

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

Christian worship is Theocentric and Christocentric. Only through the Lord Jesus Christ can one ever acceptably come before God (John 14:6; 1 Peter 3:18; 2 John 9). Furthermore, if God the Father hath not granted a man to come to His Son, the Lord Jesus, no one can come to Christ (cf. John 6:45, 65). So, both the Father and the Son are engaged in mutual glorification in the hearts of the people of God (cf. John 13:31-32). In fact, the Holy Spirit is also at work in our hearts to glorify Christ (cf. John 16:13-14).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Dependence

John 15:5

I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Dn Kelvin Lim

*Hymn 25: The Lord Is King!

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 55:16-23

Hymn 125: Jesus is the Joy of Living

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 325: A Shelter in the Time of Storm

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Hosanna!"

Matthew 21:1-11

*Hymn 197: All Glory, Laud and Honour

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 15 JULY 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 22 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: Pr Daniel Lim Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Gan Sze Huey Flowers: Francis Tan Refreshments Maggie Ho Ushers: Jonah So & Chong Ah Huat	Worship Leader: Francis Tan Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Mehetabel Lim Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: John Peh & Lawrence Ng
	ENGLISH SERVICE	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 Benny Skariah, Stephen Yap Timotheus Liu, Linus Kok Greeter: Aileen Yan AV Ministry: John Ku, John Zhang Matthew Peh Flowers: Choy Luan Kheng Refreshments: Catherine Choy, Rhodora Resuma Lim Hua See, Chong Shu Mun Junior Worship: Edwin Quek, (Rhodora Resuma) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Violet Quek) John Peh	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Jeremy Teo Ushers: David Tan (i/c) Cornelius Koshy, Edwin Quek Lijoy George, Cayson Chok Marcus Lim, John Peh Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Andy Lee, David Kablingue Khoo Xin Hao, Zacharias Tan Flowers: Chua Beng Hwee Refreshments: Violet Quek, Edeliza Ballega Rachel Teo, Corliss Ooi Junior Worship: Choy Luan Kheng, (Daryl Kablingue) Aileen Yan, (Corliss Ooi) Jenny Lok
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Jomart Tindaan Refreshments: Eryl Calaro	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Jeremiah Sim Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Cecile Batrina
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Bro Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

15 July 2018

Order of Worship - II

Prabhudas Koshy

We continue the article on the order of worship in our public worship service. For your solemn consideration, the biblical reasons for each of those elements of our order of worship are provided below.

CALL TO WORSHIP

This first item in the order of worship is the reading of a short passage that records God's call to His people to worship. For example,

- "Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness" (Psalm 29:2).
- "Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands: Sing forth the honour of his name: make his praise glorious" (Psalm 66:1-2).
- "O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the LORD our maker" (Psalm 95:6).

The call to worship is meant to alert God's people to the divine call in the Scriptures to worship Him. It

beckons them to leave behind all their chores of life and focus on His great Person, attributes and work as their Creator, Redeemer and Provider. It is a call to respond to the divine ordinance of worship with faith, submission and adoration.

The call to worship should be wholly a divine call, not a human exhortation. Hence, it must be read out loudly from God's Word. It must be heard by the congregation as the voice of God, though it is read by a human voice. People must hear it as God calling them to a worshipful relationship with Him, whereby they respond to His voice with praise and thanksgiving. The efficacy of worship is in that people respond to the hearing of God's Word. So, the worship proper should always begin with the reading of a divine call to worship from the Scriptures.

PRAISE HYMN

Upon the call to worship, the congregation arise to render worship to God by singing hymn(s) or psalm(s) of praises and thanksgiving to Him. Scripture

frequently teaches God's people to sing praises to God – "Rejoice in the LORD, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright. Praise the LORD with harp: sing unto him with the psaltery and an instrument of ten strings. Sing unto him a new song; play skilfully with a loud noise. For the word of the LORD is right; and all his works are done in truth" (Psalm 33:1-4); "Sing unto the LORD, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness" (Psalm 30:4).

Though the New Testament does not record choirs singing in the early church, Scripture tells us that it was an accepted practice in the worship service of ancient Israel. A group of Levites were appointed to sing in the temple (1 Chronicles 9:33; 15:16, 27; 25:1-8). The Lord has not forbidden the choir from singing. So, during the worship, choirs may sing for the glory of God.

However, they should not supersede the singing of praise to the Lord by the congregation. The Lord is most pleased to hear His people singing, for His Word says, "come before his presence with singing" (Psalm 100:2). Likewise, the prophet Isaiah envisioned the worship of God's people as "the redeemed of the

LORD shall return, and come with singing unto Zion" (Isaiah 51:11).

RESPONSIVE READING

The Bible exhorts His people to read and meditate on His Word – "give attendance to reading" (1 Timothy 4:13). The Ephesian church was also told, "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs" (Ephesians 5:19). To speak and to sing the Scriptures are our duties. Moreover, public reading of the Scriptures has been practised in the worship of God's people. In Nehemiah 9:3, we read, "And they stood up in their place, and read in the book of the law of the LORD their God one fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped the LORD their God."

