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

Dust (Man is)
Psalm 103:14
For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship
*Hymn 19: Come, We That Love the Lord
*Invocation & Psalm 29:1-2
*Scripture Reading in Unison
  Isaiah 42:1-12
  Hymn 87: I Know Whom I Have Believed
Scripture Memorisation
*Pastoral Prayer
  Hymn 355: Day by Day
Sermon
Pastor Prabhudas Koshy
  “Jesus Calls the Weary to His Rest—II”
  Matthew 11:28–30
  *Hymn 128: His Yoke Is Easy
  *Benediction & Threefold Amen

* Congregation Standing
Many Shall Come from the East & the West!

Prabhudas Koshy

While rebuking the unbelief of the Jews, Jesus said to them that “…many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven” (Matthew 8:11). The Lord means not only those who are geographically far away from Israel, but also those who have been far away spiritually, like the Gentiles, will become heirs of His kingdom by faith in the Gospel. What a grand, glorious prophecy was that! It is His plan to draw many from the Gentile world that lay in spiritual darkness and alienation from Him into His glorious kingdom.

That prophecy has been steadily worked out through His faithful servants since He uttered those words. Jesus also said how God would gather a great multitude from all the corners of the world at His coming in the clouds of heaven with power and great glory – “he shall send his angels with a great sound of a trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other” (Matthew 24:31).

To bring all His people into His kingdom, He tells His servants, “Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled” (Luke 14:23). Jesus wants us to “Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). Every faithful church and every genuine Christian cannot lose this perspective that Jesus has placed before His followers.

We have a great vision and responsibility from the Lord concerning global evangelism. Like the apostles and all the faithful, fervent Christians of yesteryears, we must press forward to spread the Word all around the world. We should spare no effort in the work of world evangelisation.

We must be ready to thrust forward when God opens the doors of the Gospel for us, and prepares us with convictions and capabilities to do whatever He would lead us for the extension of His kingdom. We must believe that His purposes shall not fail. And when He bids us do His will, we must count it a great privilege and honour to give all that He requires of us, knowing that we are given the honour to be part of His great plan for the redemption of a people whom He wants us to reach for His name’s sake.

To the unbelieving and disobedient Jews, Jesus said, “Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken from you, and given to a nation bringing forth
the fruits thereof” (Matthew 21:43). May we never be a spiritually barren people, lest the Lord’s judgment be upon us for wasting the opportunities and resources (which He has graciously afforded us) for selfish and worldly purposes. Instead of being accursed for wilful barrenness, may we expect His blessing as we yield our all to serve Him and be fruitful. May we be warned: when He looks for the fruit in us, if we are found to be like the fruitless fig tree, He will pronounce His curse upon us (cf. Matthew 21:19)!

A sacred compulsion is laid upon our hearts by our great Saviour and Lord. May the persistent love of our Lord work through us to call sinners from eternal damnation, and out of their guilt, shame, misery into His kingdom of light. One day soon, “The kingdoms of this world are become the kingdoms of our Lord, and of his Christ; and he shall reign for ever and ever” (Revelation 11:15). The Biblical vision that compels us forward in the global expansion of our church ministry is: “for all nations shall come and worship before thee” (Revelation 15:4). Indeed, “All the ends of the world shall remember and turn unto the LORD: and all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee” (Psalm 22:27). Let us not hesitate to continue to give ourselves to the redemption of sinners, so that worship of the LORD may arise all around the world.

Let every child of God yield to the Spirit’s leading in his or her heart concerning the part He wants us to contribute in the global Gospel outreach. Continue to pray earnestly for all our preachers and missionaries, mission churches, the Bible Witness magazine, web radio, internet ministry, media ministry, Gethsemane Bible Institutes, and for all the local evangelistic efforts through TGCM, the campus ministries, Lions Home for the Elders, door-to-door evangelism, etc.

**MISSION NEEDS**

There are three areas that the Board of Elders would like to call for your continued support.

1. **Cebu Building Project:** We prayerfully hope to raise S$2 million, within the next 5 years, to have a building to accommodate the church and GBI ministries, and if possible, the TGCM (Cebu) as well.

2. **San Antonio Worship Hall:** A small structure, which was built by our late missionary on his family property, has been dilapidated after being bombarded by several typhoons over the past several years. It has become necessary to fence up the compound to prevent some from misusing the place. It would cost about S$30,000/-.

3. **A Vehicle for the Vizag Mission:** To help the Gospel work carried out by Pr Sujith Samuel, our elders have decided to raise about S$ 30,000/-.

Let us pray earnestly for the above needs, and support with whatever the Lord help us to give.
Another Testimony from the Online Bible Conference

Florence Yip
This is a testimony of the blessings I’ve received during the 5 days of Online Bible Conference and from reading the testimonies of those who have been blessed.

