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God proved His
love on the Cross.
When Christ hung,
and bled, and died,
it was God saying
to the world,
"I love you."

- Billy Graham



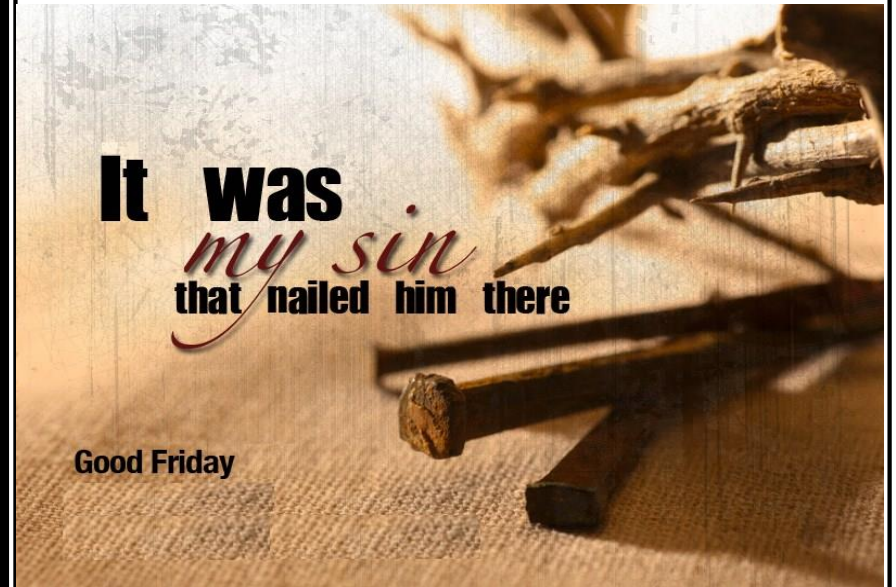
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The Trumpet
CSI Congregation of Dallas
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It was
my sin
that nailed him there

Good Friday



Vicar's Note

Beloved in Christ,

On Palm Sunday we celebrate the triumphal entry of Jesus into Jerusalem, one week before his resurrection. As Jesus entered the Holy city, he neared the culmination of a long journey towards Golgotha. Every year when we celebrate Palm Sunday, we remember the joyful shouts of the people who welcomed Jesus into Jerusalem. The first Palm Sunday procession was a very important event that all the four gospel writers mention this in their respective gospels. Hence, it was a significant incident, which is a turning point in the life of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Mostly, Jesus ministered to the rural people in and around Jerusalem. It was towards the end he decided to go to Jerusalem. Jerusalem was a seat of authority and power. The rulers of the temple the priests, scribes, the Roman governor and soldiers constituted the elite. The wealth and the business that surrounded the temple were important for the economy of the country. Jerusalem was the citadel of power, wealth and might. It is to the city that Jesus was marching as a king, proclaiming a new order and the message of peace. All the symbols used are the symbols of a new order of peace raising questions to the existing order.

Palm Sunday began with Jesus and his disciples travelling over the Mount of Olives. The Lord sent two of the disciples saying, go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat untie it and bring it here. If anyone ask you, why are you untying it? You shall say this: the lord has need of it (LK 19:29-31). They brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt they set Jesus on it (LK 19:35). Along with his disciples, the villagers from Bethany and the citizens of Jerusalem, there were also many pilgrims who had come up to the feast from different part of the Roman Empire and had participated in the procession of welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem. This crowd understood that Jesus was the Messiah. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the roads (MT 21:8). And the crowds that went before him and that followed him, shouted “Hosanna to the son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest” (MT 21:9) in their praise the crowd were quoting psalm 118: 25-26; and acknowledged prophecy of Christ. Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Jesus, Teacher, rebuke your disciples. He answered, I tell you, if they were silent, the very stones would cry out!! (LK 19:40).

