

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship arises from hearts that contemplate God and His glory. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11 exhorts us, "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually." Each time when we draw unto Him in worship, we must grow in affection towards Him and His greatness and goodness. "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD" (Psalm 105:3).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Doubt

Matthew 14:31

"...O thou of little faith,
wherefore didst thou doubt?"

29TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Call to Worship *Elder Alan Choy*

Voices of Gethsemane *With Grateful Hearts; God Leads Us Along*

*** Singing of Psalms** *Psalm 103:1-4 & Psalm 29:1-2*

*** Invocation**

*** Scripture Reading in Unison** *Isaiah 49:7-11*

Singing of Hymn 136 *Come, Ye Thankful People*

Gethsemane Youth Choir *The Church and Her Christ; All for Jesus*

Collection of Offerings *Gethsemane Malayalam Fellowship*

*** Doxology & Prayer**

Singing of Hymn 137 *Thanks to God!*

Pastoral Prayer

Gethsemane Children's Choir: *The Bible Stands; The Book of Books*

Sermon *Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

"The Lord's Response to Unbelief"

Matthew 13:57-58

*** Singing of Hymn 299** *My Saviour*

*** Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 26 MARCH 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 2 APRIL 2017

duty roster

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: Sarah Yap Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: Jonah So & Cayson Chok	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Winnie Yap Ushers: Robert Ooi & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Sarah Lee, Ellyzabeth Ushers: Andy Lee, James Chen Marcus Peh, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Lee Kim Lei AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Pansy Ng Refreshments: Stella Tan, Karen Quek Corliss Ooi, Valerie Leow Junior Worship: Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Juvy Anaviso) Karen Quek, (Esther Quek) Elder Alan Choy	Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Low, Jollyn Low Ushers: Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Nancy Lau Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Esther Quek Edeliza Ballega, Cecilia Siah Junior Worship: Melissa Mah, (Mabel Ng) Angeline Wong, (Chloe Pawa) Low Chip Hung
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Rowena Delina	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Rhodora Resuma
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Kenneth Wong	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy

26 March 2017

A CHURCH UNITED

Prabhudas Koshy

With one voice, we must praise our God this day for the twenty-nine years of His gracious blessings upon Gethsemane B-P Church. Our unity in the Gospel, our worship of Him in one accord, our co-labouring in His kingdom, our solidarity in the defence of His truth, our mutual love and harmony are precious gifts of His Spirit that worketh among us. “In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: in whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit” (Ephesians 2:21-22). Let us be thankful and continue to “stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel” (Philippians 1:27).

A Heavenly, Pleasant Unity

By the grace of God, Gethsemane has enjoyed a heavenly unity in her congregation, though made up of people of different races, languages, nations, social standings, educational backgrounds, etc. I call it “a heavenly unity” because the unity of our church is a foreshadow of the future gathering together of all the redeemed from all nations, races and languages around the throne of God to offer praise and worship. In Revelation 7:9-10,

we read, “... Lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb.”

Being the pastor of Gethsemane, I have been most blessed by our oneness in Christ. It was not a dormant, passive kind of oneness, but truly a very genuine, vibrant one. Having tasted the sweet blessings of a united congregation of very diverse backgrounds, I cannot be silent about it. I must testify of this joyous experience that the Spirit of God has graciously wrought in our church. “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!” (Psalm 133:1).

Blessings of Our Unity

Scripture not only urges churches to be united but also assures churches of the many blessings that will come to them when they are united in Christ for His glory. Many of those blessings are already seen in Gethsemane’s ministry, and they have made my pastoral ministry a very rich and exciting spiritual undertaking. The

following are some of the major blessings that the Lord has bestowed upon Gethsemane as we serve Him in one spirit and with one mind:

- There has been unity of faith (doctrinal unity) in the church, just as Paul has written in Ephesians 4:4-6, “There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.” Church unity is non-existent when her members quarrel over biblical doctrines. The Lord has blessed our church with doctrinal unity. We have stood together during the period of testing of our confidence in God’s Word. We have affirmed that the Bible is inerrant and infallible forever, because it is inspired and preserved by God. We have one Lord, the Lord Jesus Christ; we have one faith (the Bible); and we function as His body, being strengthened and guided by His blessed Spirit.
- The doctrinal unity that holds us together in Christ also helps us grow unto greater maturity through the learning and practice of His Word. This blessing is mentioned in Ephesians 4:13, “Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ”.
- Our unity has led the church members to mutual ministering through the exercise of their spiritual gifts. This has resulted in brethren being loved, mutually helped and strengthened. This is yet another blessing of a united church mentioned in Ephesians 4:16, “From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”
- Oneness in Christ has kept us together, beyond all our dissimilarities and diversities that could have made for a disunited people. 1 Corinthians 12:12-14 speak of this blessing: “For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body, whether we be Jews or Gentiles, whether we be bond or free; and have been all made to drink into one Spirit. For the body is not one member, but many.”
- Finally, the spiritual unity of our church helps us to turn our diversity into opportunity to spread the Gospel of Christ. Our ministries towards the ex-drug addicts, Chinese ministry, Filipino ministry, Malayalam fellowship, foreign missions, etc. are the

fruits of our unity that helped us to take advantage of the diverse backgrounds of our people. This is a true reflection of what Paul says in Philippians 1:27, “ye stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel”.

