

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

The way to come to God the Father is through Christ. He is the sure and only way to God (cf. John 14:6). "Now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ" (Ephesians 2:13). All those who have trusted in Christ's atoning sacrifice on the cross can now draw nigh to God, rejoicing in that wonderful privilege. Paul said, "For if, when we were enemies, we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, we shall be saved by his life. And not only so, but we also joy in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement" (Romans 5:10-11).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Dependence

2 Corinthians 3:5

Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves; but our sufficiency is of God.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Dn Low Boon Siang

*Hymn 26: Come, Thou Fount

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 8

Hymn 434: Saviour, More Than Life to Me

Collection of Offerings

Gethsemane Youth Choir

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 233: O Breath of Life

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"The King Cleanses His Temple"

Matthew 21:12-17

*Hymn 247: Cleanse Me

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 22 JULY 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 29 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: Francis Tan Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Mehetabel Lim Flowers: Roscelle Lim Refreshments: Gan Sheu Hoong Ushers: John Peh & Lawrence Ng	Worship Leader: Gan Chin Hwi Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim Musician: Eunice Choy Flowers: Winnie Yap Refreshments: Jenn Lee Ushers: Cayson Chok & Jonah So
	ENGLISH SERVICE	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, Matthew Peh Khoo Xin Hao, Zacharias Tan Flowers: Chua Beng Hwee Refreshments: Violet Quek, Edelize Ballega Rachel Teo, Corliss Ooi Junior Worship: Choy Luan Kheng, (Daryl Kablingue) Aileen Yan, (Corliss Ooi) Jenny Lok	Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Dorcas Koshy, Sarah Lee Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Marcus Chee Andrew Teong, Low Chip Hung Chong Khai Siang, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Winnie Yap AV Ministry: Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh Flowers: Diana Koh Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Lim Hua See Amanda Leong, Mary Lee Junior Worship: Lee Kim Lei, (Adeline Lim) Pawa Mong Jee, (Jasmine Tan) Low Siew Lian
1.30pm	FILIPINO SERVICE	Worship Leader: Pr Jeremiah Sim Preacher: Pr Jeremiah Sim Musician: Duaine Kablingue Usher: Anthony Evangelista Refreshments: Cecile Batrina	Worship Leader: Norefel Resuma Preacher: Pr Dennis Kablingue Musician: Ayn Tindaan Usher: Julius Del Rosario Refreshments: Edelize Ballega
3.30pm	LIONS HOME	Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Bro Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim	Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Alan Choy Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

Order of Worship - III

Prabhudas Koshy

In the last two Sunday weeklies, I have written about the order of worship, covering such topics as preparation for worship and the elements that constitute the first part of the worship, namely (i) Call to Worship, (ii) Praise Hymn, (iii) Scripture Reading (Responsive/In Unison), (iv) Invocation & Gloria Patri, and (v) Various Hymns. In today's article, I would continue to endeavour to explain the Scriptural reasons and relevance of the rest of the elements in the order of our worship.

Collection of Offering, Doxology & the Offertory Prayer

The Scriptural records show clearly that collection of offerings were part of the public worship of God. Consider the following examples, which are just a few among the many biblical exhortations to bring offering unto the Lord:

- Exodus 25:2 – “Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring me an offering: of every man that giveth it willingly with his heart ye shall take my offering.”
- Exodus 35:5 – “Take ye from among you an offering unto the LORD: whosoever is of a willing

heart, let him bring it, an offering of the LORD; gold, and silver, and brass.”

- 1 Chronicles 16:29 – “Give unto the LORD the glory due unto his name: bring an offering, and come before him: Worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”
- 1 Corinthians 16:1-2 – “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.”

In the early church, the worshippers brought their tithes and offerings to express their thanksgiving to God (Psalm 96:8; Proverbs 3:9; 2 Corinthians 9:12), and to support the Gospel work and the poor brethren (Acts 2:44-45; 4:34-37; Hebrews 13:16).

The Bible teaches us to give to the Lord's work cheerfully and generously – “Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). How

else can we reverentially and appropriately give for the honour and praise of our gracious and generous Lord?

