

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WORD ON WORSHIP

Doxology – the ascribing of glory to God – is essential to worship. Praise, honour and homage belong to the Lord God Almighty. He alone is worthy of worship. He is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Provider and our Joy. So, let us bow before Him and worship – “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Doubleminded

James 4:8

Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Francis Lee

*Hymn 25: The Lord Is King!

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Matthew 12:30-37

Hymn 347: Under the Care of My God, The Almighty

Collection of Offerings

Gethsemane Church Choir

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 441: Faith is the Victory

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

“Impending Judgment of Apostates”

Jude 14–16

Holy Communion

Hymn 185: Hallelujah, What a Saviour!

*Hymn 194: Alas! and Did My Saviour Bleed?

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP AT 11.00AM

TODAY, 8 MARCH 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 15 MARCH 2020

<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) Elyzabeth, (Alice Chee) Cornelius Koshy</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pr Kelvin Lim Musicians: Choong Kai Shuin, Jeremy Teo Ushers: Gerry Lee Nikko Sario, Theodore Wang Julius Del Rosario, Hendrick Foo Greeter: Aileen Yan AV Ministry: Aron Ong, Gideon Lee Tan Yeh Wen Flowers: Angela Ang Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Esther Quek Charlene Mae Abrena, Chong Shu Mun Junior Worship: Melissa Mah, (Eunice Setiawan) Carolyn Koshy, (Sarah Lee) Samuel Yong</p>
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Chinese Worship Service is held concurrently at 11.00am at the foyer area.

OTHER SUNDAY MINISTRIES

TODAY, 8 MARCH 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 15 MARCH 2020

2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy</i>	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Jeremiah Sim</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

8 March 2020

Thinking About the End of Our Earthly Life

Prabhudas Koshy

As mortal beings, our life is fragile and fleeting. Ours is a perilous journey through time. This life on earth will not last long; it consists only “of few days” (Job 14:1; cf. Gen 47:9a). The strength of our bodies will decline sooner than many of us realise or imagine. Even those of us who might live seven decades or more will face death someday soon.

LIFE IS SHORT

Since the time of the first parents’ disobedience, there was never a hope of living forever here on earth. God had unequivocally proclaimed that death would ensue if they would sin (Genesis 2:17). Just as God warned, death (both physical and spiritual) entered the world the day Adam and Eve ate the forbidden fruit.

The first parents died, and all their descendants too, with just a couple of exceptions, namely Enoch

and Elijah. We too will die, if Jesus would tarry further. Every life that is born into the world faces the reality of its demise shortly or later. Death is inevitable.

Even the longest life is very short, especially in comparison to eternity, for which our souls are created! Moses graphically spoke of the brevity of life – “The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it is soon cut off, and we fly away” (Psalm 90:10).

Consider Scripture’s sombre biblical depictions of finite man’s weakness and the shortness of his life:

- “... our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is none abiding” (1 Chronicles 29:15).
- “Now my days are swifter than a post: they flee away, they see no good. They are passed away as

the swift ships: as the eagle that hasteth to the prey” (Job 9:25-26).

- “He (man) cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: he fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not” (Job 14:2).
- “They are exalted for a little while, but are gone and brought low; they are taken out of the way as all other, and cut off as the tops of the ears of corn” (Job 24:24).
- “For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, and wither as the green herb” (Psalm 37:2).
- “... they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away, and cometh not again” (Psalm 78:39).
- “Thou carriest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: in the morning they are like grass which groweth up. In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; in the evening it is cut down, and withereth” (Psalm 90:5-6).
- “... we spend our years as a tale that is told” (Psalm 90:9).
- “My days are like a shadow that declineth; and I am withered like grass” (Psalm 102:11).
- “Man is like to vanity: his days are as a shadow that passeth away” (Psalm 144:4).
- “...all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow” (Ecclesiastes 6:12).

- “...All flesh is grass, and all the goodness thereof is as the flower of the field: The grass withereth, the flower fadeth: because the spirit of the LORD bloweth upon it: surely the people is grass” (Isaiah 40:6-7).
- “Mine age is departed, and is removed from me as a shepherd’s tent: I have cut off like a weaver my life: he will cut me off with pining sickness: from day even to night wilt thou make an end of me” (Isaiah 38:12).
- “... as the flower of the grass he shall pass away” (James 1:10).
- “...For what is your life? It is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time, and then vanisheth away” (James 4:14).

Our life on earth is like an arrow that is sent forth from the bow of an archer – it moves forward with great speed without any chance of retreating or returning to the beginning of its flight. Life only goes forward, never backward!

LIFE IS LIMITED

You may be a young man or a young adult, and you may be thinking that you have many more years to live. But, do not forget that you are closer to your grave than yesterday. Consider also how much of your life has already elapsed.

Moses prayed, “So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom” (Psalm 90:12). That prayer does not mean that we should know the day and hour of our death; rather, it urges us to have a practical impression that life is brief and the opportunities to live for God’s glory and for the blessings of God’s people are rather limited. Man has a set time to live and do the will of God. God has set our lives’ bounds, which no man can pass. Note that we are asked to number our days, and not our years or months or weeks! We must live a day at a time.

