

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship is the tribute which we pay to the King of kings, who has saved us and made us His people. We acknowledge His sovereignty over us, and our dependence on Him. Let us be filled with inward reverence and praise, that we may offer them outwardly in songs, prayers, meditation of His Word and service unto His glory. May we come to Him with a true heart, confessing, "The LORD our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey" (Joshua 24:24).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Door, Opened
Revelation 3:8

I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Pr Jeremiah Sim

*Hymn 226: The Lord is King!

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

2 Peter 2:10-22

Hymn 44: We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer

Collection of Offerings

Gethsemane Youth Choir

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn: Here Is Love

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Nature's Image of Apostates"

Jude 12-13

*Hymn 412: Fight the Good Fight

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP AT 11.00AM

TODAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2020

<p>Worship Leader: Pr Jeremiah Sim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Choong Kai Shuin, Sarah Teo Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang Nikko Sario, Theodore Wang Julius Del Rosario, Marcus Lim</p> <p>Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Aidan Kang, Jumar Balicao Rowell Gabriel</p> <p>Flowers: Alice Chee Refreshments: Lena Chan, Mary Ong Rachel Teo, Edeliza Ballega Junior Worship: Cornelius Koshy, (Adeline Chong) Elder Mah Chin Kwang, (Jasmine Chng) Pr Kelvin Lim</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pr Jeremiah Sim Musicians: Eunice Setiawan, Jeremy Teo Ushers: Gerry Lee Jonathon Lim, Low Chip Hung Sean Lee, Chong Khai Siang</p> <p>Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Aron Ong, Gideon Lee Tan Yeh Wen</p> <p>Flowers: Tomei Tan Refreshments: Karen Quek, Corliss Ooi Mary Lee, Clara Tai Junior Worship: Kamala, (Esther Quek) Pr Kelvin Lim, (Adlucia Lim) Pr Samson Hutagalung</p>
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Chinese Worship Service is held concurrently at 11.00am at the foyer area.

OTHER SUNDAY MINISTRIES

TODAY, 16 FEBRUARY 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 23 FEBRUARY 2020

2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Samson Hutagalung</i>	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Ho Kee How</i>
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
	CATECHISM CLASS	CATECHISM CLASS
	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE	YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30pm	LIONS HOME MINISTRY As a precautionary measure against the coronavirus, the management of the Lions Home for the Elders has temporarily suspended our entry into the premises. Please pray that the elderly in the homes will continue to encourage themselves in the LORD during this period.	
6.00pm	EVENING TEACHING SERVICE (GBI) @ GMC	EVENING TEACHING SERVICE (GBI) @ GMC

16 February 2020

Loving our Wives like Christ Loves the Church!

Prabhudas Koshy

Every married man, if he is sincere, would confess that loving his wife is a lot more difficult than he had imagined. Why is it so? One of the most common responses of husbands is that the wife is not easy to relate to or that she is a very difficult person to communicate with. Though it is true that some women do exhibit a bitter and defiant spirit towards their husbands, it is undeniable that husbands do fail to love their wives as expected by the Lord.

The biblical imperative is that husbands ought to love their wives as Christ has loved the church – “Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it” (Ephesians 5:25). No husband has ever fully loved his wife to that degree or extent which is expected of him by the Lord. So, every Christian husband must make it his duty to love his wife likewise.

ANTECEDENT LOVE

In the relationship between Christ and the church, Christ’s love is antecedent to the church’s love for Him. “Herein is

love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins” (1 John 4:10). “We love Him, because He first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

Christ’s loving redemption did not come to the church because she was perfect in her ways and pleased Him always. Instead, Scripture says, “But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). So, husbands’ love for their wives cannot be merely a reciprocal affection. Husbands should love their wives, even though they feel disrespected or hurt by them.

VOLITIONAL LOVE

It is because of divine love that Christ has chosen a people to be redeemed and be His church. He said, “As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you ... Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you...” (John 15:9a, 16a). Indeed, “Christ... loved the church” (Ephesians 5:25) – He chose to love the church.