Upon the collection of offering, the congregation sings the doxology and bow before the Lord for the offertory prayer. The intent of the doxology (or a thanksgiving chorus) is to both acknowledge the Lord as the Giver of all material blessings and to express our gratitude to Him. In this prayer, we thank Him for blessing us and enabling us to offer our tithes and offerings, and dedicate them humbly to His glory. “I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and will call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people, in the courts of the LORD’S house, in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise ye the LORD” (Psalm 116:17-19).

Scripture Reading and Scripture Memorisation

As mentioned earlier, the reading of Scripture has been an integral part of the public worship of God’s people (Joshua 8:33–35; 2 Kings 23:2; Nehemiah 9:3; 1 Timothy 4:13). The Scripture portion that will be the text for the sermon will also be read ahead of the delivery of the sermon.

We are also highly encouraged to memorise the Scriptures - “Let thine heart retain my words: keep my commandments, and live” (Proverbs 4:4b; cf. Psalm 119:11; Proverbs 3:1; 7:3; Deuteronomy 6:6; 11:18). This habit of memorising the Scriptures is to be inculcated in our children. Hence, to specifically encourage our children to memorise God’s Word, that they may also know the great value of retaining the Scriptures in their minds, we have included Scripture memorising as part of our worship.

Pastoral/Intercessory Prayer

The pastoral prayer has been a common element in the worship services of the Protestant churches. During this time, the pastor would arise and pray to the Lord on behalf of the congregation. During this time, he would take about 15 minutes to pray for the spiritual growth and protection, comfort and strengthening, faithfulness and fruitfulness of the people.

Unfortunately, in many churches of our time, such a prayer by the pastor for the flock is shortened to 5 minutes or less. Some have even done away with it. The long pastoral prayer provides the pastor with a weekly opportunity to not only bring the congregation before the throne of God in worship, but also to teach them to pray by example.

The apostle Paul reminded the young pastor Timothy, “I will therefore that men pray every where, lifting up holy hands, without wrath and doubting” (1 Timothy 2:8). James advised his readers in chapter 5, verse 14 to call on elders to pray for the sick. It is the duty of men whom God has appointed to lead the church (pastors/elders/preachers) to pray for the blessing of the church.

Sermon

This element of worship is of supreme importance because as the Word of God is preached by a faithful pastor or a faithful preacher, God Himself addresses the congregation with His truth and wisdom. The man whom God has placed in a congregation to feed the flock as their pastor must declare “all the counsel of God” (Acts 20:27b). Hence, Timothy the young pastor was exhorted to “Preach the

word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine” (2 Timothy 4:2).

In the sermon, the minister of the Word must read and explain the words of the Scriptures and faithfully declare their truths and wisdom, for the glory of God and for the salvation and edification of the people who hear him. He must be mindful to rebuke, correct and instruct his hearers according to the truth of the Word, that repentance and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ may be wrought. “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God” (Romans 10:17).

As Jesus has said, “Take heed therefore how ye hear” (Luke 8:18). The Westminster Larger Catechism (Q. 160) instructs us on how to hear the preaching of God’s Word with the answer to the question: “What is required of those who hear the Word preached?” — “It is required of those who hear the Word preached, that they attend upon it with diligence, preparation, and prayer; examine what they hear by the Scriptures; receive the truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind, as the Word of God; meditate, and confer of it; hide it in their hearts, and bring forth the fruit of it in their lives.” (See Deuteronomy 32:46-47; Philippians 4:9; James 1:22; Luke 9:44; 1 Peter 2:1-2).

Benediction

At the end of worship, the pastor of the congregation pronounces the benediction. The word “benediction” comes from the Latin *bene* (which means “good”) and *dicere* (which means “say”). In the Scriptural context, a

benediction is a pronouncement of blessing (“good words”) from God by His representative upon His people. It is the LORD’s blessing upon His people who have gathered to magnify Him in worship.

