

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship is the proper response to God's glorious grace that has reconciled us to Him by the blood of His Son, the Lord Jesus Christ. This truth is expressed by the apostle Paul in Ephesians 1:5-6, "Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved."

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Draw Nigh Unto God

Psalm 73:28

But it is good for me to draw near to God:
I have put my trust in the Lord GOD, that I
may declare all thy works.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

*Hymn 2: O Worship the King

Hymn 42: Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

*Invocation & Gloria Patri

*Responsive Scripture Reading

Ephesians 4:1-16

Hymn 191: Ivory Palaces

Collection of Offerings

Gethsemane Youth Choir

*Doxology & Prayer

Hymn 43: God is Still on the Throne

Scripture Memorisation

*Pastoral Prayer

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"Exhortations for the Time of Apostasy"

Jude 17-23

*Hymn 436: Sound the Batta Cry!

*Benediction & Threefold Amen

** Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP AT 11.00AM

TODAY, 15 MARCH 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 22 MARCH 2020

<p>Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Choong Kai Shuin, Jeremy Teo Ushers: Gerry Lee Nikko Sario, Theodore Wang Julius Del Rosario, Hendrick Foo</p> <p>Greeter: Aileen Tan AV Ministry: Aron Ong, Gideon Lee Tan Yeh Wen</p> <p>Flowers: Angela Ang Refreshments: Roscelle Lim, Esther Quek Charlene Mae Abrena, Chong Shu Mun</p> <p>Junior Worship: Melissa Mah, (Eunice Setiawan) Carolyn Koshy, (Sarah Lee) Samuel Yong</p>	<p>Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Musicians: Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee Ushers: Benny Skariah Jonathon Lim, Low Chip Hung Sean Lee, Chong Khai Siang</p> <p>Greeter: Low Siew Lian AV Ministry: Zacharias Tan, Goh Yong Wei John Zhang</p> <p>Flowers: Genevieve Cheah Refreshments: Rhodora Resuma , Lok Qian Hui Stella Yang, Koh Li Hui</p> <p>Junior Worship: Evelyne Lee, (Gan Chien Huey) Karen Quek, (Trang Thanh) Jenny Lok</p>
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Chinese Worship Service is held concurrently at 11.00am at the foyer area.

OTHER SUNDAY MINISTRIES

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 15 MARCH 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 22 MARCH 2020

2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Jeremiah Sim</i>	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim</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

15 March 2020

Fear Not

in a time of “men’s hearts failing them for fear”

Prabhudas Koshy

The epidemic COVID-19 is spreading fear across the globe. Only a few places on earth are unaffected by this scourge. In Singapore, though our government has been taking appropriate measures to control its spreading, fear is a real factor that is unsettling many of her citizens. Even Christians are not spared from panic.

FEAR PLAGUING THE HEART

God has warned in His Word that when He would scourge the earth for its wickedness, the hearts of people would melt and be troubled with anguish and dismay. He might use various means, such as war and pestilences, to strike the hearts of men with terror (cf. Leviticus 26:18-29). The punishments included sudden terror, resulting from calamities of a biological nature like contagious and infectious diseases. To the children of Israel, He said that when

they would rebel against Him, He would “send a faintness into their hearts” (Leviticus 26:36) and that He would give them “a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and sorrow of mind” (Deuteronomy 28:65).

When Jesus spoke about the terrifying end-time events, He referred to them as “the beginning of sorrows” (Matthew 24:8). Luke records Christ as saying, “...upon the earth distress of nations, with perplexity... men’s hearts failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth...” (Luke 21:25-26). These words of Christ forewarn us that in the days prior to His second coming, people will experience severe emotional stress that overwhelms and overpowers their senses. Acute, unrelieved fear and torment will plague people’s hearts everywhere. The end-time situation will be a lot worse than what is experienced today.

No effort of man would alleviate such fear. People will be scared to death because of what is happening around them. The events during the end-times will be calamitous, and there is no escape from such terrifying times as described by Christ.

Concerning humanity of the last days, Isaiah 13:8 says that “they shall be afraid: pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman that travaileth: they shall be amazed one at another; their faces shall be as flames.” People will writhe in fear, and with astonishment they will look at one another, with their faces “aflake” (cf. Revelation 6:15-17; 9:6; 16:11; 18:8-23). Undoubtedly, the catastrophic end of human history will shock and terrorise the unbelieving world!

OVERCOMING FEAR

On the other side of the coin, “fear not” is an oft-repeated exhortation in the Scriptures. It is mentioned about 60 times throughout the Bible. God wants His people not to be consumed by fear which adverse circumstances will attempt to instil in them. He wants all His people to know that they do not need to be anxious and fearful. Rather, they must teach themselves that it is their Heavenly Father’s desire concerning them that they will not give in to fear. To ignore God’s will concerning us is a sin. So, we as

God’s people must encourage ourselves in His love, care, protection and the glorious hope He promises to all who have trusted Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

Jesus has taught us how God, our Father, cares for us: “Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows” (Luke 12:6-7). If God knows and cares for a tiny, cheap bird which would probably be eaten by the poor, how much more will He care for His children, whom He counts very precious to Him. He even knows the number of hairs on every one of His children’s heads. Such is the meticulous care that God gives to His people. If He takes notice of such an insignificant thing as a strand of hair of His children, which we seldom pay attention to, how comforted and consoled we should be even when adverse and frightening situations arise!

