

# 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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Doxology – the ascribing of glory to God – is essential to worship. Praise, honour and homage belong to the Lord God Almighty. He alone is worthy of worship. He is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Provider, and our Joy. So, let us bow before Him and worship – “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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*Drink*

**Romans 13:13**

Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Call to Worship

*Elder Ng Poh Kok*

\*Hymn 86: Safely Through Another Week

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

\***Responsive Scripture Reading** *Deuteronomy 32:1-12*

Hymn 197: All Glory, Laud and Honour

### Collection of Offerings

### \*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 364: 'Tis the Blessed Hour of Prayer

### Scripture Memorisation

### Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

“Signs: The Demand of Unbelief”

*Matthew 16:1-4*

\*Hymn 339: When I Fear My Faith will Fail

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



## TODAY, 25 JUNE 2017

## NEXT LORD'S DAY, 2 JULY 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 Kelvin Lim <b>Musician:</b> Gan Sze Huey <b>Flowers:</b> Francis Tan <b>Refreshments:</b> Jennifer Goh <b>Ushers:</b> John Peh & Jonah So	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim <b>Musician:</b> Dyllis Teo <b>Flowers:</b> Francis Tan <b>Ushers:</b> Cayson Chok & Jonah So		
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Ng Poh Kok <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Chloe Pawa, Jasmine Low <b>Ushers:</b> Ng Kwan Teng, Theodore Wang Benny Skariah, Cayson Chok Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye Sally Lum <b>Greeter:</b> <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 3 <b>Flowers:</b> Tomei Tan <b>Refreshments:</b> Violet Quek, Chairine Chayadi Lim Hua See, Chong Shu Mun <b>Junior Worship:</b> Dorothy Ng, (Jenice Choy) Karen Quek, (Violet Quek) Arvind Pawa	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee <b>Ushers:</b> Andy Lee, James Chen Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Violet Quek <b>Greeter:</b> <b>AV Ministry:</b> Crew No. 4 <b>Flowers:</b> Katherin Wu <b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Cecilia Siah Chairine Chayadi, Corliss Ooi <b>Junior Worship:</b> Sarah Yong, (Stella Tan) Sharon dela Cruz, (Corliss Ooi) Pr Andrew Koh		
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kabingue <b>Musician:</b> Chloe Pawa <b>Usher:</b> Jomart Tindaan <b>Refreshments:</b> Daryl Kabingue	<b>Worship Leader:</b> Eric Delina <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kabingue <b>Musician:</b> Ayn Tindaan <b>Usher:</b> Jordan Ballega <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim		
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13 <b>English Speaker:</b> Kenneth Wong <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Elder Alan Choy	<b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2 <b>English Speaker:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim		

25 June 2017

# BE PATIENT IN YOUR TRIALS

*Prabhudas Koshy*

There are some brethren among us who are facing destabilising problems, and excruciating pain and sorrow. Here is a WhatsApp message that I received recently:

*“Hi Pastor Koshy, so sorry that I have to pull out of the Missionary Conference... due to post-shingles pain. It has been 67 days since I contracted shingles. S-virus is eradicated but post-pain persists. No improvement. Pain has been erratic – from a scale of 5/10 to 7/10 every day. Some relief (of a few minutes) every now and then from the GRACIOUS LORD, otherwise a throbbing or triggering pull. Night-pain is more intense but the Lord gives me 5-6 hours of sleep, though sometimes broken by pain. I have stopped taking painkillers as they don’t work on me. I endure the pain, often with crying.*

*My doctor said that shingles surfaced due to my weak immune system. Now, the nerves cut up by the virus are raw and are also trying to repair themselves by joining back. In so doing,*

*they tug and pull. Now I understand fully what is “nerve-wracking”! Post-pain may take months or years to recover, depending on individual and age. There is no sign of improvement and I fear further weakening. I hope to listen to live webcast, if possible. Don’t call me as I will cry while talking to you. Nevertheless, I have become clearer in what it is to “count it all JOY when we fall into diverse temptations”, and what is meant by “the JOY of the Lord is my strength”. Still struggling to actualise it. I have also understood what you always say about God giving us His grace. It’s Him giving us His divine strength to go through our afflictions, right? I have been praying for you more often as I could not sleep sometimes. God bless.”*

What shall we think in such times of afflictions? How shall we respond to our troubles? I would call your attention to the words of James: “Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy” (James 5:11b).

