

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH  
BANGALORE**

**GOOD  
FRIDAY**



**ORDER OF SERVICE  
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**CROSS: ACCOMPLISHMENT OF SALVATION**  
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**MUSICAL PRELUDE**

**INTRODUCTION**

We gather here on this Good Friday at the foot of the Cross which calls us on, more deeply into the costly journey towards life. God is not separated from that, we grieve in remembrance, but not without hope. Let us then in hopeful gratitude journey with him to that old, rugged cross. We listen with expectation to the seven words of assurance and promise, from Jesus our Saviour, which dispel fear, sadness and that which gives us hope and gladness, because beyond the pain, agony, and the suffering we see joy, happiness, and peace in the resurrection of Jesus.

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Presbyter: Let us worship God the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Presbyter: The Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also with you.**

Presbyter: We gather here to worship God.

**Cong: We gather to remember how Jesus suffered and died for us and to thank God for his love and mercy**

Presbyter: Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

**Cong: He grew up before God like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground.**

Presbyter: He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him, nothing in his appearance that we should desire him. He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows, and familiar with suffering.

**Cong: Like one from whom men hide their faces, He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.**

### **HYMN 1**

O sacred head surrounded  
by crown of piercing thorn,  
O royal head so wounded,  
reviled and put to scorn:  
death's shadows rise before you,  
the glow of life decays,  
yet angel hosts adore you  
and tremble as they gaze!

Your youthfulness and vigour  
are spent, your strength is gone,  
and in your tortured figure  
I see death drawing on:  
what agony of dying,  
what love, to sinners free!  
My Lord, all grace supplying,  
O turn your face on me!

Your sinless soul's oppression  
was all for sinners' gain;

mine, mine was the transgression,  
but yours the deadly pain:  
I bow my head, my Saviour,  
For I deserve your place;  
O grant to me your favour,  
And heal me by your grace.

What language shall I borrow  
to thank you, dearest Friend,  
for this your dying sorrow,  
your mercy without end?  
Lord, make me yours for ever:  
your servant let me be;  
and may I never, never  
Betray your love for me.

### **LITANY OF REMEMBRANCE** *(all seated)*

Presbyter: O Crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God.

**Cong: We worship you**

Presbyter: O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High, gate of heaven, burning flame of love.

**Cong: We worship you**

Presbyter: O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love, full of kindness, source of all faithfulness.

**Cong: We worship you**

Presbyter: O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart. In you are all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge, in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead.

**Cong: We worship you**

Presbyter: Jesus, Lamb of God

**Cong: Have mercy on us**

Presbyter: Jesus, bearer of our sins

**Cong: Have mercy on us**

Presbyter: Jesus, redeemer of the world

**Cong: Grant us peace**

## **CONFESSION**

Presbyter: Like lost sheep we have gone astray, and we have turned to our own ways. Forgive us Lord.

**Cong: Lord, we have bound you captive, because it is easier, easier than facing reality of what you ask of us. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

Presbyter: Like lost sheep we have gone astray, and we have turned to our own ways. Forgive us Lord.

**Cong: Lord, we have silenced you and made you guilty, so that our voice will be heard and we will be recognised. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

Presbyter: Like lost sheep we have gone astray, and we have turned to our own ways. Forgive us Lord.

**Cong: Lord, we have dragged you out whenever it seemed beneficial to quote Your name to justify our attempts to gain what we want at the expense of others. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

Presbyter: Like lost sheep we have gone astray, and we have turned to our own ways. Forgive us Lord.

**Cong: Lord we search for meaning in life and before we find it, it is gone. We search for meaning in death but it's horrible reality drives us back and we are afraid to look. Lord in your mercy forgive us.**

**All: O God that today will be the time when we do hear you and that our hearts will not be hard or cold. We pray rather, that our hearts will be warmed, and our life energised by your spirit so that we can worship you with our whole being. Accept we pray that you will give us thankful hearts and obedient minds for we offer it in Jesus' name. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

**COLLECT: God our very being and our salvation, we thank and praise You for Your everlasting love towards the creation. We thank You for sending Your Son Jesus Christ into this world as a sacrificial lamb for the redemption of the humankind. Enlighten us to understand and continue the plan of salvation for Your glory, through Jesus Christ who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. Amen.**

**LESSON** : Isaiah 52: 13-15 and 53: 1-12

**INTRODUCTION** : Rev. Navin Kumar John

## **FIRST MEDITATION**

“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”

## **HYMN 2**

“Forgive them, O my father,  
They know not what they do:”  
The Saviour spake in anguish,  
As the sharp nails went through.

No pained reproaches gave He  
To them that shed His Blood,  
But prayer and tenderest pity  
Large as the love of God.

For me was that compassion,  
For me that tender care;  
I need His wide forgiveness  
As much as any there.

It was my pride and hardness  
That hung Him on the tree;  
Those cruel nails, O Saviour,  
Were driven in by me.

