



# REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

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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.*

“One day, John knew, Heaven would come down and mend God’s broken world and make it our true, perfect home once again. And he knew, in some mysterious way that would be hard to explain, that everything was going to be more wonderful for once having been so sad. And he knew then that the ending of The Story was going to be so great, it would make all the sadness and tears, and everything seem like just a shadow that is chased away by the morning sun.”

— Sally Lloyd Jones

“To gather joyfully is indeed a serious affair, for feasting and all enjoyments gratefully taken are, at their heart, acts of war. In celebrating this feast, we declare that evil and death, suffering and loss, sorrow, and tears, will not have a final word.”

— Douglas McKelvey

“If Jesus rose from the dead, then you have to accept all that he said; if he didn't rise from the dead, then why worry about any of what he said? The issue on which everything hangs is not whether or not you like his teaching but whether or not he rose from the dead.”

— Timothy Keller

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

# Welcome & Announcements

## Song of Preparation

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

### Come People of the Risen King

Come, people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring Him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to Him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

*Rejoice, rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice!  
One heart, one voice  
O Church of Christ, rejoice!*

Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come, those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For His perfect love will never change  
And His mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

Come, young and old from every land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come, those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of His grace  
Over all the world, His people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The Truth that cries through every age:  
“Our God is all in all!”

# THE LORD CALLS US

## Call to Worship - from Psalm Isaiah 25:8-9

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

**Minister:** He will swallow up death forever; and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces, and the reproach of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

**People:** It will be said on that day, "Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us. This is the Lord; we have waited for him; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

## 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.*

### Is He Worthy?

Do you feel the world is broken? (We do)  
Do you feel the shadows deepen? (We do)  
But do you know that all the dark  
Won't stop the light  
From getting through?(We do)  
Do you wish that you could see  
It all made new? (We do)

Is all creation groaning? (It is)  
Is a new creation coming? (It is)  
Is the glory of the Lord to be the light  
Within our midst? (It is)  
Is it good that we remind  
Ourselves of this? (It is)

Is anyone worthy? Is anyone whole?  
Is anyone able to break the seal  
And open the scroll?  
The Lion of Judah  
Who conquered the grave  
He is David's root and the Lamb  
Who died to ransom the slave

*Is He worthy? Is He worthy?  
Of all blessing and honour and glory  
Is He worthy of this? He is*

Does the Father truly love us? (He does)  
Does the Spirit move among us? (He does)  
And does Jesus, our Messiah  
Hold forever those He loves? (He does)  
Does our God intend to dwell  
Again with us? (He does)

From every people and tribe  
Every nation and tongue  
He has made us a kingdom  
And priests to God  
To reign with the Son

He is worthy, He is worthy  
Of all blessing and honour and glory  
He is worthy of this, He is

## 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.*

### Holy Forever

A thousand generations  
Falling down in worship  
To sing the song of ages to the Lamb  
All who've gone before us  
And all who will believe  
Will sing the song of ages to the Lamb

Your name is the highest  
Your name is the greatest  
Your name stands above them all  
All thrones and dominions  
All powers and positions  
Your name stands above them all

*And the angels cry, Holy  
All creation cries, Holy  
You are lifted high, Holy  
Holy forever*

If you've been forgiven  
And if you've been redeemed  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
If you walk in freedom  
And if you bear His name  
Sing the song forever to the Lamb  
We'll sing the song forever and amen

Hear your people sing, Holy  
To the King of Kings, Holy  
You will always be, Holy  
Holy forever

# 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:** Gracious Father, you sent your son to die and rise to new life in order that death might be brought to an end and that we might live a new life in Him. Yet we confess that we too often have chosen to remain captive to doubt and fear and ways that lead to death. By our thoughts, words, and actions, we have scorned your love, diminished the lives of others, and defaced your image in us. Father, forgive us for Jesus' sake, and enable us by His resurrection power to live no longer for ourselves but for Him who died and rose again for us. 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 John 5

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

**Minister:** Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears the gospel and believes in Jesus Christ has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life.

**Together:** Thanks be to God!

## Affirmation of Faith - from the Heidelberg Catechism, Question 45

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

**Minister:** What doth the resurrection of Christ profit us?

**People:** First, by his resurrection he has overcome death, that he might make us partakers of that righteousness which he had purchased for us by his death; secondly, we are also by his power raised up to a new life; and lastly, the resurrection of Christ is a sure pledge of our blessed resurrection.

