

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## A WORD ON WORSHIP

Doxology – the ascribing of glory to God – is essential to worship. Praise, honour and homage belong to the Lord God Almighty. He alone is worthy of worship. He is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Provider and our Joy. So, let us bow before Him and worship – “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*Denial*

**2 Timothy 2:12**

If we suffer, we shall also reign with him:  
if we deny him, he also will deny us

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Elder Mah Chin Kwang*

\*Hymn 67: Praise the Saviour

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \*Scripture Reading in Unison

*Psalms 100*

*Special Item: Gethsemane Youth Choir*

Hymn 390: Something for Thee

### Collection of Offerings

*Special Items*

*(Children's Choir and Chinese Congregation)*

### \*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 418: O Jesus, I Have Promised

### Scripture Memorisation

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

*"Jesus Heals the Blind to See"*

*Matthew 20:29-34*

\*Hymn 307: Amazing Grace

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



## TODAY, 24 JUNE 2018

## NEXT LORD'S DAY, 1 JULY 2018

9.00 – 10.00am		CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR & CHILDREN'S CHOIR
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
10.30am	CHINESE SERVICE	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>CHINESE SERVICE 15TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE</b> <i>(Combined with English Service)</i></p> <p>Eld Mah will lead the worship service and Dn Kelvin Lim will be interpreting. The sermon will be preached by Pastor Koshy, and Pr Daniel Lim will be interpreting.</p>	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Alan Choy  <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Daniel Lim  <b>Musician:</b> Eunice Choy  <b>Flowers:</b> Tay Soo Thian  <b>Ushers:</b> Francis Tan &amp; Chan Tuck Whye</p>
	ENGLISH SERVICE	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Eld Mah Chin Kwang / Dn Kelvin Lim  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Koshy / Pr Daniel Lim  <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Jeremy Teo  <b>Ushers:</b> David Tan (i/c)                      Ng Kwan Teng, Benny Skariah                      Theodore Wang, Cayson Chok                      Timotheus Liu, Chan Tuck Whye  <b>Greeter:</b> Sally Lum  <b>AV Ministry:</b> John Ku, Andy Lee, Matthew Mah                      Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh  <b>Flowers:</b> Katherin Wu  <b>Refreshments:</b> Violet Quek, Chairine Chayadi                      Lim Hua See, Mary Ong  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Melissa Mah, (Jenice Choy)                      Elvin Siew, (Jasmine Kang)                      Low Chip Hung</p>	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Ng Poh Kok  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Dorcas Koshy  <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c)                      Andy Lee, Dania Wong                      Jonathon Lim, Ricky Yang                      David Ng, Julius Del Rosario  <b>Greeter:</b> Violet Quek  <b>AV Ministry:</b> John Zhang, David Kablingue                      Khoo Xin Hao, Zacharias Tan  <b>Flowers:</b> Angela Ang  <b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Chairine Chayadi                      Karen Quek, Stella Yang  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Sarah Yong, (Stella Tan)                      Rossellini Liu, (Cecilia Siah)                      Annie Ho</p>
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma  <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue  <b>Musician:</b> Duaine Kablingue  <b>Usher:</b> Randy Laurencio  <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim</p>	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Norefel Resuma  <b>Preacher:</b> Pr Dennis Kablingue  <b>Musician:</b> Ayn Tindaan  <b>Usher:</b> Julius Del Rosario  <b>Refreshments:</b> Jean Tindaan</p>
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	<p><b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13  <b>English Speaker:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2  <b>English Speaker:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Elder Alan Choy</p>

# 15th Anniversary of Chinese Service

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Our worship service today is a thanksgiving to God for the 15 years of Gospel advancement among our Chinese-speaking parents, relatives and friends. What began as a small undertaking to minister to just a handful of people is now expanded to a worshipping group of more than thirty believers every Sunday. The Chinese ministry also reaches out through the Gospel ministry at Lions Home for the Elders on Sundays, Gethsemane Seniors' Ministry on Thursdays, as well as Gethsemane prison-ministry on Sundays. Moreover, Pr Daniel Lim regularly ministers God's Word to several Mandarin ministries in Malaysia and Singapore.

Our hearts are filled with great thanksgiving to the Lord when we think of the salvation of many souls and the extended ministries of the church through Gethsemane Chinese Service. The apostle Paul's words in Ephesians 1:3-6 are most apt to express our sentiments this day before the LORD God Almighty:

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ: According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blame before him in love: 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.”

We salute all our brethren in the Chinese congregation as they join us today for the Combined Thanksgiving Worship Service. May the Lord be gracious to bless your soul-winning efforts and your gatherings on Sundays and Tuesdays for worship, Bible study and prayer. Be faithful and fervent in your Christian walk.

# The Greater Spiritual Advantage of Public Worship

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Public worship of God is never to be disregarded or abandoned by preferring private worship. Both public and private worship of God have their own significant places in Christians' lives, and they both should be appreciated and cherished. Though both are necessary and ought to be highly prized, a careful consideration of the Scriptural facts will show public worship as more advantageous to the Christian in his spiritual life. In this article, the greater value and usefulness of public worship is briefly explained.

In fact, when God appointed a place for the gathering of His people for worship, He wanted them to know that their gathering to that place for worship was of utmost importance. He spoke of His great love for His communion with His covenant people who gathered at the appointed place for worship. The following portions of the Scriptures highlight this truth.

- Exodus 25:22 – “And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy seat, from between the two cherubims which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

- Deuteronomy 12:5 – “But unto the place which the LORD your God shall choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye seek, and thither thou shalt come.”
- Psalm 87:2 – “The LORD loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob.”