Job was an exceedingly tried man. He endured his trials with patience. Job would not have manifested patience if he had not suffered his extraordinary afflictions. If he had not known such extraordinary sufferings, his fame would not have been heard down the ages.

Job was patient when all his ten children were killed without warning. Oh, to have patience amidst bereavements! He was patient when all his wealth was taken. Bearing all his losses patiently, he said in worship of the LORD, “Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD” (Job 1:21). When his own body was full of boils (from head to toe), he patiently endured the tormenting bodily pain with which he was afflicted. Still, that was not the end of the agony he had to endure. Then there was also mental and emotional distress brought on by the conduct of his wife and friends. He was insulted when his wife tempted him to “curse God, and die”. And then Job’s friends, whom he later called “miserable comforters”, rubbed salt into the wound with their unwise remarks. In the midst of all these, he also suffered sleeplessness!

The patience of Job is held up as a powerful moral and spiritual example among men. If Job could remain patient under trial and affliction, why should we not be too? He was but a man; what was wrought in one man may be done in another. True, he had God to help him, but so have we. Like Job, we must patiently wait on the Lord for our deliverance.

Though Satan afflicted Job, God was with him through it all. God was not absent while His servant suffered. The unseen hand of God was sustaining and nurturing Job in the midst of all his suffering. The Lord was with Job right to the end of his trials. Thus, James could declare, “Ye...have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy”.

As it was with Job, the Lord in His mercy will see us through in all our trials. The Lord, who allows us to be tested, will also strengthen us to endure our afflictions. Such is the experience of all afflicted saints. We do well to remain patient under our trials, for the Lord is ever working in us to build us up as His patient, blessed children. Let us therefore submit to all His sovereign and gracious dealings with us in our trials. ■

# THANKSGIVING TO GOD FOR THE 5TH MISSIONARY CONFERENCE

Dear Pastor,

First, I would like to thank God for enabling me to attend the 5th Missionary Conference. Also, my thanks to you and the church session for inviting me to participate in this historic occasion. It was indeed a joy to participate in the 5th Missionary Conference held in Kuching, Sarawak.

The conference theme, “That the Truth of the Gospel Might Continue with Us”, was a reminder to me and others – who are ministers of God’s Word – of our solemn responsibility in the work of the Lord. The exposition of the Epistle of Galatians by pastors and preachers of Gethsemane served as both encouragement and warning. I found those messages from Galatians to be both stirring and strengthening, especially in our struggle against the onslaught of Charismatic movement here in Ethiopia. We pray that we will remain faithful in preaching the truth of the Gospel.

I have enjoyed the fellowship with brethren during the 5 days of the Conference. Mingling with missionaries from different countries and so many brethren from GBPC, Singapore was such a delightful experience to my heart. Their faith and passion inspired me. I shall be grateful to all the brethren who welcomed us with warm friendships. The free-time we had during the Conference provided opportunities to communicate with and encourage one another. There were also much interactions between missionaries, which helped us to share both our struggles and progress in each of our ministries, as well as to comfort one another in the Lord. Indeed, the 5th Missionary Conference has been a great time of hearing the Word of God and fellowshiping with one another.

All glory be to God!  
Pr Engida Tefera

# Love in Deed

*Galatians 6:2*

*“Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”*

Fulfilling the law of Christ must be every Christian’s delight. Jesus said, “A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another” (John 13:34). The Lord Jesus Christ instructs all His people to love one another, as He has loved us.