When turmoil and tragic scenarios arise in the public and personal realms of our lives, we must know that these things are already foretold by the LORD – “In the world ye shall have tribulation”; to comfort and strengthen us, He also added, “but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). We may find ourselves having no ability to control

our circumstances. Our best efforts may not prevent catastrophic events. Deadly situations may suddenly fall upon us. But our Lord wants us to know that He will never leave us and will always be with us.

We should never despair of trials and death. The apostle Paul teaches us to rhetorically ask in times of tribulation, “Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?” (Romans 8:35). He then assures us, “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” (Romans 8:38-39). Note that Paul begins his list with death, which is the last adversity that we will experience in our earthy life. Even that final trial will not separate us from our God, because through Christ whom we have trusted, we shall enter eternal glory that He has prepared for us!

Therefore we can testify with David that “Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod

and thy staff they comfort me” (Psalm 23:4). Indeed, with Paul, all the believers can say about their final trial – even death – that “We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord” (2 Corinthians 5:8).

Whether we be in life with many of its trials or in death, we should courageously say, “Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us” (Romans 8:37). The knowledge of God’s loving care of our soul should cast all fear out of our hearts – “There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love” (1 John 4:18). Because His love has removed our judgment and made us His children and heirs of His eternal kingdom, we fear not even our last enemy, death.

So, let all fear be far from us. “For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living” (Romans 14:8-9).

Junior Worshipper's Page

It is Good to Draw Near to God

*“But it is good for me to draw near to God: I have put my trust in the Lord GOD,
that I may declare all thy works.”
(Psalm 73:28)*

The psalmist testifies that “it is good for me to draw near to God”. Drawing near to God is a pleasant and profitable experience to all God’s children. If it is good to draw near to God, then we should hate all things that distract or prevent us from drawing near to Him. Let us not put any value on those things that hinder our coming to the LORD. They must be refused, no matter how attractive they may appear.

Let us always observe what is so plainly commended to us by the psalmist – “to draw near to God”. Since the LORD has forgiven our sins and reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, we can now come nigh unto Him. Hebrews 10:19 says that we can have “boldness to enter into the holiest by the blood of Jesus”. Whoever would come to the holy presence of God through Jesus the Saviour, will never be rejected.

Let us put our trust in the LORD God, having the assurance that He will not reject us but will receive us to Himself and hear us when we call on Him. We can have absolute confidence that God will accept us. Hebrews 11:6 assuredly affirms that “he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”

When we draw nigh to God, like the psalmist, who further purposed in his heart “that I may declare all thy works”, let us also recall all that He has done for us and praise Him.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 8th March 2020

(11.00am service)

Tithes: 3,140.00

Offerings: 3,732.00

Designated Gifts: Missionary Conf. Fund 5,000.00; 600.00; 50.00; Cebu Building Fund 5,000.00; 500.00; 50.00; TGCM 5,000.00; Vizag Church 5,000.00; BWMM 50.00; GBI 50.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 200.00; Pastor Koshy 100.00; 100.00

(6.00pm Teaching Service)

Tithes: 80.00

Offerings: 833.00

NON-SUNDAY LOVE GIFTS

(2nd to 7th March 2020)

Designated Gifts: General Fund 1,000.00; 999.00; Pastor Koshy 1,000.00

FOR NON-SUNDAY GIFTS TO THE CHURCH

PayLah! / Paynow



YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: The Book of Ephesians

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Bro. Timotheus Liu

Date & Time: Fri, 20 Mar 2020, 7.30pm

Venue: Home of Sis. Lee Kim Lei
Blk 408, Fajar Road, #10-349
Singapore 670408

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

PASTORAL VISITATION TAMPINES NORTH / WEST REGION

Date & Time: Fri, 27 Mar 2020, 8.00pm

Venue: Home of Pr & Mrs
Jeremiah Sim

Blk 725, Tampines Street 71, #06-167
Singapore 520725

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.

BAPTISM AND TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

Parents of young infants seeking baptism of their children, and brethren from like-minded churches seeking transfer of church membership, are asked to register with Bro. Norefel by 22 March 2020. Please refer to Elder Choy or Elder Mah for any clarifications.

THANKSGIVING NOTE

Sis. Beng Yan and Sis. Beng Hwee, together with their family, would like to convey their thanks and gratitude to Pastor Koshy, the Session, Preachers and church members for their prayers, encouragement, presence and gifts during their recent bereavement.

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 through the online form (<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.

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
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 norefelgbwl@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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