

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## A WORD ON WORSHIP

God demands that His worshippers separate themselves from all worldliness and devote themselves to know and to do all that are pleasing to Him. Scripture says, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God” (Romans 12:2). True worshippers live to do His will and glorify Him.

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*Door*

**John 10:7**

Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily,  
I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

**Call to Worship**

*Elder Francis Lee*

\*Hymn 32: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

**\*Invocation & Gloria Patri**

**\*Responsive Scripture Reading**

*Acts 20:27-35*

Hymn 262: I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord!

**Collection of Offerings**

*Gethsemane Youth Choir*

**\*Doxology & Prayer**

Hymn 370: Nearer, My God, to Thee

**Scripture Memorisation**

**\*Pastoral Prayer**

**Sermon**

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

“The Danger of Apostates”

*Jude 4*

\*Hymn 441: Faith is the Victory

**\*Benediction & Threefold Amen**

*\* Congregation Standing*



# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP AT 11.00AM

**TODAY, 19 JANUARY 2020**

**NEXT LORD'S DAY, 26 JANUARY 2020**

<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Elder Francis Lee  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Eunice Setiawan, Sarah Teo  <b>Ushers:</b> Benny Skariah                  Juffrey Balicao, Chan Tuck Whye                  Melvin Mendoza, Marcus Lim    <b>Greeter:</b> Violet Quek  <b>AV Ministry:</b> Zacharias Tan, Goh Yong Wei                  John Zhang  <b>Flowers:</b> Stephanie Lee  <b>Refreshments:</b> Roscelle Lim, Esther Quek                  Stella Yang, Koh Li Hui  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Edwin Quek, (Gan Chien Huey)                  Pr Jeremiah Sim, (Jenice Choy)                  Elder Alan Choy</p>	<p><b>Worship Leader:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim  <b>Preacher:</b> Pastor Prabhudas Koshy  <b>Musicians:</b> Ellyzabeth, Eunice Setiawan  <b>Ushers:</b> Dn Low Boon Siang                  Jonathon Lim, Low Chip Hung                  Sean Lee, Chong Khai Siang    <b>Greeter:</b> Low Siew Lian  <b>AV Ministry:</b> Aidan Kang, Jonathon Lim                  Rowell Gabriel  <b>Flowers:</b> Diana Koh  <b>Refreshments:</b> Violet Quek, Charlene Mae Distor                  Cecile Batrina, Amanda Leong  <b>Junior Worship:</b> Choy Luan Kheng, (Stella Tan)                  Pr Kelvin Lim, (Cecilia Siah)                  Low Chip Hung</p>
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*Chinese Worship Service is held concurrently at 11.00am at the foyer area.*

## OTHER SUNDAY MINISTRIES

**TODAY, 19 JANUARY 2020**

**NEXT LORD'S DAY, 26 JANUARY 2020**

2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim</i>	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim</i>
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
	CATECHISM CLASS (On Break)	CATECHISM CLASS (On Break)
	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	LIONS HOME MINISTRY  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Venue:</b> 487 Bedok South Ave 2  <b>English Speaker:</b> Pr Ho Kee How  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b> Pr Kelvin Lim</p>	LIONS HOME MINISTRY  <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Venue:</b>  <b>English Speaker:</b> Cancelled in view of Chinese New Year  <b>Dialect Speaker:</b></p>
6.00pm	EVENING TEACHING SERVICE (GBI) @ GMC	EVENING TEACHING SERVICE (GBI) @ GMC

19 January 2020

# *Non sum qualis eram*

*(An article based on Pastor's exhortation during last Tuesday Prayer Meeting)*

Recently, I came across a Latin phrase—*non sum qualis eram*—which means “I am not as I was” or “I am not what I used to be.”

In reality, every Christian should be able to say, *non sum qualis eram*. When an individual is regenerated by the power of the Word and the Spirit (John 3:3-8; Titus 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23), “he is a new creature: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Then he is expected to “put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness” (Ephesians 4:24), and “walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4c).

Everyone who is in Christ becomes “a new creature” (cf. Galatians 6:15). The word “new” (Greek: *kainos*) means new in quality, not just in sequence. Hence, a Christian has a qualitatively different life from his past. A transformation of life does occur when one is regenerated as a child of God. His “old man is crucified with him (Christ), that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin” (Romans 6:6). A Christian would, from then onwards, “put off concerning the former conversation the

old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts; and be renewed in the spirit of your mind” (Ephesians 4:22-23; cf. Colossians 3:9-10).

