

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 arises from grateful hearts, for it is the expression of heartfelt gratefulness towards God. Psalm 100:4 says, "Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name."

God welcomes only grateful hearts into His courts for worship. Ungrateful hearts have no right to be in His presence. So let us remember all His benefits as we draw nigh unto God to worship Him (cf. Psalm 103:1-2).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Be Not Deceived
1 Corinthians 15:33

Be not deceived:
evil communications corrupt good manners.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Low Boon Siang

*Hymn 16: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Exodus 33

Hymn 37: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 131: No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus

Scripture Memorisation

*Intercessory Prayer

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Sermon

Pr Andrew Koh

"For a Closer Walk with God"

Exodus 33:7-23

*Hymn 321: He Hideth My Soul

*Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 26 NOVEMBER 2017

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 3 DECEMBER 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: Eunice Choy Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Roscelle Lim Ushers: Chan Tuck Whye & Francis Tan	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Winnie Yap Ushers: Cayson Chok & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pr Andrew Koh Musicians: Jasmine Low, Jeremy Teo Bernard Lim (i/c) Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Ho Kee How, Linus Kok Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Tomei Tan Refreshments: Violet Quek, Mary Lee Rachel Teo, Lok Qian Hui Junior Worship: Kamala, (Daryl Kabingue) Neo Kian Seng, (Adlucia Lim) Annie Ho	Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Eunice Choy Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Karen Quek Refreshments: Stella Tan, Cecilia Siah Chairine Chayadi, Corliss Ooi Junior Worship: Diana Chan, (Adeline Lim) Gina Sim, (Rhodora Resuma) Kenneth Wong
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Ery Calaro	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Randy Laurencio Refreshments: Tomei Tan
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Kenneth Wong

26 November 2017

Jesus' Word on His True Servant

Prabhudas Koshy

Our Lord Jesus said, "If any man serve me, let him follow me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve me, him will my Father honour" (John 12:26).

Who does truly serve Christ?

According to Christ's own words, it is he who follows Him that truly serves Him. In the context of this passage, following Christ would mean self-sacrifice and even death. He had earlier spoken about His hour of death (v. 23; cf. v. 27) and the need to die like a corn of wheat to bear fruit that will last unto all eternity (vv. 24-25). Without an absolute commitment (which may even incur death) to go with Christ, one cannot truly serve Him. One should surrender oneself totally to Christ's leading to be a true servant worthy of His name.

A true servant of Christ will fix his eyes upon his Master, avoiding all else that would distract or lure him away from Him. The servant of the Lord is most willing to serve Him with his whole heart. He will not quit attending to his Master for any consideration of wealth, rank, relationship or fame. He will also be willing to serve Him at His command in any place, in any condition and in any circumstance. He does not

choose his area of service according to his own wishes and whims, but according to his Master's will.

He has no terms or conditions in his service to the Master. He is ready to do the Lord's work even if it would mean sacrifice and suffering. He is single-minded to know his Master's will and to fulfil it with all his strength. He is committed to follow every word of his Master and render a faithful service. The pleasure and honour of his Master is his singular passion.

He is thankful that he is allowed to be so close to the Master to serve Him. So he lovingly, diligently, enthusiastically, joyfully presents himself as a servant to his Master. He revels in his privileged opportunity to stay by his Master. With pure delight, he listens to the Lord's voice – His commands, His counsels, His promises. The Master is everything to him.

The servant of the Lord is very grateful that he is permitted to follow Him everywhere. His joy and honour are greater than those of the great king Solomon's servants, whose "sitting", "attendance" (i.e. manner of service), and "apparel" literally overwhelmed the queen of Sheba (1 Kings 10:5). Indeed, to every sincere servant of Christ, His presence and guidance are infinitely

more eminent and honourable than Solomon's glorious palace. So Christians, let us serve our Lord wherever He would lead us, be it in the church, in the home, in the school, or at work.

What does Christ promise His servant?

Jesus promises His servants, "if any man serve me, him will my Father honour."

Ah, what great honour is promised to all who serve Christ according to His good and perfect will as revealed in His Word! How wonderful to hear it from the lips of our blessed Lord and Saviour! He will certainly do what He has said. Oh, how tenderly and graciously the Lord deals with His servants! How amazing it is that in the midst of His great agony, He thought about cheering His troubled servants by telling them of the honour that His Father will bestow upon them!

The prospect of being a servant of Christ is the highest and an unsurpassable honour that a man can ever receive. Obedience to Christ is a glorious privilege, for it empowers a man to overcome his wicked lusts and thoughts, and live a godly and blessed life. Being an obedient servant of Christ is to inherit a pure and clean life devoid of the corruptions of sin. To be a submissive, dutiful follower of Christ is to be conformable to Christ. A true servant of Christ is Christ-like. Oh, what an

honourable and high calling Christ gives to everyone who follows Him as His servant!

Serving Christ in this hostile world would bring many trials and much suffering to His followers. Jesus Himself has said, "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved. But when they persecute you in this city, flee ye into another: for verily I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone over the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come. The disciple is not above his master, nor the servant above his lord" (Matthew 10:22-24).

The humiliations and the hurts one suffers for being a servant of Christ serve only to prove his calling and the certainty of the eternal glory and honour the Father will bestow on him. True servants seek not the honour that cometh from man, but from Christ and His Father. So Jesus said, "Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" (Matthew 5:10-12). Paul told the suffering Christians, "If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us" (2 Timothy 2:12). Servants of Christ may suffer on earth, but they shall have great honour in heaven! ■

A Mission Update from Cebu

Rev Reggor Galarpe

We praise God for fruitful service in the ministry.

On 3rd November (Friday), the first meeting of Friday Men's Fellowship was held, and it was well attended. So also was the Ladies' Fellowship in the afternoon of the Lord's Day. We thank the Lord for a time of mutual edification and learning from God's Word (see attached photos).

