

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

## WORD ON WORSHIP

Those who seek God in true worship shall not be devoid of truth. Just as Abraham's servant had testified that God "hath not left destitute my master of his mercy and his truth" (Genesis 24:27), the psalmist has also declared that "his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5). Furthermore, we who abide in Christ have this promise to be guided by His truth, for "grace and truth came by Jesus Christ" (John 1:17). Let us therefore confess: "O LORD, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth" (Isaiah 25:1).

## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

*Draw Nigh Unto God*

**Hebrews 10:22**

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Call to Worship

*Dn Low Boon Siang*

\*Hymn 25: The Lord is King!

### \*Invocation & Gloria Patri

### \*Scripture Reading in Unison

*Romans 11:33-36*

Hymn 313: O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go

### Special Item

*Gethsemane Children's Choir*

Hymn 375: Speak, Lord, in the Stillness

### Scripture Memorisation

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

"Ascribing Praise to God, Our Keeper"

Jude 24–25

\*Hymn 353: God Will Take Care of You

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\*Congregation Standing*



# LORD'S DAY WORSHIP AT 11.00AM

**TODAY, 22 MARCH 2020**

<b>Worship Leader:</b>	Dn Low Boon Siang
<b>Preacher:</b>	Pastor Prabhudas Koshy
<b>Musicians:</b>	Ellyzabeth, Sarah Lee
<b>Ushers:</b>	Benny Skariah Jonathon Lim, Low Chip Hung Sean Lee, Chong Khai Siang
<b>Greeter:</b>	Low Siew Lian
<b>AV Ministry:</b>	Zacharias Tan, Goh Yong Wei John Zhang
<b>Flowers:</b>	Genevieve Cheah
<b>Refreshments:</b>	Roscelle Lim, Lok Qian Hui Stella Yang, Koh Li Hui
<b>Junior Worship:</b>	Sarah Yong, (Gan Chien Huey) Karen Quek, (Trang Thanh) Jenny Lok

*Chinese Worship Service is held concurrently at 11.00am at the foyer area.*

# OTHER SUNDAY MINISTRIES

**TODAY, 22 MARCH 2020**

2.00pm	FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP <i>Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim</i>
	MALAYALAM FELLOWSHIP
	CATECHISM CLASS
	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



## **TEMPORARY CHANGE IN WORSHIP TIMINGS & DUTY ROSTERS FOR SUBSEQUENT MONTHS**

In view of the present COVID-19 situation, our worship services will now be split over multiple services. The previously planned duty rosters will not be applicable during this period. More information will be made available in the coming weeks. Please also take note of all the changes to our fellowship groups laid out in the Pastoral Exhortation for today.

22 March 2020

# Our Church Ministry

*In this Present Time of Wide-Spreading Diseases*

*Prabhudas Koshy*

Beloved family of God in Gethsemane,

Like all the world around us, we too face a very difficult time which adversely affects our regular assembling for worship, prayer and fellowship. Though we are eager to continue with our regular programmes, we are constrained to make changes because of the instructions from:

- i. the government to limit gatherings to 250 people or less, and
- ii. the SingPost authorities to suspend our activities in their auditorium.

Therefore the Board of Elders has decided to rearrange our programmes – from 23rd of March until further notice – as follows:

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

- There will be five smaller gatherings, namely (i) 8.30am–9.30am, (ii) 10.00am–11.00am, (iii) 11.30am–12.30pm [Mandarin Service], (iv) 4.00pm–5.00pm, (v) 6.00pm–7.00pm.
- We would advise members and friends to follow the timing suggested to you. Please refer to the groupings placed at the reception area, and note the suggested timing for your participation of worship.
- Sunday's children's activities and Sunday's fellowship groups (Filipino & Malayalam Fellowships) will not be held until further notice. Likewise, the Catechism Classes, Bible Studies, Ministry to the Lions Home for the Elders are also suspended.

