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The Trumpet

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Beloved in Christ,

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them what the crowds say him to be. They replied that some say him to be John the Baptist, others as Elijah and some others say him to be one of a prophet who lived long back and has come back to life. Jesus asked them what they think he is. Peter acknowledged Jesus as Christ, the Son of the living God. Luke 9: 18- 27 makes us think about Jesus' way of equipping, enabling and encouraging His disciples to follow Him faithfully. Christ encourages the disciples who confess Him as the son of God and Savior to take up their cross and follow Him. Jesus Christ wants His disciples to be in touch with people, their culture, their thinking, and their lifestyle. He never wanted them to be mere reporters. In fact, he asked them a second question, a personal one, 'Whom do you say that I am?' Peter's response is a statement of faith, revelation and personal conviction. God opened Peter's heart to this deeper knowledge of Christ by faith. Peter was not merely expressing an academic opinion about the identity of Christ. Rather this was a confession of Peter's personal faith made possible by a divinely regenerated heart.

Until God's spirit touches our spirit and releases the bondage of the world, the bitterness of our heart becomes a stumbling block to see God. Jesus recognized Peter's faith and said to him as we read in Matthew 16: 19 "I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." These represent authority and here Christ gives Peter the authority to declare what was bound or loosed in heaven. This echoed the promise of John 20: 23, where Christ gave the disciples authority to forgive or retain the sins of people. This is the only key that God has put in our hands to open the door of salvation, to all people on earth even the broken people.

When we like to experience God's presence as individuals, our ability to do so is often contingent upon the context of our surrounding community. When we open up to abide by the broken people, we open ourselves fully to know the love of God. God wants believers to dwell in union and in a community having the same mind that is in Jesus Christ. In Philippians 2: 5 St Paul has written: "Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus". God does not need the powerful and the influential to accomplish His work. He intentionally uses weak people to do His best work. When we feel weak, look into the sufficiency and goodness of our God that brings redemption, healing, and comfort to others.

May God bless us.

Rev. K. G. Thomson

2019 February Worship Service & Bible Reading

02/03/2019	4 th Sunday after Epiphany Praise the Lord (worship) (Malayalam)	1 st Lesson –Exod.9:1-7-Mr. Joji V George <i>Psalms -81 -Cleo Mathew</i> 2 nd Lesson – Rev.5:1-14 Anusha Sara Jacob Gospel- John 2:13-22
02/10/2019	5 th Sunday after Epiphany Healing Ministry Sunday Healing in Sickness (English)	1 st Lesson – Ex. 4:10-17-Mr. Mathew Thomas <i>Psalm -103:1-10-Nikhil Jacob Itty</i> 2 nd Lesson – 2 Cor.12:1-10-Mrs. Saramma Thomas Gospel-John 9:1-7
02/17/2019	9 th Sunday before Easter The inter-dependence in Creation (Malayalam)	1 st Lesson – Gen. 2:1-15 Mr. James Thomas <i>Psalms – 104:24-35-Ann Miriam Jacob</i> 2 nd Lesson – Col. 2:16-23 Mrs. Sheila Thomson Gospel –Matt. 13:1-9
02/24/2019	8 th Sunday before Easter The Corruption of Creation (Youth Sunday)	1 st Lesson – Isaiah 5:1-13 <i>Psalm-8</i> 2 nd Lesson – Gal. 1:5-10 Gospel- Luke 10:13-16
03/03/2019	7 th Sunday before Easter Lent: A time of Redemption (Malayalam)	1 st Lesson -Isaiah 58:18 1-14 Mr. Richardson Mathew <i>Psalm-6 Ashby Joseph</i> 2 nd Lesson -Rom. 2:1-13 Mrs. Elizabeth Mathew Gospel-John 5:1-9

FOR THROUGH WISDOM YOUR
 DAYS WILL BE MANY,
 AND YEARS WILL BE
 ADDED TO YOUR LIFE.

