



# REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, March 23, 2025

To all who are spiritually weary and seek rest; to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire victory; to all who sin and need a Saviour; to all who are strangers and want fellowship; to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to all who will come, this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.

## Welcome

Welcome to Redeemer Church! We are so glad you can be with us here today. We are thrilled to see God build this local church body for the furthering of His Kingdom in the neighbourhoods of North Bangalore and beyond. We know visiting a church can lead to a lot of questions and we'd love to help you find answers. Our website, [redeemberbangalore.com](http://redeemberbangalore.com), has details about our beliefs, vision and values. Check it out for more information about Redeemer Church, and chat with one of the elders if you have more questions.

## About Our Worship Service

Our liturgy (i.e., worship service) follows the logic of the gospel and the historic pattern of God's covenant people. The main movements are as follows:

- Calling* - God takes the initiative, moves toward us with grace, and invites us to worship him.
- Cleansing* - God reminds us that we are forgiven in Christ and loved as his children.
- Communion* - God nurtures us through his Word and invites us to His table to partake of his grace.
- Commission* - God blesses us and sends us out into His world as His ambassadors.

We realise that the flow and content of the service may be unfamiliar, so we've included a few notes under each element that offer some explanation. Feel free to participate actively or to just listen and observe.

*Please feel free to take this worship guide with you to use for personal worship and devotional time throughout the week.*

## Reflection

*Take a moment to pause and prepare your hearts for the service.*

“God’s goodness is a light that radiates through all his other attributes. It is the reason his omnipotence (possession of all power), omniscience (possession of all knowledge), and sovereignty (possession of all control) are a comfort instead of a terror.”

— Jen Wilkin

“The more I considered Christianity, the more I found that while it had established a rule and order, the chief aim of that order was to give room for good things to run wild.”

— G.K. Chesterton

“Finally, meditate on the goodness of God. We were the orphan, but God adopted us into his family. We were the stranger without a country, but we have been brought into the kingdom. We were the widow, but Jesus has become our Groom. We were the poor, but we now have a glorious inheritance. We are pilgrims here on earth, but Jesus has gone to prepare a place for us. Marvel regularly at this grace, and remember that the proper response to God’s grace is grace—a lifetime of gratitude, generosity, and hospitality.”

— Tony Merida

“You are my Lord, because You have no need of my goodness.”

— Augustine of Hippo

*Please silence your phone before our worship service begins. Thank you.*

## Song of Preparation

*The music team helps the congregation prepare their hearts to meet and be met by God, their Creator and Redeemer.*

### The Goodness of Jesus

Come you weary heart now to Jesus  
Come you anxious soul now and see  
There is perfect love and  
Comfort in your tears  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

*Oh the goodness, the goodness of Jesus  
Satisfied, He is all that I need  
May it be, come what may  
That I rest all my days  
In the goodness of Jesus*

Come find what this world cannot offer  
Come and find your joy here complete  
Taste the living water  
Never thirst again  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

Come and find your hope now in Jesus  
He is all He said He would be  
Grace is overflowing  
From the Saviour's heart  
Rest here in His wondrous peace

## Welcome & Announcements

# THE LORD CALLS US

## Call to Worship - from Psalm 34:8-10

*God invites and calls us to worship Him; we respond to His invitation.*

**Minister:** Taste and see that the LORD is good, blessed is the one who takes refuge in him. Fear the LORD, you his holy people, for those who fear him lack nothing.

**People:** The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing. Come, let us worship the Lord together!

## Songs of Adoration

*We sing praises to God and proclaim through song the good news of who God is and what He has done in Jesus' life, death, and resurrection.*

### Only a Holy God

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven  
Who else could make every king bow down  
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles  
Only a Holy God

What other glory consumes like fire  
What other power can raise the dead  
What other name remains undefeated  
Only a Holy God

What other beauty demands such praises  
What other splendour outshines the sun  
What other majesty rules with justice  
Only a Holy God

Who else could rescue me from my failing  
Who else would offer His only Son  
Who else invites me to call Him Father  
Only a Holy God  
Only my Holy God

*Come and behold Him*

*The One and the Only*

*Cry out, sing "holy"*

*Forever a Holy God*

*Come and worship the Holy God*

## Prayer of Adoration

*This is a prayer of praise and adoration for who God is. It focuses on the glory and honor of our great and mighty God, but also asks God to help us worship Him.*

