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Beloved in Christ

Easter is a great celebration in our faith journey in commemoration of the Resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. Resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ is indeed a founding principal to our faith in God. God has demonstrated to us that the cross does not stand alone, it is always going hand in hand with the Resurrection. Easter is a joyous and victorious celebration of the cross and the victorious celebration of the cross and the victory over evil powers of this world. Celebration is the essence of religion. If there is nothing to celebrate, it means that there had been no event. It is the event that gives meaning to celebration. Christians all over the world celebrate Easter, to commemorate the greatest event, the reason of their being Christians, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It gives meaning and purpose to the celebration of Easter. Easter is the celebration of joyful event. Jesus rose from the dead and defeated the powers of evil and death and that is the joyful event. The church accepted Resurrection as the foundation of its faith. Every worship is an occasion to proclaim that the Risen Lord is present in their midst.

This experience of the Resurrection was different from the crucifixion. Crucifixion was a public event which could be observed by both believers and non-believer alike. But the Resurrection itself was known or experienced only by the believers. The resurrection of our Lord is the central mystery of our faith. The fact of the resurrection is that the Spirit of God raised Jesus. The purpose of incarnation was served when he died. He suffered for the curse of man and the curse of man was death- the last enemy of man. Resurrection of Jesus is the sign of God's loving interest in our world. The risen Lord appeared, and the disciples see and touched him. The body and life are resurrected. With the resurrection of the body of Jesus rose the truth. Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life". The proof of Christianity is resurrected when the way, the truth and the life is resurrected. Jesus is the symbol of love and forgiveness and eternal communion with God. We love Jesus because he was crucified for us and we hope in him because he guaranteed us victory over death.

With the Resurrection, Christ brings a new humanity, a new creation. St.Paul is very specific in Colossians 3:1 "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God". What are the things above? "As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, cloth yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against some on. Forgive as the Lord forgive you" (Colossians 3:12,13). The summary of all the virtues is again given by Paul, "Over all the virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity".

Let us celebrate the Easter because it is the celebration of hope.

Wish you a blessed Easter to you all.

Beloved in Christ,

God Bless you,
Rev. K.G. Thomson

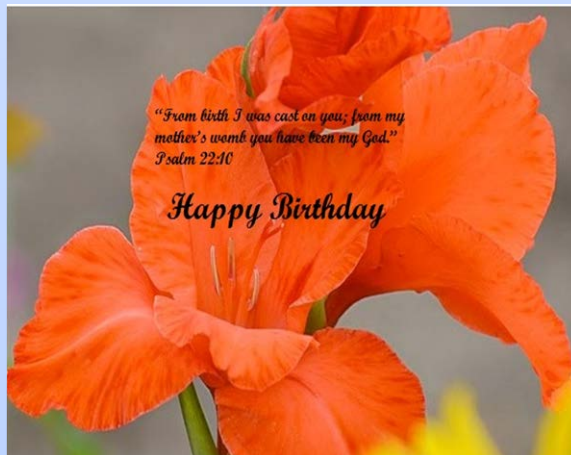
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| April 7 th 2019, Sunday | Cross and a New Paradigm to Discipleship Gen 26:12-33 Psalms 92 2 Cor 11:21-31 Mark 10:46-52 | 1 st Lesson – <i>Psalms</i> – 2 nd Lesson – Gospel – |
| (English) April 14 th 2019, Sunday | Hosanna: Lord Save Us Zech 9:1-12 Psalms 118:19-29 1 st Tim. 4:6-16 Luke 19:29-40 | 1 st Lesson – <i>Psalms</i> – 2 nd Lesson – Gospel |
| April 18 th 2019, Maundy Thursday | Eucharist: Communion of Suffering Humanity Ex 12:1-7 Psalms 116 1 st Cor. 11:23-34 Mark 14:17-25 | 1 st Lesson – <i>Psalms</i> – 2 nd Lesson – Gospel |
| April 19 th 2019, Good Friday | Cross: Accomplishment of Salvation Ex 14:15-22 Psalms 22 Heb. 13:8-17 John 19:23-30 | 1 st Lesson – <i>Psalms</i> – 2 nd Lesson – Gospel |
| April 21, 2019, Sunday (Easter) | Resurrection: celebrating Boundless Transformation II Sam. 22: 1-20 Psalm-16 1 st Cor. 15: 20-28 Mark 16: 1- 11 | 1 st Lesson - Psalm - 2 nd Lesson – Gospel- |
| (English) April 28, 2019, Sunday | Empowered by the Risen Lord Gen 28: 10- 22 Psalm- 29 Acts. 20: 7– 12 John 20: 11- 18 | 1 st Lesson - Psalm- 2 nd Lesson Gospel - |