Caution about the Spirit of Disunity

Before I end this pastoral exhortation, I would like to caution all of us against the ploys of our adversary, the devil, who would certainly attempt to sow the seeds of discord to stop us advancing the glory of Christ through our unity. Let there be no bitterness and animosity that would disrupt our loving relationships. Let us be quick to forgive and restore one another if any offences occur among us.

“Now the God of patience and consolation grant you to be likeminded one toward another according to Christ Jesus: that ye may with one mind and one mouth glorify God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Wherefore receive ye one another, as Christ also received us to the glory of God” (Romans 15:5-7). ■

Anniversary Greetings from the Philippines

Dear Pastor, Church Session and beloved brethren of Gethsemane B-P Church (Singapore),

Colossians 2:5; “For though I be absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ.”

In view of the 29th anniversary of the mother church, I find the words of the apostle Paul fitting as we – your brethren from the mission fields (though miles away!) – rejoice together with you on this happy occasion.

We are witnesses to your good order that is of your unity and singleness of heart in standing for the truth of the Gospel; of your testimony for the power of the Gospel; and of your commitment to pursue the work of the Gospel – from Singapore and into all the world through the work of missions, publication / literature ministry, and the web radio. Blessed be the name of the Lord!

Likewise, we are witnesses to the steadfastness of your faith in the Lord, as manifested in the consistency of your conviction both in principle and practice. Thus, we rejoice and give thanks to the Lord for sustaining and preserving you all these years.

Blessed 29th Anniversary to All!

To God be all the glory!

Yours in Christ,
 Rev Reggor B. Galarpe
 Gethsemane B-P Church (Cebu)
 Cebu City, Philippines

EAGLE THAT MOUNTS UP HIGH - II



Eagle
taken from



The eagle builds its nest on very high mountain peaks or at the top of the tallest trees. It lays its eggs and brings up the young ones in places that are inaccessible to man. The Lord asked His servant Job to consider whether it is a man like Job or God who gives the instinct to the eagle to make its nest so high up.

“Doth the eagle mount up at thy command, and make her nest on high? She dwelleth and abideth on the rock, upon the crag of the rock, and the strong place. From thence she seeketh the prey, and her eyes behold afar off. Her young ones also suck up blood: and where the slain are, there is she” (Job 39:27-30).

An eagle’s nest normally has two eggs, and on some rare occasions, three. Only the female sits on the nest. When the eggs are hatched, the young eaglets are fed by both parents. Eagles are devoted to their offspring and protect them under their wings.

Eagles train their young ones with great care to fly. It is said that they flutter over their brood to excite the eaglets to fly, or disturb the nest to oblige the young ones to leave it. When one falls off the nest, the parent eagle would catch it on the outstretched wings. The parent eagle would repeat it until the young ones learn to fly.

Likewise, God would also teach and guide us through many difficulties to make us mature and be strong. In Deuteronomy, the Lord assures His people: “As an eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: So the LORD alone did lead him, and there was no strange god with him” (Deuteronomy 32:11-12).

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 19 March 2017

Tithes: 3,500.00

Offerings: 7,791.45

Bldg Fund (Project): 7,000.00; 200.00;
150.00; 118.30; 20.00

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: 500.00;
200.00

Designated Gifts: TGCM (local) 500.00;
200.00; Pastor Koshy 1,000.00; Rev Ephrem
200.00; 100.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 19 March 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,220,202.70

Missionary Conf Fund 2017: \$27,515.00

"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

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at
Blk 519 Bedok North Ave 1
Singapore 460519

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Date: Sat, 1 April 2017

Time: 9am to 11am

Speaker: Preacher Jeremiah Sim

Chairman: Dn Low Boon Siang

Activity: Picnic Outing

Venue: Bedok Reservoir Park
Jetty Walkway

**NB Meeting point at Carpark A. Directions
to Jetty Walkway will be provided via YAF
WhatsApp and Facebook group.**

GETHSEMANE CHINESE GOSPEL RALLY

Speaker: Pr Daniel Lim

Date & Time: Sat, 1 April, 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.

GETHSEMANE DEFENDERS' MINISTRY (GDM) LECTURES

Theme: "Questions About Origin of Life
and Aliens"

Lecturer: Dr Samuel Gan, PhD

Date: 2nd & 9th April 2017 (Sunday)

Time: 1.45pm to 3.00pm

Venue: Level 5 Auditorium, SingPost
Centre

Dr Gan, a Gethsemanean, is a speaker
for Creation Ministries International
and a passionate defender of biblical
creationism.

Please come and listen and be well
informed.

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

"Men of Faith" (Part III):

**David – Man After
God's Own Heart**

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Date: Saturday, 8 Apr 2017

Time: 2.00pm – 6.00pm

Venue: City Beach Resort

(Please avail yourself of the seminar flyers
for more details.)

Do sign up at the reception table to
facilitate arrangements for seating and
refreshments.

*A concurrent separate programme will
be catered for children aged 4-10.*

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 submit the completed registration form and payment to Bro Ernest Lim / Bro Matthew Mah by 30 April 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.

Today is the last T-shirt sizing session for all conference participants. Due to the difference in sizing (from last year's Dry Fit to this year's Polo T-Shirt), previous year's shirt-sizes may not be applicable. Please do the sizing and submit your names / sizes to Bro Benny Skariah or Bro Ng Kwan Teng.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch after worship service for the month of April 2017, kindly place your order and make payment **today** to Sis Aileen Tan.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship
12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

Cancelled in view of Evangelism

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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