

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

A WORD ON WORSHIP

We worship on the first day of the week after the tradition of early Christians (Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2). The first day of the week was also known as "the Lord's day" (Revelation 1:10). "The Lord's day" means the day pertaining to the Lord. It was the day of Christ's resurrection (Matthew 28:1-6; Mark 16:1-8; Luke 24:1-8; John 20:1), and it was also the day the risen Christ appeared to His disciples as they gathered together (John 20:19). Obviously, those reasons have led Christians to meet for worship on the first day of the week. The writings of the early church fathers also bear witness to those facts. So, let us also according to this biblical tradition, rejoice and worship the Lord.

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Depravity
Genesis 6:5

And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Alan Choy

*Hymn 93: To God Be the Glory

* Invocation & Gloria Patri

* Responsive Scripture Reading

Isaiah 35:1-10

Hymn 249: Even Me

Collection of Offerings

* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 259: Lamp of Our Feet

Scripture Memorisation

* Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Christ Confounds and Warns His Enemies"

Matthew 21:23-32

Holy Communion

Hymn 266: I Am Coming, Lord

Hymn 267: Only Trust Him

* Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 05 AUGUST 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 12 AUGUST 2018

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|---------------|---|--|---|----------------------|--|
| 8.00 – 9.00am | CHURCH CHOIR | | CHURCH CHOIR | | |
| 9.00am | ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION) | | ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION) | | |
| | CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY | | CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY | | |
| | CHINESE SERVICE | | CHINESE SERVICE | | |
| 11.00am | ENGLISH SERVICE | Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Andy Lee, Theodore Wong Jason Low, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Lee Kim Lei AV Ministry: John Ku, John Zhang Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh Flowers: Karen Quek Refreshments: Lena Chan, Khoo May Ping Cecilia Siah, Mary Chan Junior Worship: Diana Chan, (Sarah Yap) Eld Mah Chin Kwang, (Sarah Lee) Adrian Lim | Worship Leader: Elder Francis Lee Preacher: Rev Reggor Galarpe Musicians: Jasmine Kang, Sarah Lee Ushers: Bernard Lim (i/c) Amoz Choy, Cornelius Koshy Marcus Peh, Stephen Yap Timotheus Liu, Linus Kok Diana Chan Greeter: Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong AV Ministry: Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh Diana Chan Flowers: Catherine Choy, Rhodora Resuma Refreshments: Lok Qian Hui, Chong Shu Mun Kamala, (Esther Quek) Gina Sim, (Adlucia Lim) Dn Lok Kwok Wah | | |
| 2.00pm | OTHER MINISTRIES | FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP | | FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP | |
| | | MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP | | MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP | |
| | | CATECHISM CLASS | | CATECHISM CLASS | |
| | | YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE | | YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE | |
| 3.30pm | LIONS HOME | Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Dialect Speaker: Bro Stephen Yap | Venue: 9 Bishan Street 13 English Speaker: Elder Ng Poh Kok Dialect Speaker: Pr Kelvin Lim | | |

Targets of Satan's Hostility

Prabhudas Koshy

Satan's is a determined and vicious creature who targets his enemies relentlessly. His first and foremost enemy and the target of his hostility is our Triune God. He is waging a cosmic war against God and all that are His.

HE TARGETS GOD AND CHRIST

The prophet Ezekiel, while indicting the king of Tyre, goes beyond him to speak about his supernatural evil enabler, even Satan. In the descriptions in Ezekiel 28:11–19, the prophet spoke of things that do not befit the king of Tyre, or any human being. The prophet speaks of that creature as “perfect in beauty” (v. 12), as one that “has been in Eden the garden of God” (v. 13), etc. Furthermore, he was also referred to as “the anointed cherub that covereth” (v. 14); besides, of no man except Adam could it be said, “Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.” (v. 15). Other descriptions, which Ezekiel gave about this being, also do not match any human being.

Though this being was said to be perfect in his ways, Ezekiel describes his corruption and condemnation in verses 15-18: “Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee... thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane

out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee. Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee.”

When Satan took his antagonism into the Garden of Eden and caused man to rebel against his Creator, God declared war against this wicked enemy. In His declaration of war (which is also the first preaching of the Gospel – *protoevangelion*) in Genesis 3:15, God clearly alluded to Satan's murderous hostility against Christ (“her seed”) – “And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed; it shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel.” Satan's defeat and Christ's victory were also envisioned in that divine declaration of war against Satan.

