

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

11.00AM
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WORD ON WORSHIP

Doxology – the ascribing of glory to God – is essential to worship. Praise, honour and homage belong to the Lord God Almighty. He alone is worthy of worship. He is our Creator, our Redeemer, our Provider and our Joy. So, let us bow before Him and worship – “Thou art worthy, O Lord, to receive glory and honour and power: for thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created” (Revelation 4:11).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Elect

John 15:16

Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Elder Mah Chin Kwang

*Hymn 36: High in the Heavens, Eternal God

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Scripture Reading in Unison**

Romans 8:29-39

Hymn 434: Saviour, More Than Life to Me

Hymn 390: Something for Thee

Announcements

Hymn 100: He Lifted Me

Scripture Memorisation

***Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

“Bond of Love in Truth”

2 John 1-3

*Hymn 356: Lead Me, Saviour

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

**Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TODAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 15 NOVEMBER 2020

8.30am	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Stephen Yap, Chong Khai Siang, Timotheus Liu, Winnie Yap	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Marcus Chui, Danial Wong, Edwin Quek, Benjamin Quek
9.00am	Chinese Worship Service is held at Gethsemane Media Centre, 33 Ubi Crescent. (Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim)	
11.00am	Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Jordy Kay, Ricky Yang, David Ng, Sean Lee	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Randy Laurencio, Ng Kwan Teng, George Chee, Marcus Chee
2.00pm	Worship Leader: Pr Jeremiah Sim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Dn Low Boon Siang, Gerry Lee, Arvind Pawa, Mong Jee Pawa	Worship Leader: Pr Kelvin Lim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Hendrick Foo, David Cho, Melvin Mendoza, Sunyani
6.00pm (Evening Teaching Service @ GMC)	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Dn Lok Kwok Wah, Lijoy George	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Cornelius Koshy, Amoz Choy



OUR ONLINE RESOURCES

- For Christian literature, please visit biblewitness.com/magazine to find past issues of our BW Magazine.
- For 24/7 fundamental Christian music, please visit Bible Witness Web Radio at biblewitness.com/webradio/radio-player/
- 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.

8 November 2020

My Testimony

Jordan Ballega

Psalm 66:16 declares, “Come and hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath done for my soul.” Indeed, I thank the Lord for this opportunity to share my testimony of His marvellous works in my life.

GOD’S PRESERVATION OF MY LIFE

I truly believe that God has preserved my life, and all things that have happened in my life are due to His sovereign works, which are beyond my imagination and ability. I possess no merit of my own. Only God could have weaved such events into my life story. Never did I foresee that I would be able to land and even work here in Singapore.

I was born in a not so well-to-do family, and lived through a rather complicated childhood. All I could say is: those pains and struggles that I came across in those days were too early for my young body and mind to experience. Yet, that “eventful” life was allowed by God’s love and care for me. I managed to read a comics-Bible in my early age, and accepted Jesus Christ while I was in my secondary school. I thank God that in spite of all the hardships in life, I had parents who were dedicated in guiding me along the way. Looking back at all those past experiences, I never found a single moment that God had left me all

alone in my struggles. “We love him, because he first loved us” (1 John 4:19).

Due to financial difficulties, I thought I would not be able to continue with my tertiary education. However, God moves in a most special way. I found a scholarship brochure through a fish-wrapper, which gave me the idea to apply. To my surprise, my application was accepted and I managed to enrol in the university. Due to some unforeseen event that happened during my senior level of study, my scholarship was terminated following the closure of my programme. But another scholarship came along the way through God’s using people/ organisations to support my study. This would allow me to get my diploma, which I never imagine I would need later to apply for a job in Singapore.

Finally, I graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering and began to search for a job, but God never opened the door for me to work in this field. Instead, I found my way into the multi-media industry. Thank God for the humble talent He has given me, though it never came to my mind that I would be serving God through this gift from Him. “For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the LORD, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end” (Jeremiah 29:11).

