

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Those who seek God in true worship shall not be devoid of truth. Just as Abraham's servant had testified that God "hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth" (Genesis 24:27), the psalmist has also declared that "his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5). Furthermore, we who abide in Christ have this promise to be guided by His truth, for "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Let us therefore confess: "O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Dependence

Acts 4:12

Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Francis Lee

*Hymn 49: How Great Thou Art!

* Invocation & Gloria Patri

* Responsive Scripture Reading

Hebrews 3:7-19

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

Collection of Offerings

* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 378: More About Jesus

Scripture Memorisation

* Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

Pr Kelvin Lim

"Purposes of Gathering"

1 Thessalonians 5:11

*Hymn 269: Come to the Saviour

* Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 08 JULY 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 15 JULY 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: Lee Kim Lei Refreshments: Roscelle Lim Ushers: Cayson Chok & Robert Ooi	Worship Leader: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Francis Tan Refreshments: Maggie Ho Ushers: Jonah So & Chong Ah Huat
	ENGLISH SERVICE	Worship Leader: Elder Francis Lee Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Lee Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Samuel Yong, Benjamin Quek Marcus Peh, Randy Laurencio Arvind Pawa, George Chee Greeter: Stephanie Lee AV Ministry: Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh Flowers: Carolyn Koshy Refreshments: Lena Chan, Khoo May Ping Cecilia Siah, Mary Chan Junior Worship: Pr Dennis Kablingue, (Rhodora Resuma) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Cornelius Koshy) Carolyn Koshy	Worship Leader: Dn Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Teo Ushers: Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c) Amoz Choy, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Stephen Yap Timotheus Liu, Linus Kok Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: John Ku, Andy Lee Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh Flowers: Choy Luan Kheng Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Rhodora Resuma Lok Qian Hui, Chong Shu Mun Edwin Quek, (Lok Qian Hui) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Violet Quek) John Peh
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Jordan Ballega Refreshments: Rhodora Resuma	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Erly Calaro
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Bro Stephen Yap	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim

Order of Worship - I

Prabhudas Koshy

Churches, like the Roman Catholic, Coptic, Anglican (which are mostly Episcopalian) churches, have adopted in their public worship certain forms, rituals and liturgy which are not warranted by the Word of God. Reformers and Puritans have rejected such forms of worship as unbiblical and unacceptable in the light of God's Word. Sadly, today, many of the modern Presbyterian, Baptist and other congregational churches, being influenced by the Charismatics, adopt in their public worship many unbiblical and secular activities and programmes.

All the elements of a public worship ought to be fully focused upon the One whom we worship. The forms and elements of our worship services must direct our minds to the Almighty. The public worship entirely must be, first and foremost, in accordance to His will and for His honour, glory and pleasure. How we worship and whom we worship are integrally and inseparably bound. Even the music and instruments that are used in the

public worship must not distract us from being drawn to God. Considerable care must be given to how the worship service is conducted, as defined by the Word of God. The content and order of worship must equip the worshippers to offer biblical worship to God. Only the truths set forth in Scripture by the Holy Spirit can guide us to offer an acceptable worship to God (John 4:24; cf. 2 Timothy 3:16-17). As the apostle Peter said, we "are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ" (1 Peter 2:5).

Undoubtedly, all of Christians' lives and activities ought to be regulated by the Scriptures, whether by express commandment, prohibition, general principle, or godly example (Psalm 19:7-11; Romans 12:1-2; Ephesians 4:13-16; 2 Timothy 3:10). Even so, Christians' public worship should also be regulated by the Scriptures. John Calvin, the great theologian of the

Reformed faith said, “God disapproves of all modes of worship not expressly sanctioned by his Word” (“The Necessity of Reforming the Church”).

True, the Scriptures do not provide us with a set of “worship order”. However, that does not necessarily mean that we can include any element in the liturgy or order of worship as we deem fit. We have many warnings in the Holy Scriptures against offering what pleases man as a form of public worship to God. Examples of God’s rejection of Cain’s offering (Genesis 4:3-8), the divine prohibitions codified in the first and second commandments with regard to worship (Exodus 20:2-6), the divine wrath against the worship of the golden molten calf (Exodus 32), the destruction of Nadab and Abihu who offered “strange fire” to God (Leviticus 10), God’s rejection of Saul’s claim of offering of a sacrifice that was not required by God, saying, “to obey is better than sacrifice” (1 Samuel 15:22), Jesus’ rejection of Pharisaic worship which honoured the “tradition of the elders” (Matthew 15:1-14), the apostolic warning against the “will worship” (ethelothreskia) in Colossae (Colossians 2:23), all of these and more recorded in the Scriptures warn of God’s utter contempt for elements of worship that are not sanctioned by His Word.

