

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## A WORD ON WORSHIP

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Our God is to be praised, for He has not despised nor abhorred us in our wretched conditions. He has shown great mercy to save, sanctify and strengthen us. His compassion towards us ceases not; His mercies are new every morning (cf. Lamentations 3:22-23). His pity towards us has been like that of a gracious and generous father (cf. Psalm 103:13; Matthew 6:32). So, let us exalt Him with thanksgiving, and by renewing our faith in Him and submitting to His glorious counsels.

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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*Doubt*

**Mark 4:40**

“...Why are ye so fearful?  
how is it that ye have no faith?”

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Call to Worship

*Elder Mah Chin Kwang*

\* Hymn 86: Safely Through Another Week

### \* Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \* Responsive Scripture Reading

*Psalm 10*

Hymn 24: Praise to the Lord, The Almighty

### Collection of Offerings

### \* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 221: When We See Christ

### Scripture Memorisation

### Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

“A Wicked King vs The Righteous King”

*Matthew 14:1-13*

### Holy Communion

Hymn 559: Near the Cross

\* Hymn 436: Sound the Battle Cry!

### \* Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



**TODAY, 2 APRIL 2017**

**NEXT LORD'S DAY, 9 APRIL 2017**

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Gan Sze Huey <b>Flowers:</b> Winnie Yap <b>Ushers:</b> Robert Ooi & Lawrence Ng	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Angeline Wong <b>Flowers:</b> Tay Soo Thian <b>Refreshments:</b> Jenn Lee <b>Ushers:</b> John Peh & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Jasmine Low, Jollyn Low <b>Ushers:</b> Samuel Yong, Andy Lee Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee <b>Greeter:</b> Mong Jee Pawa <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 2 <b>Flowers:</b> Nancy Lau <b>Refreshments:</b> Catherine Choy, Esther Quek Edeliza Ballega, Cecilia Siah <b>Junior Worship:</b> Choy Luan Kheng, (Mabel Ng) Angeline Wong, (Chloe Pawa) Low Chip Hung	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Dn Kelvin Lim <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Chloe Pawa, Eunice Choy <b>Ushers:</b> Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Chan Tuck Whye, Linus Kok Diana Chan <b>Greeter:</b> Crew No. 3 <b>AV Ministry:</b> Katherin Wu <b>Flowers:</b> Roscelle Lim, Nancy Lau <b>Refreshments:</b> Jolyne Cho, Lena Chan <b>Junior Worship:</b> Dorothy Ng, (Lok Qian Hui) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Jasmine Lim) Annie Ho
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eric Delina <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kabingue <b>Musician:</b> Duaine Kabingue <b>Usher:</b> Anthony Evangelista <b>Refreshments:</b> Rhodora Resuma	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kabingue <b>Musician:</b> Chloe Pawa <b>Usher:</b> Julius Del Rosario <b>Refreshments:</b> Daryl Kabingue
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2 <b>English Speaker:</b> Elder Ng Poh Kok <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Elder Alan Choy	<b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13 <b>English Speaker:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim

2 April 2017

# DIVINE CHEER TO HIS DEAR SERVANT

*Prabhudas Koshy*

***But the LORD said unto me, Say not, I am a child.  
Jeremiah 1:7***

The LORD is teaching Jeremiah, the young preacher, to overcome his timidity, sense of inadequacy and reluctance to enter the ministry to which he had been called. His response to the LORD's call was: "Ah, Lord GOD! behold, I cannot speak: for I am a child" (Jeremiah 1:6). Jeremiah feared that his inexperience and lack of knowledge would render him ineffectual in the ministry.

Such a situation is common even today in the church. The sense of unworthiness has caused some to dread the duties and responsibilities of the ministry. They become timorous and unwilling to accept any duty in the church. The feeling of incompetency has compelled many to decline responsibilities in the Lord's work.

However, we notice that the LORD's word to Jeremiah (who feared the call of duty) was: "Say not, I am a child". The LORD would not let Jeremiah sink into despondency and remain unfruitful in the ministry. The LORD graciously addressed his fear and prevented him from further sliding into his sense of inadequacy.