PROVERBS 9:11



<i>Blesson Jacob</i>	<i>3-Feb</i>
<i>Mrs. Christine Tharian</i>	<i>4-Feb</i>
<i>Anusha Sara Jacob</i>	<i>6-Feb</i>
<i>Cleo Mathew</i>	<i>6-Feb</i>
<i>Mrs. Saramma Thomas</i>	<i>8-Feb</i>
<i>Mr. Toby V. John</i>	<i>8-Feb</i>
<i>Mr. Mathew Thomas (Manu)</i>	<i>9-Feb</i>
<i>Nikhil Jacob Itty</i>	<i>11-Feb</i>
<i>Sharuna S. Shaji</i>	<i>11-Feb</i>
<i>Ann Miriam Jacob</i>	<i>13-Feb</i>
<i>Neha Anu Philip</i>	<i>14-Feb</i>
<i>Mr. Alvin Kurien</i>	<i>14-Feb</i>
<i>Mrs. Sheela Thomson (Kochamma)</i>	<i>16-Feb</i>
<i>Mr. James Thomas (Saji)</i>	<i>18-Feb</i>
<i>Ryan George Tharian</i>	<i>20-Feb</i>
<i>Maria Sara Kaippalimalil</i>	<i>21-Feb</i>
<i>Mathew Varghese</i>	<i>21-Feb</i>
<i>Mr. Jacob Davidson (Biji)</i>	<i>24-Feb</i>
<i>Mr. Itty Eapen</i>	<i>25-Feb</i>
<i>Mrs. Seena Thomas</i>	<i>27-Feb</i>

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!



"How fair and how pleasant
 art thou, O love, for delights!"

- Song of Solomon 7:6



<i>Mr. Joseph Kurien & Mrs. Amminikutty Joseph</i>	<i>11-Feb</i>
<i>Rev. A.V Thomas & Mrs. Mariamma Thomas</i>	<i>14-Feb</i>
<i>Mr. Richardson Mathew & Mrs. Sherly Richardson</i>	<i>24-Feb</i>
<i>Mr. Shelby Thomas & Mrs. Elizabeth Mathews (Anu)</i>	<i>26-Feb</i>

Choristers' Corner

"Blessed Redeemer"

"In whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins" (Col. 1:14)

A song which reminds us of the redemption that we have through the blood of Christ is "Blessed Redeemer" (#107 in **Hymns for Worship Revised**). The text was written by Avis Marguerite Burgeson Christiansen (1895-1985). Other songs by Mrs. Christiansen in **Hymns for Worship** include "How Good Is the God We Adore" and "Give Me a Burning Heart." The tune (Redeemer) for "Blessed Redeemer" was composed by Harry Dixon Loes, who was born in Kalamazoo, MI, on Oct. 20, 1892. At birth he was named Harold, but during his early childhood became known as Harry and retained this name throughout his life. During his student days, he chose his own middle name after A. C. Dixon, who was then minister at the Moody Church in Chicago, IL. After a brief period of work with Marshall Field and Co. in Chicago, he studied at Moody Bible Institute and began composing gospel songs under the guidance of Daniel Brink Towner.

Later, Loes studied at the American Conservatory of Music, the Metropolitan School of Music, and the Chicago Musical College. In 1920, while listening to a sermon on the subject of "Our Blessed Redeemer," he was moved to write this melody, sending the music and the suggested title to Mrs. Christiansen, a friend of many years and a capable writer of hymn poems. She produced the three stanzas and refrain as they now stand. The hymn was copyrighted the following year and first appeared in **Songs of Redemption**, compiled in 1921 by W. Plunkett Martin and James W. Jelks, and published by the Baptist Home Mission Board in Atlanta, GA. The copyright was later assigned to Singspiration Music and after its renewal in 1949 was owned by John T. Benson Jr.