Husbands must be committed to love their wives even when they are taken for granted or disrespected by their wives. It must be emphasised that the biblical command given to the Christian husband to love his wife is not contingent upon how well she conducts or fulfils her role. The desire to love his wife must always be kept burning within the heart, even when it seems very difficult.

SACRIFICIAL LOVE

Christ's love for the church is sacrificial; He made the ultimate sacrifice by dying for her redemption. "Christ ... loved the church, and gave himself for it" (Ephesians 5:25).

Every husband must be willing to make sacrifices for his wife. This does not just mean that you are prepared to make that one ultimate sacrifice by dying for her, if need be. More than that, it means that you will live daily for her by painstakingly seeing to it that she be cared for and nourished up in Christ. Husbands ought to live sacrificially for his wife. He must be willing to set aside his personal interests to help her to be a happy and fruitful Christian woman.

SERVING LOVE

Christ said that He came to serve the church - "Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many" (Matthew 20:28). He knew the physical and spiritual needs of His disciples, and ministered earnestly to them without delay.

Husbands must be concerned about and be ready to care for their wives' needs. Husbands who are too occupied with themselves are often ignorant and indifferent to their wives' problems and needs. Husbands are exhorted to "love their wives as their own bodies" (Eph. 5:28), and to "love his wife even as himself" (Eph. 5:33). Normally, no man would harm his own body, but would cherish and nourish his body. Likewise, every husband must love, care and nourish his wife. Though they abstain from adultery, husbands would still fail miserably in loving their wives as Christ loved the church, if they only think of being served by their wives and not serving their wives to cherish and nourish them. Husbands who show little interest in caring for their wives' emotional, physical and spiritual well-being, must repent and strive to be servant-leaders, as Jesus is to the church.

SANCTIFYING LOVE

Christ loves the church with the intention of presenting her sanctified - "That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish" (Eph 5:26, 27).

Husbands who love their wives as Christ loves the church must also desire their spiritual purity, that they may be set apart for God's glory and honour. Christian husbands must do everything needful - rebuke, instruct, encourage and lead - in order that their wives may pursue their sanctification. They should at all costs avoid provoking or guiding her to sin. There should be no vulgarity, dirty jokes

or ungodly activities, such as watching ungodly movies and following a materialistic lifestyle. Husbands must admonish their wives if they have unbiblical thinking, bad habits or sinful conduct. Wives must also be instructed to dress modestly, to avoid appearing “under-dressed” (with hemlines above their knees, revealing clothes, etc.) – that they may not be sensual in their appearance and become a temptation to other men. Husbands must not approve of any worldly lifestyle adopted by their wives (1 Jn 2:15) if they were to love their wives as Christ loves the church.

Husbands’ highest duty of love to their wives is to help them grow in purity and holiness before God. Husbands must encourage their wives to be set apart for God and to increase in the service of the Lord. Husbands must always be mindful that their wives are given to them not merely for their pleasure and comfort, but to guide them according to the Scriptures for the Lord’s honour and glory. Through biblical instruction and example, husbands must help their wives to put sin to death so that they can come alive to righteousness. It is also the task of the husbands to help their wives flourish in the exercising of their spiritual gifts to serve and glorify God. Their wives must be encouraged to bring glory to God by doing good to others. Husbands ought to love their wives with a sanctifying love.

STEADFAST LOVE

Jesus’ love is an enduring, steadfast love, for “having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end” (Jn. 13:1). It is with a lasting, faithful love that Christ

loves the church. As the apostle Paul said, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?...For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord” (Rom. 8:35-39).

Husbands must be utterly faithful and committed to their wives in the same way that Christ loves the church. Christian husbands must provide their wives the security of steadfast and faithful love, in which she can blossom emotionally and spiritually. A husband must be committed to his wife to the exclusion of all others – “For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall be joined unto his wife, and they two shall be one flesh” (Eph. 5:31; cf. Gen. 2:24).

CONCLUSION

A husband, who ill-treats his wife and puts her down, dishonours Christ. Such a husband projects a false picture of Christ, a “Christ” that could possibly abuse and put down His bride, the church. Husbands who desert their wives – either through infidelity or indifference – in effect portray a heresy, which gives the impression of a false Christ who could abandon His church. So, let every Christian husband bear a good witness in this ungodly world concerning his Saviour and Lord Jesus Christ, by loving his wife as Christ loves the church.