God's word to the prophet – "Say not, I am a child" – implies that Jeremiah should not linger any more. He must ignore his own feelings and get into action, just as the LORD had spoken to him. He must believe that the LORD would be able to supply him with wisdom and strength fully equal to the task he had been commissioned to do.

The LORD is able to take a timid man, such as Jeremiah, and equip him for His work so that the glory may be His. By calling and empowering

such “ill-adapted tools” for the accomplishment of His purposes, the LORD manifests His great wisdom and power. When God takes a man, who is plagued by a debilitating sense of utter inadequacy, and accomplishes His design through him, all human reasoning shall be thrashed and the magnificence of His wisdom and power shall be exalted.

Many children and young people have been called by the LORD to accomplish His purposes. Samuel, David, Jeremiah, Daniel, Timothy, and many more had been called and separated by the LORD from their childhood or youth, in order to accomplish His great purposes which far surpassed their stature. No one is too small that God cannot use him. ■

## TESTIMONY OF CALLING TO FULL-TIME MINISTRY

*Juvy Lynn Anaviso*

I want to thank God for leading me to Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church. I also want to give thanks to God for the way He had used Pastor Koshy and Preacher Dennis in my life. Through their preaching, the Lord ministered to me. The Lord now fills my heart with the burden to fear, love and serve Him. I am very happy that now I know God’s will for my life.

It was never my plan to come to Singapore to work. The Lord knows and has a different plan for me. It was in Gethsemane that the Lord restored me from my backsliding four years ago. I also believe He placed the burden and desire to surrender my all to Him that I

may serve Him. I then approached Preacher Dennis and shared with him my desire and burden to serve God. When he asked me if the Lord was calling me to serve Him full-time, I did not know how to answer him. As a young believer with little knowledge of the Bible, I really did not know what “calling” means at that time. I replied that I didn’t know, although in my heart and mind I knew very well that the Lord wants me to surrender my life to Him. Preacher Dennis explained to me and emphasised the importance of being called before one should consider entering the full-time ministry. He encouraged me to seek Him in prayer and live a godly life. From then onwards, I started to

pray that God would make clear what I should do with my life. The burden and desire to serve God continue to increase as the years go by; however, the Lord was “silent” about my calling.

After three years of waiting, the Lord gave me an opportunity to join the mission trip last year to Manila and Pangasinan, where I had the joy to teach the children in Manila and be an assistant teacher in the DVBS held in Pangasinan. This led me to pray again for God’s leading in my life.

After our return from the mission trip, my heart was stirred when the hymn “Go Labour On” was sung during one of the prayer meetings. The first stanza goes as follows,

“Go labour on; spend, and be spent,  
Thy joy to do the Father’s will;  
It is the way the Master went;  
Should not the servant tread it still?”

I was blessed by the hymn and I was convicted in my heart that serving the Lord is the best thing that I can do with my life. However, the question whether God is calling me to the ministry has yet to be answered. During the church camp in June 2016 (a month after the mission trip), the Lord convicted my heart from James 4:14, “Whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that

appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away.” This verse made me realise that I was just wasting my time, strength and life by pursuing my earthly ambitions, and not really giving my all to God.

After the camp, it was still not clear to me whether God is calling me to the full-time ministry. I decided to approach Sis Carolyn Koshy to hear from her how she came to know of God’s calling for her life. She shared with me of her experiences and advised me to really seek the Lord, even to fast and pray, which I did. On June 12, 2016, Pastor Koshy preached about “Christ’s Tenets for the Ministry” from Matthew 10:7, “And as ye go, preach saying. The kingdom of heaven is at hand.” I believe God used that sermon to speak to me. After the service, I was rejoicing in the Lord with tears, praising God for His mercies in my life, even calling me, an unprofitable servant, into His sacred ministry! Praise the Lord!