For more than twelve years, Loes was engaged in evangelistic work throughout the United States and Canada. From 1927 to 1939, he lived in Oklahoma, serving as music director first at the First Baptist Church in Okmulgee, and then at the First Baptist Church in Muskogee. In 1939 he returned to Chicago and joined the music faculty at the Moody Bible Institute. After his retirement, he remained in Chicago, continuing as a part-time teacher at Moody and becoming associated with the Rodeheaver Company, for whom he wrote many gospel songs and choruses. In all, he composed some 1500 hymn texts and 3000 hymn tunes. His death occurred in Chicago on Feb. 9, 1965.

Among hymnbooks published by members of the Lord's church during the twentieth century for use in churches of Christ, "Blessed Redeemer" may be found in the 1977 edition of the 1971 **Songs of the Church**, the 1990 **Songs of the Church 21st C. Ed.**, and the 1994 **Songs of Faith and Praise** all edited by Alton H. Howard; the 1978/1983 **Church Gospel Songs and Hymns** edited by V. E. Howard; and the 1992 **Praise for the Lord** edited by John P. Wiegand; in addition to **Hymns for Worship Revised** (not in the original edition); and the 2007 **Sacred Songs of the Church** edited by William D. Jeffcoat.

The song describes what our Redeemer did for us and what our response should be.

I. Stanza 1 pictures Christ on His way to Calvary to die for our sins

"Up Calvary's mountain, one dreadful morn,
Walked Christ my Savior, weary and worn;
Facing for sinners death on the cross,
That He might save them from endless loss."

A. Calvary is the Latin name for the hill Golgotha where Jesus was crucified: Lk. 23:33

B. One of the basic facts of scripture is that Jesus died on the cross for our sins: 1 Cor. 15:1-4

C. His purpose in doing this was to save us from endless loss: 1 Tim. 1:15

II. Stanza 2 pictures Christ on the cross with the great love that He had

"'Father forgive them!' thus did He pray,
E'en while His life-blood flowed fast away;
Praying for sinners while in such woe
No one but Jesus ever loved so."

A. Christ's love for sinful mankind is seen in His prayer that His crucifiers might be forgiven: Lk. 23:34

B. It was the shedding of His blood that made remission of sins possible: Matt. 26:28

C. Given the fact that all have sinned and thus deserve eternal punishment, there is no act of love greater than what Jesus did in giving Himself for us: Eph. 5:2

III Stanza 3 pictures Christ as the object of our praise for being our Savior and Friend

"O how I love Him, Savior and Friend,
How can my praises ever find end!
Through years unnumbered on Heaven's shore,
My tongue shall praise Him forevermore."

A. Because of what He has done for us, Christ is worthy of our loving Him with all our heart: Mk. 12:29

B. Also, because of what He has done for us, He is worthy of our praising Him with our lips: Heb. 13:15

C. And the hope of Christians is to love and praise Him forever in heaven: Rev. 5:9-10

CONCL.: The chorus focuses our minds on the suffering that Jesus experienced for us by His death on the cross.

"Blessed Redeemer! Precious Redeemer!
Seems now I see Him on Calvary's tree;
Wounded and bleeding, for sinners pleading,
Blind and unheeding—dying for me!"

This song could be a welcomed addition to those we use in preparation for the Lord's supper. It could also be an effective invitation song. Since Christ paid the price of our redemption, we should certainly be thankful for this

"Blessed Redeemer."

Secretary's Notes



1. *As informed earlier, our 32nd CSI family conference will be held in Houston, Texas from July 25-28, 2019. Please see <https://csiconference2019.org/> to register and for more information.*
2. *CSI NA council has scheduled its second conference call prayer of the year on Thursday 7th February, 2019, at 8.00 PM (CT) and 9.00 PM (EST). CSI NA Women's Fellowship under the leadership of Mrs. Sally Mathew and Dr. Shirley Koshy has agreed to lead the prayer on Thursday evening. Please do attend, and be blessed. Conference call number is 712-770-4010 and the access code 611295.*
3. *Tele prayer is every Friday from at 8-9 pm, the dial in number is 515-604-9057; access code is 539672 followed by the “#” sign.*

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