Throughout history, Satan had attempted to derail God's plan for man's redemption. We will mention just

a few of Satan's attempts to thwart God's prediction of Christ's birth as the promised Seed of Abraham to be our Saviour. He tried to accomplish the genocide of the Jews (for Christ was to be born as a Jew) through the Egyptian Pharaoh (Exodus 1:15-20), through Haman who attempted to kill Mordecai and all the Jews (see Book of Esther), etc. He also tried to kill Jesus through the wicked king Herod (Matthew 2:13, 16), and by having Him thrown off a cliff at Nazareth (Luke 4:29). Satan also tried to get Jesus to fall to his temptations. Finally, he had Him crucified, only to have his own head crushed and his power forever shattered by Christ's resurrection.

HE TARGETS GOD'S ANGELS

Satan and his evil angels, in battling God and His purposes, also engage in conflicts with God's elect angels, led by Michael. That warfare has a past (Jude 9; Daniel 9), present and future (Revelation 12:7) aspect. Although hidden from our view, their battle is no less real (cf. Daniel 10:12-13).

HE TARGETS GOD'S PEOPLE

Satan's hatred for God's people in this world is a full-blown reality. His antagonism and aggression towards God's people is not a trivial, inconsequential matter.

The Nation of Israel

God's chosen nation of Israel has always been Satan's target. His anti-Israel stance is well-captured in 1 Chronicles 21:1, where it is recorded: "And Satan stood up against Israel." Satan's hostility towards Israel is sometimes expressed through malevolent actions against her leaders.

Such an instance is recorded in Zechariah 3:1 – "And he shewed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the LORD, and Satan standing at his right hand to resist him." Here, Satan resisted Joshua the high priest, who represented the nation of Israel before God by railing accusation against Joshua. It was intended to interrupt or thwart Joshua in his intercessory role for Israel.

In Revelation 12, we read of Satan's future attack on Israel during the period of Great Tribulation. In the figurative language of this prophetic portion, his vicious resentment against Israel that "spills over" to Christ is depicted. In verse 13, it is mentioned that "And when the dragon (Satan) saw that he was cast unto the earth, he persecuted the woman (Israel) which brought forth the man child (Christ)." In verse 17, it is written, "And the dragon (Satan) was wroth with the woman (Israel), and went to make war with the remnant of her seed, which keep the commandments of God, and have the testimony of Jesus Christ."

The Church

His malicious anger towards the church is in no wise small. The apostle Paul sought to strengthen the Corinthian church against Satan's ploys with the words: "Lest Satan should get an advantage of us: for we are not ignorant of his devices" (2 Corinthians 2:11). Through fallen angels and evil men (cf. Ephesians 6:12), Satan will attack the church, by introducing heresies and immoral living. According to 1 Timothy 4:1, Paul warns the church that many churchgoers will be led away by satanic attack on

the church - “Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils” (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-12; 2 Timothy 3:13; 2 Peter 2:1).

Families

Consider how Satan sought to destroy the children of Job in order to compel him to curse God (Job 1). Think of his strategy of using the extreme trials to coerce Job’s wife to ask Job to curse God and die (Job 2:9)!

Paul warned the married Christians not to deprive each other of sexual relations so that Satan would have no opportunity to tempt them – “Defraud ye not one the other, except it be with consent for a time, that ye may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again, that Satan tempt you not for your incontinency” (1 Corinthians 7:5). Contemporary crisis in Christian families and the upsurge in divorce indicate Satan’s success in attacking families of our time.

Individual Christians

Satan attempts to devastate those who devoutly follow the Lord. Whether it be the ancient saint Job, or the apostles like Peter and Paul, or the present-day Christians, Satan is set to target them in order to cripple and destroy the credibility of their witness. Jesus warned Peter, “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan hath desired to have you, that he may sift you as wheat” (Luke 22:31). Satan wanted to shake Peter and make him blow away his faith. If he had succeeded, Peter would have been useless to God.

Later Peter reminded Christians of Satan’s perilous hatred in 1 Peter 5:8 – “your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour”. Here, Peter points to Satan and tells Christians that he is “your adversary”. The pronoun “your” emphasises the fact that Satan is a very personal enemy to all of God’s people. He not only opposes God and His holy angels, but also God’s people. Furthermore, the Greek term which Peter used for “adversary” (*antidikos*) conveys the idea of an enemy who is seriously and aggressively hostile, and the Greek term for “devil” (*diabolos*) depicts Satan as “a malicious enemy who slanders or attacks”.

Let us not underestimate the determination of Satan to attack us. The apostle Peter described him as prowling around like a roaring lion seeking to devour its victim. Peter communicates to us the picture of a vicious and ferocious beast pursuing his prey. His goal is to “devour” or gulp down, not just hurt or wound! Total annihilation of Christians is Satan’s strategy and aim.