When worship ends, we go out of God’s presence into the world where we live and work by receiving the promise of God’s gracious blessings. It is spoken by the “under-shepherd” whom the great Shepherd of the sheep, even the Lord Jesus Christ, has called and ordained to shepherd His flock.

In the Old Testament, the priests were commanded by God to give such a blessing to the people: “Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, The LORD bless thee, and keep thee: The LORD make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee: The LORD lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace. And they shall put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them” (Numbers 6:23-27). Likewise, Jesus at the conclusion of His earthly ministry, “lifted up his hands, and blessed them” (Luke 24:50). Towards the end of the epistles, the apostles also pronounced blessing upon those who had gathered to hear them being read in their congregations (cf. Romans 16:24-27; 1 Corinthians 16:23). Their benedictions became a pattern for the pastors to pronounce God’s blessings for His glory and for His obedient people’s spiritual welfare.

Dependence on Christ for Sufficiency

*“Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves;
but our sufficiency is of God.”*

2 Corinthians 3:5

The apostle Paul tells us that none of us has sufficient ability to live our Christian lives and fulfil all the duties of Christian ministry. Whatever we do as Christians is not accomplished by our strength or wisdom, but by the enablement that the Lord gives to us. Even when we make progress in our Christian living and ministry, we must not take credit for the progress.



Let us remember that we are incapable of overcoming on our own the enmity and obstruction that Satan and the world put before us. Our strength is very small to overcome all the challenges we will face.

Though the apostle Paul had earlier wondered: “And who is sufficient for these things?” (2 Corinthians 2:16), he now tells us confidently: “but our sufficiency is of God”. Our God can help us to be overcomers of all the temptations, obstacles and even opposition from Satan and the world. Our individual strength and wisdom may be very small, but we can trust our God to grant us all things sufficiently in order that we may serve Him triumphantly.

Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 15th July 2018

Tithes: 6,980.00

Offerings: 9,837.00

Building Fund (Project): 10,000.00;

10,000.00; 10,000.00; 10,000.00; 1,200.00;

1,000.00; 300.00; 250.00; 200.00; 150.00;

50.00; 10.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 100.00;

TGCM 50.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Building Fund (Project): 100,000.00;

50,000.00; 20,000.00; 10,000.00; 800.00

DESIGNATED GIFTS (from 8th July 2018)

Designated Gifts: Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00;

Pr Dennis Kablingue 100.00; Pr Samson

100.00; Pastor Koshy 100.00; Pr Jeremiah

Sim 100.00; Gladys Ratnam 50.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 20th July 2018)

\$3,783,971.75

(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)

SUNDAY EVANGELISM

There will be an evangelism session today at

Blk 417, Eunoss Road 5

Singapore 400417

Please meet @ 1.30pm at the foyer. GBI-Class and CBS are cancelled in view of this.

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.

PASTORAL VISITATION

PUNGGOL / SENKANG

Date & Time: Fri, 27 Jul 2018, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs Ng Kwan Teng

Blk 216D, Compassvale Drive, #08-570

Singapore 544216

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 ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP & CHILDREN'S MINISTRY FAMILY SEMINAR

Theme: "Except the LORD Build the House"

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Pr Ho Kee How

Date: Sat, 28 July 2018

Time: 2.00pm to 6.00pm

Venue: SingPost Auditorium, Level 5

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.

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 August 2018.

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Those who would like packet lunch after worship service for the month of August, kindly place your order with Sis Aileen Yan and make your payment by next Sunday.

13TH THANKSGIVING SERVICE OF THE GETHSEMANE CARE MINISTRY

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date & Time: Thursday, 9 August 2018, 10.30am

Venue: SingPost Auditorium, Level 5

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.

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. For more information, please approach Elder Choy or Bro Cornelius Koshy.

POST-WORSHIP ACTIVITIES

Please stay back after worship to join us for:

Refreshments & Fellowship
12.30pm – 1.30pm

Bible Study (Adults, Youths & Children)

Cancelled in view of Evangelism

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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Time & Place of Worship

10.30am

Level 5 Auditorium
Singapore Post Centre

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(next to Paya Lebar MRT station)

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