

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

11.00AM

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WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship arises from hearts that contemplate God and His glory. 1 Chronicles 16:10-11 exhorts us, "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD. Seek the LORD and his strength, seek his face continually." Each time when we draw unto Him in worship, we must grow in affection towards Him and His greatness and goodness. "Glory ye in his holy name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the LORD" (Psalm 105:3).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Elect

Luke 18:7

And shall not God avenge his own elect,
which cry day and night unto him,
though he bear long with them?

REFORMATION SUNDAY & 19TH ANNIVERSARY OF FILIPINO FELLOWSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Francis Lee

*Hymn 68: Majestic Sweetness Sits Enthroned

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Scripture Reading in Unison**

Psalm 45

Hymn 122: Glory to His Name

Announcements

Hymn 216: Jesus Shall Reign

Scripture Memorisation

***Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"What Christ is to the Church—VI"

Selected Scripture Verses

*Hymn 108: I've Found a Friend

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

**Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TODAY, 25 OCTOBER 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 1 NOVEMBER 2020

8.30am	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers: Dn Low Boon Siang, Jordy Kay, Jason Low, Lee Kim Lei (Greeter)	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers: John Peh, Marcus Peh, Chan Tuck Whye
9.00am	Chinese Worship Service is held at Gethsemane Media Centre, 33 Ubi Crescent. (Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim)	
11.00am	Worship Leader: Elder Francis Lee Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Sean Lee, Andrew Teong, Theodore Wang, Mah Lean Choo	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Marcus Lim, Edward Wong, Aileen Yan, Eunice Wong
2.00pm	The 2.00pm Worship Service and 6.00pm Evening Teaching Service are cancelled in view of the Annual Congregational Meeting.	
6.00pm (Evening Teaching Service @ GMC)		
		Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Jeffrey Setiawan, Juffrey Balicao



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- For Christian literature, please visit biblewitness.com/magazine to find past issues of our BW Magazine.
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- For our sermons, you may visit our church's YouTube channel at youtube.com/user/gethsemaneipc/ or gbi-online.com
- Finally, you may also follow our church's Facebook page at facebook.com/Gethsemane.BP.Church/ to stay updated with any urgent announcements from our church leaders.

25 October 2020

My Testimony

Ignatius Law

As I pen down my testimony on my calling to full-time service, Romans 11:34 comes readily to mind: “For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?”

Being called to give up a career in the secular world to serve God was not what I initially imagined, having come back from my studies in Perth. By God’s grace, I had attended a faithful Bible-believing church over there for 2 years; while there, I had been regularly involved in the church’s activities, from serving in the nursing homes to engaging in city evangelism. The leaders in that church particularly emphasised on cultivating a habit of being active in the Lord’s work. Even something as simple as sweeping the church grounds is also deemed as a service to the Lord. Hence, going to nursing homes and going for evangelism on Sunday were nothing new to me, for these are some of

the ways we Christians are expected to remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy (cf. Exodus 20:8).

When I came back to Singapore to work after graduation, one of the criteria that I hold firmly to was to forsake not the Sabbath, but to always put worship of God first. Hence, many banking jobs were not available to me as most banks in Singapore are open 7 days a week – all the banks require their interns to work on Sundays to fulfil the quota that is laid out. So, although I have been shortlisted for a number of banking positions, it was very clear to me that this was not God’s will for me. Therefore, I looked elsewhere.

My first job was an insurance agent. At first, I thought this was God’s will for me as it seemed to me that I would be able to attend church services uninterrupted, due to the “flexibility” of the job. However, I quickly

found out that it was not so, for my time was not my own but was entirely dependant on my clients' timing and preferences. Thus not long after, I started the search for a new job. Despite the rather stagnant job market, I thank God that I managed to land an accounting role in a company (situated in the west). However, my job scope requires me to regularly stay back past 6.30pm, so as to balance the accounts. As a result, I skipped a number of prayer meetings to finish my work.