The transformation wrought by the new birth is not only an instantaneous spiritual miracle, but also entails a lifelong process of sanctification. In the life of a Christian, extensive changes will happen - old beliefs, ideas, values, plans, loves, desires, etc. will be replaced by the new spiritual realities that accompany salvation. God plants new perspectives, desires, loves, inclinations and truths in His redeemed child. Though he lives in the same body with all its sinful propensities, a new aspiration and pursuit (which are after the righteousness of God) begin to thrust him forward (cf. Galatians 6:14). He will also be daily nourished and established by the truths and providential working of God through the Spirit, so that he may live a life that constantly separates him from sin and ungodliness while conforming him to the image of Jesus Christ. His ignorant, darkened, carnal, defiled, materialistic and hardened pre-conversion life is now enlightened, sanctified and loving. Though he once pursued wickedness and sin, he now follows after righteousness and holiness.

Hence, constantly being changed, he can say, “I am not what I used to be.”

Every Christian will be changed daily because he desires to be more and more like the Lord Jesus Christ. Perfection in this life will always be a goal, never an achievement. “If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us” (1 John 1:8). A Christian knows that he is far from being perfect. So, he eagerly pursues perfection with all his might. The Christian life is a lifelong process of spiritual growth. Hence the commandment to “grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ” (2 Peter 3:18).

As Paul testifies, “Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those

things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:13–14). Christ-likeness is the prize that every Christian must pursue. He looks forward to tomorrow with the desire and assurance that with God’s help, he shall be more like his Master.

Let us therefore press on, knowing that every day we shall be gradually moulded to become more Christ-like, till we see Him face to face. Paul affirms so: “But we all, with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are changed into the same image from glory to glory, even as by the Spirit of the Lord” (2 Corinthians 3:18). The apostle John also agrees: “Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is” (1 John 3:2). ❀



## Greetings and Report from Rev. Reggor Galarpe

Dear Pastor,

Blessed New Year to you!

By God’s grace, we are pressing on in the work of the ministry in this brand new year.

Yesterday (6th Jan), we had our 2nd-semester opening of GBI. The Lord has encouraged us by sending new students to study. There’s one from Cavite City (near Manila) who arrived early morning of last Sunday. He was referred to us by Dr Jose Lagapa. He is from a Bible Baptist church, but is willing to study Reformed Theology and Calvinism.

Then another brother, also from a Bible Baptist Church here in Cebu, enrolled for a few subjects. For some time, he has been attending our prayer meeting and worship service with his wife. And to my surprise, he came yesterday for the Prayer and Registration, and enrolled for a few subjects. Add to it, the missionary/preacher of True Life BPC in Trinidad, Bohol also enrolled, taking a few subjects. Our two brothers from Bukidnon (Johnnyrey and Warly) had arrived safely yesterday morning, just in time for the opening. Praise God!

All in, we have 17 students being enrolled this semester, 4 of whom are full-time.

Pastor, as I think about it, it's no doubt the Lord's way of encouraging us to press on with the ministry of GBI. I could see that Eld. Eliezer Ortega, Pr. Edsel and Dn Samuel were also encouraged to see this development. Praise God!

I am sending you a photo taken after the registration. On Eld. Eli's side is our brother Kenneth Guillas from Cavite City, and next to him is Greluz Damos (both Bible Baptists). Next to Pr. Edsel is Pr Rodolfo Gayon (True Life BPC Missionary in Trinidad, Bohol). Except for Sis. Juvy, the sisters are studying part-time. Please do continue to include us in prayer.

Lastly, thank you very much for the support and blessings received. Kindly extend our greetings and thanks to all our brethren for their prayers and support.

All glory to God!

Respectfully,  
Reggor



## Junior Worshipper's Page

# Jesus is the Only Door of Salvation

*"Then said Jesus unto them again, Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep."  
(John 10:7)*

This statement of Jesus about Himself was one of several figurative expressions he was using to teach how He would call and safely lead all His people. In this discourse, He referred to Himself using different figures of speech. He earlier referred to Himself as "the shepherd", and now as "the door of the sheep".

In the days of Jesus, when a shepherd spent the night in the open field with his sheep, he would gather them in a sheepfold (a fenced enclosure where sheep are kept), and stay at its entrance to guard the sheep. No one could enter or leave except through him. In Jesus' metaphor, He refers to Himself as "the door" through which the sheep could enter into the safety of God's fold and go out to enjoy the rich pasture of His blessings.

Jesus also said, "All that ever came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture" (John 10:8-9). Jesus asserted that all who came before Him and pretended to be the real Messiah were "thieves and robbers". Israel's false shepherds—her wicked kings, false prophets, corrupt priests and pseudo-messiahs—were exploiting the people and leading them to destruction.

