

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 hearts that contemplate God and His glory. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11 exhorts us, "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually." Each time when we draw unto Him in worship, we must grow in affection towards Him and His greatness and goodness. "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD" (Psalm 105:3).

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SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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Deliverance

2 Peter 2:9

The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

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Call to Worship

Dn Low Boon Siang

*Hymn 41: Before Jehovah's Aweful Throne

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Responsive Scripture Reading** 2 Corinthians 4:1-16

Hymn 347: Under the Care of My God, the Almighty

Collection of Offerings

***Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 227A: O Glorious Day

Scripture Memorisation

***Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Greatest in Christ's Kingdom"

Matthew 20:20-28

*Hymn 431: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 10 JUNE 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 17 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: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Francis Tan Refreshments: Jenn Lee Ushers: Robert Ooi & Jonah So	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Mehetabel Lim Flowers: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Maggie Ho Ushers: John Peh & Chong Ah Huat
	ENGLISH SERVICE	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	Worship Leader: Eld Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Teo Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Jason Low, Low Chip Hung Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Diana Chan AV Ministry: Crew No. 3 Flowers: Tomei Tan Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Corliss Ooi Chong Shu Mun, Jolyne Cho Junior Worship: Dorothy Ng, (Eunice Choy) Jolyne Cho, (Jasmine Tan) Eld Alan Choy
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Pr Dennis Kabingue Preacher: Pr Sujith Samuel Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Janet Carbajosa	Worship Leader: Eric Delina Preacher: Pr Dennis Kabingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Jean Tindaan
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Edwin Quek Dialect Speaker: Eld Alan Choy	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Stephen Yap

10 June 2018

The Flock of God - II

Prabhudas Koshy

The Flock's Under-shepherds

The Lord God has always instructed the leaders of His people that they ought to be loving and faithful shepherds who tend His flock. The leaders of His people are required to lead the people according to His will and purposes. They are exhorted to be men of spiritual and moral integrity with a wholehearted devotion to the Lord, their "Chief Shepherd" (1 Peter 5:4), and a deep love for His people and His work.

Moses' prayer to God for a future leader for His people, recorded in Numbers 27:16-17, comprehensively describes the shepherding job of the leader: "Let the LORD, the God of the spirits of all flesh, set a man over the congregation, which may go out before them, and which may go in before them, and which may lead them out, and which may bring them in; that the congregation of the LORD be not as sheep which have no shepherd."

Moses prayed that God would "set a man over the congregation" to shepherd them. The shepherds of His people must be those who are called and appointed by

God to watch over and lead the people. Paul iterated, in his conversation with the elders of the church in Ephesus, that "the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God..." (Acts 20:28). When the Lord calls them and equips them to be shepherds of His flock, they will have all the spiritual qualities (1 Timothy 3:1-7; Titus 1:5-9), spiritual abilities (1 Timothy 4:6; 11-16; 5:17; 2 Timothy 1:5-6; 2:2, 15, 24-26; 1 Thessalonians 5:12) and spiritual concerns (Acts 20:24, 28-31; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2; 1 Timothy 6:11-12, 20; Hebrews 13:17, 1 Peter 5:2-3) that characterise God's choice shepherds.

As shepherds, they are exhorted to "feed the flock of God" (1 Peter 5:2; cf. John 21:15-17; Acts 20:28). The Greek word that Peter used for "feed" (*poimainō*) indicates the care, guidance and protection which a shepherd extends to his flock. When Jesus exhorted Peter in John 21:15-17 to "feed" His flock, He used this same word (*poimainō*) one time and another Greek word (*bōskō*) two times, which has to do with causing animals, particularly pasturing animals, to eat. So the Lord's expectation of

His under-shepherds is that they will tend His flock like a genuine shepherd who is committed to nurture, protect and lead his sheep.

It is important to take note that the Greek word which the apostle Paul used for “pastors” (*poimenas*) in Ephesians 4:11, means “shepherds”. Paul clearly referred to them as “pastors and teachers”. They shepherd the flock by “labour(ing) in the word and doctrine” (1 Timothy 5:17); Faithful preaching (cf. 2 Timothy 4:2; Colossians 1:28) and teaching of the Word of God (cf. 2 Timothy 2:2, 24) nourish the souls of God’s flock. Pastors ought to be able and faithful ministers of God’s Word that they may adequately and appropriately teach the flock of God, so as to nourish and guide them.

Pastors are also to watch over the flock that they may not be misled or destroyed by “ravening wolves” that would suddenly appear among the flock. They are the flock’s camouflaged enemies. Much vigilance and courage will be required to ward off these adversaries of God’s flock. Jesus warned, “Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves” (Matthew 7:15; cf. 2 Peter 2:1). Likewise, Paul warned the Ephesian elders, “For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking

perverse things, to draw away disciples after them. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears” (Acts 20:29-31). So Paul’s counsel to the under-shepherds was to “take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers” (Acts 20:28). Those who come to destroy the church will try to influence the church with unbiblical doctrines and unholy practices (cf. 2 Timothy 4:3-4; 2 Peter 2:1-3). Paying careful attention to guard the flock against false teachers is a major task of every pastor and elder overseeing His flock. This is certainly not the most pleasant or easiest of work one would like to do. It would require much boldness and confidence in the Lord. Like David, who fought with a lion and a bear while tending his father’s flock in order to deliver the lamb from their paws, pastors and elders must be ready to fight a good fight of faith to protect the believers from unscrupulous men who creep into the church (1 Timothy 1:18-20; 6:3-5,11-12).

