

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WORD ON WORSHIP

Our God is to be praised, for He has not despised nor abhorred us in our wretched conditions. He has shown great mercy to save, sanctify and strengthen us. His compassion towards us ceases not; His mercies are new every morning (cf. Lamentations 3:22-23). His pity towards us has been like that of a gracious and generous father (cf. Psalm 103:13; Matthew 6:32). So, let us exalt Him with thanksgiving, and by renewing our faith in Him and submitting to His glorious counsels.

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Doubleminded

James 1:8

A double minded man is unstable
in all his ways.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Ng Poh Kok

*Hymn 61: O for a Thousand Tongues

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 40

Hymn 247: Cleanse Me

Collection of Offerings

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 359: My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Scripture Memorisation

*Intercessory Prayer

Sermon

Pr Ho Kee How

"Down But Not Out!"

Psalm 40:1-3

*Hymn 130: I Waited for the Lord My God

*Closing Prayer & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP AT 11.00AM

TODAY, 1 MARCH 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 8 MARCH 2020

<p>Worship Leader: Elder Ng Poh Kok Preacher: Pr Ho Kee How Musicians: Sarah Lee, Choong Kai Shuin Ushers: Benny Skariah Ng Kwan Teng, Chan Tuck Whye Andrew Teong, Randy Laurencio Greeter: Violet Quek AV Ministry: Zacharias Tan, Goh Yong Wei John Zhang Flowers: Stella Yang Refreshments: Violet Quek, Charlene Mae Bince Cecile Batrina, Amanda Leong Junior Worship: Evelyne Lee, (Sarah Yap) Neo Kian Seng, (Jean Tindaan) Pr Kelvin Lim</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Sarah Teo, Choong Kai Shuin Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang Juffrey Balicao, Edward Wong Lijoy George, Timotheus Liu Greeter: Sunyani AV Ministry: Aidan Kang, Jumar Balicao Rowell Gabriel Flowers: Choy Luan Kheng Refreshments: Stella Tan, Khoo May Ping Judy Chan, Eunice Wong Junior Worship: Dorothy Ng, (Amoz Choy) Ellyzabeth, (Alice Chee) Cornelius Koshy</p>
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Chinese Worship Service is held concurrently at 11.00am at the foyer area.

OTHER SUNDAY MINISTRIES

TODAY, 1 MARCH 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 8 MARCH 2020

2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim</i>	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy</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

1 March 2020

Running to the End of Our Life

Prabhudas Koshy

Dear Christian,

Life is like a race. We, like runners approaching the finish-line, will soon come to our life's end. It shall not go on and on.

How true are the words of Isaac Watts:

*Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten as a dream
Dies at the opening day.*

My younger brother's sudden death last Monday, at the age of 53, left my aged parents, his family and many of us who have known him shocked and devastated. We were dumbfounded that his life ended so fast. But we were grateful that the Lord

has called him by the Gospel and prepared him through his short life on earth for heaven's glory.

We may say that life is uncertain, but life will certainly end very soon, and it shall never again return to this earth. So Job said,

*⁷ For there is hope of a tree, if it be cut down,
that it will sprout again,
and that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
⁸ Though the root thereof wax old in the earth,
and the stock thereof die in the ground;
⁹ Yet through the scent of water it will bud,
and bring forth boughs like a plant.
¹⁰ But man dieth, and wasteth away:
yea, man giveth up the ghost, and where is he?
(Job 14:7-10)*

The realisation that our life is extremely brief has a very sobering effect on us. It leaves with us many hard questions about the purpose of our existence on earth. Why do we work so hard for this transient life on earth? Why should we take pride in our accomplishments, our wealth, our fame, etc.? Certainly, life does not revolve around its luxuries and pleasures.

If life would end soon, then why be fretful that it is full of troubles and disappointments? After all, it shall soon end, and believers shall enter the glory that God has prepared for them!

As I considered my brother's sudden death, I have learned this inescapable fact of life: that is, it revolves around God! He is the Giver and Taker of our life! He alone is eternal – without beginning or end. In view of His eternity, the duration of our earthly sojourn pales into insignificance. Moses said,

¹*Lord, thou hast been our dwelling place in all generations.*

²*Before the mountains were brought forth,*

or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.

³*Thou turnest man to destruction; and sayest, Return, ye children of men.*

⁴*For a thousand years in thy sight are but as yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night.”*

(Psalm 90:1-4)

Life, then, is like a race. When the whole race is over, if we had run well, we shall soon hear the commendation: ‘Well done! Well done!’

RUN YOUR RACE WITH CHRIST IN VIEW

The Christian life is a race in which God's child is focused on Christ, from the beginning to the end. Christians are exhorted to “run with patience the race that is set before us” by “looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith” (Hebrews 12:1-2).

The Greek word for “looking” (*aphoráō*) literally means looking away from one thing to some other thing in a steadfast or intent manner. It has been used to denote the fixing of the mind upon

something. It expresses the mental posture that all Christians should maintain in relation to Jesus, as they run their Christian race. It should be a holy habit of our souls to keep the Lord Jesus in our view.