### Good and Gracious King

I approach the throne of glory  
Nothing in my hands, I bring  
But the promise of acceptance  
From a good and gracious King

I will give to You my burden  
As You give to me Your strength  
Come and fill me with Your Spirit  
As I sing to You this praise

*You deserve the greater glory  
Overcome, I lift my voice  
To the King in need of nothing  
Empty-handed I rejoice  
You deserve the greater glory  
Overcome with joy, I sing  
By Your love I am accepted  
You're a good and gracious King*

O what grace that You would see me  
As Your child and as Your friend  
Safe, secure in You forever  
I pour out my praise again

Holy, holy, Lord Almighty  
Good and gracious  
Good and gracious  
Holy, holy, Lord Almighty  
Good and gracious King

# THE LORD CLEANSSES US

## Public Confession of Sin

*Please be seated. We humbly confess our sin, expressing our unity even in our brokenness and collective need for God's grace.*

**Together:** O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. Purge us from selfishness, the fear of man, and the love of praise. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen.

## Private Confession of Sin

*We take several moments of silence to meet with God individually, confess our sin, and seek His forgiveness and grace.*

## Assurance of Forgiveness - from Micah 7: 18-19

*The words of assurance are declarations of God's forgiveness and redemption, spoken with joy.*

**Minister:** Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

**Together:** Thanks be to God. Amen.

## Affirmation of Faith - Heidelberg Catechism. Question 26

*We join the church in history by confessing this basic statement of what Christians believe.*

**Minister:** What do you believe when you say, "I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth"?

**Together:** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Who out of nothing created heaven and earth and everything in them, Who still upholds and rules them by His eternal counsel and providence, is my God and Father because of Christ His Son. I trust Him so much that I do not doubt He will provide whatever I need for body and soul, and He will turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this sad world. He is able to do this because He is almighty God; He desires to do this because He is a faithful Father.

## Song of Assurance & Offering

*Please stand. As a worshipful response to the grace given to us in Jesus Christ and in obedience to the commands in Scripture, we take an offering during the worship service. This is primarily for members and regular attendees. If you are a guest today, please feel no obligation to give.*

### Bless The Lord, O My Soul (Psalm 103)

My God is slow to anger  
When I go astray  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
For all of my betrayals,  
He will not repay  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

Our days will fade like flowers  
And are quickly spent  
And like the wind  
Our years will come and go  
Everlasting favour is His covenant  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

Through mercy and compassion  
His great love is proved  
He covers my transgressions  
Like the snow  
As far as east from west  
Are all my sins removed  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

Merciful and gracious  
Is my God to me  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
I will tell His goodness through eternity

He saved me from the pit  
When I had lost all hope  
Bless the Lord, O my soul  
From endless springs of kindness  
All His blessings flow  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

Bless the Lord, O my soul  
And bless the Lord, you angels,  
All you heav'nly hosts  
And every living creature here below  
Oh praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And Holy Ghost  
Bless the Lord, O my soul

## Pastoral Prayer

*Please be seated. The pastoral prayer is a prayer offered by an elder during the service of worship for, and on behalf of, the congregation.*

# THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

## The Reading of God's Word

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

### Galatians 5:22-23

<sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

### Psalm 15

<sup>1</sup> O Lord, who shall sojourn in your tent?

Who shall dwell on your holy hill?

<sup>2</sup> He who walks blamelessly and does what is right  
and speaks truth in his heart;

<sup>3</sup> who does not slander with his tongue  
and does no evil to his neighbor,  
nor takes up a reproach against his friend;

<sup>4</sup> in whose eyes a vile person is despised,  
but who honors those who fear the Lord;  
who swears to his own hurt and does not change;

<sup>5</sup> who does not put out his money at interest  
and does not take a bribe against the innocent.  
He who does these things shall never be moved.

## Sermon - True Goodness: A Life That Speaks

*A sermon is not just teaching for living; it is mainly a time when God encounters His people through His Word.*

1. The Impossible
2. The Irreducible
3. The Immovable

# The Celebration of the Lord's Supper

God invites His people to forsake their sins and feast with Him at His table.