Junior Worshipper's Page

An Open Door that No Man Can Shut

*“I know thy works: behold, I have set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it: for thou hast a little strength, and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”
(Revelation 3:8)*

The above words are part of Jesus' letter to the ancient church in Philadelphia. It was a faithful church that resisted false doctrines and temptations of sin. It was always eager to worship and serve the Lord. The Philadelphia church was ready to press on with the preaching of the Gospel, though there were strong oppositions around it. The Lord acknowledged its faithfulness – “I know thy works... and hast kept my word, and hast not denied my name.”

Nonetheless, the church was not strong in itself to meet all its needs on its own, and to overcome the opposition to its faith and service. So, the Lord Jesus Christ made an astounding promise to the Philadelphia church.

Firstly, Jesus assured the church that He had “set before thee an open door, and no man can shut it”. This promise is made in symbolic language. The picture of “open door” refers to the believers' salvation, service and the spreading of the Gospel. The Lord assured the church that no one shall prevent it from entering into those spiritual blessings (“no man can shut it”). Elsewhere in Scripture, an open door depicts freedom to proclaim the Gospel (cf. 1 Cor. 16:8-9; 2 Cor. 2:12; Col. 4:2-3). What an exciting prospect it was for the church to have the Lord's promise of excellent opportunity to spread the Gospel!

Like the ancient Christians of Philadelphia, we too must be faithful and fervent to trust in His promises, and press forward to spread the Word to all around us, whenever God gives an opportunity.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 9th February 2020

(11.00am service)

Tithes: 510.00

Offerings: 5,568.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 50.00; Gladys Ratnam 50.00

(6.00pm Teaching Service)

Offerings: 1,494.00

NON-SUNDAY LOVE GIFTS

(3rd to 8th February 2020)

Designated Gifts: GMC Renovation 500.00; Missionary Conference Fund 500.00

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 ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Ephesians

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Bro. Ernest Lim

Date & Time: Fri, 21 Feb 2020, 7.30pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Study of 1 Thessalonians

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Elder Mah Chin Kwang

Date & Time: Sat, 22 Feb 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

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

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

With effect from 1st March 2020, there will be no Sunday Fellowship Lunch catered.

PASTORAL VISITATION PUNGGOL / SENKANG

Date & Time: Fri, 28 Feb 2020, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs
Danial Wong

Blk 298, Punggol Central, #14-473
Singapore 820298

If you live in this region, please check that your name is on the list placed at the reception table. If it is not, please add it in.

GETHSEMANE DEFENDERS' MINISTRY (GDM) SEMINAR

Topic: Flat Earth Controversy & Evidence for a Young Earth

Speakers: Bro. Samuel Gan &
Pr Ho Kee How

Chairperson: Bro. John Zhang

Date & Time: Saturday, 29 Feb 2020,
2.00pm-5.30pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

Please sign up at the reception table.
(There will be a programme for children aged 4-12.)

EVANGELISM SESSIONS

Evangelism sessions will be temporarily suspended until further notice.

32ND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

Date & Time: Lord's Day, 29th March 2020, 10.00am

Venue: Swissotel Merchant Court Hotel

Payment: Adults \$35; Children (aged 3-12) \$20;
Free for children under the age of 3

There will be a buffet lunch after the service. Please sign up through the online link <https://tinyurl.com/GBPC-Anniv> and make your payment to Sis. Aileen Yan. Registration closes on 8th March 2020. For any clarifications, please approach Elder Francis Lee.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2020

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

Venue: Holiday Inn Resort, Batam, Indonesia

Registration is now open. Please sign up through the online form available from this link (<https://qrqo.page.link/eUrr1>) or scan the QR code at the side. Alternatively, you may take the registration form from the reception table. If you have any question, please approach Elder Choy.



Additionally, the church would require \$40,000 to fly in and accommodate all our missionaries. Please give to the Missionary Conference Fund as the Lord leads you.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Campus Bible Study

NAFA-Lasalle: Mondays @ 1.00pm
SUTD: Fridays @ 1.30pm

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

Suspended until further notice

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 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

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