Love is not just a sympathetic feeling expressed in words. It is more than just saying, “I love you.” True love will express itself in action. The apostle John said, “My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth” (1 John 3:18).

If we love others, we must help to bear their burdens in life. When we were under the burden of our sin and guilt, Jesus took them all away by suffering and dying for us on the cross. What a loving Saviour is our Lord Jesus! Likewise we should also help to bear others’ burdens.

Look around you, and you will see many who are struggling. Diseases and other bodily afflictions, financial needs, sad and troubling events are some of the burdens in people’s lives. Let us pray for them. Let us help them according to our abilities.

*Prabhudas Koshy*



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 18 June 2017

**Tithes:** 6,065.20

**Offerings:** 9,681.00

**Bldg Fund (Project):** 1,900.00

**Designated Gifts:** Chinese Service  
(Anniversary) 100.00; GBPC (Ethiopia)  
100.00; Kelvin Lim 100.00

### NON-SUNDAY GIFT

**TGCM (local):** 400.00

### SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 18 June 2017)

**Building Fund (Project):** \$2,257,812.70

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*"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 528 Bedok North Street 3,  
Singapore 460528  
Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

## GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Activity:** Home Fellowship  
(Exhortation and Prayer)

**Date & Time:** Sat, 1 Jul 2017, 4pm  
(Dinner provided by hosts)

**Speaker:** Pr Joshua Yong

**Chairman:** Bro Ng Kwan Teng

**Venue:** Home of Dn & Mrs Low Boon Siang  
Blk 686C, Jurong West Central 1, #14-15B  
Singapore 643686

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of 1 Timothy

**Speaker:** Pr Andrew Koh

**Date & Time:** Sat, 1 July, 4.00-6.00pm  
**Venue:** Home of Sis Katherin Wu  
Blk 27 Balam Road, #07-31  
Singapore 370027

## GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

**Speaker:** Pastor Koshy

**Chairman:** Bro Eric Delina

**Date & Time:** Sat, 8 July 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.



*Gethsemaneans at Changi Airport with Pr Sujith Samuel en route to Vizag, India.*

## CATECHISM CLASS

The next Catechism Class for brethren who wish to seek baptism, transfer of membership and affirmation of faith will begin from **Sunday 16 July, 2017**. The class begins at 9.30am. Interested brethren are asked to register as soon as possible with Sis Diana Koh. If further information is needed, please see either Eld Alan Choy or Eld Mah.

## GETHSEMANE BIBLE INSTITUTE (GBI-ONLINE)

**Duration:** 19<sup>th</sup> Jul – 8<sup>th</sup> Nov 2017

**Day:** Every Wednesday night, 7.30pm-9.30pm

**Ephesians** will be taught by Pr Andrew Koh  
(7.30pm-8.20pm)

**Eschatology** (Systematic Theology VI) will be taught by  
Pastor Koshy. (8.30pm-9.30pm)

**Venue:** TGCM premises

Only limited places available.  
Please register at the reception table!

## 13<sup>TH</sup> BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

*(held in conjunction with  
Gethsemane Ladies' Fellowship Seminar)*

**Theme:** "An Empowered Woman of God"

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Date:** 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> September 2017 (Wed–Fri)

**Venue:** Tanjung Puteri Golf Resort  
Pasir Gudang, Johor

*(Pamphlets are available at the reception table.)*

## 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, SingPost Centre

**Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study**

Resume on 12 July 2017

**Wednesday Campus Bible Study**

3.00pm-4.30pm @ SUTD

**Wednesday Night GBI-Online**

Semestral Break

**Thursday Seniors' Ministry**

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

**Friday Morning Prayer**

7.45am – 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

**Friday Campus Bible Study**

Semestral break

**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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Elder Alan Choy

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Francis Lee

Deacon Low Boon Siang