

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

---

❧

## A WORD ON WORSHIP

---

❧

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."

---

❧

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

---

❧

*Deceitfulness*

**Proverbs 27:6**

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

---

❧

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

---

❧

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



Bible Witness  
Magazine



Bible Witness  
Web Radio



Church  
Weekly

## 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

### Our Office

510 Geylang Road, #02-06  
Singapore 389466  
Tel: 6741 1910  
Fax: 6741 1016

### Our Websites

[gethsemanebpc.com](http://gethsemanebpc.com)  
[biblewitness.com](http://biblewitness.com)

### Our Pastor

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  
Mobile: 9001 1119  
Email: [pastor.gbpc@gmail.com](mailto:pastor.gbpc@gmail.com)

### Our Session

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  
Elder Mah Chin Kwang  
Elder Alan Choy  
Elder Ng Poh Kok  
Elder Francis Lee  
Deacon Daniel Lim  
Deacon Lok Kwok Wah  
Deacon Kelvin Lim  
Deacon Low Boon Siang