Hence, there has been a great necessity for proper study of the sound theology of worship in the Scriptures. It is such a theological contemplation that led the Reformed, Presbyterian churches to follow a doctrinally sound order of worship. Reformed and Presbyterian order of worship that we follow today in Gethsemane B-P Church is based on the truths that God has revealed in the Scriptures, so that we may not worship Him according to the imagination and devices of men, nor the propositions of Satan.

Our “Order of Worship” consists of the following: (i) Preparation for Worship, (ii) Call to Worship, (iii) Praise and Thanksgiving Hymn, (iv) Invocation, (v) Scripture Reading, (vi) Hymns of Confession / Assurance, (vii) Collection of Tithes and Offerings, with Doxology and Thanksgiving Prayer, (viii) Hymn for Mutual Edification, (ix) Pastoral Prayer, (x) Sermon, (xi) Baptism / Lord’s Supper, (xii) Closing Hymn and Prayer, (xiii) Benediction. These elements in the “Order of Worship” are warranted by the Holy Scriptures, and hence constitute an acceptable way of worshipping the true God, instituted and prescribed by Himself in His Word. Their biblical warrant is briefly mentioned below.

PREPARATION TO WORSHIP

Our preparation to worship God on the Lord's Day does not begin 10 or 5 minutes before the service. From Monday to Sunday we must prepare to be at the church for worship, for the Lord said, "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy" (Exodus 20:8). He does not want us to forget even for a second that we are to worship Him on the appointed day. So, He made it a moral duty of all His people to congregate and worship Him. He commanded that we keep the day of worship "holy" (which means "separated unto God"). In other words, we must separate the day unto Him for His praise, honour and glory. This is every believer's duty, not just the pastor's (or preacher's) and the worship leader's (elder's and deacon's) duty. Not to sanctify the day of worship in our minds and prepare to worship Him is a great sin, just like idolatry (cf. Isaiah 58:13).

The LORD's words through Moses – "Go unto the people, and sanctify them to day and to morrow, and let them wash their clothes, and be ready against the third day: for the third day the LORD will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai" (Exodus 19:10-11) – instruct us how important it is for us to come

to His presence for worship with great preparation of heart, mind and body. For this special occasion, God gave Israel two days to prepare. It is recorded in Exodus 19:14 that Moses went down from God's presence to the people and sanctified them. The people obeyed and prepared themselves for worship.

We too must prepare by sanctifying ourselves by reading God's Word, remembering the greatness of our God, repenting of our sins, renewing our trust in Him and consecrating ourselves in prayer to worship and serve Him with sincerity and holiness.

How have you been coming to worship God? Come early to church with prepared and sanctified hearts. Be seated 10 minutes before worship begins and quieten your hearts. Avoid talking with others in the sanctuary. Look at the bulletin and ponder on "A Word on Worship" (the brief exhortation on worship) for a couple of minutes. Then go over the "Order of Worship" and pray for the Spirit's preparation of all those who are ministering during the worship service. If time permits, consider the hymns and Scripture passages that will be used.

(More on "Order of Worship" next Lord's Day ...)

Dependence on Christ for Salvation

“Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Acts 4:12

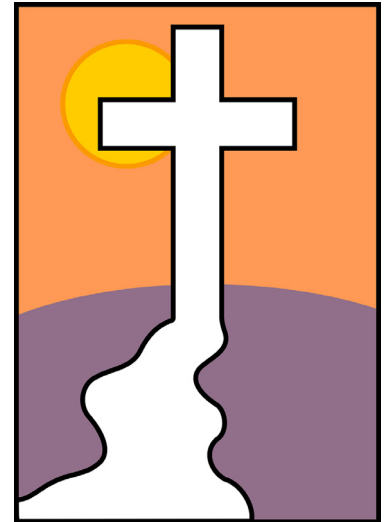
We are totally dependent on the name of Jesus Christ for our salvation from sin and condemnation in hell. If anyone thinks he can have salvation through any other name or through one's own effort, he is totally wrong. God has not sent anyone to save us except Jesus Christ. The whole world has only one Saviour who can save man and give the hope of heaven, and that Saviour is Jesus.