We rejoice in the Lord for the good attendance in our worship service. We thank God that the people who came to attend our month-long series in October on the "Truth of the Gospel" have continued to come.

Pastor, I would like to inform you that I will be away in Malaysia from Nov 16-21 to minister to our brethren in Calvary Jaya in their English Service on Nov 19 and also in the Youth Fellowship. Praise God!



Friday Men's Fellowship



Ladies' Fellowship

Do the Old and New Testaments say that God created all things in six days?

Not only in Genesis 1, but in both the Old and New Testaments, God declares that He created all things in six days. The Bible has no indication at all of the theory of evolution (of millions of years) regarding the universe's origin.

Exodus 20:11 – “For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.” God commanded the Israelites to rest on the seventh day of the week and worship Him. They were not told to rest and worship for millions of years, but for one day! If the six creation “days” would mean millions of years, then the rest of the seventh day should also be for millions of years. It is thus an absurd interpretation of the Bible to say that creation occurred over millions of years!

Again in Exodus 31:17, we read, “It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed.” Nowhere does any part of the Old Testament even hint at long ages of time.

Likewise in the New Testament, Christ and His apostles confirmed the biblical account of a six-day creation. Jesus' words always affirmed the creation of mankind by God, and not the evolution of man from the ape. For example, He said in Mark 10:6, “But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.” Similarly, John said, “All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made” (John 1:3). Jesus also made reference to the Sabbath day several times during His ministry, hence affirming the six-day creation account of Genesis and God's instituting of the Sabbath day as the day of rest and worship (cf. Mark 2:27-28). Let us not doubt the repeated assertion of God's Word that all things were created by God in six ordinary days.

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 19 November 2017

Tithes: 5,135.00

Offerings: 7,711.20; A\$600.00

Bldg Fund (Project): 300.00; [500.00

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Designated Gifts: TGCM (local) A\$500.00;

Daniel Lim 100.00; Kelvin Lim 50.00; Linus

Kok 50.00; Joey Lim 250.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Bldg Fund (Project): 850.00; 250.00

General Fund: 500.00

Bible Witness: 300.00

SPECIAL FUND UPDATE

(as of 19 November 2017)

Building Fund (Project): \$2,340,408.70

GETHSEMANE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

The duty roster (Jan-Jun 2018) for Junior Worship has been sent out via e-mail to brethren serving in GCM. If you have not received it, please see Dn Kelvin Lim or call him.

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at

Blk 533 Bedok North Street 3
Singapore 460533

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Fervent for the Lord (Romans 12:1)

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Tan Yeh Wen

Date: Sat, 2 Dec 2017

Time: 4.00pm - 6.00pm

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

YEAR PLAN FOR 2018

All committees of ministries and fellowship groups are advised to confirm their plans for major events/activities for 2018, and submit them to the church office by 10 Dec 2017.

CHINESE SERVICE RETREAT

Speakers: Pr Daniel Lim & Bro Zhu Jianwei

Date: Mon - Thur, 18-21 Dec 2017

Venue: Tropical Inn, Johor Bahru

Please sign up at the reception.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch after worship service for the month of December 2017, kindly place your order with Sis Aileen Tan.

COMBINED GAF/GYAF CHRISTMAS CAROLLING 2017

Date: Saturday, 23 Dec 2017

Time: 4 - 6pm

Venue*: Home of Mr & Mrs Eric Delina
("East" zone), &
Home of Sis Aileen Tan ("West" zone)

As each home can only accommodate a limited number of people, carolling participants will be limited to **40-45 persons per home.*

Please sign up on respective list (either the "East" or "West" list) at the reception table to facilitate planning and coordination.

BAPTISM, AFFIRMATION OF FAITH AND TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Date: Lord's Day, 24 December 2017

Parents of young infants seeking baptism of their child, and brethren from like-minded churches seeking transfers of church membership, together with several brethren who have completed the Catechism Class held in the 2nd half of 2017, are asked to register with Sis Diana Koh by 3 December 2017. Please refer to Eld Choy or Eld Mah for any clarification.

COMBINED GYF/GYAF CAMP

Speakers: Pastor Koshy & Pr Andrew Koh

Date: Sunday - Wednesday, 24-27 December 2017

Venue: Resort Lautan Biru
Mersing, Johor

Please sign up at the reception today and make your payment to Bro Ernest Lim or Bro Gideon Lee.

GETHSEMANE BIBLE INSTITUTE (GBI-ONLINE)

The Book of Revelation by Pastor Koshy

Duration: 7th January - 13th May 2018

Day: Every Sunday, 1.45-3.00pm

Venue: Level 5 Auditorium Singapore Post Centre

Those who want to join the class (*audit and credit*), please register at the reception table today.

(Cost of lecture notes is \$8.00)

CHURCH CAMP 2018

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

Venue: Lexis Penang

Camp Fees (excluding airfare):

Twin-sharing \$480/camper

Triple-sharing \$405/camper

Quad-sharing \$360/camper

Child up to 5 years old free

Child > 5 years old – Fee will depend on configuration

An additional night in Lexis is at RM400 per room.

(Campers will settle the costs of additional night/s directly with the hotel.)

Participants are advised to book plane tickets on their own as soon as possible. Registration will commence on 7th Jan 2018.

If you have any questions, please approach Eld Francis Lee.

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
Resume on 6 Dec 2017

Wednesday Night GBI-Online
Exam on 29 Nov 2017

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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Elder Alan Choy
Elder Ng Poh Kok
Elder Francis Lee
Deacon Daniel Lim
Deacon Lok Kwok Wah
Deacon Kelvin Lim
Deacon Low Boon Siang