

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

Desire

Psalm 63:1

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee:
my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for
thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

*Hymn 47: Great is Thy Faithfulness

* Invocation & Gloria Patri

* Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 110

Hymn 253: Standing on the Promises

Collection of Offerings

* Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 361: Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Receiving of Members

Scripture Memorisation

* Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"The King's Self-Revealing Question"

Matthew 22:41-46

*Hymn 217: Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 30 SEPTEMBER 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 07 OCTOBER 2018

8.00 – 9.00am	CHURCH CHOIR	CHURCH CHOIR	
9.00am	CHINESE SERVICE	CHINESE SERVICE	
	ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION)	ADULTS' BIBLE STUDY (GBI-REVELATION)	
	CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY	CHILDREN'S CHOIR & CHILDREN'S BIBLE STUDY	
11.00am	<p>ENGLISH SERVICE</p> <p>Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Eunice Choy, Sarah Teo Ushers: Gerry Lee (i/c) Ng Kwan Teng, Lee Shing Shyan Lijoy George, Low Chip Hung Chong Khai Siang, Chan Tuck Whye Greeter: Winnie Yap AV Ministry: John Ku, Andy Lee Aidan Kang, Matthew Peh Flowers: Stella Yang Refreshments: Lena Chan, Khoo May Ping Cecilia Siah, Mary Chan Junior Worship: Pr Dennis Kabingue, (Adeline Lim) Dn Low Boon Siang, (Jasmine Tan) Eld Ng Poh Kok</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Dorcas Koshy Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c) Andy Lee, Edwin Quek Benny Skariah, Ricky Yang David Ng, Julius Del Rosario Greeter: Lee Kim Lei AV Ministry: John Zhang, David Kabingue Khoo Xin Hao, Zacharias Tan Flowers: Alice Chee Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Lok Qian Hui Amanda Leong, Mary Lee Junior Worship: Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Sarah Yap) Karen Quek, (Jasmine Kang) Low Chip Hung</p>	
2.00pm	OTHER MINISTRIES	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP (Cancelled in view of ACM)	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
		MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP (Cancelled in view of ACM)	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
		CATECHISM CLASS (Cancelled in view of ACM)	CATECHISM CLASS
		YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE (Cancelled in view of ACM)	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	<p>LIONS HOME</p> <p>Venue: Cancelled in view of ACM English Speaker: Cancelled in view of ACM Dialect Speaker: Cancelled in view of ACM</p>	<p>Venue: 487 Bedok South Ave 2 English Speaker: Bro Arvind Pawa Dialect Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>	

30 September 2018

Annual Congregational Meeting

A Time for Thankful Recollection & Dedication

Prabhudas Koshy

Dear Gethsemaneans,

Our church's ACM will be held today at 2.00pm. Please remember to attend.

Come with a heart of thanksgiving to God for all His wonderful grace that has guided, provided and preserved us throughout the past financial year. In a business meeting such as this, we, being a church, must always maintain a God-honouring, thankful spirit for all that He has done among and through us.

All that we have contributed, and all that we have rendered in service, are entirely the outworking of divine grace. Each of us should say before the Lord, "But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet

not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (1 Corinthians 15:10).

May the Lord grant us an orderly, cordial and profitable meeting, wherein every communicant member of the church conducts himself or herself according to the operations of the Holy Spirit. "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Corinthians 14:40). By God's grace, all these years when we held our ACMs, reverence, decency and orderliness had been the order of the day! May it be so even today.

REMINDE OURSELVES TO BE THANKFUL

"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Psalm 103:1-2).

These are the first two verses of a psalm of praise which glorifies the LORD for all His gracious blessings. The object of praise in this psalm is the LORD; that is clearly set forth right at the beginning of the verse, where it says: “Bless the LORD”. The LORD is worthy of our praise at all times. As Psalm 145:3 tells us, “Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised” (cf. Psalms 48:1; 96:4; 147:5).

Our blessing the LORD is a grateful acknowledgment that He is the source of all our blessings. When we joyfully recognise and exclaim that the LORD has done great things for us, and praise Him for His blessings, we “bless the LORD”. Each of His children must say, “I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth” (Psalm 34:1; cf. Deuteronomy 8:10; 1 Chronicles 29:20; Nehemiah 9:5; Psalms 16:7; 26:12; 34:1; 103:1-2, 20, 22; 104:1; 115:18; 134:2; 135:19-20).

Like the psalmist, we must exhort ourselves, saying, “Bless the LORD, O my soul”. The psalmist has summoned all his powers and passions to praise the LORD – “and all that is within me, bless his holy

name.” Every genuine worshipper would employ his heart, his mind, his emotions and all his strength to render praises to the LORD.

Not just once, but twice did the psalmist urge himself to bless the LORD. He added another reason for the worship of the LORD, namely, the fact that the LORD is holy. So he says, “bless his holy name”. It is most reasonable that we bless the LORD, for He is holy. Before the LORD who is holy, we must bow in humble and solemn prostration. Like the seraphims, the angelic hosts that surround the heavenly throne, we must worship the Lord, saying, “Holy, holy, holy, is the LORD of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory” (Isaiah 6:3). Psalm 99:5 also teaches us: “Exalt ye the LORD our God, and worship at his footstool; for he is holy.”