GOD'S LEADING IN MY LIFE

In my early years, I've been with various denominations – Seventh-Day Adventist, Roman Catholic and Charismatic. But God opened my eyes and showed me how Jesus Christ saved me from sin. God's Word spoke to me: "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9). That was in 1999, and subsequently I was baptised in a Baptist church in Philippines.

I see it as God's "provision" when I lost my job in 2010 and suddenly decided to look for a job in Singapore. As it was the year when (my son) Jored was born, it was one of the toughest decisions that I made, to leave my family in that crucial time. Never did it come to my mind that God was leading me in the contemplation of my decision.

I came alone to Singapore, not knowing anyone and having no clue of what was going to happen. Upon my arriving at Changi airport, I went straight to Lucky Plaza (around 12 midnight), with no planned place to stay for the night. Through communication with my wife in the Philippines, a brother from a Baptist church (who had been working in Singapore for some time already) came, and helped me to find a place to lodge for that night. Truly, God is full of mercy; He took care of me and sent His help in the right circumstances when I needed it most. By God's grace and mercy, I found a job. Two years later, my wife, together with my son, were reunited with me here in Singapore. Despite the stringent Singapore government's rules and regulations concerning staying here with my family, God's supreme power has also settled that for us.

IN SERVICE TO GOD

It was 2013 when God led my family and I to Gethsemane B-P Church (through Pr Dennis Kabingue who shared to us a Gospel tract at a bus-stop in Geylang). That was in the midst of another tough time when I needed to go back to Philippines with Jored, as the renewal application for my E-pass were rejected many times. Those were moments when we were looking for a church (with children's programme) to worship in. God's perfect timing brought us to Gethsemane. I thank God for leading my family to a faithful Bible-believing church to worship Him. And from then on, we've been drawn closer to Him.

God's special calling came in the middle of 2020, when He closed every possible way and opened one single door for me to go through. I was retrenched due to the effect of the pandemic on our company, where I had worked for nine consecutive years. All we could do as a family was to pray and trust in our Almighty Sovereign God, and obey whatever He wants us to do. In fact, I had already prepared myself to go back to Philippines. Then, a week before my E-pass was to be cancelled, I messaged Pastor Koshy to bid my farewell and thanksgiving (after I was called upon to pray during one Tuesday Night prayer meeting). We talked over the phone and discussed about my retrenchment. Little did I realise that God would move Pastor's heart to discuss the matter of my possible employment by GBWL to the church elders. When God brought this to pass, I was amazed that the rest were taken care of by the Lord. God's counsel prevails despite all the uncertainty. Nothing can resist His sovereign will. As Jeremiah 29:12 says, "Then shall ye call upon me, and ye shall go and pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you."

I started my full-time service to the Lord four months ago. There are “learning curves” that come along the way as I am not familiar with many things, but God’s Hand taught me what I should do. “The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the LORD” (Prov. 16:1).

I was assigned to serve in TGCM Print and lead my brethren in this department in terms of designing and social-media marketing. Thank the Lord for His blessing and wisdom He has bestowed upon me, together with brethren who co-labour with me: Sis Dorcas and Bro Andronicus who had assisted and laboured during the early stage and helped in marketing, as well as the dedicated team comprising Brothers John, Cayson, Arnold, and Teck Ern. With godly counsel, guidance and support from Pastor Koshy, the Lord has been blessing the efforts of every co-worker. May the Lord bless us with greater fruitfulness, that TGCM Print may have more projects, in spite of the Covid-19 pandemic affecting every business in Singapore. Although the increased sales (from National Day till the recent clearance sales) are still not sufficient to support TGCM, we trust in God’s Word to keep moving forward. “Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness” (Isaiah 41:10). For if God is with us, He will surely give the increase of every labour we expend for His glory.

TGCM Print continues to introduce more designs, even as we promote commonly-used products, such as mugs, bags, T-shirts, masks (including mask-cases that prove to be very useful in this time of pandemic). Incidentally,

TGCM Print had received orders for hundreds of mask-cases from different clients, including 900 mask-cases ordered by Bearyfun Gym! Besides the sales, we thank God for giving us wisdom to build a manual “CRM” system to facilitate the smooth and efficient running of our intricately-linked operations. By God’s grace, we are also looking forward to expanding TGCM Print’s network, such as consignment agreement with Tabernacle Bookroom of Calvary Pandan B-P Church. Do continue to pray for these – and more – blessings that God has prepared for this ministry. Likewise, thanks to all our brethren for their continued support, encouragement (to press on) and prayers for our TGCM Print ministry.