I was greatly blessed by the faithful exposition of God’s truths by Pastor Koshy and by all of God’s servants who expounded on God’s Word during the morning devotions. I had earlier wanted to write a testimony of the blessings received but did not, as I felt there was no need for another one since there had been so many testimonies written already. I was, however, reproached of my slothfulness when I read the testimonies of those who attended. I thank God for all who had written – those testimonies were truly blessings upon blessings!

I was convicted of my responsibility to not only hold faith and a good conscience, but also to encourage God’s ministers who help us to hold faith and a good conscience. As I read the testimonies of those who have written, I was reprimanded for being ‘stingy’ in testifying of the grace received through the work of God’s ministers. I was reminded that it is a long, continuous journey for all – a journey of trial and temptation. As a fellow pilgrim on this earthly sojourn, I should not only be always seeking to passively receive God’s truths and blessings, but also be a blessing to uphold all, especially those whom God has appointed to speak forth His truths in the full-time ministry.

I pray for God’s forgiveness for being slothful, for not praising Him and testifying for Him enough.
God Remembers Our Frailty

“For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth that we are dust.”

(Psalm 103:14)

Our Lord God knows and remembers that “we are dust”. He is the One who made us with a body taken out of the dust. So, He knows that our frame is just a lump of clay.

After Adam and Eve sinned, God told them about their miserable condition that they would have to experience in their weak bodies, and also about their final descent into the dusty grave – “in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return” (Genesis 3:19).

Our Lord never forgets our weak, dusty frame; therefore, He thinks about us with great pity. If He were not merciful and gentle towards us, we would have long perished. We are alive today, and able to worship and serve Him because He tenderly deals with us as frail children of the dust. Even when we feel totally weak and are dying, He will be with us to comfort and assure us. Thus, we can say, “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).

Our Lord Jesus, the great Creator of the world, in order to show His love for us, came with a frail human body. He knows our struggles. He then died and was risen to give us salvation and victory over sin, the devil, death and hell. So, Hebrews 2:14-15 says, “Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil; and deliver them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage.”

Prabhudas Koshy
32ND CHURCH ANNIVERSARY
THANKSGIVING SERVICE AND LUNCH
In light of the current Covid-19 situation, the Board of Elders has decided to cancel this event. Brethren who have registered and paid for the lunch will receive a refund through bank transfer in the coming weeks. More details will be made known to you.

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
(ACM) REPORT
Leaders of respective ministries and fellowship groups are to submit a short write-up for collation as part of the Annual Report for the upcoming ACM. Please send it to Dn Low Boon Siang at lbs83@yahoo.com by 26th July 2020.

UPCOMING ZOOM MEETINGS FOR FELLOWSHIP
Links to the meetings will be provided in the respective Whatsapp Groups.

YOUNG ADULTS’ FELLOWSHIP
Topic: The Book of Ephesians
Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy
Chairperson: Bro. Jordy Kay
Date & Time: Fri, 19 June 2020, 8.00pm

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP
Topic: Living in the Knowledge of God
Speaker: Bro. Cornelius Koshy
Chairperson: Bro. Andronicus Koshy
Date & Time: Sat, 20 June 2020, 4.00pm

YOUNG MOTHERS’ FELLOWSHIP
Topic: The Word & Prayer in Motherhood
Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy
Chairperson: Sis. Sharon dela Cruz
Date & Time: Fri, 26 June 2020, 3.00pm

FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMMES/ROSTERS
(JULY TO DECEMBER 2020)
Leaders of all fellowship groups are kindly asked to submit your programme/roster for July-December 2020 to Bro. Norefel at norefel.gbwl@gmail.com for consolidation and Sunday’s bulletin announcement purposes. Please do so by 21st June 2020.

To facilitate the collation and announcement of information, please include the following information in your schedule: (i) the preacher, (ii) the topic, and (iii) the name of the chairperson.
COLLECTIONS

LORD’S DAY on 7th June 2020

Tithes: 4,985.00
Offerings: 10,412.00
GBWL: 382.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 120.00; GBPC-Cebu 500.00; General Missions 50.00; Rev. Reggor Galarpe 500.00; Vehicle for Vizag Missions 100.00; TGCM 500.00; Cornelius Koshy 200.00; Ellyabeth Hutagalung 120.00; Roscelle Lim 120.00; Gina Sim 120.00

Non-Sunday Collections
(1st to 6th June 2020)

General Fund: 5,282.00
Designated Gifts: Vehicle for Vizag Missions 150.00; Pr Sujith Samuel 250.00; Pr Edsel Locot 250.00

FOR TITHES & OFFERINGS TO THE CHURCH

Send in your gifts to ‘Gethsemane Bible-Presbyterian Church’ via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-011173-7), or you may scan the QR code to transfer via Paylah! or PayNow.

FOR LOVE GIFTS TO GBWL

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“Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.”
(2 Corinthians 9:7)