Indeed, in these days when the Word of God is made available in printed form to all believers, it is a great privilege to read His Word together in the worship service.

INVOCATION & GLORIA PATRI

In worship, we call on the Lord through prayers. Hence, prayer is an important element of worship. In our public worship, we have several occasions of prayers, the first of which is referred to as "invocation".

It must be noted that “invocation” does not mean invitation. In this prayer, we are not inviting God to join us. In worship, it is not we who invite Him, but God who invites. Rather, it is a prayer to invoke (call upon) God to bless the worship. It is not a prayer for all the needs of the people or the church, but a prayer which acknowledges God’s greatness and mercy to bless His people as they gather for the time of worship.

While God greets us as we gather (in the salutation), we do not presume upon His promised mercy to us. We praise God for who He is. Notice that the elements of a prayer of invocation usually include things about which we have just sung or confessed. We earnestly ask God to use them as a means of grace to those who are present. In this prayer, we remember the Lord and His names that depict His relationship with us, and hallow His name by acknowledging His greatness and works and ascribing praise to Him. Upon praising God, we also seek His blessings on the worship service.

VARIOUS HYMNS

Several hymns are placed in the order of worship with clear biblical reasons. Every one of those hymns

is chosen to be sung at certain points in the service so that the Scriptural purpose for psalms, hymns and spiritual songs may be performed.

While the “opening hymn” is designed to be an appropriate response to the call to worship (whereby the congregation may rise to praise the Lord), the rest of the hymns are meant for the congregation to express their confession of sin, assurance of salvation, devotion to follow His will, readiness to hear the preaching of God’s Word, etc. for the honour and glory of God.

The closing hymn is chosen to help the congregation to have an appropriate response to the preaching of the Word, that they may humbly and joyfully yield to the Lord in faith and obedience to live a blessed life of boldness and service to Him.

Brethren, you must sing all the songs with great delight and real joy in the Lord. Singing is meant to be a God-appointed channel for His people to respond to His call to worship. Singing provides you with the privilege to be an active worshipper during public worship. Your singing is your response to God who communicates to you through His Word and Spirit.

(More on this topic next Lord’s Day ...)

Dependence on Christ for Fruitfulness

"I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing."

John 15:5

Here Jesus tells us that we cannot bear spiritual fruit on our own. He plainly stated, "for without me ye can do nothing." Just as the branch cannot bear fruit of itself without abiding in the vine, neither can we bear fruit unless we abide in Jesus Christ.

At the same time, Jesus also tells us a very important truth about being fruitful Christians. He says that if we "abide" in Him, we will bring forth much fruit. "Abide" means "continue", or "remain", or "dwell". In other words, we must continually depend upon Christ to be fruit-bearing Christians.

There are times when believers fail to depend upon and obey Christ. If we at any time fail in fully abiding in Christ, we must quickly repent and renew our love and faith in Christ. Then His power and wisdom will flow through us like the life of the vine flows through the branches. If we abide in Him always, the Lord will make us fruitful Christians. Oh, how wonderful it is to be a blessing of Jesus to others!

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 8th July 2018

Tithes: 8,577.00

Offerings: 3,040.00

Building Fund (Project): 600.00; 530.00;

500.00; 500.00; 360.00; 200.00; 200.00;

50.00; 50.00; 12.00

Designated Gifts: Bible Witness 100.00;

GBPC (Ethiopia) 100.00; Rev Ephrem

100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Building Fund (Project): 5,000.00;

2,000.00; 1,000.00; 200.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 13th July 2018)

\$3,553,611.75

(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)*

GETHSEMANE YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Ecclesiastes

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Timotheus Liu

Date & Time: Fri, 20 July 2018, 7.30pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Aron Ong

Blk 3, Queen's Road, #07-157

Singapore 260003

(Bring-a-dish dinner)

GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "How to Speak Wisely"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Stephanie Lee

Date: Sat, 21 July 2018

Time: 2.00-4.00pm

Venue: Home of Sis Alice Chee

10 Tao Ching Road, #14-23

Singapore 618725

*(Transport from Lakeside MRT
station Exit C at 1.40pm.)*

*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.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Amoz Choy

Date & Time: Sat, 21 July 2018, 4.30pm

Venue: Home of Mr and Mrs Elvin Siew

Blk 372, Hougang St 31, #15-43

Singapore 530372

*(Youth Choir Practice will
start at 2.00pm.)*

GETHSEMANE YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Biblical Family Figures

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis Merisa Teong

Date & Time: Fri, 27 Jul 2018, 4-6pm

Venue: Home of Sis Karen Quek

Blk 457, Pasir Ris Dr 4, #08-307

Singapore 510457

*Please email any questions related to the
above topic to gethsemaneyoungmothers@
gmail.com before the meeting.*

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: Thursday, 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 Yan.

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.

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

1.00pm @ Bible Witness Bookroom

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

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp

your prayer item

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Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Low Boon Siang