The Flock of His Pasture

God’s flock are characterised by certain unmistakable spiritual characteristics, which distinguish them from the rest of the world. Those distinguishing marks also help to prove that they are not wolves in sheep’s clothing that have crept into His flock unawares. These spiritual qualities

are also helpful and necessary to keep the flock together under the supervision of the under-shepherds whom the Lord has made overseers.

The sheep of His flock will follow the voice of the Lord. Jesus said about His sheep that “they shall hear my voice; and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd” (John 10:16). This is a definite, distinct characteristic of all the sheep of His flock. Jesus earlier said in John 6:37, “All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out.” Upon hearing His voice, whoever goes to Him shall be among the flock of His pasture. Jesus said again, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me” (John 10:27). Every sheep of His flock is delighted to hear and follow the Shepherd’s voice. Today, they hear the voice of the Shepherd through the Word of God being preached and taught by His faithful under-shepherds. So God’s flock are admonished in Hebrews 13:7 to “remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation” (cf. 1 Thessalonians 2:13).

All the obedient sheep who follow the Lord shall be brought together “and there shall be one fold, and one shepherd” (John 10:16). They will be united under His voice. Thus they shall rejoice together in His presence,

and worship Him as their Shepherd (Psalm 80:1), saying, “So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture will give thee thanks for ever: we will shew forth thy praise to all generations” (Psalm 79:13).

At times, this world may be very daunting for His sheep. They would have to “walk through the valley of the shadow of death” (Psalm 23:4), which is filled with all kinds of enemies and evil. However, like the psalmist, they can say, “I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). Our Shepherd gently assures us, “Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32). He will never forsake us till He brings us to our eternal home. “He shall feed his flock like a shepherd: he shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and shall gently lead those that are with young” (Isaiah 40:11). Finally, our wonderful Shepherd, who came as the Lamb of God to suffer and die to redeem His flock, shall receive us into His glorious, comforting and joyful presence that we may for ever be with Him – “For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne shall feed (*poimainō*) them, and shall lead them unto living fountains of waters: and God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes” (Revelation 7:17).

The Lord's Deliverance and Condemnation

"The Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptations, and to reserve the unjust unto the day of judgment to be punished."

2 Peter 2:9

The Lord God is able to deliver His people when they are tempted. He knows how best to rescue us from all forms of temptations.

When the Lord permits temptations to befall us, we must teach our hearts to remember that the Lord knows how to deliver those who are godly. Our concern then should not be our escape, but our consecration to be godly. It is the godly whom the Lord will deliver. The Lord will deliver all those who trust in Him from being completely overtaken by the temptations of sin.

At times, the Lord takes some of His children to the heavenly home (by death) so that they may be eternally freed from all the earthly temptations and be in the safety of heaven's holiness. But to those who live ungodly, death would mean sure condemnation.

Dear children, if you trust in the Lord Jesus, whether it be life or death, the Lord shall deliver your souls from spiritual destruction.

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 3rd June 2018

Tithes: 2,030.00

Offerings: 6,229.00

Building Fund (Project): 5,000.00;

1,900.00; 1,350.00; 830.00; 800.00; 500.00;

300.00; 202.00; 200.00; 200.00; 100.00;

50.00; 50.00; 50.00; 28.55 [550.00 (Chinese Service)]

Designated Gifts: GBPC Ethiopia 100.00;

Rev Ephrem 100.00; Pr Sujith Samuel

200.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00; Bro Eric

Delina 200.00; 150.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 1st June 2018)

\$3,311,735.64

(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)

A note received with a Love Gift for the Building Fund

*Dear brethren at Gethsemane B-P Church,
Greetings in the Lord's blessed name!*

I thank the Lord for your labour of love in this ministry of Gethsemane. May you continue to labour for Him, for it is never in vain.

God bless.

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

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

Speaker: Pr Dennis Kabingue

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.

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "Trials and Temptations: Are They Different?"

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Carolyn Koshy

Date: Sat, 16 June 2018

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Karen Quek
Blk 457, Pasir Ris Drive 4, #08-307
Singapore 510457

(Transport will be provided from Pasir Ris MRT Station at 1.40pm.)

There will also be a concurrent programme for children aged 4 to 12.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of 1 Timothy

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Bro Gideon Lee

Date & Time: Sat, 16 Jun 2018, 4.30pm

Venue: Home of Sis Katherin Wu
Blk 27, Balam Road, #07-31
Singapore 370027

(Youth Choir Practice will begin at 2pm.)

PASTORAL VISITATION PASIR RIS EAST

Date & Time: Fri, 22 Jun 2018, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Stephen Yap
Blk 220, Pasir Ris St 21, #05-180
Singapore 510220

If you live in this region, please check that your name is on the list placed on the reception table. If it is not, please add it in.

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 Pr Kelvin Lim.

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 tomorrow, 11th June 2018. Please email to Sis Joey Lim at joeylim.gbpc@gmail.com for consolidation and Sunday's bulletin announcement purposes.

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

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

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

Cancelled

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Campus Bible Study

Semester Break @ NAFA

Cancelled (Public Holiday) @ SUTD

Friday Morning Prayer

Cancelled in view of Public Holiday

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

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