

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship is the tribute which we pay to the King of kings, who has saved us and made us His people. We acknowledge His sovereignty over us, and our dependence on Him. Let us be filled with inward reverence and praise, that we may offer them outwardly in songs, prayers, meditation of His Word and service unto His glory. May we come to Him with a true heart, confessing, "The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey" (Joshua 24:24).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Deliverance

2 Timothy 4:18

And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work,
and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom:
to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Pr Dennis Kabingue

*Hymn 2: O Worship the King

* Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53:1-12

Gethsemane Men's Choir

Hymn 109: Jesus Is All the World to Me

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 446: Lord, Speak to Me

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Christ's Prediction of His Passion"

Matthew 20:17-19

Holy Communion

Hymn 185: Hallelujah, What a Saviour!

Hymn 114: At Calvary

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 03 JUNE 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 10 JUNE 2018

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Dyllis Teo Flowers: Tay Soo Thian Ushers: Cayson Chok & Lawrence Ng	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Francis Tan Refreshments: Jenn Lee Ushers: Robert Ooi & Jonah So
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Pr Dennis Kabingue Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Samuel Yong, Andrew Teong Marcus Peh, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Mong Jee Pawa AV Ministry: Crew No. 1 Flowers: Evelyne Lee Refreshments: Lena Chan, Karen Quek Lok Qian Hui, Rhodora Resuma Junior Worship: Sharon dela Cruz, (Lok Qian Hui) Neo Kian Seng, (Corliss Ooi) Arvind Pawa	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Jasmine Kang, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Amoz Choy, Jonathon Lim Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Chong Khai Siang, Linus Kok Greeter: Mah Lean Choo AV Ministry: Crew No. 2 Flowers: Mah Lean Choo Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Cecilia Siah Edeliza Ballega, Khoo May Ping Junior Worship: Eric Delina, (Evelyne Lee) Karen Quek, (Violet Quek) Eld Ng Poh Kok
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Duaine Kabingue Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Rowena Delina	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Janet Carbajosa
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: English Speaker: Cancelled Dialect Speaker:	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Eld Alan Choy

The Flock of God

Prabhudas Koshy

The church is depicted as “the flock of God”, to specifically emphasise God’s great love and care for the church. As Shepherd of His flock, God not only owns the church, but also tenderly leads, feeds and protects her. Like any flock of sheep, the church is weak and defenceless without her Shepherd. She is also prone to wander and lose her way without His supervision. It is only because of His constant tender shepherding that she is safe and sound in a world that is filled with “ravenous wolves” seeking to destroy her.

The Flock’s Shepherd

The Lord God has always been the Shepherd of His people; the Bible, in both the Old and New Testaments, points to this picture of His relationship with His people. The Lord has been the “Shepherd of Israel” (Psalm 80:1; cf. Psalm 78:52; 79:13; 95:7; Isaiah 40:10, 11; Ezekiel 34:11, 30, 31), with His people responding to Him, saying, “Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath

made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture” (Psalm 100:3).

When the Lord Jesus Christ came to this world, He proclaimed, “I am the good shepherd” (John 10:11, 14), and referred to the church as “my lambs” (John 21:15) and “my sheep” (John 10:14, 26, 27; 21:16, 17). The church is Christ’s flock because His Father has given them to Him. Christ acknowledged this truth when He prayed, “thine they were, and thou gavest them me” (John 17:6). He also affirmed in that prayer that the church belongs to the Father and Him: “...for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine” (John 17:9, 10). The Lord Jesus Christ shepherds the church, the flock of His Father. The church belongs to both the Father and the Son; and the Holy Spirit effects the divine love and care for the flock through the appointment of godly men as elders of the church (cf. Acts 20:28).