Celebrating Palm Sunday is not just about shouting with joy and being enthusiastic, but it has something to do with the inward cry of the people who welcomed Jesus in to Jerusalem. Their shouts of Hosanna were the shouts of appeal for holistic salvation. Even as we welcome Jesus into our lives, may his triumphal entry give us peace in our lives filled with conflicts, deliverance from the oppressive structures, and spiritual renewal in the context of materialism. As we shout Hosanna, we make our appeal to Jesus, “Lord save us!” Jesus came two thousand years ago, who still comes to our life every day. He calls us to be committed to the way of cross that will make a difference in our lives.

May God bless us,

Rev. K.G. Thomson

Worship Service & Bible Readings

March 4, 2018	Women Partners in God's Liberative Act Women's Sunday (Malayalam)	1 st Lesson – <i>Exodus 1:15-22</i> Mrs. Happy Johnson <i>Psalms 148</i> Mrs. Emy Varghese 2 nd Lesson – <i>Rom.:1-16</i> Mrs. Jacqueline Varghese Gospel – Mark 15:37-41
March 11, 2018	True Worship that Liberates (English)	1 st Lesson – <i>Exodus 3:11-18</i> Mr. Dylan John <i>Psalms 137</i> – Mr. Edwin Varghese 2 nd Lesson – <i>Acts 16:25-34</i> Mrs. Rachel Thomas Gospel – Luke 13:10-17
March 18, 2018	Passion Sunday Cross: A New Vision of the Messianic Age (English)	1 st Lesson – <i>Duet. 18:15-22</i> Mr. Rohan Samuel <i>Psalms 73</i> - Mr. Ashby Joseph 2 nd Lesson – <i>2 Cor. 1:3-11</i> Mrs. Lintu George Gospel – Luke 18:35-43
March 25, 2018	Palm Sunday Hosanna: New King in the Temple (Malayalam)	1 st Lesson – <i>Isaiah 56:1-8</i> Mr. Thomas Varghese <i>Psalms 24</i> - Miss Crystal Mathew 2 nd Lesson – <i>1 Cor. 3-16-23</i> Mr. Eapen Samuel Gospel – Matthew 21:1-17
March 29, 2018	Maundy Thursday Eucharist : The Re-remembering Jesus (Malayalam)	1 st Lesson – <i>Exodus 12:1-17</i> Mr. Shelby Thomas <i>Psalms 116</i> – Mr. Alvin Mathew 2 nd Lesson – <i>1 Cor. 11:23-34</i> Mrs. Mabel Mathew Gospel – Matthew 26:17-30
March 30, 2018	Good Friday Cross: Death of Death (Malayalam)	1 st Lesson – <i>Num. 21:1-9</i> Mr. Mannil I. Mathew <i>Psalms 22</i> – Miss Trifeena James 2 nd Lesson – <i>1 Cor. 15:50-58</i> Mrs. Lisa Jacob Gospel – Matthew 27:1-56
April 1, 2018	Resurrection: Celebrating the Joy of Salvation (Malayalam)	1 st Lesson – <i>Exodus 14: 5-31</i> Mr. Jisho Philips <i>Psalms 118:14-29</i> Miss Riya Samuel 2 nd Lesson – <i>Colossians 3:1-11</i> Mrs. Vincy George Gospel – Matthew 28:1-10

March Birthdays

March 2	Mast. Ashby Joseph
March 4	Mr. Mannil I. Mathew
March 5	Mr. John Joseph
March 6	Mast. Edwin Mathew Varghese
March 7	Mrs. Sosamma George
March 9	Mr. Anil Joseph
March 10	Mrs. Rachel Thomas
March 12	Mast. Dylan J. John
March 14	Mr. Rohan K. Samuel
March 15	Mr. Thampy P. Varghese
March 17	Mrs. Aleyamma Cherian
March 19	Mrs. Lintu Merin George
March 20	Mr. Thomas Varghese
March 20	Mr. Jisho Tony Philips
March 20	Mr. Alan C. Mathew
March 25	Miss. Christa Philips
March 26	Mr. Mathew T. Mathew
March 26	Mrs. Betty George
March 26	Miss. Angel R. Thampy
March 27	Miss. Abigail Grace Cherian
March 30	Mrs. Dr. Annamma Eapen
March 30	Mast. Nathan Johny Thomas

