

GETHSEMANE

BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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

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WORD ON WORSHIP

Worship is a time when the LORD's redeemed gather together to glorify and exalt Him with their hearts and voices. "Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders" (Psalm 107:31-32).

SCRIPTURE MEMORISATION

Emmanuel

2 Timothy 4:22

The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit.
Grace be with you. Amen.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Dn Low Boon Siang

*Hymn 16: Holy God, We Praise Thy Name

***Invocation & Gloria Patri**

***Scripture Reading in Unison**

2 John 1-13

Hymn 559: Near the Cross

Announcements

Hymn 409: Take Time to Be Holy

Scripture Memorisation

***Pastoral Prayer**

Sermon

Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

"To Be A People of the Truth"

2 John 8-13

*Hymn 348: Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

***Benediction & Threefold Amen**

** Congregation Standing*



LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

TODAY, 27 DECEMBER 2020

NEXT LORD'S DAY, 3 JANUARY 2021

8.30am	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Benjamin Quek, Edwin Quek, Stephen Yap, Benny Skariah	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Samuel Yong, Stephen Yap, Chong Khai Siang, Cornelius Koshy
9.00am	Chinese Worship Service is held at Gethsemane Media Centre, 33 Ubi Crescent. (Preacher: Pr Daniel Lim)	
11.00am	Worship Leader: Dn Low Boon Siang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Randy Laurencio, Ng Kwan Teng, David Ng, Lee Kim Lei	Worship Leader: Elder Alan Choy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Andrew Teong, Danial Wong, Marcus Chui, Lee Kim Lei
2.00pm	Worship Leader: Pr Jeremiah Sim Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Dn Lok Kwok Wah, Arvind Pawa, Violet Quek, Diana Chan	Worship Leader: Elder Mah Chin Kwang Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Julius Del Rosario, Melvin Mendoza, Jonathon Lim, Diana Chan
6.00pm (Evening Teaching Service @ GMC)	Worship Leader: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Preacher: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy Ushers/Greeters: Jeffrey Setiawan, Juffrey Balicao	Evening Teaching Service is cancelled in view of the meetings for the proposed amendments to the Church constitution.

Duty Roster

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PRESENTATIONS OF PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CHURCH CONSTITUTION (VIA ZOOM)

Date & Time: Sunday Evenings (January 2021), at 6pm

Presentations of the proposed amendments to the Church constitution will begin in the month of January 2021. It will commence on 3rd January 2021, at 6pm, and will be held over 4 consecutive Sundays. In view of this, the Sunday Evening Teaching Service will be suspended in the month of January.

All members can access the proposed amendments of the Church constitution on the Church website. The link is at: gethsemanebpc.com/Resources/documents/legal/GBPC_Constitution_2021.zip

The documents are password protected. The password will be sent to all members via WhatsApp. If you need any assistance, please contact Bro. Norefel Resuma (9834 7412). Questions and requests for clarifications on the proposed amendments are to be sent to Pastor (pastor.gbpc@gmail.com) or to Elder Francis Lee (francis_savedbygrace@yahoo.com).

27 December 2020

When We Get to Our Dying Hour

Prabhudas Koshy

This year, the world was gripped with the fear of sickness and death. We have heard and read about millions falling sick and dying around the world. Just before the world was gripped by Covid-19, I had to endure the sudden departure of my only brother (younger by about two years). It was sudden. I am sure some of my readers also experienced the grief of death in their families or friendship circles.

As we are approaching the end of another year, we have no certainty whether we will live to the end of the next year. Will death come and remove us from this earth soon? No one can tell for sure. We had better be prepared for the end of our journey on earth.

I would like to share with you the perspectives of the devout Anglican bishop J. C. Ryle (1816–1900) on preparing for death by living well. The following article is the concluding section of his chapter on “Sickness” in his book, “Practical Religion”.

“SICKNESS”, BY J. C. RYLE

I conclude with a word of exhortation to all believers, which I heartily pray God to impress upon their souls. I exhort you to keep up a habit of close communion with Christ, and never to be afraid of “going too far” in your religion. Remember this, if you wish to have “great peace” in your times of sickness.