In the New Testament, though God has not given one fixed place of worship such as that under the Mosaic dispensation, the assembling of the redeemed for worship in local churches is highly esteemed and enjoined. In Hebrews 10:25, we are told – “Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.” The early New Testament churches in various cities and towns had meeting places where they gathered for their worship and fellowship meetings. These gatherings were seen as their coming together before God, in the presence of angels and God's people, namely the saints, as corroborated by Hebrews 12:22-24: “But ye are come unto mount Sion, and unto the city of the living

God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to an innumerable company of angels, to the general assembly and church of the firstborn, which are written in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, and to Jesus the mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling, that speaketh better things than that of Abel.”

Here are some of the advantages that public worship has over the private worship:

1. In public worship, God Himself communes with the worshippers as His people. Hence, it is a time of covenant-making and covenant-renewal by God with His people.
2. In public worship, we can rejoice together in the Lord's blessings towards all His people and have more reasons to glorify God. Moreover, God is more glorified as His people publicly acknowledge His greatness and goodness.
3. In the public gathering of His people for worship, Christ exercises His Headship over the church. In the book of Revelation, Christ is depicted as being in the midst of the golden candlesticks, which represents His supervision of the local churches. He is also seen as having the stars in His hand, which represents His supervision

and keeping of the pastors of the churches (Revelation 1:13, 20).

4. In public worship, through the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's table, which are the means of grace, we have more avenues of spiritual renewal and strengthening than in private worship.
5. In public worship, we have opportunity to be instructed in the Word by God's appointed pastors, who are equipped to rightly divide the Word of God. Through their warning, rebuke, correction and instruction, we are more edified than in the private worship of God.
6. In public worship, we will have greater opportunities to glorify the Lord by serving His people.
7. In public worship, we are given a foretaste of the heavenly gathering of all the redeemed.



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# Deny Him Not, and You Shall Reign with Him

*"If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us."*

*2 Timothy 2:12*

When genuine Christians live for Christ, they may be opposed and even persecuted by the unbelieving world. Truly, in times of such sufferings, we may be pressurised to deny Christ. If we refuse to deny Christ, the world may add more afflictions to force us to forsake our Saviour.

Many Christians in the past, and even in our present times, have suffered many kinds of sufferings. Some Christians were humiliated as false and shameful things were spoken about them. Some of the believers were chased out of their houses by unbelieving relatives. Some became homeless because their houses were burned down by those who hated Christ. Some endured beatings, threatenings, stoning, stabbing, etc. Some were even murdered and became martyrs for Christ!

The Word of God promises eternal rewards for those who suffer for Christ. They shall reign with Christ. All the suffering Christians can be assured that they will not merely sit with Christ, but will reign with Christ. But all those who denied Christ will be rejected by Christ from the eternal honours of heaven.

*Prabhudas Koshy*



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 17th June 2018

**Tithes:** 6,829.00

**Offerings:** 14,236.00

**Building Fund (Project):** 5,000.00;

2,000.00; 500.00; 500.00; 250.00; 200.00;

80.00; 50.00; 50.00 [350.00 (Chinese

Service); 100.00 (Filipino Service)]

**Designated Gifts:** TGCM 400.00; 100.00;

GBPC (Alem Gena) 20.00; Ethiopia

Students' Meals 150.00; Pr Kelvin Lim

50.00

### BUILDING FUND UPDATE

*(Cash at bank as of 22nd June 2018)*

\$3,360,883.55

*(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)*

## ATTENTION

Two weeks ago, we received a cheque for \$6,298.00 for the Building Fund. We kindly request the giver to approach the treasurer, Dn Low Boon Siang, as there is a small correction that needs to be made on the cheque.

## GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (EVANGELISM SESSION)

**Date & Time:** Sat, 30 Jun 2018, 4.30pm

**Venue:** Please meet at  
Paya Lebar MRT Station

## GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Speaker:** Pr Kelvin Lim

**Chairman:** Dn Low Boon Siang

**Date:** Sat, 7 July 2018

**Time:** 4.00-6.30pm

**Venue:** Chinese Garden -  
Tea House Pavilion

*(Directional details will be provided via the  
GYAF Announcements Whatsapp group.)*

### Additional notes:

1. Please bring your own water bottles, mosquito repellent and picnic sheets (if you have).
2. Do not bring your Personal Mobility Devices (PMDs) as they are prohibited for use there.
3. Picnic/afternoon tea items are welcomed. Please indicate the refreshments you intend to contribute to avoid duplicate items.
4. Kindly indicate attendance at the reception table to facilitate planning.

## SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch after worship service for the month of July, kindly place your order with Sis Aileen Tan and make your payment today.

## 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 Choy or Elder Mah.

## 15TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

**Theme:** "The Gospel of the Kingdom"

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Date:** Week of September  
School Holidays

**Venue:** Vizag, India

Exact dates will be finalized soon. More details will come in the following weeks. Please indicate your interest on the sign-up sheet at the reception table.

## 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

“Systematic Theology III - Soteriology”  
by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Commencing on 19 July

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

## BIBLE WITNESS MAGAZINE

The latest issue on:

“Christ’s Pointed Warnings Against Spiritual Pitfalls”  
(Volume 18, Issue 3)

is available at the reception table.

(Feel free to take as many copies as you need to give to others for their spiritual admonition and edification.)

## 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**  
Resumes in July 2018

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

**Campus Bible Study**  
Semester Break @ NAFA  
Study Break @ SUTD

**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)

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Deacon Kelvin Lim  
Deacon Low Boon Siang