During that time, at the urging of a friend, I signed up for the combined GYF-GYAF retreat held at Pulau Springs, Johor, in December 2019. This was despite knowing it would be very hard to request time off from my work (I was still on probation) to attend the retreat. Thank God my request to my boss was granted, and I went ahead cheerfully. At the retreat, a brother "quizzed" me regarding my irregular attendance in prayer meetings. When I shared my difficulties due to my workload, that brother admonished me to "seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness" (Matthew 6:33). It dawned on me that missing prayer meetings was becoming much more frequent in my life, and I had better take the initiative to start attending prayer meeting regularly!

For the past few months, Pastor Koshy had been preaching regularly on the burden of the church to have

more full-time workers, to have more young adults stepping up to the great responsibility of consecrating their lives to serve God. Being intrigued, I started asking a brother (who is a church staff) about the struggle and difficulties that he faced. He shared with me that serving God was not a mere simple task, but requires one to be committed till the very end of one's life. For Jesus said unto the people who desired to follow him but was distracted by their own burdens in life, "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God" (Luke 9:62).

To discern whether I have the calling, that brother advised me to pray for God to show me His will. He also shared with me the important presence of two key things: there must be a sincere desire to serve, and there must be a position that is available. By God's providence, it was around the same time, I heard of a sister who would be leaving the ministry due to her upcoming marriage and her new responsibilities as a wife.

Now, those who are thinking of following Christ are expected to put in serious thought and consideration. "For which of you, intending to build a tower, sitteth not down first, and counteth the cost, whether he have sufficient to finish it? Lest haply, after he hath laid the foundation, and is not able to finish it, all that behold it begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build,

and was not able to finish” (Luke 14:28-30). The same principles must be applied to full-time service. So, I sat there and did a spreadsheet; I wrote down each of my concerns and prayed about them. However, the Lord reminded me that since even the fowls of the air are fed, how much more God will do so to me? I was able to see God’s sovereign Hand working at each point of my life, from providing an internship in Perth even when chances seemed bleak (because of Australia’s protectionist policies) to even providing a second job (which involves accounts) for me.

However, the decision to enter into full-time ministry wasn’t easy. At that time, a shipping company expressed interest in my resume which I had sent out during my job-hunting earlier. I was sorely tempted to gain more experience outside first, before stepping foot into the ministry. Thankfully, I spoke with Pastor, who advised me that there’s no place for double-mindedness in the ministry. Being in the ministry, one has to be steadfast and not wavering in decision-making.

Not long after, when Covid-19 pandemic hit, I was quite fearful that it might be much more difficult even to resign from the company – for instead of the traditional way of personally handing the resignation letter over to

my director, I had to do so over an email, not knowing how the other side would react! Thank God that when I explained my decision to want to serve God by serving in my church, she relented and even told me that I did not have to serve my two weeks’ resignation notice!

The first few weeks in the office wasn’t easy because of the need to adapt quickly to the church’s daily operations, and also to handle the impending audit. (Thank God for Sis Joey’s assistance in replying to the auditor’s queries, and also in preparing the documents for submission.)

I would like to end by sharing a couple of verses from the hymn, ‘Give of your best to the Master’, written by Howard B. Grose:

Give of your best to the Master;
 Give Him first place in your heart;
 Give Him first place in your service;
 Consecrate every part.
 Give, and to you will be given;
 God His beloved Son gave;
 Gratefully seeking to serve Him,
 Give Him the best that you have.

May this hymn remind me to constantly give my best to God and do my best for His glory!

Junior Worshipper's Page

God, the Avenger of His Elect

*“And shall not God avenge his own elect, which cry day and night unto him, though he bear long with them?”
(Luke 18:7)*

“His own elect” is a phrase that refers to God’s people whom He loves, saves and keeps for His glory. He lovingly regards them as His own. So, He defends and comforts them in their adversities.