I observe with regret, a tendency in some quarters to lower the standard of practical Christianity, and to denounce what are called “extreme views” about a Christian’s daily walk in life. I remark with pain, that even religious people will sometimes look coldly on those who withdraw from worldly society, and will censure them as “exclusive, narrow-minded, illiberal, uncharitable, soured-spirited,” and the like. I warn every believer in Christ who reads this paper to beware of being influenced by such censures. I entreat him, if he needs light in the valley of death, to “keep himself unspotted from the world,” to

“follow the Lord fully,” and to walk very closely with God (James 1:27; Num. 14:24).

I believe that the lack of “thoroughness” about many people’s Christianity is one secret of their little comfort, both in health and sickness. I believe that the “half-and-half, keep-in-with everybody” religion, which satisfies many in the present day, is offensive to God, and sows thorns in dying pillows, which hundreds never discover until too late. I believe that the weakness and feebleness of such a religion never comes out so much, as it does upon a sick bed.

If you and I want “strong consolation” in our time of need, we must not be content with a bare union with Christ (Hebrews 6:18). We must seek to know something of heart-felt, experimental communion with Him. Never, never let us forget, that “union” is one thing, and “communion” another. Thousands, I fear, who know what “union” with Christ is, know little of “communion”.

The day may come when after a long fight with disease, we shall feel that medicine can do no more, and that nothing remains but to die. Friends will be standing by, unable to help us. Hearing, eyesight, even the power of praying, will be fast failing us. The world and its shadows will be melting beneath our feet. Eternity, with its realities, will be looming large before our minds.

What shall support us in that trying hour? What shall enable us to feel, “I fear no evil” (Psalm 23:4)? Nothing, nothing can do it but close communion with Christ. Christ dwelling in our hearts by faith—Christ putting His right arm under our heads—Christ felt to be sitting by our side—Christ can alone give us the complete victory in the last struggle.

Let us...

Cleave to Christ more closely,
Love Him more heartily,
Live to Him more thoroughly,
Copy Him more exactly,
Confess Him more boldly,
Follow Him more fully.

Religion like this will always bring its own reward. Worldly people may laugh at it. Weak brethren may think it extreme. But it will wear well. At even time it will bring us light. In sickness it will bring us peace. In the world to come it will give us a crown of glory that fadeth not away.

The time is short. The fashion of this world passeth away. A few more sicknesses, and all will be over. A few more funerals, and our own funeral will take place. A few more storms and tossings, and we shall be safe in harbour. We travel towards a world where there is no more sickness—where parting, and pain, and crying, and mourning, are done with for evermore.

Heaven is becoming every year more full, and earth more empty. The friends ahead are becoming more numerous than the friends astern. “Yet a little time and He that shall come will come, and will not tarry” (Heb. 10:37). In His presence shall be fulness of joy. Christ shall wipe away all tears from His people’s eyes. The last enemy that shall be destroyed is Death. But he shall be destroyed. Death himself shall one day die (Rev. 20:14).

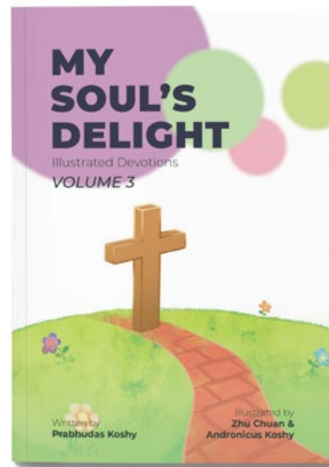
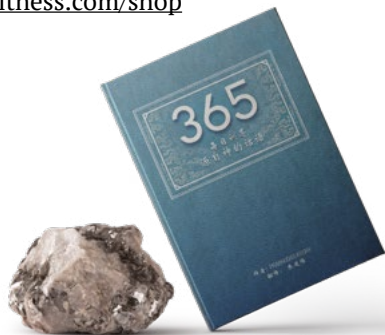
In the meantime let us live the life of faith in the Son of God. Let us lean all our weight on Christ, and rejoice in the thought that He lives for evermore. Yes: blessed be God! Christ lives, though we may die. Christ lives, though friends and families are carried to the grave. He lives who abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light by the Gospel.