Looking back at all the struggles and challenges which all play a part in God’s unerring guidance and perfect timing in my life, I have no doubt that the Lord is with me to serve Him in Gethsemane. As for me, “I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed...” (Jonah 2:9). Truly, it is God who has prepared everything. My gracious Lord determines the outcome of every action that I take. He has already paved the path where I should walk, and will preserve my life for the days to come, wherever He wants me to be. He has absolute control over every event in my life. On my own, I am nothing. Yet, I have a God who is powerful, and His providence is assuring enough for me to move, work and to thank Him each day. “And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose” (Romans 8:28).

All glory and thanks be to God.

Junior Worshipper's Page

God's Election of His People

*"Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you."
(John 15:16)*

Jesus here reminded His disciples that they did not choose Jesus, but that He had chosen them. This, the apostle John later affirmed: "We love him because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). This understanding helps us never to glory in ourselves, but rather to praise the Lord for His gracious gift of salvation. Thus, it eliminates spiritual pride from our minds. Furthermore, the knowledge that the Lord has chosen us helps to remove any doubt about losing our salvation because of our weakness. Since He chose us unto salvation, we can be assured that He will keep us for all eternity!

Not only did Jesus choose the disciples for salvation, He also appointed them to bear spiritual fruit in service to Him. He ordained His people to "go and bring forth fruit". Jesus commanded us to go into the world and proclaim the Gospel, that we may bear fruit. When believers tell others of the Gospel, those who respond in repentance and faith become "fruit" that will remain forever.

The Lord also promises to all His chosen ones who are committed to preaching the Gospel, that whatsoever they would ask of the Father in His name, He will give it to them. In our life's service to Him, He will not leave us destitute. He will provide for and protect us, that we may bear fruit.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 1st November 2020

Tithes: 4,719.00

Offerings: 9,525.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 1,000.00; 500.00; 400.00; 200.00; 120.00; 100.00; 100.00; 90.00; 50.00; 20.00; Charity Fund 100.00; Staff 500.00; Cornelius Koshy 200.00; Norefel Resuma 200.00

Non-Sunday Collections
(26th–31st October 2020)

Tithes: 2,010.00

Offerings: 5,050.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 500.00; Rev. Ephrem 100.00; 100.00; Pastor Koshy 1,000.00; Pr Daniel Lim 200.00; Pr Ho Kee How 200.00; Pr Jeremiah Sim 200.00; Pr Kelvin Lim 200.00; Pr Samson Hutagalung 200.00; Dn Lok 200.00; Arnold 200.00; Cornelius Koshy 200.00; John Peh 200.00; Melissa Mah 200.00; Matthew Peh 200.00; 25.00; Norefel Resuma 200.00

Total Funds Collection
(as of 1st November 2020)

Cebu Building Fund: 237,717.50

UPCOMING FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS

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

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study of Ecclesiastes

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Bro. Benny Skariah

Date & Time: Sat, 14 Nov 2020, 4pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

Registration link is available at
<https://doodle.com/poll/pd5e42rtr5tdvs7i>

(Availability of seats at GMC is on a 'first come first served' basis.)

LADIES' FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Living Purely and Modestly for God

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Sis. Sharon dela Cruz

Date & Time: Sat, 21 Nov 2020, 4pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

Registration link will be made available next week. Availability of seats at GMC is on a 'first come first served' basis.

2020 DAILY VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL (DVBS) VIA ZOOM

Speakers: Pr Kelvin Lim & Bro. Cornelius Koshy

Date: 16th–18th December 2020

Timings: 10am–11.30am (younger children), 2pm–3.30pm (older children)

Please register at <https://doodle.com/poll/fz4gy59eky4nbp9d> or using the QR Code below.



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: Wednesday @ 3.00pm

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:

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