Looking at Jesus at the beginning of the race and then totally keeping Him out of view, is not the right kind of faith that Scripture teaches us. We should never lose focus of Christ in our Christian race. The reality is, some of the people who started the race with us may drop out of the race altogether while some others may be distracted and refuse to keep up, thus leaving us disappointed and troubled. But we must not let our minds be affected by their quitting. We must look away and fix our thoughts upon Christ. Even if all around us are a constant encouragement to us in our Christian race, it could well be our own lethargy and lust that hinder us in our race. Only when our minds are steadfastly fixed on Christ can we then overcome all distractions and obstacles, and complete our Christian race.

We look away from all else to Jesus only, for He is “the author and finisher of our faith”. The Greek word for “author” was translated earlier as “captain” in chapter 2, verse 10. There it was said of Christ, “For it became him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.” Christ has set the path and He calls us to follow Him. It is Him, not the crowd, that we follow. The course of our race is shown by Him. He leads and we follow. His is our Guide, Strength and Motivation in our Christian race.

Jesus, the Author of our faith, has entered the heavenly sanctuary as our Forerunner (Hebrews 6:19-20), and has opened “a new and living way” for us that leads to this sanctuary (Hebrews 10:20). He is the “Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end” (Rev. 21:6; cf. 1:17; 22:13). He is our perfect Saviour and Captain, who is able to perfect all who have placed their trust in Him. ♦

Junior Worshipper's Page

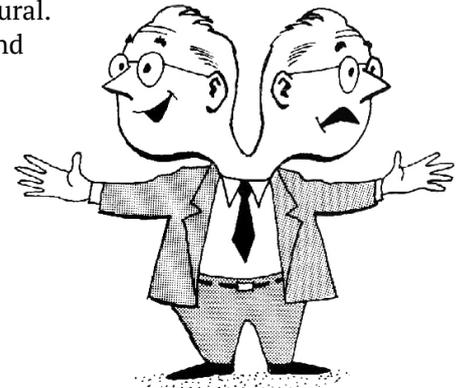
Double-Minded

*"A double minded man is unstable in all his ways."
(James 1:8)*

A double-minded man is one who claims to be a believer but acts like an unbeliever, especially when he faces a severe trial. He shows bitterness and resentfulness in times of trials. Instead of trusting God for help and to do His will, he relies on human strength and resources, and pursue unscriptural ways to resolve his problems. He acts as though God doesn't care or will not deliver His people from their troubles. While he speaks of God, he acts as a man who only trusts in himself and his ways. He acts as if he had two wills.

So James said, concerning such a double-minded man, that he "is unstable in all his ways". He is unstable not only in prayer life, but in all his activities. He might offer occasional prayers to God, but chooses to go along with ungodly friends, and worldly ways that are unscriptural. The double-minded man is inconsistent in his purposes and pursuits, and hence, temptations and trials will easily overcome him.

May none of us behave like a double-minded person. Let everyone examine himself. Seek the Lord's help to maintain an unwavering faith that wholly rests in the Lord in all circumstances of life. Everyone who refuses to turn away from the Lord can be certain of the promise: "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee: because he trusteth in thee." (Isaiah 26:3).



Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 23rd February 2020
(11.00am service)

Tithes: 300.00

Offerings: 6,173.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 100.00; Missionary Conference Fund 500.00; 100.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 50.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 50.00; Cornelius Koshy 200.00; Roscelle Lim 50.00

(6.00pm Teaching Service)

Offerings: 1,977.00

Designated Gift: Pulpit for GMC 330.00

NON-SUNDAY LOVE GIFTS
(15th—22nd February 2020)

Designated Gifts: Ethiopia Children's Ministry 500.00; GBI-Ethiopia 2,000.00; Cebu Building Fund 300.00; Missionary Conference Fund 3,000.00; 400.00; 300.00;

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion will be held next
Lord's Day, 8th March 2020.

KABABAYAN BIBLE STUDY (KBS)

Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

Chairperson: Bro. Jomart Tindaan

Date & Time: Fri, 6 Mar 2020, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs
Jomart Tindaan

Blk 980A, Buangkok Crescent, #09-97
Singapore 531980

YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: "The Growth of the Christian—
By Adding to Faith, Virtue and
Knowledge"

Speaker: Pr Samson Hutagalung

Chairperson: Bro. Tan Yeh Wen

Date & Time: Sat, 7 Mar 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Proverbs

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Bro. Marcus Chee

Date & Time: Sat, 7 Mar 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

PASTORAL VISITATION PASIR RIS WEST REGION

Date & Time: Fri, 13 Mar 2020, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Mr & Mrs
Low Chip Hung

111 Pasir Ris Grove, The Palette
#03-25 Singapore 518170

*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.*

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Judges

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Bro. Edwin Quek

Date & Time: Sat, 14 Mar 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

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

BIBLE WITNESS MAGAZINE

The latest issue on

"Church—A One-Another People"

(Volume 20, Issue 1)

is available at the reception table.

*(Feel free to take as many copies as you
need to give to others for their spiritual
admonition and edification.)*

32ND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

In view of the COVID-19 outbreak, the event originally scheduled for 29th March 2020 will be postponed to 12th July 2020. The venue remains unchanged at Swissotel Merchant Court Hotel. If any brethren who has registered require a refund, please approach Sis. Aileen Yan.

MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2020

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

Venue: Holiday Inn Resort, Batam, Indonesia

Please sign up early through the online form available from this link (<https://qrgo.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.

Please submit your registration form by 29th March 2020, and make payment by 26th April 2020.

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:

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