He lives who said, “O death, I will be thy plagues: O grave, I will be thy destruction” (Hos. 13:14). He lives who will one day change our vile body, and make it like unto His glorious body. In sickness and in health, in life and in death, let us lean confidently on Him. Surely we ought to say daily with one of old, “Blessed be God for Jesus Christ!”

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Junior Worshipper's Page

Christ with Your Spirit

*“The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.”
(2 Timothy 4:22)*

The apostle Paul has reached people in various parts of Israel, Asia Minor region (modern Turkey) and in certain parts of Europe (Greece, Rome, etc.) to minister the Gospel to them. Some believed on Christ as their Saviour and Lord, while others rejected Christ and His Gospel. Paul had given of himself fully to the believers' spiritual nourishment by teaching and caring for them.

But now his “time of departure” (death) has come. He wrote earlier in 2 Timothy 4 that “...the time of my departure is at hand” (v. 6). That would mean that he had no more opportunity to personally attend to those believers to provide spiritual nourishment and care.

However, Paul's confidence concerning the care of the believers whom he would leave behind on this earth was in the Lord Jesus Christ, who “ever liveth to make intercession for them” (Heb. 7:25). Just as Paul was assured, he wanted the believers, especially Timothy, his “beloved son” to be assured of the presence and care of the Lord. So he wrote, assuring him that “The Lord Jesus Christ be with thy spirit. Grace be with you. Amen.” Timothy and others would never see or hear from Paul again. But Paul left them in the hands of the Lord and in His grace.

The Lord Jesus Christ is with the spirit of every true Christian. He will be with them to counsel and guide, as well as to comfort and strengthen them in every difficult and distressing situation. Even if their closest, bosom Christian friends are removed from them, the Lord will be with them.

Prabhudas Koshy



COLLECTIONS

LORD'S DAY on 20th December 2020

Tithes: 11,185.00

Offerings: 5,138.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 500.00; 150.00; 100.00; 20.00; 20.00; Esther Ratnam 50.00; Gladys Ratnam 200.00; 50.00; Dn Imane 100.00; Pr Engida 100.00; Pr Daniel 100.00; 100.00; Pr Jeremiah 100.00; Pastor Koshy 100.00; Pr Kee How 100.00; Pr Kelvin 100.00; Pr Samson 100.00; Pr Sujith 120.00; TGCM 500.00; Charity Fund 100.00; YAF 500.00; Matthew Peh 25.00; Cornelius Koshy 200.00

Non-Sunday Collections

(14th–19th Dec 2020)

Tithes: 8,070.00

Offerings: 9,365.00

Designated Gifts: Cebu Building Fund 1,500.00; 500.00; 500.00; 60.00; 27.00; Cornelius Koshy 100.00; Matthew Peh 25.00; Pr Edsel 50.00; Rev. Ephrem 500.00

Total Funds Collection

(as of 20th December 2020)

Cebu Building Fund: 281,744.50

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE (VIA ZOOM)

Date & Time: Thurs, 31st December
2020, 8.00pm–10.00pm

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

*The Zoom meeting link will be provided
via Prayer Hotline.*

KABABAYAN BIBLE STUDY

Speaker: Pr Jeremiah Sim

Chairperson: Bro. Julius del Rosario

Date & Time: Fri, 1 Jan 2021, 7.30pm
*(Zoom meeting link will be provided in
the Whatsapp Chat.)*

YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Book Study on Proverbs

Speaker: Pastor Prabhudas Koshy

Chairperson: Bro. Cornelius Koshy

Date & Time: Sat, 2 Jan 2021, 2pm

Venue: Gethsemane Media Centre

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

GETHSEMANE DEFENDERS MINISTRY SEMINAR (VIA ZOOM)

Topic: Antibodies, Viruses and
Intelligent Design

Speaker: Dr Samuel Gan

Date & Time: Sat, 9 Jan 2021,
2pm–6pm

*The Zoom meeting link will be provided
via Whatsapp Chat.*

HOLY COMMUNION

Holy Communion for the month of
January will be held on 3rd January
2021 for the English Services, and on
10th January 2021 for the Chinese
Service.

FEBC'S UPCOMING BTFE COURSES

In the new semester (4 January–30 April
2021), FEBC will be offering 12 courses.
Registration is now open. Please
check FEBC's website for updates
(www.febc.edu.sg/v15/).



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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:

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