

# GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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## WORD ON WORSHIP

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Worship is a sacred activity of all those who are truly born-again. It ought to be participated in with reverence to God and with holiness. Scripture exhorts us, “O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness: fear before him, all the earth” (Psalm 96:9).

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## SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

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*Early*

**Isaiah 26:9**

With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea,  
with my spirit within me will I seek thee early...

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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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### Call to Worship

\*Hymn 32: Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

### \*Invocation & Psalm 93:1

### \*Scripture Reading in Unison

*Ephesians 3:8-21*

Hymn 70: Jesus, I am Resting

### Scripture Memorisation

Hymn 379: O for a Faith That Will Not Shrink

### \*Pastoral Prayer

### Sermon

*Pastor Prabhudas Koshy*

“Supreme Assurance for Believers—II”

*1 John 5:14–15*

\*Hymn 294: Grace! 'Tis a Charming Sound

### \*Benediction & Threefold Amen

*\*Congregation Standing*



9 August 2020

# Brief Testimony of My Calling

*Daniel Lim*

I count myself not worthy to serve the Lord because of my sins and weaknesses. However, the Lord is gracious and merciful to strengthen me by His grace and power daily, especially through His Word and promises thus far. The Lord is good, who often, by His Word, encourage, renew and help me to persevere in His work though my human strength and wisdom are not equal to the task.

Thank the Lord for this sharing which serves as a reminder of how the Lord by His grace and mercy has called me to serve Him in Gethsemane Chinese Service on Sep 01, 2005 – to declare the Gospel of the Lord and to teach His Word, particularly to our Chinese-speaking brethren.

Firstly, let me highlight a couple of verses that the Lord has impressed upon my heart since I was a young Christian to serve the Lord, which often reminded me as I continue to serve the Lord in the Gospel work up till this day.

- “For unto you it is given in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake” (Philippians 1:29).

- “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him” (1 John 2:15).
- “For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world” (1 John 2:16).
- “And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever” (1 John 2:17).

Initially as a young Christian, I often struggled with the old English word “suffer”, which new converts would most likely find it hard to understand. I always wonder in my heart, why the Almighty God, who is eternal, all sufficient and does all things according to His decree and power, would call me (a mortal man, imperfect, insufficient in wisdom and strength, who needs to be forgiven of his sins), to suffer for His sake.

Thanks to God, eventually the Lord enabled me to correctly understand the meaning of the word “suffer”,

which is to serve, to witness, to walk with the Lord, to be a testimony of God's grace and to do what He wants me to do. I thus resolved to always abide in the Word that the Lord impresses upon my heart. God's Word commanding me not to love the world, often serves as a reminder and warning to me. I am convinced that to do the will of God is the primary purpose of my life as a Christian.

Since then, the Lord by His grace, has been helping me not only to be equipped in studying the Bible in the Chinese language, but also to preach, teach and even to interpret messages into Chinese when needed. The Lord has guided me to like-minded churches (local and overseas) to do His work of preaching and teaching. Initially it was difficult for me. To speak Mandarin in daily conversation is not so difficult, but to minister God's Word in Mandarin – which requires me to preach, teach and relate well, using Bible language and terms, as well as to construct good sentences with appropriate words, so as to bring the message in a way others can understand and benefit spiritually from – is always a constant challenge. However, the Lord who calls me is faithful, He has enabled me to do what I have never thought I could do and He has always given me help. And I believe the Lord will continue to keep me in His grace and help me to be prayerful and faithful in serving Him.

During our present situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic, many things have changed during these four months. Though we are not allowed to have regular worship, Bible study, prayer meeting, and various

fellowship meetings, we thank the Lord that we could continue such gatherings virtually through the streaming of the worship services and fellowship meetings through “Zoom” video-conferencing.

I thank the Lord also that although I am not able to visit Kemaman, I was able to do Bible study with the youth through Zoom virtual meetings. I pray that the brethren will appreciate this means of communication and pray that the Lord be gracious to remove this Covid-19 and to restore us to normal worship, fellowship and work in the Lord. Nevertheless, we thank God for the easing of restrictions whereby we are allowed to gather in smaller groups with some safety measures put in place. I thank the Lord for the prison ministry that is opening slowly, allowing the counsellors to revisit the prison and to minister God's Word to the inmates in prison.

Undeniably, the present situation is affecting and causing inconvenience to the carrying out of spiritual activities and the Lord's work. May the Lord preserve me to be watchful and prayerful, and grant me wisdom and opportunity to do what He wants me to. Thank the Lord for brethren in the Chinese service who come together to serve in the Sunday worship and participate in the Tuesday prayer meeting. As we continue being accountable to one another and walking close to the Lord, may the Lord make us profitable for His ministry and be encouragers to one another – and so keep us useful for His glory.

## Junior Worshipper's Page

# Seek God Early

*“With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early...”  
(Isaiah 26:9)*

The prophet Isaiah was called by God to warn the Jews against their sins, which would soon bring upon them God’s judgment through the attack and impending destruction by the Babylonian army. But most of the people who heard him did not take the warning seriously. They continued to provoke God with their sinful living.

Amid a stubborn, rebellious people who shamelessly indulged in sin, Isaiah lived with a sincere and deep love for God. While the wicked people imagined and devised in their minds how to enjoy sinful pleasures and pursue their worldly lifestyles, Isaiah constantly desired the LORD God in his heart. Night and day, he cherished his God with worship and prayer.

