

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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Worship is the proper response to God's glorious grace that has reconciled us to Him by the blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This truth is expressed by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:5-6, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Deceitfulness

Proverbs 27:6

Faithful are the wounds of a friend;
but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

*Hymn 16: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

* **Invocation & Psalm 29:1-2**

* **Responsive Scripture Reading** *Ephesians 6:10-20*

Hymn 3: Love Divine

Collection of Offerings

* **Psalm 103:1-3 & Prayer**

Hymn 320: 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Scripture Memorisation

* **Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Faith, Prayer and Fasting"

Matthew 17:14-21

*Hymn 389: Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord

* **Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 15 OCTOBER 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 22 OCTOBER 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: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Refreshments: Maggie Ho Ushers: John Peh & Francis Tan		Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Rose Chua Ah Moey Ushers: John Peh & Jonah So	
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Sarah Lee, Jasmine Low Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Samuel Yong, James Chen Gerry Lee, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa AV Ministry: Crew No. 4 Flowers: Carolyn Koshy Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Edelize Ballega Lena Chan, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Pr Andrew Koh, (Eunice Choy) Angeline Wong, (Jasmine Tan) Stephanie Lee		Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musicians: Sarah Teo, Eunice Choy Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Linus Kok Greeter: Diana Chan AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Chong Shu Mun Jolyne Cho, Lim Hua See Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Daryl Kablingue) Aileen Tan, (Jasmine Low) Arvind Pawa	
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Preacher: Musician: Canceled in view of Usher: Reformation Lectures Refreshments:		Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Cecile Batrina	
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Elder Alan Choy		Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	

Martin Luther's Definition of Faith

An excerpt from "An Introduction to St. Paul's Letter to the Romans," Luther's German Bible of 1522 by Martin Luther, 1483-1546. Translated by Rev. Robert E. Smith from DR. MARTIN LUTHER'S VERMISCHTE DEUTSCHE SCHRIFTEN. Johann K. Irmischer, ed. Vol. 63 gen: Heyder and Zimmer, 1854), pp.124-125. [EA 63:124-125]

Faith is not what some people think it is. Their human dream is a delusion. Because they observe that faith is not followed by good works or a better life, they fall into error, even though they speak and hear much about faith. "Faith is not enough," they say, "You must do good works, you must be pious to be saved."

They think that, when you hear the gospel, you start working, creating by your own strength a thankful heart which says, "I believe." That is what they think true faith is. But, because this is a human idea, a dream, the heart never learns anything from it, so it does nothing and reform doesn't come from this 'faith,' either.

Instead, faith is God's work in us, that changes us and gives new birth from God. (John 1:13). It kills the Old Adam and makes us completely different people. It changes our hearts, our spirits, our thoughts and all our powers. It brings the Holy Spirit with it. Yes,

it is a living, creative, active and powerful thing, this faith. Faith cannot help doing good works constantly. It doesn't stop to ask if good works ought to be done, but before anyone asks, it already has done them and continues to do them without ceasing. Anyone who does not do good works in this manner is an unbeliever. He stumbles around and looks for faith and good works, even though he does not know what faith or good works are. Yet he gossips and chatters about faith and good works with many words.

Faith is a living, bold trust in God's grace, so certain of God's favor that it would risk death a thousand times trusting in it. Such confidence and knowledge of God's grace makes you happy, joyful and bold in your relationship to God and all creatures. The Holy Spirit makes this happen through faith. Because of it, you freely, willingly and joyfully do good to everyone, serve everyone, suffer all kinds of things, love and

praise the God who has shown you such grace. Thus, it is just as impossible to separate faith and works as it is to separate heat and light from fire! Therefore, watch out for your own false ideas and guard against good-for-nothing gossips, who think they're smart

enough to define faith and works, but really are the greatest of fools.

Ask God to work faith in you, or you will remain forever without faith, no matter what you wish, say or can do.