Another major reason for our thanksgiving arises from the divine favours that we have received. Thankfulness leads the beneficiary to worship the Giver, who is the LORD. Thus, for a third time, the psalmist says, “Bless the LORD”. Such

repetition denotes the earnestness of his desire to express his gratitude.

Besides, he stirs up his soul to employ itself in grateful worship of the LORD – “O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.” The worship of the LORD must arise from the inner man. It is a soul-work. Jesus reprimanded those who engaged in “lip-worship”. Citing Isaiah, He said, “This people draweth nigh unto me with their mouth, and honoureth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me” (Matthew 15:8; cf. Isaiah 29:13; Ezekiel 33:31). No worship exists when the heart is not sincerely and earnestly employed in praising the LORD.

In Deuteronomy 8:10-14, the LORD warned Israel against forgetting His benefits – “When thou hast eaten and art full, then thou shalt bless the LORD thy God for the good land which he hath given thee. Beware that thou forget not the LORD thy God, in not keeping his commandments, and his judgments, and his statutes, which I command thee this day: lest when thou hast eaten and art full, and hast built goodly houses, and dwelt therein; and when thy herds

and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy gold is multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied; then thine heart be lifted up, and thou forget the LORD thy God ...”

Recollecting and recognising the LORD’s help, guidance, rebuke, promises, spiritual blessings, physical provisions, strength, hope, etc. will provide genuine impetus for the worship of His name. Grateful emotions make the soul yearn to bless the LORD. Recognition of the LORD’s blessings in his life caused the psalmist to cry out: “What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people” (Psalm 116:12-14).

In order to mould oneself to be a better worshipper of the LORD, one should awaken one’s memory to the benefits one has received from the LORD. Our memory is like a large storehouse. Recollection will bring to our present awareness those things stored up in the memory, producing powerful emotions of gratitude and worship in our hearts.

God's Knowledge of Our Desires

*"Lord, all my desire is before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee."
Psalm 38:9*

God knows every desire of every of His children. He knows all our desires. He also knows them even before we tell them to Him in prayer!

Even though we might fail to appropriately express our desires and our desperate needs to God, He knows them all. This is because He knows even our innermost desires before we articulate them in words.

Even if we become overwhelmed with emotions and fail to express ourselves clearly to God, He will still have full knowledge of our troubles and needs. If at any time, we could only sigh and groan before Him, even that groan will be directed to God as an effectual, fervent prayer.

Oh, what a comfort it is to be told by God's Word that He knows all our thoughts, even when all that we could muster from our troubled soul is only a mere groan!

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 23rd September 2018

Tithes: 3,550.00

Offerings: 9,891.00

Designated Gifts: Pangasinan Relief

500.00; 400.00; 50.00; 20.00; Gethsemane

BP Mission Church (Pangasinan) 50.00;

Pr Donald 1,000.00; Rev Ephrem 100.00

NON-SUNDAY GIFT

Building Fund (Project): 1,400.00

BUILDING FUND UPDATE

(Cash at bank as of 28th September 2018)

\$5,167,573.32

(Inclusive of: (i) weekly collections, (ii) entire proceeds from the sale of the 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)*

RECEIVING OF MEMBERS

Date: Today, 30th September 2018

Transfer of Membership

Wong Kwang Yung Marcus,

Foong Siew San

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2018

Date: Today, 30th September 2018

Time: 2.00pm

Venue: SingPost L5 Auditorium

All Communicant Members are required to attend this meeting. Please sign in at the reception desk before entering the sanctuary for the meeting.

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION PROGRAMME

The next test for the Scripture Memorisation Programme will be held on Sunday, 25th November 2018. The verses are available for download at gethsemanebpc.com/Resources/documents/2018_SMP.pdf. Please sign up at the reception table. For more information, you may approach Pr Kelvin Lim.

GETHSEMANE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro Marcus Peh

Date & Time: Sat, 6 Oct 2018, 4.30pm

Venue: Home of Pr & Mrs Jeremiah Sim
Block 725, Tampines St 71, #06-167
Singapore 520725

PASTORAL VISITATION

TAMPINES EAST/SIMEI

Date & Time: Fri, 12 Oct 2018, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Pastor & Mrs
Prabhudas Koshy

Block 826, Tampines St 81
#02-92, Singapore 520826

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 Prabhudas Koshy

Chairman: Bro David Tan

Date & Time: Sat, 13 Oct 2018, 4.00pm

Venue: Home of Elder & Mrs Francis Lee
35 Moonbeam Terrace
Singapore 277308

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

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

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*)

All participants are strongly advised to submit their registration forms ASAP to facilitate the accommodation planning. Payment may be made at a later date.

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

Cancelled in view of ACM

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

Fridays, 12.00pm @ NAFA

Fridays, 2.00pm @ SUTD

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)

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Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Low Boon Siang