So, Christians, let us be on our guard. “Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil” (Ephesians 6:11). The Lord is our Refuge and Defender against this evil enemy. As Martin Luther’s hymn teaches us,

A mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;
Our Helper He amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing:
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great,
And, armed with cruel hate, On earth is not his equal.

The Wickedness of Man was Great in the Earth

“And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.”

Genesis 6:5

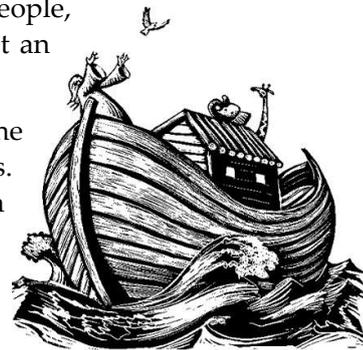
We all like to hear good comments about ourselves. We really dislike bad things said about us. But, what if the bad things said about you are true?

In these days, there is a common thinking that people are generally good. You will hear, now and then, people say: “Everyone is generally good.” However, God says that people have been committing great wickedness. For a long, long time, people were wicked in their thoughts, words and actions.

In our verse, God spoke concerning the people who lived during the time of Noah that their wickedness was very great. He also said that the reason why their wickedness was great was because they were constantly given to think of evil things. Upon careful examination of people, God announced that the wickedness of man was great in the earth. Oh, what an awful thing it is to hear from God that the wickedness of man was very great!

Dear children, let us accept what God says about man’s sins. Let us seek the Lord’s forgiveness, and also His help to live a renewed life. Watch your thoughts. Before you speak or act, check whether your thoughts and feelings are good in God’s sight. If not, repent at once, and trust in Christ for forgiveness. Then ask for the leading of the Holy Spirit to live a clean life before the Lord.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 29th July 2018

Tithes: 3,770.00

Offerings: 10,125.00

Building Fund (Project): 50,000.00;
8,700.00; 5,000.00; 1,000.00; 1,000.00;
1,000.00; 600.00; 500.00; 306.55; 200.00;
150.00; 103.25; 100.00; 50.00; 50.00; 10.00
[100.00 (Filipino Service)]

Designated Gifts: Pr Sujith 100.00; Rev
Ephrem 100.00; Pr Engida 50.00; Dn
Imane 50.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Building Fund (Project): 110,000.00;
10,000.00; 2,000.00

Care Ministry: 1,000.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 27th July 2018)

\$4,002,025.64

*(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)*

**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)*

13TH THANKSGIVING SERVICE OF THE GETHSEMANE CARE MINISTRY

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

Venue: SingPost Auditorium, Level 5

Speaker: Rev Reggor Galarpe

Interpreter: Pr Daniel Lim

Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok

Ushers & Greeter: Dn Lok Kwok
Wah (I/C), Samuel Yong, Danial Wong,
Jonathon Lim, Randy Laurencio, Arvind
Pawa, George Chee, Mong Jee Pawa

AV Duty: John Zhang, Davis Kabingue,
Khoo Xin Hao, Zacharias Tan

GETHSEMANE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Rev Reggor Galarpe

Chairman: Dn Daniel Lim

Date & Time: Sat, 11 August 2018, 4pm

Venue: TGCM premises
202B, Ponggol Seventeenth Avenue
*Take LRT (West Loop) from Punggol MRT
station to Punggol Point LRT station.*

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

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION PROGRAMME

The next test for the Scripture
Memorisation Programme will be held
on 26th August 2018. It will be a written
test of 25 verses. The verses are available
for download at [gethsemanebpc.com/
Resources/documents/2018_SMP.pdf](http://gethsemanebpc.com/Resources/documents/2018_SMP.pdf).
For more information, you may approach
Pr Kelvin Lim.

CHANGE IN TIMINGS FOR SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Please refer to page 2 for the updated
list of changes in the Sunday activities
of our church. Additionally, please
note the following changes that are
different from the timings printed on
last Sunday's bulletin.

- Children's Choir Practice will be
from 9.00am to 10.00am in the
6th Level Powder Room.
- Children's Bible Study will be held
from 10.00am to 10.40am at the
usual venues.
- Catechism Class will be held at
2.00pm at the usual venue.

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: (excluding airfare)

Single Occupancy - \$350/person

Double Occupancy - \$270/person

Closing date for signing up: 12th August 2018

Please make payment for your retreat fees to Dn Lok Kwok Wah.

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.

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:

Refreshment & Fellowship

1.00pm – 2.00pm

Catechism Class, Malayalam Fellowship, Filipino Fellowship, Youth Choir Practice

2.00pm onwards

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

11.00am

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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Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

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Deacon Low Boon Siang