And often I have slighted  
Thy gentle voice that chid;  
Forgive me too, Lord Jesus;  
I knew not what I did.

O depth of sweet compassion!  
O Love Divine and true!  
Save Thou the souls that slight Thee,  
And know not what they do.

**Lesson** : Luke 23: 33-34  
**Speaker** : Rev. J A D Selwyn

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

**All: God of love and mercy, renew my faith in the forgiveness of sins so that I will accept your gift of compassion, turn away from thoughts of hatred and revenge, share the grace of mercy with others. We ask this in the spirit of peace and through your gentle Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

### **SECOND MEDITATION**

“... This day you shall be with me in paradise.”

### **HYMN 3**

“Lord, when Thy kingdom comes, remember me;”  
Thus spake the dying lips to dying ears;  
O faith, which in that darkest hour could see  
The promised glory of the far-off years!

No kingly sign declares that glory now,  
No ray of hope lights up that awful hour;  
A thorny crown surrounds the bleeding brow,  
The hands are stretched in weakness, not in power.



Yet hear the Word the dying Saviour saith,  
'Thou too shalt rest in Paradise today;'  
O words of love to answer words of faith!  
O words of hope for those who live to pray!

Lord, when with dying lips my prayer is said,  
Grant that in faith Thy kingdom I may see;  
And, thinking on Thy cross and bleeding head,  
May breathe my parting words, "Remember me."

Remember me, but not my shame or sin;  
Thy cleansing blood hath washed them all away;  
Thy precious death for me did pardon win;  
Thy blood redeemed me in that awful day.

Remember me; yet how canst Thou forget  
What pain and anguish I have caused to thee,  
The cross, the agony, the bloody sweat,  
And all the sorrow thou didst bear for me?

Remember me; and ere I pass away.  
Speak thou the assuring word that sets us free,  
And make thy promise to my heart, "Today  
Thou too shalt rest in paradise with me."

**Lesson** : Luke 23:39-43  
**Speaker** : Rev. Navin K John

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

**All: Gracious God of hope and promise, fill us with a spirit of generosity and enthusiasm so that step by step we will build a stairway to paradise by our work for justice, love and peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

### **THIRD MEDITATION**

“Woman, behold your Son... Behold your mother.”

### **HYMN**

At the cross her station keeping  
Stood the mournful mother weeping,  
Where he hung, the dying Lord;  
For her soul of joy bereaved,  
Bow'd with anguish, deeply grieved,  
Felt the sharp and piercing sword.

Oh, how sad and sore distressed  
Now was she, that mother blessed  
Of the sole-begotten one;  
Deep the woe of her affliction,  
When she saw the crucifixion  
Of her ever-glorious Son.

Who, on Christ's dear mother gazing  
Pierced by anguish so amazing,  
Born of woman, would not weep?  
Who, on Christ's dear mother thinking  
Such a cup of sorrow drinking,  
Would not share her sorrows deep?

For His people's sins chastised  
She beheld her Son despised,  
Scourged, and crowned with thorns entwined;  
Saw Him then from judgement taken,  
And in death by all forsaken,  
Till His Spirit He resigned.

Jesu, may her deep devotion  
Stir in me the same emotion,  
Fount of love, Redeemer kind,  
That my heart fresh ardour gaining,  
And a purer love attaining,  
May with Thee acceptance find.

**Lesson** : John 19: 25-27

**Speaker** : Mr. Herbert Samuel

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

**All: Lord Jesus you have been our God for generations, and while you were in pain on the cross you did not shirk your responsibility towards your mother. As you gave Mary to John, you call us to give ourselves to each other. Help us accept responsibility for one another and begin to reach out to one another. Let our love and affection towards our parents be true to its value and meaning. Amen.**

## **FOURTH MEDITATION**

“My God, My God, why have you forsaken me? ...”

## **HYMN**

Throned upon the awful tree,  
King of grief, I watch with thee;  
Darkness veils thine anguished face,  
None its lines of woe can trace,  
None can tell what pangs unknown  
Hold thee silent and alone

Silent through those three dread hours,  
Wrestling with the evil powers,  
Left alone with human sin,  
Gloom around Thee and within,  
Till the appointed time is nigh,  
Till the Lamb of God may die.

Hark that cry that peals aloud  
Upward through the whelming cloud!  
Thou, the Father's only Son,  
Thou, his own Anointed One,  
Thou dost ask Him-can it be?-  
"Why hast thou forsaken me?"

Lord should fear and anguish roll  
Darkly o'er my sinful soul,  
Thou, who once wast thus bereft  
That thine own might ne'er be left,  
Teach me by that bitter cry  
In the gloom to know Thee nigh.

**Lesson**

: Mark 15:33-36

**Speaker**

: Mr. Johny C Lalhmingmawia

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

**All: Gracious God, we unite our anxieties and our sense of abandonment with the lonely pain of Christ on the Cross. Be with those who feel deserted and alone today. We ask this in the Spirit, through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## **FIFTH MEDITATION**

"I thirst."