Luther's Tower Experience: Martin Luther Discovers the True Meaning of Righteousness

[An Excerpt From Preface to the Complete Edition of Luther's Latin Works (1545) by Dr. Martin Luther, 1483-1546. Translated by Bro. Andrew Thornton, OSB from the "Vorrede zu Band I der Opera Latina der Wittenberger Ausgabe.1545" in vol. 4 of Luthers Werke in Auswahl, ed. Otto Clemen, 6th ed.,(Berlin: de Gruyter. 1967). pp. 421-428]

Translator's Note: The material between square brackets is explanatory in nature and is not part of Luther's preface. The terms "just, justice, justify" in the following reading are synonymous with the terms "righteous, righteousness, make righteous." Both sets of English words are common translations of the Latin "justus" and related words. A similar situation exists with the word "faith"; it is synonymous with "belief." Both words can be used to translate Latin "fides." Thus, "We are justified by faith" translates the same original Latin sentence as does "We are made righteous by belief."

Meanwhile in that same year, 1519, I had begun interpreting the Psalms once again. I felt confident that I was now more experienced, since I had dealt in university courses with St. Paul's Letters to the Romans, to the Galatians, and the Letter to the Hebrews. I had conceived a burning desire to understand what Paul meant in his Letter to the

Romans, but thus far there had stood in my way, not the cold blood around my heart, but that one word which is in chapter one: "The justice of God is revealed in it." I hated that word, "justice of God," which, by the use and custom of all my teachers, I had been taught to understand philosophically as referring to formal or active justice, as they call it,

i.e., that justice by which God is just and by which he punishes sinners and the unjust.

But I, blameless monk that I was, felt that before God I was a sinner with an extremely troubled conscience. I couldn't be sure that God was appeased by my satisfaction. I did not love, no, rather I hated the just God who punishes sinners. In silence, if I did not blaspheme, then certainly I grumbled vehemently and got angry at God. I said, "Isn't it enough that we miserable sinners, lost for all eternity because of original sin, are oppressed by every kind of calamity through the Ten Commandments? Why does God heap sorrow upon sorrow through the Gospel and through the Gospel threaten us with his justice and his wrath?" This was how I was raging with wild and disturbed conscience. I constantly badgered St. Paul about that spot in Romans 1 and anxiously wanted to know what he meant.

I meditated night and day on those words until at last, by the mercy of God, I paid attention to their context: "The justice of God is revealed in it, as it is written: 'The just person lives by faith.'" I began to understand that in this verse the justice of God is that by which the just person lives by a gift of God, that is by faith. I began to understand that this verse

means that the justice of God is revealed through the Gospel, but it is a passive justice, i.e. that by which the merciful God justifies us by faith, as it is written: "The just person lives by faith." All at once I felt that I had been born again and entered into paradise itself through open gates. Immediately I saw the whole of Scripture in a different light. I ran through the Scriptures from memory and found that other terms had analogous meanings, e.g., the work of God, that is, what God works in us; the power of God, by which he makes us powerful; the wisdom of God, by which he makes us wise; the strength of God, the salvation of God, the glory of God.

I exalted this sweetest word of mine, "the justice of God," with as much love as before I had hated it with hate. This phrase of Paul was for me the very gate of paradise. Afterward I read Augustine's "On the Spirit and the Letter," in which I found what I had not dared hope for. I discovered that he too interpreted "the justice of God" in a similar way, namely, as that with which God clothes us when he justifies us. Although Augustine had said it imperfectly and did not explain in detail how God imputes justice to us, still it pleased me that he taught the justice of God by which we are justified.

Luther's Prayers

*[From Luther's Little Instruction Book (The Small Catechism of Martin Luther)
Translated by Robert E. Smith]*

Children, see how the great Reformer Martin Luther would pray in the morning and evening. You too can pray like this great servant of God.

A MORNING PRAYER

My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You kept me safe from all evil and danger last night. Save me, I pray, today as well, from every evil and sin, so that all I do and the way that I live will please you. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy Angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.

AN EVENING PRAYER

My Heavenly Father, I thank You, through Jesus Christ, Your beloved Son, that You have protected me, by Your grace. Forgive, I pray, all my sins and the evil I have done. Protect me, by Your grace, tonight. I put myself in your care, body and soul and all that I have. Let Your holy angels be with me, so that the evil enemy will not gain power over me. Amen.