Christ has proven His loving ownership of the flock by giving His life for them that they may be redeemed from sin and eternal damnation. He said, "I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep" (John 10:11). He gave His life for the sheep that He may purchase them for Himself. It was not for His own defence that He shed His blood, but to pay the ransom for whom He came to save. Hence, in Acts 20:28, the Apostle Paul referred to the church as "the flock, ...the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood". Through His sacrificial death, Christ has proven Himself to be "the Good Shepherd" and also "the Great Shepherd" of the church (cf. Hebrews 13:20). So the Apostle Peter said to Christians, "For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls" (1 Peter 2:25). The church's True and Chief Shepherd is Christ (1 Peter 5:4).

Christ, the Shepherd of the church, knows every sheep of His flock. He knows whom He owns. He knows them collectively and individually. Jesus said, "I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep" (John 10:14). He knows them by name and "he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out" (John 10:3). He calls them out from their fold and leads them by His voice (through His Word) to "green pastures"

and "still waters" (Psalm 23). Jesus illustrated His role of the Shepherd when He said, "And when he putteth forth his own sheep, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice" (John 10:4). Jesus also said, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me" (John 10:27). Today, His sheep hear His voice through His Word and they obediently follow His counsel.

Christ the Shepherd is a tenacious defender of His flock. He is not like the "hirelings" who have no commitment to protect the flock against the vicious forays of the enemy. Christ did not mince His words in describing the hirelings thus: "But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep. The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep" (John 10:12-13). But Christ the Good Shepherd, in order to deliver His sheep from their adversary, laid down his life for them (cf. John 10:11), with this comforting assurance: "And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand" (John 10:28).

Christ, as the Shepherd, is the church's redeemer, provider, protector and guide.

(To be continued next week...)

AN ENCOURAGED READER'S NOTE

It is with great joy and encouragement that I read the article entitled “Beware of Partial Perception” in the Mar-Apr 2018 issue of Bible Witness magazine.

I readily confess to countless instances of partial perception, which can only be rectified by the continued and repeated reading / meditation of God’s Word – accompanied with prayer in seeking the Holy Spirit’s illumination through God’s grace and mercy. There is no other way to be taught by God. This is also true for the larger ministry of the Holy Spirit in the “church age”, in the sharing of God’s Word by His church.

Without prayer for the teaching by the Holy Spirit, I believe one could not perceive what God says in spirit, and at best one will perceive only partially, with the peril of falling away into unbelief.

The hazard of “partial perception” is very real for all who endeavour to read God’s Word, and to date I have not read any article on “partial perception” and wish to praise God for this article’s reminder to all who would come to Christ to learn “in spirit and in truth” (John 4:24b). Thank God for Pr Kee How’s article. It is what I needed most at this time. Praise God for the labour of love for our Saviour Christ!

Since coming to GBPC, the riches of Scripture “opened” through the preaching and teaching I’ve received, as well as the “treasure trove” of articles published, have truly been the work of the Holy Spirit. What a joy to see this manifestation in GBPC and its missions!

Joyously in Christ,
Robert Tan

The Lord is Our Deliverer and Keeper

“And the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

2 Timothy 4:18

The apostle Paul and Christians of his time faced dreadful persecution by the powerful Roman empire. Nero, the emperor, was a fearsome opponent of the Christians. No one would dare to show support for Christians, when they were hurled away to stand before Nero and his officers. Paul himself had that kind of encounter, where “At my first answer (before the king) no man stood with me, but all men forsook me” (2 Timothy 4:16a).

However, Paul took comfort in that “the Lord stood with me, and strengthened me; that by me the preaching might be fully known, and that all the Gentiles might hear” (2 Timothy 4:17). Paul also wrote in the same verse, that “I was delivered out of the mouth of the lion.” The Lord who delivered Daniel of old from the mouth of lions (cf. Daniel 6), also delivered Paul from a similar occasion of near cruel, violent death.