- Upon arrival for the worship, all worshippers (members and visitors) are advised to register themselves via QR code made available, for the purpose of contact-tracing if necessary.
- Please follow the instructions provided earlier to prevent the possible infection and spread of the virus.
- We advise those who are unwell and susceptible to infections, not to attend the services.
- We regret to inform you that entry will not be allowed if you –
  - i. have fever or any respiratory infection symptoms, such as cough, runny nose or sore throat; or
  - ii. have travelled overseas in the past 14 days, or
  - iii. are currently serving a Quarantine Order or Stay-Home Notice.

God willing, the recordings of the sermons will be made available through our church's website and YouTube account (from next week onwards).

### **PRAYER MEETING & FELLOWSHIP GROUPS**

- Prayer meeting will be incorporated in the various fellowship gatherings. Tuesday night's prayer meeting will not be held in SingPost.
- The fellowship groups will be meeting at GMC as follows – Youth Fellowship (1st Saturday), Men's Fellowship (2nd Saturday), Ladies' Fellowship (3rd Saturday), Adults' Fellowship (4th Saturday), Young Adults' Fellowship (3rd Friday), and Seniors' Fellowship (2nd & 4th Week).
- Children's programme will be available on 2nd, 3rd and 4th Saturdays.
- Church Choir and the Youth Choir will not be meeting, until further notice.

We would advise that more stringent measures may be implemented to ensure our physical well-being owing to the fast-changing circumstances.

## YOUR SPIRITUAL NEEDS

We are looking forward to the restoration of our usual Sunday worship services and various fellowship group activities. While we wait for the resumption of all these regular events, our preachers, elders, deacons and I are committed to ministering to you. Our church office will remain open Monday–Friday during the regular hours of 9.30am–5.30pm. We encourage you to call us if you have any spiritual need.

Bible Witness Media Ministry and Gethsemane Bible Institute will continue to provide you with more spiritually edifying contents through their websites and web-radio. Sunday sermons will be available in our church’s websites.

Make every effort in your homes along with your family, friends, and neighbours, to make full use of the edifying materials available through the internet. Feed on God’s Word and pray together.

Please attend weekend ministries – but only if you are in good health – and stay in touch with our church and fellowship leaders. Let’s remember the words of Hebrews 10:24, 25 – “And let us consider

one another to provoke unto love and to good works: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”

The present uncertain times provide us with opportunities to encourage and strengthen the people of God, as well as to spread the Gospel in our community. So, render yourselves continually to minister to others according to the Lord’s leading. Be not anxious, but be strong in the knowledge of the Lord’s presence and His love for you, and serve Him diligently.

Finally, remember the words of the apostle Jude: “And of some have compassion, making a difference: And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh. Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy, to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen” (Jude 22-25).

## Junior Worshipper's Page

# Draw Near in Faith

*“Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water.”  
(Hebrews 10:22)*

In the Old Testament period, “the holy of holies” of the Tabernacle, or the Temple, represented God’s special presence. No one was allowed to enter “the holy of holies”, except the high priest. Only once a year, he could enter “the holy of holies”. Even then, he must sacrifice for his sins and for those of others. And only with the blood of the animal sacrificed could he enter there.

But now, by the blood of Christ that was shed once and for all in His death, all those who believe on Him can draw near to the very presence of God, and also have the hope of heaven. Christ’s sacrifice was a perfect sacrifice which guarantees us access to God’s presence. Through Christ, we can come confidently to God, that we may dwell with Him for all eternity.

If a person tries to go into God’s presence based on his character, or works, or religious affiliation, he will find no access. Titus 3:5 tells us that it is “not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us...” Through Jesus’ shed blood which satisfied God’s justice on our behalf, we can now claim God’s mercy and grace.

When we come to God in faith, we must have “our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience, and our bodies washed with pure water”. This expression alludes to the Old Testament ceremony wherein the priests continually washed themselves and the sacred vessels in the basins of clear water, and sprinkled with blood, as a sign of cleansing. But all such ceremonial cleansing, whether with water or blood, was merely external. Only Jesus can cleanse a man’s heart or conscience by the atoning power of His blood, that he may now come nigh unto God as God’s child.