The elect of God would often face rough and sad experiences because of the mistreatment by the ungodly of this world. Though God permits the wicked ones to trouble His people, the Lord Jesus assures His suffering people that He will surely hear them when they call on Him in prayer.

The Lord has clearly declared, “Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord” (Romans 12:19). If a human judge would act to deliver a man who is unjustly dealt with by another, God would certainly act in defence of His people who are mistreated by the wicked ones of this world.

God is the One “that judgeth righteously” (1 Peter 2:23), who has said, “Vengeance is mine; I will repay” (Romans 12:19). Indeed, “true and righteous are his judgments” (Revelation 19:2). So, let us not take matters into our own hands or act violently against those who hurt us, but prayerfully submit our petitions to God, who is able to deliver us from the wicked hands of our enemies.



Prabhudas Koshy

COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 18th October 2020

Tithes: 4,855.00

Offerings: 6,988.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 900.00; 100.00; 100.00; 20.00; Charity Fund 100.00; Ladies Fellowship 50.00; Cornelius Koshy 200.00; Pr Edsel 50.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 150.00; Pastor Koshy 50.00

Non-Sunday Collections

(12th–17th October 2020)

Tithes: 4,190.00

Offerings: 1,980.00

Designated Gifts: General Fund 1,000.00; 720.00; 700.00; 100.00; General Missions 300.00; BWMM 100.00; Charity Fund 300.00; Cebu Building Fund 5,000.00; Cornelius Koshy 100.00; Rev. Ephrem 200.00; Pastor Koshy 500.00; 200.00; Matthew Peh 25.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 500.00

Total Funds Collection

(as of 18th October 2020)

Cebu Building Fund: 224,417.50

ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM) VIA ZOOM

Date & Time: Today, 25 Oct 2020, 3pm
*(You may start logging in from 2pm.
The unique link was sent last Friday.)*

Note: Only registered communicant members who have submitted the proxy forms will receive the unique link and be allowed to join the e-ACM.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR NOVEMBER

Please take note of the Holy Communion sessions for the month of November.

- 1st Sunday for English Worship Services (8.30am, 11am & 2pm)
- 2nd Sunday for Chinese Worship Service (9am)

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

More details for each meeting will be provided in the respective Whatsapp Groups.

YOUNG ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: The Growth of a Christian—By Giving Diligence to Our Calling

Speaker: Pr Ho Kee How

Chairperson: Bro. Ignatius Law

Date & Time: Sat, 7 Nov 2020, 4pm

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Proverbs

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Bro. Andronicus Koshy

Date & Time: Sat, 7 Nov 2020, 4pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

GYAF-GYF COMBINED RETREAT 2020

Topic: What should the Church Leadership Be?

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Date: 24th to 26th December 2020

Morning Devotions on the topic, “Offering Spiritual Sacrifices”, will be taught by Bro. Cornelius Koshy. Please sign up at <https://forms.gle/Dp1JrdRfZJn3Pbhx8>. The mode of meeting will be confirmed in early December.



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OUR WEEKLY MEETINGS

Sunday English Worship Service I

8.30am @ SingPost L5 Auditorium

Sunday Chinese Worship Service

9.00am @ GMC

Sunday English Worship Service II

11.00am @ SingPost L5 Auditorium (YouTube Live)

Sunday English Worship Service III

2.00pm @ SingPost L5 Auditorium

Sunday Catechism Class

2.00pm via Zoom

Sunday Evening Teaching Service (GBI—Nehemiah)

6.00pm @ GMC (YouTube Live)

Campus Bible Studies (via Zoom)

NAFA-Lasalle: Monday @ 2.15pm

SIT: Wednesday @ 4.00pm

SUTD: Friday @ 2.00pm

Staff Prayer Meeting

Tuesday @ 10.15am

Tuesday Night Bible Study & Prayer Meeting

8.00pm @ SingPost L5 Auditorium (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 (via Zoom)

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

Place of Worship:

Singapore Post Centre,
Level 5 Auditorium,
10 Eunos Road 8,
Singapore 408600
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