## Song of Communion

### The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day  
Christ on the road to Calvary  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten then  
Nailed to a cross of wood

*This, the power of the cross  
Christ became sin for us  
Took the blame, bore the wrath  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

Oh to see the pain written on Your face  
Bearing the awesome weight of sin  
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed  
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Now the daylight flees  
Now the ground beneath  
Quakes as its Maker bows His head  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life  
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry

Oh to see my name written in the wounds  
For through Your suff'ring I am free  
Death is crushed to death  
Life is mine to live  
Won through Your selfless love

*This, the power of the cross  
Son of God, slain for us  
What a love! What a cost!  
We stand forgiven at the cross*

# THE LORD COMMISSIONS US

## Song of Departure

*Please stand. The Song of Departure is our joyful response to God's Word, sending us out to live as faithful witnesses of Christ in the world.*

### Psalm 15 (Who May Abide)

Who may abide in  
Your dwelling, O Lord  
He who walks rightly and  
Follows Your Word  
Who makes his home  
On Your high, holy hill  
He who speaks truth  
In his heart by Your will

He keeps his word without  
Thought to his pain  
Lends to the needy  
Expecting no gain  
Stands by the innocent man  
Without fail  
He who does these things  
Shall ever prevail

He shall not slander  
A neighbor or friend  
Neither does evil  
Nor seeks to offend  
All who are wicked  
By him are despised  
God's faithful servants  
Find praise in his eyes

## Benediction - from 2 Peter 3:18

*A benediction is a pronouncement of God's blessing. We don't bow our heads; instead, we lift them up and even hold out our palms to receive God's blessing as we are sent out to participate in His mission to North Bangalore and beyond.*

**Minister:** May you grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen.

**Together:** Thanks be to God! Amen.





## Announcements

### Connect Card

We'd love to connect with you and learn how we can best serve you. If you're visiting for the first time or haven't yet plugged in, please take a connect card from the Welcome Table. You can drop it in the offering bag later in the service or hand it to one of our Welcome Team volunteers.

### Sermon Series | Fruit of the Spirit

Starting February 9th, we are in a 10-part sermon series titled "*Fruit of the Spirit: Growing in Christlikeness.*" This series will focus on the person and transformative work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of God's people. Through faith in Christ, we receive the gift of the Spirit, whose purpose is to shape us into the likeness of Jesus. While this transformation is gradual, it is inevitable. Over time, it will yield the fruit of Christ-like character. We'll explore how the Spirit empowers us to experience and embody qualities like love, joy, and peace in every season of life. Join us, and be sure to bring a friend along!

### Redeemer Parent Meeting | March 30th

Our prayer for our children at Redeemer is that they will behold Christ, become like him, and bear witness to his glory. Please join us Sunday, March 30th, immediately after our worship service for a thirty-minute meeting that will outline some of our hopes for how we can partner with you toward that end. Parents of children of any age as well as expectant parents are encouraged to join!



Online Giving: please include "For Redeemer" in remarks

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# How do I connect at Redeemer?

*Give Us Seven* | To get to know us better, we ask that you “give us seven.” Join us for seven Sundays over the course of a couple of months. In doing so, you’ll come to learn who we are and what we believe, and experience the mission to which God has called us.

*Join a Community Group* | To grow in the Christian faith we must experience the gospel in the context of life with others. To that end, we encourage everyone to join a Community Group where we come together to eat, study, pray, and encourage each other throughout the week. To get plugged in, please contact Rakshith Prabhakar at 95352 89184.

*Serve* | God builds his kingdom through his people. Your gifts, talents, and resources are needed at Redeemer, not only to support what God is doing in our midst, but also to ensure that the good news of the gospel is taking shape throughout our community and neighbourhood.

## Prayers During Communion

### A prayer for those searching for truth:

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me the ability to follow you no matter what it might cost me. Give me an understanding for you that is coherent, convincing, and leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### A prayer of belief:

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead and are now representing me at the Father's right hand in heaven, I turn from my sins and receive you as my savior. Amen.*

### A prayer for those struggling against sin:

*Lord Jesus, give me the ability to see in you the fulfillment of all my needs and desires, and help me to turn from every false source of satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely to me, and run with perseverance the race that you have set before me, looking only to you, the author and perfecter of my faith. Amen.*

### A prayer for covenant children who have not yet made a profession of faith:

*Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.*