He sang the words, “With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek thee early”. While he desired to please God in the night, he would seek to do His will right from the early morning. During the early hours of the day, he sought his God as he prepared for the day’s activity.

We too must seek the LORD as we awake out of our sleep. Let our spirits pray as we awake out of our sleep. Praise Him for the good sleep and for the grace to wake up in the morning. Then seek His wisdom, strength and blessings for all your activities of the day.

*Prabhudas Koshy*



## COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 2nd August 2020

**Tithes:** 10,095.00

**Offerings:** 10,130.00

**Designated Gifts:** Cebu Building Fund 1,000.00; 50.00; 50.00; 10,000.00; 600.00; 20.00; 50.00; 100.00; 90.00; 1,000.00; General Fund 260.00; GBI-Ethiopia 100.00; TGCM-Cebu 50.00; GBI-Cebu 50.00; Pangasinan Missions 100.00; Bogo & San Antonio Missions 50.00; General Missions 80.00; Ethiopia Missions 250.00; Guesstine Leong 50.00; Cornelius Koshy 150.00; Rev. Ephrem 200.00; Pastor Koshy 50.00; Pr Daniel Lim 50.00; 50.00; Matthew Peh 120.00; 40.00

Non-Sunday Collections

(27th July–1st August 2020)

**Offerings:** 3,930.00

**Tithes:** 1,210.00

**GBWL:** 100.00; 200.00; 20.00

**Designated Gifts:** TGCM 20,000.00; BWMM 200.00; Pr Donald dela Cruz 200.00; Pr Ho Kee How 400.00; Pr Daniel Lim 400.00; Pr Samson 400.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 400.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 400.00; Cornelius Koshy 50.00; Matthew Peh 30.00

Total Funds Collection

(as of 2nd August 2020)

**Cebu Building Fund:** 189,452.50



### 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 above to transfer via Paylah! or PayNow.



### FOR LOVE GIFTS TO GBWL

Send in your gifts to 'Gethsemane Bible Witness Limited' via bank transfer (DBS Current Account 025-904568-2), or you may scan the QR code above to transfer via Paylah! or PayNow.

## OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS

### Sunday English Worship Service LIVE

9.00am on YouTube Live

### Sunday Chinese Worship Service

9.00am on YouTube Premiere

### Sunday Evening Teaching Service (GBI–Nehemiah)

6.00pm on YouTube Live

### Campus Bible Studies (via Zoom)

NAFA-Lasalle: Monday @ 2.00pm

SUTD: Thursday @ 3.00pm

SIT: Friday @ 3.00pm

### Staff Prayer Meeting

Tuesday @ 10.15am

### Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00pm on YouTube Live

### Seniors' Ministry (via Zoom)

Thursday @ 11.00am (Please contact Pr Jeremiah Sim)

### Malayalam Fellowship (via Zoom)

Thursday @ 8.00pm

### Children's Ministry Meetings

Saturday @ 11.00am (younger children)  
& 2.00pm (older children)

### Filipino Fellowship (via Zoom)

Sunday @ 2.00pm

## EARLY ADVICE OF ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM)

In view of the Covid-19 restriction orders in Singapore, the ACM will be held by electronic means pursuant to the relevant order under the Covid-19 (Temporary Measures) Order 2020. The indicative date of the upcoming ACM (via Zoom) is on **27th September 2020**. A unique link will be emailed to each member nearer to the date, and one device is to be used per member to login for the ACM. All active communicant members are to register via this link (<http://gg.gg/GBPCACM2020>) or scan the QR code to update your particulars for the ACM by 23rd August 2020.

A *clinic session* will be held on *19th September 2020 from 2.00pm to 3.00pm*. This is to help members to familiarize with Zoom access and the use of various functions on this digital platform. If you wish to register for this session, please indicate when you update your particulars. *Closing date for registration is on 23rd August 2020.*



## UPCOMING ZOOM FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

*Links to the meetings will be provided in the respective Whatsapp Groups.*

### ONLINE FELLOWSHIP MEETING

**Date & Time:** Mon, 10th Aug 2020,  
4.00pm–6.00pm

There will be an online fellowship meeting with Pr Donald dela Cruz and brethren from the Pangasinan Mission Church. This meeting is hosted by Team Mission Pangasinan 2020. Please contact Elder Mah for more information.

### YOUNG MOTHERS' FELLOWSHIP SEMINAR

**Topic:** Family Devotion

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Dn Low Boon Siang

**Date & Time:** Sat, 29th Aug 2020, 2.00pm

### YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Living in the Knowledge of God

**Speaker:** Bro. Cornelius Koshy

**Chairperson:** Bro. Gideon Lee

**Date & Time:** Sat, 15th Aug 2020, 4.00pm

### LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

**Topic:** Being a Single Woman of God

**Speaker:** Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

**Chairperson:** Sis. Choy Luan Kheng

**Date & Time:** Sat, 15th Aug 2020, 4.00pm

### **Prayer Hotline:**

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*SMS or Whatsapp*

*your prayer item*

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Deacon Lok Kwok Wah  
Deacon Kelvin Lim  
Deacon Low Boon Siang