Being very sure of what God wants me to do, I believe the Lord has graciously called me to teach children about God’s kingdom. And as I make this step to obey His call, my prayer is that God may enable me to fight a good fight of faith and serve the Master faithfully until I see Him face to face. Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, please uphold me in your prayers and remember me before the throne of grace. I cannot do this on my own. May all glory be to God. ■

# HEN & HER BROOD



**A** mother hen is always very concerned about the protection of her chicks when she takes them around to teach them how to scratch and search for food. Very frequently, she will make sure that her little ones are not far from her, and will call them to her side. She knows that her little chicks are very vulnerable to predators, and will always remain on very high alert to detect any danger in the surroundings. As soon as she senses some kind of danger from predators, she will frantically let out a loud call to her chicks, which will then make an instantaneous dash towards her for safety. She will quickly take them under her

wings and hide them from the approaching peril. She also keeps the chicks under her wings during the night to keep them warm and safe.

A mother hen's care is so moving that Jesus used it to describe His own care and concern for the Jewish people of Jerusalem to whom He ministered. However, they were absolutely disinterested in His loving warnings against their sins and of their coming judgment. He said, "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not!" (Matthew 23:37).

How foolish it is to reject the love of Jesus that warns us to flee our sins and the coming judgment! How He lovingly came from heaven to be our Saviour! Those who reject His love are like the chicks that would not heed the warning of the hen, and thereby quickly perish. Children, repent of all your sins, so as to come to Jesus and place your faith in His love. Believe on the Lord Jesus that He died to save you from your sins. Then you shall be saved and He will keep you and bring you to heaven.

*Prabhudas Koshy*

## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 26 March 2017

**Tithes:** 5,650.0

**Offerings:** 9,168.75

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 1,900.00; 1,800.00;  
1,000.00; 1,000.00; 500.00; 300.00; 50.00

**Missionary Conf Fund 2017:** 3,000.00;  
250.00; 50.00

**Designated Gifts:** TGCM (local) 1,900.00;  
1,500.00; 352.00; Pastor Koshy 50.00; Kelvin  
Lim 250.00; Rev Ephrem 150.00; GBPC  
(Ethiopia) 150.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**Missionary Conf Fund 2017:** 650.00;  
500.00; 130.00

### SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

*(as of 26 March 2017)*

**Building Fund (Project):** \$2,226,752.70

**Missionary Conf Fund 2017:** \$32,095.00

*"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 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

**Chairman:** Pr Ho Kee How

**Date:** Saturday, 8 Apr 2017

**Time:** 2.00pm – 6.00pm

**Venue:** City Beach Resort  
8 Port Road, Singapore 117540

*(Transport from Labrador Park MRT station at  
1.30pm)*

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.*

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

**Preacher:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Date & Time:** 14 Apr 2017, 10.00am

**Venue:** SingPost Centre, Level 5,  
Auditorium.

## GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

**Women & Gospel Missions**

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Chairperson:** Sis Melissa Mah

**Date:** Sat, 15 Apr 2017

**Time:** 3.00-5.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Sis Lee Kim Lei  
408 Fajar Road, #10-349  
Singapore 670408

*(Transport from Fajar LRT station at 2.40pm.)*

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent  
GCM programme.

## GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Junior Worship teachers (only P1 to P3  
classes), please meet Dn Kelvin Lim in  
the auditorium immediately after the  
worship service today.

Parents of children attending JW  
classes, please pick up your children  
**ONLY** after the Holy Communion is  
over.

## MISSION BOGO/SAN ANTONIO 2017

The mission trip to minister in our mission churches is from 27 to 30 April 2017. In conjunction with this, the team will be presenting a song item next Sunday, 9 April 2017. Please pray for a time of mutual encouragement.

## 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.



Come, join us at our  
**Tuesday Night  
Prayer Meeting!**

## 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 Eunus Road 8

Singapore 408600

(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

### Prayer Hotline

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp

your prayer item

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### Our Session

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Elder Alan Choy

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Francis Lee

Deacon Low Boon Siang