



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 to Redeemer

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.

Welcome & Announcements

Reflection

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

“John’s opening line must be one of the most famous initial sentences in all literature, ranking with Shakespeare’s ‘If music be the food of love, play on’, or even Melville’s dark and haunting ‘Call me Ishmael.’ And it is obvious, even at first glance, why John’s simple opening is so profound: It echoes the first line of Genesis. John is... telling a story about something that has happened in which heaven and earth have come together in a whole new way.”

— N. T. Wright

“In the first creation, ‘darkness was upon the face of the deep’ (Genesis 1:2) until God called light into being, so the new creation involves the banishing of spiritual darkness by the light which shines in the Word.”

— F. F. Bruce

“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate; only love can do that.”

— Martin Luther King, Jr.

“Man’s maker was made man”

— St. Augustine

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.

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)

*Bless the Lord O my soul, O my soul
Worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul
I'll worship Your holy name*

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will sing
Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore

THE LORD CALLS US

Call to Worship - from Psalm 113

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

Leader: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord, Praise the name of the Lord!

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and forevermore!

Leader: From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the Lord is to be praised!

People: 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.

Great Are You Lord

You give life; You are love
You bring light to the darkness
You give hope; You restore
Every heart that is broken
Great are You, Lord!

And all the earth will shout Your praise
Our hearts will cry, these bones will sing
"Great are You, Lord"

*It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise
We pour out our praise
It's Your breath in our lungs
So we pour out our praise to You only*

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.

What a Beautiful Name

You were the Word at the beginning
One with God, the Lord Most High
Your hidden glory in creation
Now revealed in You our Christ

*What a beautiful Name it is
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a beautiful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a beautiful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

You died upon the cross to save us
To reconcile us back to God
My sin was great your love was greater
What could separate me now?

*What a wonderful Name it is
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a wonderful Name it is
Nothing compares to this
What a wonderful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

Death could not hold You
The veil tore before You
You silenced the boast of sin and grave
The heavens are roaring
The praise of Your glory
For You are raised to life again

You have no rival; You have no equal
Now and forever, God You reign
Yours is the Kingdom; Yours is the glory
Yours is the Name above all names

*What a powerful Name it is
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus Christ, my King
What a powerful Name it is
Nothing can stand against
What a powerful Name it is
The Name of Jesus*

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 gracious, gentle and condescending God. We confess before you the evil of our hearts: we acknowledge that we are too inclined toward anger, jealousy, and revenge, to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord and bitter feelings between others and us. Too often have we thus, both offended and grieved you, O long-suffering Father. Forgive us this sin and permit us to partake of the blessing you have promised the peacemakers, who shall be called the children of God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 John 3: 1-2

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

Leader: Repenting believer, hear these good words of assurance: Behold what manner of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God. And that is what we are! Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. Rejoice! In Christ we are embraced, forgiven and free!

Together: Thanks be to God. Amen.

Affirmation of Faith - from the Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 6

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

Leader: How many persons are there in the Godhead?

Together: There are three persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory. Thanks be to God!

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.

All Sufficient Merit

All sufficient merit shining like the sun
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done
My righteousness I forfeit
At my Savior's cross
Where all sufficient merit
Did what I could not

In love He condescended
Eternal now in time
A life without a blemish
The Maker made to die
The law could never save us
Our lawlessness had won
Until the pure and spotless
Lamb had finally come

*It is done, it is finished
No more debt I owe
Paid in full, all sufficient merit
Now my own*

I lay down my garments , any empty boasts
Good works now all corrupted
By the sinful host
I'm dressed in my Lord Jesus
A crimson robe made white
No more fear of judgement
His righteousness is mine

All sufficient merit firm in life and death
The joy of my salvation
Shall be my final breath
When I stand accepted
Before the throne of God
I'll gaze upon my Jesus
And thank Him for the cross

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 1:1-13

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ² He was in the beginning with God. ³ All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. ⁴ In him was life, and the life was the light of men. ⁵ The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

⁶ There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷ He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him.

⁸ He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

⁹ The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰ He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. ¹¹ He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. ¹²

But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, ¹³ who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

Proverbs 8:22-31

²² "The Lord possessed me at the beginning of his work,
the first of his acts of old.

²³ Ages ago I was set up,
at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth,
when there were no springs abounding with water.

²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped,
before the hills, I was brought forth,

²⁶ before he had made the earth with its fields,
or the first of the dust of the world.

²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there;
when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

²⁸ when he made firm the skies above,
when he established the fountains of the deep,

²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit,
so that the waters might not transgress his command,

when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master workman,
and I was daily his delight,

rejoicing before him always,
³¹ rejoicing in his inhabited world

and delighting in the children of man.

Sermon - The Unbegun Beginner of All New Beginnings

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

1. Who is He?
2. Why Did He Come?
3. What is Your Response?

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

All Glory be to Christ

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn

His will be done, His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet

*All glory be to Christ
All glory be to Christ our King
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign will ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall ere his people be

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.

On That Day

I believe in Christ
Risen from the dead
He now reigns victorious
His kingdom knows no end
Through His resurrection
Death has lost its hold
I know on that final day
I'll rise as Jesus rose

What a blessed hope
Though now tired and worn
We will spend eternity
Around our Saviour's throne
Though we grieve our losses
We grieve not in vain
For we know our crown of glory
Waits beyond the grave

*On that day we will see you
Shining brighter than the sun
On that day we will know you
As we lift our voice as one
Till that day we will praise you
For your never ending grace
And we will keep on singing
On that glorious day*

Hallelujah what a day it will be
For at home with you my joy is complete
As I run into your arms open wide I will see
My Father who is waiting for me

Benediction - from 2 John 1:3

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.

Leader: May grace, mercy, and peace be with you, from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father's Son, in truth and love.

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: New Beginnings in Christ | A Series on the Gospel of John

Join us each Sunday as we journey through John's powerful narratives displaying how Jesus's power over illness, sin and circumstance invites us into a renewed hope and life transforming starts. Think of a friend to join us in on the journey.

Church Retreat | Feb 27- Mar 1 | Chikkamagaluru

We are excited to invite you to our first Church Retreat, a time set aside for spiritual renewal and fellowship with God and one another. The invitation is for church members and regular attendees. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for more details.



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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.