If you live a few more decades, your present youthful days will become a distant memory. The vigour and vitality of youthfulness will be replaced by the fear and feebleness of old age. We do well to ponder how well we have traded the talents, gifts and opportunities bestowed upon us. Such reflection should lead us to repentance within us for time misspent, gifts neglected, and opportunities squandered. It should also lead us to reconsecration of our lives to be faithful stewards of our limited opportunities.

Let us not misspend our time nor waste our talents. Put your God-given gifts to full use. Solomon the wise king advises us, “Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do,

do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in the grave, whither thou goest” (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

Our Lord Jesus Christ provides us with the perfect example of making full use of one’s short life and its limited opportunities. He said in John 9:4 – “I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”

Our time on earth can end soon, either by our death or by Christ’s return. With such thoughts fixed firmly in our minds, we must be determined not to indulge in sin or lethargy, nor to waste precious moments of our limited life. As Paul said, “Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let us watch and be sober. For they that sleep sleep in the night; and they that be drunken are drunken in the night. But let us, who are of the day, be sober, putting on the breastplate of faith and love; and for an helmet, the hope of salvation” (1 Thess. 5:6-8). Much can be accomplished in the meantime for Christ’s glory and praise, by yielding ourselves wholeheartedly to do His purposes. This means that we seriously consider the shortness and limitation of our life, and commit ourselves to making the most of what remains. ♦

Junior Worshipper's Page

Be Cleansed of Your Double-Mindedness!

*“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye double minded.”
(James 4:8)*

A double-minded person, who claims to be a believer and yet acts without faith and obedience, will soon be sin-plagued. James the apostle labels double-minded people as “sinners”. James was reminding them that their unsteady faith, reflected by their vacillating between God and the world, does not prove them to be genuine believers or saints of the Lord, but rather sinners and even unbelievers (i.e. the unsaved).

So to all the double-minded people, the Word of God says, “Draw nigh to God... Cleanse your hands... and purify your hearts” (James 4:8). The Lord expects those who have turned away from Him to return to Him – no more wandering or backsliding from the Lord! Do not be far from Him.

Moreover, they are commanded to cleanse their hands. Through Isaiah the prophet, the Lord warned, “And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you: yea, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil” (Isaiah 1:15-16). The Lord expects all who call on His name to cease from all evil deeds and be clean before Him.

That’s not all. They must also seek the Lord’s forgiveness, even the cleansing of their sins, so that they may be made pure by the sanctifying work of the Lord. Only the Lord can give us renewed hearts, even pure hearts, to serve Him acceptably.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 1st March 2020

(11.00am service)

Tithes: 8,695.00

Offerings: 4,432.00

Designated Gifts: GBWL 50.00; Pr Sujith Samuel 50.00; Missionary Conf. Fund 300.00; 150.00; 120.00; 100.00; Cebu Building Fund 50.00; BWMM 50.00; TGCM 100.00; Arnold Diaz 50.00; Pastor Koshy 1,000.00; 50.00; Pr Samson Hutagalung 50.00; Pr Ho Kee How 50.00

(6.00pm Teaching Service)

Offerings: 1,059.00

NON-SUNDAY LOVE GIFTS

(24th to 29th February 2020)

Designated Gifts: General Fund 860.00; Pastor Koshy 300.00

FOR NON-SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

PayLah! / Paynow



PARKING AT GETHSEMANE MEDIA CENTRE (GMC)

Please park your car at the JTC Kampong Ubi Industrial Estate, which is located behind GMC. You can enter the carpark from Ubi Road 1, Block 3027.

(The footpath leading to GMC is near Blocks 3024 and 3025.)

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.



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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Devotion Speaker: Pr Ho Kee How

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.

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Living as a Handmaid of God

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis. Gina Sim

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Mar 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

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

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Proverbs

Speaker: Pr Ho Kee How

Chairperson: Bro. Rayson Tan

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Mar 2020, 4.00pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

COVID-19 ADVISORY FROM THE BOARD OF ELDERS

In view of the spreading of COVID-19, the Elders of Gethsemane B-P Church would like to advise all members, regular worshippers, friends and visitors to adhere to the following instructions to prevent the possible infection and spread of the virus.

- If you are unwell, please do not participate in church meetings, but seek medical help as soon as possible and stay home until you recover.
- Wash your hands frequently with soap.
- Cover your nose/mouth with a tissue if you're sneezing and coughing, and dispose of the tissue in the trash bins promptly.
- Avoid shaking of hands and close contact with others.
- Pray for one another that God's presence will be with us to strengthen us and to fill everyone with His peace.

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://qr.go.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.



WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Campus Bible Study

NAFA-Lasalle: Mondays @ 1.00pm
SUTD: Fridays @ 1.30pm
SIT: Please contact Bro. Gideon Lee or Bro. Amoz Choy for more details

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
SMS or WhatsApp
your prayer item

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