

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## A WORD ON WORSHIP

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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).

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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*Desire*

**Psalm 73:25**

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee.

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Call to Worship

*Elder Ng Poh Kok*

\*Hymn 37: Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \*Responsive Scripture Reading

*Matthew 23:1-12*

Hymn 247: Cleanse Me

### Collection of Offerings

### \*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 407: Jesus Calls Us

### Scripture Memorisation

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

*"The King Exposes False Spiritual Leaders"*

*Matthew 23:1-12*

### Holy Communion

Spiritual Song: Meditation of the Cross

Spiritual Song: Forgive Me & Restore Me

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\* Congregation Standing*



TODAY, 07 OCTOBER 2018

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 14 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><b>ENGLISH SERVICE</b></p> <p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Ng Poh Kok  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Dorcas Koshy  <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang (i/c)                      Andy Lee, Edwin Quek                      Benny Skariah, Ricky Yang                      David Ng, Julius Del Rosario  <b>Greeter:</b> Mah Lean Choo  <b>AV Ministry:</b> John Zhang, David Kablingue                      Khoo Xin Hao, Zacharias Tan  <b>Flowers:</b> Alice Chee  <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim, Lok Qian Hui                      Amanda Leong, Mary Lee  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Sarah Yap)                      Karen Quek, (Jasmine Kang)                      Low Chip Hung</p>	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Dn Kelvin Lim  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Jasmine Kang, Sarah Lee  <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Lok Kwok Wah (i/c)                      Samuel Yong, Marcus Chee                      Andrew Teong, Randy Laurencio                      Arvind Pawa, George Chee  <b>Greeter:</b> Mong Jee Pawa  <b>AV Ministry:</b> Andronicus Koshy, Aron Ong                      Jonathon Lim, Matthew Peh  <b>Flowers:</b> Angela Ang  <b>Refreshments:</b> Stella Tan, Chairine Chayadi                      Karen Quek, Stella Yang  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Choy Luan Kheng, (Esther Quek)                      Pawa Mong Jee, (Adlucia Lim)                      Pr Samson Hutagalung</p>
2.00pm	<b>OTHER MINISTRIES</b>	
	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
	CATECHISM CLASS	CATECHISM CLASS
	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	<p><b>LIONS HOME</b></p> <p><b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2  <b>English Speaker:</b> Elder Mah Chin Kwang  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>	<p><b>Venue:</b> 9 Bishan Street 13  <b>English Speaker:</b> Bro Arvind Pawa  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Jeremiah Sim</p>

7 October 2018

# Be A Joyous Christian

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Being joyous is not walking around with a big grin permanently fixed on our face. Neither does it mean possessing an upbeat positive temperament, nor exhibiting a bubbly and excited appearance before others. Rather, I am referring to real joy, which is an inner experience. Do you have that heartfelt joy in your life?

## **We are Created and Redeemed to Rejoice**

If we are Christians, then we should know that joy is our inheritance promised by our Saviour and Lord. It is God's desire that we should be joyful people. He didn't create us to be wretched and miserable, but holy and happy. In fact, joy was one of the things that characterised the original

creation. In Job 38:7, God challenged Job as to whether he had any memory of the "morning stars" that sang together and all the "sons of God" that shouted for joy at His creation. We can assuredly say that Adam and Eve were full of joy as they lived in the sinless garden of Eden, which was very good prior to their fall.

Of course, sin had smashed the experience of man's joy and brought in disappointment, fear, sorrow, guilt, condemnation and death, but God's work of redemption through Jesus Christ has reinstated that joy and taken it to even greater heights. This joy doesn't belong merely to the future; we should be shouting for joy now! Paul reminded the Roman Christians that "we also joy

in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, by whom we have now received the atonement” (Romans 5:11).

### **In All Circumstances, Joy is to be Ours**

Writing from the seclusion and afflictions of his imprisonment in Rome, Paul exhorted the Philippian Christians, “Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, Rejoice” (Philippians 4:4). Paul did not teach that we would only “catch” tantalizing tastes of joy when we are singing our favourite hymns on a Sunday morning. Rather, Christian joy is to be always present in our lives, regardless of our circumstances.

Joy is to be a Christian’s normal experience. It is not meant for our occasional pleasure. Paul instructs us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16 to “Rejoice evermore.” The New Testament writers, James and Peter, also join Paul in assuring us that we can be joyous even when trials come our way — “My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations” (James 1:2); “But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings” (1 Peter 4:13).

### **Source of Our Joy is the Lord**

The Bible instructs us to find joy in the Lord and in all that He has done for us. There are, of course, many legitimate sources of joy in our lives. God has given us richly all things to enjoy (1 Timothy 6:17). Undeniably, there are immense joys associated with families and friends, with good health and personal freedom, with holidays and hobbies, with successes and victories; these joys are, to be sure, real and precious. However, if the joy of our life is resting on these, then it is on fragile foundations. That joy can be shaken by crises in life like illness, bereavement, redundancy and accidents!

That is why the Bible fixes our joy on the unchanging God. Isn’t this what the prophet Habakkuk emphatically pointed out to us in the Old Testament? “Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I

will rejoice in the LORD, I will joy in the God of my salvation” (Habakkuk 3:17-18).