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 8 October 2017

Tithes: 1,865.00

Offerings: 11,820.00

Bldg Fund (Project): 650.00; 110.00; [500.00
(Chinese Svc)]

Designated Gifts: Bible Witness 6.00;

GBPC (Ethiopia) 100.00; Kelvin Lim 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

General Fund: 20.00

Bldg Fund (Project): 2,800.00; 1,000.00;
1,000.00; 1,000.00; 200.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 8 October 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,322,596.70

"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 YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Bible Study: Ecclesiastes

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Matthew Peh

Date & Time: Fri, 20 Oct 2017, 7.30pm
(Bring-a-dish dinner)

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs James Chen
17 Kovan Road, #04-05 Kovan Melody
Singapore 548190

CHURCH CAMP 2018

Date: 4th - 8th June 2018 (Mon-Fri)

Venue: Lexis Suites Penang, Malaysia

There will be a short briefing today
immediately after the Worship Service.

REFORMATION LECTURES 2017

*in commemoration of the 500th
Anniversary of the Reformation*

Theme: "Historical Relevance
of the Reformation"

Time: 1.30pm - 3.30pm

Dates/Topics/Speakers

15th October – Reformation Precipitated
by the Times:

Social Developments and Intellectual Movements
by Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

29th October – Reformation
Breakthrough:

Defining Moments and Key Figures
by Eld Richard Tiu

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of 1 Timothy

Speaker: Bro Andrew Koh

Chairman: Bro Benjamin Quek

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Oct 2017

Choir Practice: 2.00pm - 3.30pm

Bible Study: 3.45pm - 5.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Dominique Kwok
Blk 7 Jervois Close, #08-12 (function room)
Singapore 249103

COMBINED GAF/GMF DAY-RETREAT

Theme: "As for me and my house,
we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15b)

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Eld Francis Lee

Date: Wednesday, 18 Oct 2017
(public holiday)

Time: 9.30am – 4.45pm *

Venue: City Beach Resort
8 Port Road, Singapore 117540

*(Transport from Labrador Park
MRT station from 9.00am.)*

Attire: Modest & appropriate casual
(in view of games session)

** Programme includes 3 messages
interspersed with tea / lunch breaks, and
games session at the end.*

*(There is concurrent GCM programme for
children aged 6-12.)*

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: The Vanity of Labour

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Choy Luan Kheng

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Oct 2017, 3-5pm

Venue: Home of Sis Merisa Teong
15 Ah Soo Garden, Singapore 539971

*(Transport from Kovan MRT station
Exit C at 2.40pm.)*

Children aged 4-12 will have concurrent
GCM programme.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Children's Education - Part II

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Fidelia Mah

Date & Time: Fri, 27 Oct 2017, 4.00pm - 6.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Angeline Wong
Blk 50 Telok Blangah Drive, #10-102
Singapore 100050

Please email any questions related to the above topic to gethsemaneyoungmothers@gmail.com before the meeting.

GETHSEMANE FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP 16TH ANNIVERSARY

**Combined with English
(Reformation Sunday) Service**

Date & Time: 29 Oct 2017, 10.30am

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

This is held in thanksgiving to our God for 16 years of Gethsemane Filipino Fellowship.

*Lunch will be catered at \$5.00 per person.
(Please make your payment to Sis Aileen Tan.)*

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY Daily Vacation Bible School

Date: Wed-Fri, 29th Nov - 1st Dec 2017

Time: 10.00am - 4.00pm

Fee: \$15

Registration form is available at the reception table.

Closing date: 12th November 2017

For enquiry, please contact
Pr Kelvin Lim @ 8268 2828.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm - 1.30pm

Reformation Lecture

1.30pm - 3.30pm

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer
8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study
1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

Wednesday Night GBI-Online
Cancelled in view of GMF/GAF Retreat

Thursday Seniors' Ministry
11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Thursday Campus Bible Study
4.00pm-5.00pm @ SUTD
6.30pm-7.30pm @ NAFA

Friday Morning Prayer
7.45am - 8.30am @ Church Resource Centre

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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Deacon Lok Kwok Wah
Deacon Kelvin Lim
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