Pawa	Worship Leader: Dn Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Chloe Pawa Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, Chan Tuck Whye Low Siew Lian Greeter: Crew No. 3 AV Ministry: Gina Sim Flowers: Violet Quek, Chairine Chayadi Refreshments: Lim Hua See, Chong Shu Mun Junior Worship: Kenneth Wong, (Jenice Choy) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Esther Quek) Bro Andrew Koh		
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Duaine Kabingue Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Cecile Batrina	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Bro Andrew Koh Musician: Dorcas Koshy Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Erly Calaro		
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Kenneth Wong Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim		

05 March 2017

The Lord Delights in His Saints

(A lesson based on the life of Job)

Prabhudas Koshy

Introduction

To know that someone loves us is a joyous matter. It is a tremendous pleasure to know that someone is really happy about us. When parents, relatives, teachers, bosses or friends commend our efforts, we know our labours have not been in vain.

However, very often people forget or neglect our real efforts. Worse still, some people repay our efforts with false allegations, slander and even persecution. Very often, the labours of God's people have gone unnoticed and unrewarded. This is even true in churches. But the Lord whom we worship and serve is a great rewarder of our service for Him.

The Lord Jesus said, "And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only in the name of a disciple, verily I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward" (Matthew 10:42). The Lord looks upon every faithful, upright child of His with great pleasure. He will commend them. He is eager to talk about them before His Father and the holy angels. In Luke 12:8, we read Jesus as saying, "Also I say unto you, Whosoever shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before the angels of God."

Saints are the Lord's chief delight

The Lord's remark about Job in Job 1:7-8 shows that He would acknowledge His servant not only before the Father and the holy angels but even before His arch-enemy, the devil. "And the LORD said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered the LORD, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?" (Job 1:7-8).

The above remarks of the Lord remind me of the truth that the psalmist wrote about a happy father who delights in his children before his enemies: "Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate" (Psalm 127:5).

The devil is a false accuser and a destroyer of the testimonies of God's children. So, God holds up his faithful child, Job, as a trophy of His victory over Satan. The Lord delights to lift up the testimony of His servant Job for His own glory, and to the shame of His wicked foe.

Take note that God's praise of Job is very open and lavish. He is unrestrained in His commendation of His child. If the devil dared to question Job's integrity at this

point of time, he would not be just challenging Job, but the LORD God Himself and His perfect integrity. So the devil did not put up an argument about the truthfulness of God's statement concerning Job.

We must also note that here the Lord was not defending Job, but commending him. The righteousness of the child of God was His arrow against the devil. Again, my mind goes back to Psalm 127:4, 5 - "As arrows are in the hand of a mighty man; so are children of the youth. Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them: they shall not be ashamed, but they shall speak with the enemies in the gate."

I certainly believe that the Lord will be very pleased to take glory through the sanctified lives of His people. O saints of God, how do you feel in your heart today to know that your Lord is very proud of you and that you are His prime subject of His boast before His arch-enemy?

How to be God's pure delight?

Be like Job. Well, I am not suggesting that you must be rich as Job. The world may appreciate you if you are rich. But notice that the Lord had not boasted to Satan about Job's wealth! Rather, the Lord's praise of Job was all about his spiritual virtues. In verse 8, we read, "And the LORD said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil?"

This truth is brought to our attention by the prophet Jeremiah in Jeremiah 9:24, "But let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the LORD which exercise lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the LORD."

The Lord delights in lovingkindness, judgment and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things He delights. So, those who are His saints must know what will please their Lord, and go about fulfilling His pleasure and be His delight:

- Honesty and truthfulness in His children make the Lord greatly delighted - "Lying lips are abomination to the LORD: but they that deal truly are his delight" (Proverbs 12:22).
- Righteousness of His children makes the Lord greatly delighted - "They that are of a froward heart are abomination to the LORD: but such as are upright in their way are his delight" (Proverbs 11:20).
- Prayer of His children makes the Lord greatly delighted - "The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to the LORD: but the prayer of the upright is his delight" (Proverbs 15:8).

I am sure some of you might be thinking how you can ever be a delight to Him, knowing that sin will not make the Lord happy with you and that there are sins that easily beset you? Are you wondering, "Can I ever be His delight?"

Dear brethren, this is the time when we must look to the Lord. To be the delight of the Lord, we must trust in our Redeemer all the time, that we may be cleansed and sanctified. Job 19:25 says, "For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth". (Cf. Job 33:26 - "He shall pray unto God, and he will be favourable unto him: and he shall see his face with joy: for he will render unto man his righteousness.")

Report of Preaching and Baptism from Pangasinan Mission Field

Dear Pastor,

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls” (Acts 2:41).

We praise God for His goodness that has blessed us with a good harvest in our mission field in Pangasinan. We have witnessed the baptism of 9 adults and 2 infants, together with 3 transfers of membership last Lord’s Day (26th February). In addition to that joy, we also witnessed a very good attendance during our worship service. While most of the Bible study contacts, even from far places like Nueva Vizcaya and La Union, came in their own jeepney, another group came by boat.



Brethren from Binday



Infant baptism



Adult baptism



Brethren arrived by boat



Jesher’s baptism

I thank the Lord for the opportunity to minister to our brethren through home visitations and the preaching of the Word. I was accompanied by Dn Samuel Mingo and Bro Allan.

I would like to share with you some photos taken during our visit.

Thank you very much for praying for us.

Respectfully,
Rev Reggor Galarpe

GOD FEEDS HIS SERVANT BY RAVENS

Ravens were classified by God as unclean birds; hence Jews were forbidden from eating them (Leviticus 11:13-15; Deuteronomy 14:12-14). They were omnivorous birds which feed on grains, fruits, insects, worms, snails, small mammals and even on carcasses of birds and animals.