### **Boundless Joy is Promised!**

In John 15:11, Jesus said concerning the purpose of His words that “your joy might be full.” Peter says that Christians can have “joy unspeakable and full of glory” (1 Peter 1:8).

God holds out full joy to us always! Perhaps some of us are falling somewhat short of the joy that God has offered to us. Each of us needs to examine himself as to whether his joy is complete.

### **Means to Appropriate the Divine Gift of Joy**

1. Remember that our names are written in heaven. Jesus said, “But rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven” (Luke 10:20).
2. Learn and obey God’s Word. Jesus said, “These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full” (John 15:11, cf. 1 John 1:4).

3. Believe / Depend on the Lord at all times. “Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost” (Romans 15:13; cf. 1 Peter 1:8).
4. Be filled with the Holy Spirit. When we yield to the Spirit’s leading, we will be filled with spiritual joy. Acts 13:52 tells us that “the disciples were filled with joy, and with the Holy Ghost.”
5. Look forward to the great joy and glory at the return of Christ. 1 Peter 4:13 reminds us, “But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy” (cf. Matthew 5:12).



*Have you signed up for classes  
on GBI-Online?*

*Learn God’s Word  
online @ [www.gbi-online.com](http://www.gbi-online.com)*

# Whom Does Your Heart Desire the Most?

*"Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee."*

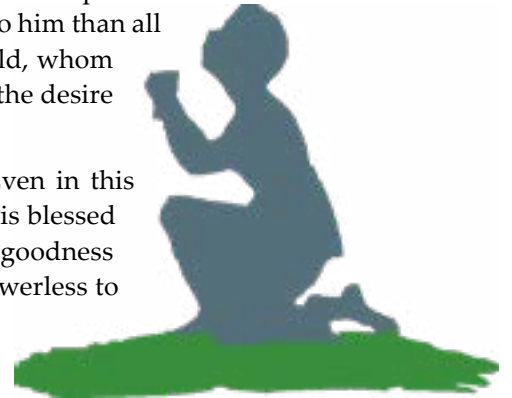
Psalm 73:25

These are the poetic expressions of a person who has grown in his love for God. At the beginning of this psalm, the psalmist expressed his envy towards wealthy folks. There his heart seemed to covet after their wealth and their prosperity. But as he drew closer to God in contemplation, he understood the fragility and unreliability of wealth; he was also made aware of the perils and destruction that will come upon even the rich. Without God's salvation and goodness, no man can have the blessed hope of the eternal glory of heaven.

Upon realising this reality, then the psalmist's heart desired God more than everything and everyone else. Now, there was none whose presence and companionship that he desired more than that of God. He felt that his God was infinitely better to him than all the wealth, health, honour possessed by the ungodly people of this world, whom previously he had unduly envied. He counted all things worthless, that the desire of his heart may wholly be towards God.

Without God, even heaven would be meaningless to the godly. Even in this world of many evil, worldly temptations, his heart covets nothing but his blessed God. Like the psalmist, may we also contemplate on God's greatness, goodness and glory so that the evil temptations of this world may be rendered powerless to influence us.

*Prabhudas Koshy*



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 30th September 2018

**Tithes:** 2,675.00

**Offerings:** 11,044.00

**Building Fund (Project):** 1,000.00; 100.00

**Designated Gifts:** Bible Witness 12.00;

Pangasinan Relief 600.00; 100.00;

50.00; Gethsemane BP Mission Church  
(Pangasinan) 10.00; GBPC Ethiopia 100.00;

Ladies' Fellowship 10.00; Pr Engida 50.00;

Dn Imane 50.00; Dn Kelvin 100.00; Bro

Raja 100.00; 100.00; 50.00

### BUILDING FUND UPDATE

*(Cash at bank as of 5th October 2018)*

\$5,168,673.32

*(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)

## 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.*



*Come, join us at our  
**Tuesday Night  
Prayer Meeting!***

## GETHSEMANE LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** "How to Understand  
God's Promise"

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  
**Chairperson:** Sis Sharon dela Cruz

**Date:** Sat, 20 Oct 2018

**Time:** 2.00-4.00pm

**Venue:** Home of Sis Annie Ho  
Block 306, Canberra Road, #11-79  
Singapore 750306

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

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

## DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2018

Daily Vacation Bible School (DVBS) will be held from 12th to 14th December 2018 (Wednesday to Friday). Registration is now open. Please sign up via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/luo9NTGrugWxKbt52>

If you need further information about the event, please approach Pr Kelvin Lim or any of the GCM committee members.

## GETHSEMANE DEFENDERS' MINISTRY (GDM) SEMINAR

**Topic:** "New Calvinism"

**Speaker:** Pr Ko Ling Kang

**Date:** 6th November 2018 (Tuesday)

**Time:** 9.15am - 12.30pm

**Venue:** SingPost Auditorium Level 5

Please sign up at the reception table.

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

We will have a lunch break after the seminar, following which, we will have our prayer meeting at 2pm.

## 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

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

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)

#### Prayer Hotline

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp

your prayer item

#### Our Office

#### (Temporary Mailing Address)

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[biblewitness.com](http://biblewitness.com)

[gbi-online.com](http://gbi-online.com)

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Elder Mah Chin Kwang

Elder Alan Choy

Elder Ng Poh Kok

Elder Francis Lee

Deacon Daniel Lim

Deacon Lok Kwok Wah

Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Low Boon Siang