



REDEEMER CHURCH

———— BANGALORE ————

Sunday, May 11, 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, 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.

“To cry is human, but to lament is Christian.”

— Mark Vroegop

“[I prayed to God,] But why don’t you raise [my son] now? Why did you ever let him die? If creation took just six days, why does re-creation take so agonizingly long? If your conquest of primeval chaos went so quickly, why must your conquest of sin and death and suffering be so achingly slow?”

—Nicholas Wolterstorff

“Lament cuts through insincerity, strips pretence, and reveals the raw nerve of trust that angrily approaches the throne of grace and then kneels in awed, robust wonder.”

— Dan Allender

“When we express our longing for lasting shalom but also confess its current transitory nature, a compelling story develops, one that makes sense of love and yearning without doing violence to the complexity of the current human condition. Rejecting both utopianism on the one hand and despair on the other leads us to what might be called defiant hope.”

— Kelly M. Kapic

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 as You Are

Come out of sadness
From wherever you've been
Come broken hearted, let rescue begin
Come find your mercy
O sinner, come kneel
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

*So lay down your burdens
Lay down your shame
All who are broken
Lift up your face
O wanderer, come home
You're not too far
So lay down your hurt
Lay down your heart
Come as you are*

There's hope for the hopeless
And all those who've strayed
Come sit at the table, come taste the grace
There's rest for the weary
Rest that endures
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't cure

Come as you are, come as you are
Fall in His arms, come as you are

There's joy for the morning
O sinner, be still
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal
Earth has no sorrow
That heaven can't heal

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 95:1-7

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

Minister: Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation. Let us come before him with thanksgiving and extol him with music and song.

People: For the Lord is the great God, the great King above all gods.

Minister: Come, let us bow down in worship, let us kneel before the Lord our Maker.

People: For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, the flock under his care. 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.

Rejoice

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Sing it again we rejoice
Delight in the love He has shown us
Gratefully lift up your voice
His gentleness among us
Will join our hearts with praise
We gather in His goodness
A family of grace

*With each breath He's given
Praise the Lord
In these times we live in
We will praise the Lord
Throughout every season I am sure
We have every reason to praise the Lord*

Rejoice and be anxious for nothing
Praying for all that you need
Come with a song of thanksgiving
Lay your requests at His feet
His peace will fall upon us
To guard our hearts and minds
In Christ who reigns eternal
The Shepherd of our lives

Rejoice in the Lord now and always
Tell of the good He has done
Worship the Lord to remember
All of the joy yet to come
The hope that burns within us
The dark cannot destroy
With praise that's never ending
We say again rejoice

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 God, You have promised to send Your Holy Spirit to be with us, and to guide us. Yet we confess the many times that our eyes can't see You, that our hearts can't fathom Your work in our pain. Forgive us for assuming we are on our own to navigate this life. Teach us to pray expectantly for the Holy Spirit to reveal Your goodness. Give us the strength to wait, the courage to lament and faith to trust in You, for we place our lives in Your keeping, through Christ our Lord we pray, 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 1 Peter 2: 24-25

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

Minister: He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Together: Thanks be to God.

Affirmation of Faith - from The Heidelberg Catechism, Question 1

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

Minister: What is your only comfort in life and in death?

Together: That I am not my own, but belong — body and soul, in life and in death — to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

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
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

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

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

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

Psalm 13

- ¹ How long, O Lord? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
- ² How long must I take counsel in my soul
and have sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
- ³ Consider and answer me, O Lord my God;
light up my eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death,
- ⁴ lest my enemy say, "I have prevailed over him,"
lest my foes rejoice because I am shaken.
- ⁵ But I have trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
- ⁶ I will sing to the Lord,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Sermon - Song for the Sorrowing

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

1. Come to God
2. Air Your Grievances to God
3. Request God
4. Entrust Yourself to God

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

Jesus, Strong and Kind

Jesus said
That if I thirst
I should come to him
No one else can satisfy
I should come to him

Jesus said
If I am weak
I should come to him
No one else can be my strength
I should come to him

*For the Lord is good and faithful
He will keep us day and night
We can always run to Jesus
Jesus, strong and kind*

Jesus said
That if I fear
I should come to him
No one else can be my shield
I should come to him

Jesus said if I am lost
He will come to me
And he showed me on that cross
He will come to me

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 34 (Taste and See)

I sought the Lord
And He answered me
And delivered me
From every fear
Those who look on Him
Are radiant
They'll never be ashamed
They'll never be ashamed

This poor man cried
And the Lord heard me
And saved me from
My enemies
The Son of God
Surrounds His saints
He will deliver them
He will deliver them

*Magnify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name together
Glorify the Lord with me
Come exalt His name forever*

Oh, taste and see
That the Lord is good
Oh, bless us here
Who hides in Him
Oh, fear the Lord
Oh, all you saints
He'll give you everything
He'll give you everything

Let us bless the Lord
Every day and night
Neverending praise
May our incense rise

Benediction - from 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

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: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

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.

Q&R Session | Today!

Following the worship service, we invite you to stay for a 40-minute Q&R (Question & Response) Session. This will be a time to reflect together, ask questions, and engage more deeply with the themes of the Psalms we've explored so far. All are welcome to join us.

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.



Online Giving: please include "For Redeemer" in remarks

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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!

Rest Month | May

During the month of May, we will take a collective pause from our regular Community Group and Discipleship Group gatherings as part of our Rest Month. We encourage all members to read the pastoral letter shared on the Redeemer WhatsApp community and consider how you might use this season for rest, renewal and reorientation. May this be a month of deeper rest in Christ, both for yourself and for those around you.

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.