Birthdays

| Name | Birthday |
|------------------------|----------|
| Raina Abraham | 3-Apr |
| Mr. Vinn Varghese | 7-Apr |
| Mrs. Rubykuty Shaji | 11-Apr |
| Mrs. Vincy George | 12-Apr |
| Mrs. Annamma George | 15-Apr |
| Neal Abraham | 15-Apr |
| Mr. Prakash Varghese | 17-Apr |
| Miss. Julia S. Mathew | 18-Apr |
| Aaron George Kurien | 19-Apr |
| Mrs. Sherly Itty | 19-Apr |
| Kevin Varghese | 20-Apr |
| Mrs. Mariamma Varghese | 25-Apr |
| Mr. Joshua Abraham | 26-Apr |
| Mrs. Deepa John | 27-Apr |
| Ethan Eapen Kurien | 29-Apr |
| Rev. K. G Thomson | 30-Apr |
| Abel Mathew | 30-Apr |

Wedding Anniversaries

| Name | Date |
|----------------------------------------------------|--------|
| Mr. Jacob Jacob (Ruben) & Mrs. Anjana Jacob | 5-Apr |
| Mr. Bobby George Tharian & Mrs. Rayni Mary Tharian | 20-Apr |
| Mr. George K Poyikail & Mrs. Cissy Kuruvila | 20-Apr |
| Mr. George Thomas & Mrs. Aleyamma Thomas | 20-Apr |



Chorister's Corner

History of Hymns: 19th-century Hymn celebrates the resurrection

“Up from the Grave He Arose” – By Robert Lowry

*Low in the grave he lay,
Jesus my Savior,
waiting the coming day,
Jesus my Lord!*

*Up from the grave he arose
with a mighty triumph o'er his foes;
he arose a victor from the dark domain,
and he lives forever with his saints to reign.
He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!*

Robert Lowry (1826-1899), the Philadelphia-born author and composer of this hymn, was a popular Baptist preacher and educator who served churches in Pennsylvania, New York City and Plainfield, N.J.

Lowry studied theology at the University of Lewisburg (now Bucknell University), graduating in 1854 and teaching literature there from 1869-1875. He became known for his gospel songs while ministering in Brooklyn, collaborating often with William H. Doane in producing gospel song collections.

Among his most famous gospel compositions are “Nothing but the Blood of Jesus” (UM Hymnal, No. 362) and “Shall We Gather at the River” (No. 723). He also composed tunes for other’s texts, such as MARCHING TO ZION, a camp meeting version of Isaac Watts’ text, “Come, we that Love the Lord,” and NEED, a tune for Annie Hawks’ hymn, “I Need Thee Every Hour.”

“Low in the Grave He Lay,” called “Christ Arose” in many hymnals, was composed in 1874 while Lowry was the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Lewisburg, Pa. It first appeared in the collection *Brightest and Best* (1875) under the title “He is not here but risen—Luke 24:5.” When it was included in music evangelist Ira D. Sankey’s *Sacred Songs and Solos* (1875), the song became very popular in the Moody-Sankey revivals. From that point it appeared in a few 19th-century British and American hymnals.

The centerpiece of the song is the textual and musical contrast between the stanzas and the refrain. The dirge-like stanzas in block chords with a melody that plods in a step-wise fashion give way to a rhythmic refrain that surges up like a trumpet blast. Like many gospel songs, the three stanzas basically say the same thing three different ways. Each stanza ends with “Jesus my Lord!”—reminiscent of the early Christian affirmation “Jesus is Lord.” (Romans 10:9-13)

Within the Western 19th-century gospel sound, the music of this song captures perfectly the spirit of the transition from Good Friday to Easter Sunday.

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Sunday School Corner

Notes from the Sunday School Teachers

- Please encourage kids to read Genesis chapters 10 – 20 and do the Newsletter bible quiz
- Children will be tested on Ten Commandments in Sunday School on April 7th Sunday.
- Encourage kids to read Exodus, there will be quiz on Exodus at the end of April

Bible Quiz Genesis chapters 10- 20

1. The Lord confused the language of those building the great tower and scattered them over all the earth. Because the Lord confused the language of the whole world, the city was called what?
2. Who was the father of Abraham?
3. Who was Abram's wife?
4. God told Abram he was going to make Abram's offspring like what?
5. Who was king of Salem, priest of God Most High?
6. God told Abram to look at the heavens and count the stars. What did God say would be like them?
7. Who was the Egyptian maidservant of Abram's wife Sarai?
8. God made Abram the father of many nations, what name did God give him?
9. The Lord appeared to Abraham near the great trees of Mamre while he was sitting at the entrance to his tent in the heat of the day. When Abraham looked up, what did he see?
10. When Lot's wife looked back at the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, what did she become?

Secretary's Notes

- ❖ Special services on Maundy Thursday & Good Friday.
- ❖ Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for May 25th, Venue: Springhill Retreat Center, 3991 E Renner Rd, Richardson, TX 75082
- ❖ Tele prayer is every Friday from at 8-9 pm, the dial in number is [1-510-338-9438](tel:1-510-338-9438); access code is **622 990 858** followed by the “#” sign.
- ❖ CSI NA council has scheduled its fourth conference call prayer of the year on Thursday 4th April 2019, at 8.00 PM (CT)/ 9.00 PM (EST). CSI NA Baskiyama Fellowship under the leadership of Mrs. Shine Robin Mathew, has agreed to lead the prayer on that evening. Please do attend and be blessed. Inform your friends and congregation. Conference call number is 712-770-4010 and the access code 611295.

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