So, Jesus Christ emphasised, "Verily, verily, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep." All who come through Him to God will experience God's love, forgiveness, salvation, blessings of joy, peace and protection. Jesus came to open unto us spiritual and eternal life.

Prabhudas Koshy



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 12th January 2020  
(11.00am service)

**Tithes:** 1,930.00

**Offerings:** 10,422.00

**Designated Gifts:** General Fund 50.00;  
Cebu Building Fund 300.00; Missionary  
Conference 200.00; Ethiopian Student  
Meals 100.00; Rev. Ephrem 50.00; Pr  
Engida 50.00; Pastor Koshy 100.00;  
Dorcas Koshy 50.00; Raja 200.00

(6.00pm Teaching Service)

**Offerings:** 1,440.00

## FOR NON-SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

Use the QR code below (through  
PayLah! or PayNow) to send in your  
non-Sunday love gifts to Gethsemane  
Bible-Presbyterian Church.



## YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** "The Gift of Motherhood"

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Sis. Low Hui Lin

**Date & Time:** Fri, 31st Jan 2020, 4.00pm

**Venue:** Gethsemane Media Centre

## YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** "The Growth of the Christian—  
By Escaping Lust Through His  
Promises"

**Speaker:** Pr Samson Hutagalung

**Chairperson:** Tan Yeh Wen

**Date & Time:** Sat, 1st Feb 2020, 4.00pm

**Venue:** Gethsemane Media Centre

## YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Book Study of Proverbs

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Bro. Jeremy Teo

**Date & Time:** Sat, 1st Feb 2020, 4.00pm

**Venue:** Gethsemane Media Centre

## LADIES' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

**Topic:** Biblical Response to  
Inter-Denominational Activities

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 15 Feb 2020,  
2.00pm–6.00pm

**Venue:** SingPost Level 5 Auditorium

For catering & planning purposes,  
please register early at <https://tinyurl.com/GLF-seminar-2020>. For more  
details, please avail yourself of the  
pamphlets at the reception table.

*A concurrent, separate programme will  
be catered for children aged 4-12.*

## CATECHISM CLASS

The next Catechism Class for brethren  
who wish to seek baptism, transfer of  
membership and affirmation of faith  
will begin from Sunday, 2nd February  
2020. The class begins at 2.00pm.  
Interested brethren are asked to  
register as soon as possible with Bro.  
Norefel Resuma.

For more information, please see  
either Elder Mah or Elder Choy.

## GETHEMANE DEFENDERS' MINISTRY (GDM) SEMINAR

**Topic:** Flat Earth Controversy & Evidence for a Young Earth

**Speakers:** Bro. Samuel Gan & Pr Ho Kee How

**Date & Time:** Saturday, 29 Feb 2020, 2.00pm

**Venue:** Gethsemane Media Centre

Please sign up at the reception table to facilitate arrangements for refreshments.

*A concurrent, separate programme will be catered for children aged 4-12.*

## 18TH BIBLE WITNESS BIBLE STUDY RETREAT

**Dates:** 18th-20th March 2020 (Wednesday – Friday)

**Theme:** “Church—A People in Prayer (Part III)”

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Venue:** Hotel Jen Puteri Harbour, Johor

Please indicate your interest by signing up quickly at the reception table in order to facilitate the planning.

## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2020

**Dates:** 8th to 12th June 2020 (Monday – Friday)

**Venue:** Holiday Inn Resort, Batam, Indonesia

Please take note of the dates for the Missionary Conference this year and apply for leave early. More information will be made available in due course.

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Campus Bible Study

NAFA-Lasalle: Mondays @ 1.00pm  
SUTD: On Break

### Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

8.00pm @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

### Thursday Seniors' Ministry

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

### Saturday Church Choir Practice

2.00pm @ Gethsemane Media Centre

### Sunday First Worship Service

8.30am @ L5 Auditorium, SingPost Centre

### Sunday Children's Choir Practice

9.30am @ L6 Powder Room, Singpost Centre

### Sunday Lions Home Ministry

Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim

### Sunday Teaching Service (GBI)

6.00pm @ Gethsemane Media Centre

## PRAISE & PRAYER ITEMS

Please send your praise and prayer items for publication in the church prayer list to Bro. Norefel at [norefel.gbwl@gmail.com](mailto:norefel.gbwl@gmail.com) latest by 10.00am every Tuesday.

### Time & Place of Worship:

11.00am

Singapore Post Centre,  
Level 5 Auditorium,  
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 Kelvin Lim  
Deacon Low Boon Siang