Ravens were noted for their voracious hunger for meat. They would attack little lambs or weak animals in the valley, and would pick out the eyes of their victims. Proverbs 30:17 makes reference to such voracious habit of this bird.

Yet, amazingly, ravens were used by God to provide bread and meat in the morning and evening for His servant, the prophet Elijah (1 Kings 17:3-6). Though ravens were ferocious and considered unclean, they became God's agents of provision of food for Eljiah, who was hiding by the brook Cherith at the command of God to escape from the wicked king Ahab.

God will certainly take care of His servants, though they would be abandoned by people. He is able to send relief to His servant every morning and evening by the ravens. How wonderful it is that even irrational creatures are divinely directed to help His servants. Let us be happy to serve God who is able to send us help even from unlikely sources!

Prabhudas Koshy



Raven
taken from

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 26 February 2017

Tithes: 3,540.00

Offerings: 9,044.00

Bldg Fund (Project): 1,000.00; 710.00;
500.00; 100.00

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: 160.00;
100.00

Designated Gifts: Bible Witness 310.00;
100.00; GBPC (Ethiopia) 150.00; Eliezer
Ortega 50.00; Donald dela Cruz 50.00;
Kelvin Lim 100.00; Jeremiah Sim 100.00;
50.00; Kenneth Wong 300.00; 250.00; Eric
Delina 200.00; 50.00; Lawrence Ng 100.00;
Sujith Samuel 200.00; Gladys Ratnam 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Bldg Fund (Project): 20,000.00; 1,000.00

Bible Witness : 200.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 26 February 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,204,295.70

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: \$24,505.00

“And now, behold,

*I have brought the firstfruits of the land,
which thou, O LORD, hast given me.*

*And thou shalt set it before the LORD thy God,
and worship before the LORD thy God”*

Deuteronomy 26:10

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Kenneth Wong

Date & Time: Sat, 11th March 2017 at 4pm

Venue: TGCM premises
202B, Ponggol Seventeenth Avenue

*Take LRT (West Loop) from Punggol MRT
station to Punggol Point LRT station.*

There will also be a concurrent children's
programme.

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Women & Gospel Missions

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Roscelle Lim

Date & Time: Sat, 18 Mar 2017, 3-5pm

Venue: Home of Sis Carolyn Koshy
826 Tampines St 81, #02-92
Singapore 520826

Transport from Tampines MRT station at 2.40pm.

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent
GCM Programme.

COMBINED PANDAN- GETHSEMANE YAF MEETING

General Theme:

True Biblical Christian Fellowship

Topic: Humility and Unity
(Philippians 2:5)

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Date & Time: Sat, 18 Mar 2017, 5pm

Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church
Level 3, New Sanctuary
201 Pandan Gardens, Singapore 609337

GETHSEMANE BPC 29TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING

Date: Lord's Day, 26 Mar 2017

Let us prayerfully and joyfully praise God
for His goodness towards us for the past 29
years. Buffet lunch will be catered. Adults
and children aged 10 & above - \$10/person
(subsidised), children under 10 - free. To
facilitate the ordering of food, please sign
up at the reception table today.

FCM POLY/JC RETREAT 2017

Theme: “In the Image of God”
(2 Corinthians 4:4)

Speaker: Preacher Clement Chew

Date: 16-17 March 2017
(Thursday-Friday)

Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC

Inviting all students entering or currently in
polytechnic or junior college to join us in this
time of retreat to learn of God's wonderful
truths and for a time of fellowship.

To register, please submit the online form
through this link: tinyurl.com/fcmpoly-jc-retreat17

Please register early to aid us in the
preparation and arrangement of logistics.

Closing date: 10 March 2017

For more details and enquiries, please contact
Marcus @ 9835 5531.

PASTORAL VISITATION PASIR RIS WEST REGION

Date & Time: 10 Mar 2017, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Gan Chin Hwi
Blk 609 Elias Road, #07-174, Singapore 510609

GETHSEMANE CHINESE GOSPEL RALLY

Speaker: Pr Daniel Lim

Date & Time: Sat, 1 April 2017, 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: City Beach Resort
8 Port Rd, Singapore 117540

This is a wonderful opportunity to invite your loved ones, relatives and friends to hear the Gospel message.

Please register at the reception table.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2017

Theme: "That the Truth of the Gospel Might Continue with Us"
(Galatians 2:5)

Date: 5-9 June 2017 (Monday-Friday)

Venue: Hilton Kuching

Camp Fees* (excluding airfare):

Single \$500/camper	Child (4-11) \$135 (with bed)
Twin-sharing \$360/camper	Child (4-11) \$75 (without bed)
Triple-sharing \$360/camper	Child (below 4) Free (without bed)

**An additional night in Hilton Kuching
is at S\$80 per room.*

Please collect the registration form from the reception table and submit the completed form to Bro Ernest Lim / Bro Matthew Mah by 30 April 2017. Payment can be made from 19 March 2017.

Participants are advised to book plane tickets on their own as soon as possible. Arrival at the hotel must be by 5pm on Monday, 5th June 2017. The conference will end at 12 noon on Friday, 9th June 2017.

If you have any questions, please approach Dn Low Boon Siang.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

1.30pm – 3.00pm

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

Wednesday Campus Bible Study

3.00pm-4.30pm @ SUTD

Wednesday Night GBI-Online

7.45pm-9.15pm @ TGCM

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Friday Morning Prayer

7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

Friday Campus Bible Study

4.30pm-5.30pm @ NAFA

Sunday Lions Home Ministry

For enquiry, contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

For more information, please call
the church office at 6741 1910.



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Time & Place of Worship

10.30am

Level 5 Auditorium
Singapore Post Centre

10 Eunos Road 8
Singapore 408600

(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

Prayer Hotline

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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