## 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.*

### In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found  
He is my light, my strength, my song  
This cornerstone, this solid ground  
Firm through the fiercest drought  
And storm  
What heights of love  
What depths of peace  
When fears are stilled  
When strivings cease  
My comforter, my all-in-all  
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone, who took on flesh  
Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones He came to save  
'Til on that cross as Jesus died  
The wrath of God was satisfied  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid  
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
Up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His, and He is mine  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life, no fear in death  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath  
Jesus commands my destiny  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home  
Here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand

## 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. At times, a Prayer for the City will be offered by members, seeking God's mercy and blessing for our city.*

# THE LORD COMMUNES WITH US

## The Reading of God's Word

*God speaks to us by His Word.*

### John 20:1-18

<sup>1</sup> Now on the first day of the week Mary Magdalene came to the tomb early, while it was still dark, and saw that the stone had been taken away from the tomb. <sup>2</sup> So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him." <sup>3</sup> So Peter went out with the other disciple, and they were going toward the tomb. <sup>4</sup> Both of them were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. <sup>5</sup> And stooping to look in, he saw the linen cloths lying there, but he did not go in. <sup>6</sup> Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen cloths lying there, <sup>7</sup> and the face cloth, which had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen cloths but folded up in a place by itself. <sup>8</sup> Then the other disciple, who had reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; <sup>9</sup> for as yet they did not understand the Scripture, that he must rise from the dead. <sup>10</sup> Then the disciples went back to their homes.

<sup>11</sup> But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb, and as she wept she stooped to look into the tomb. <sup>12</sup> And she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had lain, one at the head and one at the feet. <sup>13</sup> They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." <sup>14</sup> Having said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing, but she did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>15</sup> Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you seeking?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away." <sup>16</sup> Jesus said to her, "Mary." She turned and said to him in Aramaic, "Rabboni!" (which means Teacher). <sup>17</sup> Jesus said to her, "Do not cling to me, for I have not yet ascended to the Father; but go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" <sup>18</sup> Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord" — and that he had said these things to her.

## Sermon - The Triumph of Joy

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

1. The Manner of the Resurrection
2. The Mission of the Resurrection

# 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

### Living Hope

How great the chasm that lay between us  
How high the mountain I could not climb  
In desperation, I turned to heaven  
And spoke Your name into the night  
Then through the darkness  
Your loving-kindness  
Tore through the shadows of my soul  
The work is finished, the end is written  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

Who could imagine so great a mercy?  
What heart could fathom  
Such boundless grace?  
The God of ages stepped down from glory  
To wear my sin and bear my shame  
The cross has spoken, I am forgiven  
The King of kings calls me His own  
Beautiful Saviour, I'm Yours forever  
Jesus Christ, my living hope

*Hallelujah, praise the One who set me free!  
Hallelujah, death has lost its grip on me!  
You have broken every chain  
There's salvation in Your name  
Jesus Christ, my living hope*

Then came the morning  
That sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
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That sealed the promise  
Your buried body began to breathe  
Out of the silence, the Roaring Lion  
Declared the grave has no claim on me  
Jesus, Yours is the victory!

Jesus Christ, my living hope  
Oh God, You are my living hope

# 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.*

### We Will Feast in the House of Zion

*We will feast in the house of Zion  
We will sing with our hearts restored  
"He has done great things"  
We will say together  
We will feast and weep no more*

We will not be burned by the fire  
He is the LORD our God  
We are not consumed by the flood  
Upheld, protected, gathered up

In the dark of night, before the dawn  
My soul, be not afraid  
For the promised morning, oh how long?  
O God of Jacob, be my strength!

Ev'ry vow we've broken and betrayed  
You are the Faithful One  
And from the garden to the grave  
Bind us together, bring shalom

## Benediction - from Romans 15:13

*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 the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

**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 | Summer in the Psalms

### *Navigating The Complexities of Life Through the Songs of God's People*

Starting April 27, join us for a five-part sermon series through the Psalms, where we'll explore how God's Word guides us through the full range of human experience, offering wisdom for seasons of joy, sorrow, hope, and lament. Drawing on the three primary categories of Psalms – Psalms of Praise, Lament, and Thanksgiving – we will discover how these songs give voice to the complexities of life, orient us to the truth of God's character and shape our response to Him. Come join us, and feel free to bring a friend along!

## Worship Time Transition: Preparing for a New Rhythm

Over the past several months, our afternoon services have been a meaningful start to our life together as a church plant. We are grateful for the Lord's provision during this formative season.

As we look ahead, we believe transitioning to Sunday morning worship at 10:00 AM will better serve the life and mission of our congregation, as well as those we hope to welcome into our community.

We'll take the next five weeks to intentionally prepare for a full transition to morning worship beginning June 1. We are thankful for your flexibility and partnership in this next step, and we invite you to join us in praying for a smooth and joyful transition as we continue to grow together in worship and mission.



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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.*