Do not trust in your goodness or good deeds to find salvation. Neither follow anyone who offers you salvation. It will be a total failure. We are firmly told that “there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved.”

Many people call on many idols and individuals who claim that they are ‘gods’ or ‘saviours’. But we must not be deceived by them. Except Jesus Christ, no one who is born and who has lived on earth is perfectly holy. Because Jesus was sinless and perfect, He offered a perfect sacrifice by His death to remove our sin. No one else has lived, died and risen again to save us, but Jesus alone.

So, children, always depend on Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins and for eternal salvation.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 1st July 2018

Tithes: 3,850.00

Offerings: 7,291.00

Building Fund (Project): 40,000.00;
10,000.00; 3,000.00; 2,000.00; 1,900.00;
1,000.00; 550.00; 500.00; 450.00; 200.00;
100.00; 100.00; 20.00 [200.00 (Chinese
Service); 50.00 (Filipino Service)]

Designated Gifts: Bible Witness 100.00;
Rev Ephrem 100.00; GBI Ethiopia (Student
Meals) 200.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Building Fund (Project): 20,000.00;
200.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 6th July 2018)

\$3,524,079.75

*(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)*

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 today. For further information, please see Elder Choy or Elder Mah.

PASTORAL VISITATION

WOODLANDS / SEMBAWANG / YISHUN

Date & Time: Fri, 13 Jul 2018, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs James Lim
Blk 790, Yishun Ave 2, #04-1457
Singapore 760790

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.

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairman: Pr Ho Kee How

Date & Time: Sat, 14 July 2018, 4pm

Venue: TGCM premises
202B, Ponggol Seventeenth Avenue

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

There will be a prayer session during this meeting. There will also be a concurrent programme for children aged 4-12.

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "How to Speak Wisely"

Speaker: Pastor Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Stephanie Lee

Date: Sat, 21 July 2018

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

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

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

ANNUAL REPORTS OF MINISTRIES/FELLOWSHIPS

Leaders of respective ministries/fellowship groups are to submit a short write-up for collation as Annual Report for the upcoming ACM. Please send it to Elder Francis Lee at francis_savedbygrace@yahoo.com by 1 Aug 2018.

15TH BIBLE WITNESS RETREAT

Theme: "The Gospel of the Kingdom"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Dates: 2nd - 5th September 2018

Venue: Fairfield by Marriott (Vizag)

Retreat Fees: \$270/person
(excluding airfare)

Sign up quickly! Please approach Dn Lok Kwok Wah for more information.

GETHSEMANE ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FAMILY SEMINAR

Theme: "Except the LORD Build the House"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date: Sat, 28 July 2018

Time: 2.00pm to 6.00pm

Venue: SingPost Auditorium

(Please avail yourself of the seminar flyers for more details.)

Do sign up at the reception table to facilitate arrangements for refreshments and the children's programme.

A concurrent separate programme will be catered for children aged 4-12.

13TH THANKSGIVING SERVICE OF THE GETHSEMANE CARE MINISTRY

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date & Time: 9 August 2018, 10.30am

Venue: SingPost Auditorium

We encourage all worshippers to attend and also to invite your friends. A bento lunch box will be catered (adults & children @ \$6 each). Please sign up at the reception table and make payment to Sis Aileen Tan.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP RETREAT 2018

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Dates: 24th - 26th December 2018

Venue: UK Farm Resort, Kluang, Malaysia

Retreat Fees: \$180/person (Youths who require subsidy, please approach Elder Choy)

Registration is now open. Please take the registration form from the reception table.

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 will resume on 29 July

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

Wednesday Lunch Hour Bible Study

Resumes in mid-July 2018

Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

Campus Bible Study

Semester Break @ NAFA

Fridays, 5.00pm @ 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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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

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SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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