## **HYMN**

His are the thousand sparkling rills,  
That from a thousand fountain burst,  
And fill with music all the hills;  
And yet He saith, "I thirst."

All fiery pangs on battle-fields,  
On fever beds where sick men toss,  
Are in that human cry He yields  
To anguish on the cross.

But more than pains that racked Him then  
Was the deep longing thirst Divine,  
That thirsted for the souls of men;  
Dear Lord! and one was mine.

O Love most patient, give me grace;  
Make all my soul athirst for Thee;  
That parched dry Lip, that fading Face,  
That thirst were all for me.

**Lesson** : John 19:28-29

**Speaker** : Mr. Vanlalpeka

### **SILENT REFLECTION**

**All: God of nourishment and strength, Inspire us to work for justice and peace, Open our hearts to your grace. Satisfy our longing for fulfilment. We pray this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

### **SIXTH MEDITATION**

“It is finished”

O perfect life of love!  
All, all is finished now;  
All that He left His Throne above  
To do for us below.

No work is left undone  
Of all the Father willed;  
His toil, His sorrows, one by one,  
The Scripture have fulfilled.

No pain that we can share  
But He has felt its smart;

All forms of human grief and care  
Have pierced that tender Heart.

And on His thorn-crowned Head,  
And on His sinless Soul,  
Our sins in all their guilt were laid,  
That He might make us whole.

In perfect love He dies:  
For me He dies, for me:  
O all-atoning Sacrifice,  
I cling by faith to Thee.

In every time of need,  
Before the judgement-throne,  
Thy work, O Lamb of God, I'll plead,  
Thy merits, not my own.

Yet work, O Lord, in me  
As Thou for me hast wrought;  
And let my love the answer be  
To grace Thy love has brought.

**Lesson** : John 19:29-30

**Speaker** : Dr. Shanta Susheela

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

**All: God of hope and promise, renew the grace of your Spirit within us that we will face the challenge in our times, to be prophetic, courageous and generous. We ask this in the name of Christ, our living Lord. Amen.**

### **SEVENTH MEDITATION**

“Father, into your hands I commend my Spirit.”

### **HYMN**

And now, beloved Lord, thy Soul resigning  
Into Thy Father's arms with conscious Will,  
Calmly with reverend grace, Thy Head inclining,  
The throbbing brow and labouring breast grow still.

Freely Thy life Thou yieldest, meekly bending  
E'en to the last beneath our sorrows' load,  
Yet strong in death in perfect peace commending  
Thy Spirit to Thy Father and Thy God.

Sweet Saviour, in mine hour of mortal anguish.  
When earth grows dim, and round me falls the night,  
O breathe Thy peace, as flesh and spirit languish;  
At that dread eventide let there be light.

To Thy dear Cross turn Thou mine eyes in dying;  
Lay but my fainting head upon thy Breast;  
Those outstretch'd Arms receive my latest sighing;  
And then, oh! then, Thine everlasting Rest.



**Lesson** : Luke 23: 44-46  
**Speaker** : Rev. Stanley

## **SILENT REFLECTION**

**All: God of mercy and providence, into your hands I commend my spirit, help me to trust in your love and care for me, hold me in your peace. We ask this in the Spirit, through Christ, Our Lord. Amen.**

**CONCLUSION:** Rev. Navin Kumar John

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Presbyter: Lord God, you have given us everything.

**Cong: You have not held anything back.**

Presbyter: Help us in like manner to give of ourselves

**Cong: Sanctify us in Christ's name.**

Presbyter: Bless us and all that we think, feel, say, and do that we, like Jesus, may be a blessing unto others,

**Cong: We ask this and all things that we ask of you through him, saying the prayer that he taught us...**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine**

**is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever and ever.  
Amen.**

### **BENEDICTION**

**Depart now in peace and may the Spirit of Christ go with you, may His faith and trust abide within you, and may the knowledge of His love support and may the Blessing of God Almighty, the Father Son and Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,  
The emblem of suffering and shame;  
And I love that old cross where the dearest and best  
For a world of lost sinners was slain.

*So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,  
till my trophies at last I lay down;  
I will cling to the old rugged cross,  
and exchange it someday for a crown.*

O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,  
Has a wondrous attraction for me;  
For the dear Lamb of God left his glory above  
To bear it to dark Calvary.

In that old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,  
A wondrous beauty I see,  
For 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,  
To pardon and sanctify me.

To the old rugged cross I will ever be true;  
Its shame and reproach gladly bear;  
Then He'll call me some day to my home far away  
Where His glory forever I'll share.

Easter Sunday: 17.04.22 - 5.30 am - Sunrise service – Holy Communion (Preacher – Rt. Rev. Dr. Prasanna Kumar Samuel, Bishop: CSI-KCD).

8.30 am - Easter Service - Holy Communion

Vacation Bible School in St. John's Church begins from 2nd May 2022 and closes on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2022.

Theme : Rejoicing in Hope

Timings : 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.