More than the beast of a lion, the greatest threat for Paul and all believers is our “adversary the devil,” who “as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). Though the devil would try by all his might to stop us from God’s heavenly kingdom, the Lord shall deliver us from all such satanic, evil attempts. Truly, each of us can be confident like Paul – “the Lord shall deliver me from every evil work, and will preserve me unto his heavenly kingdom: to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.”

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 27th May 2018

Tithes: 12,452.00

Offerings: 6,819.00

Building Fund (Project): 5,000.00;
2,400.00; 1,000.00; 1,000.00; 1,000.00;
500.00; 400.00; 200.00; 100.00; 100.00;
100.00; 50.00; 50.00; 20.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 50.00;
GBPC Ethiopia 50.00; Rev Ephrem 50.00;
Pr Sujith 100.00; Pastor Koshy 100.00; Pr
Kelvin Lim 50.00; Pr Kee How 100.00;
100.00; Bro Eric Delina 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Building Fund (Project): 800.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 1st June 2018)

\$3,300,175.09

*(Inclusive of: (i) weekly collections, (ii) 10%
downpayment from the sales of present CRC, (iii)
interest from fixed deposits and (iv) remaining
funds from previous Building Fund collection)*

**Give generously
towards our
Church Building Fund.**

*The God of heaven, He will prosper us;
therefore we His servants will arise and build...
(Nehemiah 2:20)*

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION PROGRAMME

The next set of memory verses (Set C) is available for collection at the reception table. The verses are also available for download at gethsemanebpc.com/resources/documents/2018_SMP.pdf. For more information, you may approach Dn Kelvin Lim.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

Topic: God's Promotion or
Devil's Temptation?

Speaker: Pr Dennis Kablingue

Chairman: Bro Aron Ong

Date: Fri, 15 Jun 2018

Time: 2.00-6.00pm

Venue: TGCM premises
202B, Ponggol Seventeenth Avenue

*Take LRT (West Loop) from Punggol MRT
station to Punggol Point LRT station.*

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE

BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE (JULY - NOVEMBER 2018)

Monday Night Class

"Old Testament History III"
by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Commencing on 16 July

Thursday Night Class

"Lamentations" *by*
Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy
Commencing on 19 July

Thursday Night Class

"Systematic Theology III -
Soteriology"
by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo
Commencing on 19 July

Form is available @ <http://www.febc.edu.sg/v15/assets/pdfs/miscellaneous/btfe.pdf>

COMBINED YOUTH CONFERENCE 2018

Theme: "To Live is Christ"

Theme Verse: Philippians 1:21

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Date: 20-23 June 2018 (Wed-Sat)

Venue: Calvary Pandan B-P Church

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES/ROSTERS (JULY - DECEMBER 2018)

Leaders of all fellowship groups are kindly asked to submit your programme/roster for July-December 2018 to the church office latest by 11th June 2018. Please email to Sis Joey Lim at joeylim.gbpc@gmail.com for consolidation and Sunday's bulletin announcement purposes.

CATECHISM CLASS

The next series of Catechism Classes will begin at 9.30 am, Sunday 22 July, 2018. All brethren seeking baptism, affirmation or transfer of church membership are asked to register with Sis Joey Lim by 8 July 2018. For further information, please see Elder Alan Choy or Elder Mah.

TURKEY-ISRAEL BIBLE STUDY TOUR (Organised by Bible Witness Media Ministry)

Date: 26th Nov - 7th Dec 2018

Visiting the Seven Churches of Revelation and other historical sites in the Asia Minor region.

For an excellent learning opportunity and an enriching experience, sign up quickly!

For more information, please approach Dn Lok Kwok Wah.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship

12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

GBI-Revelation & CBS (1.45-3.00pm)

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

Cancelled in view of Church Camp

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

Cancelled in view of Church Camp

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

Cancelled in view of Church Camp

Campus Bible Study

Cancelled in view of Church Camp

Friday Morning Prayer

Cancelled in view of Church Camp

Sunday Lions Home Ministry

Cancelled in view of Church Camp

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

Deacon Low Boon Siang