*Prabhudas Koshy*

## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 15th March 2020

(11.00am service)

**Tithes:** 2,050.00

**Offerings:** 3,682.00

**Designated Gifts:** Missionary Conf. Fund 500.00; Cebu Building Fund 500.00; 100.00

(6.00pm Teaching Service)

**Tithes:** 1,000.00

**Offerings:** 1,061.00

NON-SUNDAY LOVE GIFTS

(9th to 14th March 2020)

**Designated Gifts:** General Fund 10,000.00; 2,800.00; 200.00

## FOR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

Apart from the collection boxes, you may also use the QR code below (through PayLah! or PayNow) to send in your gifts to Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church.



## BAPTISM AND TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP

**Date:** Lord's Day, 12 Apr 2020

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 today. Please refer to Elder Choy or Elder Mah for any clarifications.

## 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

## ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Study of 1 Thessalonians

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Elder Ng Poh Kok

**Date & Time:** Sat, 28 Mar 2020, 4.00pm

**Venue:** Gethsemane Media Centre

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

## KABABAYAN BIBLE STUDY (KBS)

**Speaker:** Pr Jeremiah Sim

**Chairperson:** Bro. Julius Del Rosario

**Date & Time:** Fri, 3 Apr 2020, 8.00pm

**Venue:** Gethsemane Media Centre

## MISSIONARY CONFERENCE 2020

In view of the present COVID-19 situation and the advisories from the Singapore government, the Church Session has decided to postpone the missionary conference to a later date. The dates will be announced at a later time.

## TUESDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

Due to the present COVID-19 situation, please take note that our Tuesday Night Prayer Meeting is temporarily suspended. Prayer meetings will be held in conjunction with our respective fellowship groups during this period.

## OUR ONLINE RESOURCES

In this period where our regular church meetings are curtailed, we hope that our online resources will continue to be a source of encouragement and edification for you.

- For Christian literature, please visit [biblewitness.com/magazine](http://biblewitness.com/magazine) to find past issues of our BW Magazine.
- For 24/7 fundamental Christian music, please visit our Bible Witness Web Radio at [biblewitness.com/webradio/radio-player/](http://biblewitness.com/webradio/radio-player/)
- For our sermons, you may visit our church's YouTube channel at [youtube.com/user/gethsemanebpc/](http://youtube.com/user/gethsemanebpc/) or [gbi-online.com](http://gbi-online.com)
- Finally, you may also follow our church's Facebook page at [facebook.com/Gethsemane.BP.Church/](http://facebook.com/Gethsemane.BP.Church/) to stay updated with any urgent announcements from our church leaders.

Please pray for our BWMM staff as they labour to maintain all these services and resources.

## LIVE-STREAMING SERVICES

From next Lord's Day (29th March 2020), please note that the live-stream of our church service(s) will be made available on YouTube instead of Facebook due to certain technical restrictions. Please bookmark our church's YouTube page at [youtube.com/user/gethsemanebpc/](http://youtube.com/user/gethsemanebpc/)

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

### Campus Bible Study

SUTD: Fridays @ 1.30pm

NAFA-Lasalle: *Postponed until further notice*

SIT: *Please contact Bro. Gideon Lee*

or Bro. Amoz Choy for more details

### Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer

Suspended until further notice

### Thursday Seniors' Ministry

*Held on 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month*

11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

### Saturday Church Choir Practice

Suspended until further notice

### Sunday Children's Choir Practice

Suspended until further notice

### Sunday Lions Home Ministry

Suspended until further notice

### Sunday Teaching Service (GBI)

Suspended until further notice

### Prayer Hotline:

8138 8139

SMS or WhatsApp

*your prayer item*

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Deacon Kelvin Lim

Deacon Low Boon Siang



## CONTACT TRACING QR CODE

In view of the present COVID-19 situation, please scan the QR Code here to help the church with contact tracing. Alternatively, you may go to [tinyurl.com/GBPCtrace](http://tinyurl.com/GBPCtrace)