Wedding Anniversary

March 8	Mr. Itty Eapen & Mrs. Esther Itty
March 12	Mr. Rejoy Varghese & Mrs. Julie Rejoy
March 23	Mr. George Varghese & Mrs. Annamma George
March 25	Mr. Eapen K. Samuel & Mrs. Jolly Eapen
March 31	Mr. Wesley Cherian & Mrs. Christine Tharian

Sunday School Corner

Write the “7 sayings of Jesus on the cross” with Bible references.

Submit answers to Annu Vinod by Sunday March 25, 2018

Congratulations Edwin Varghese for submitting the correct answers for February Sunday school corner “Parable Worksheet”!!!



Chorister's Corner

Here I Am To Worship

If songs are like children to their writers, then 25 year-old Englishman Tim Hughes carried "Here I Am To Worship" to full term, letting the reverent tune take perfect shape over a nine-month period. Back in 1999 while still in college, he first sat down to craft a musical response to his reading of Philippians 2:5, which says, "Make your own attitude that of Christ Jesus." And from the start, he had the humility part mastered.

"I was playing around with my guitar when the verse just came out," he modestly recalls. "However, I couldn't get a chorus that I was happy with. The original one was embarrassingly bad!"

Thankfully, Tim recorded the verse into his Dictaphone, and months later during a quiet creative time, he patched it together with another strong melody idea and brought "Here I Am To Worship" to fruition.

"I'd been reading about the cross and thinking through Jesus' amazing sacrifice," Tim says of the lyrical theme. "Sometimes when God meets with us we don't quite know how to respond properly. It's often too much for us to take in. Hopefully in a small way the chorus captures that: 'Here I am to worship. Here I am to bow down. Here I am to say that you're my God. You're altogether lovely, worthy, wonderful.'"

Although the song had been completed, the writer was still not convinced of its potential. Leading worship at his Soul Survivor home church one day, Tim sang "Here I Am To Worship" for his fellow members and was duly advised by his pastor Mike Pilavachi to start using it more often. Since then, Hughes - who built his own chops leading Delirious and Matt Redman favorites - has seen the song take on a life of its own.

It must be a God thing.... People have seemed to really connect with it, and we've had some special times in worship using the song," he admits. "I remember one time at the end of a Worship Together conference in San Diego when we'd been performing the song. The band stopped, and then the congregation just kept singing the chorus for about 15 minutes."

Road tested and pastor approved, "Here I Am To Worship" was soon ready to be recorded as the title track for Hughes' debut album, released in late 2001. Produced by founding Sonic Flood members Jason Halbert and Dwayne Larring, the two pre-recorded the musical track then flew into London to record vocals with Tim in, of all places, the children's classroom at his church.

"They set up a microphone and their computer, and I sang along," Hughes remembers. "It was quite surreal being surrounded by teddy bears, dolls, and Lego's."

Today, Tim continues his worldwide work with Soul Survivor, and "Here I Am To Worship" keeps expanding to wider audiences. A quick Internet search for the song turns up excited churchgoers wanting to get printouts of the lyrics and lead sheets. And quite notably, Michael W. Smith offered his version of the song at a concert recorded for his upcoming *Worship Again* live album. (There's no official word yet on whether Smith's interpretation made the project's final track listing - the set releases October 22).

Hype or no hype, Tim Hughes remains strikingly humble about his work and prefers being called a worshiper rather than an artist.

"The main motivation behind the song was simply trying to capture a response to Jesus giving up his throne in heaven to walk upon the earth and ultimately to die upon a cross," he confirms. "For me personally, it's been very exciting and a real privilege to see how God has used the song."

Secretary's Notes

- ❖ World Day of Prayer will be held on March 10, 2018 @ 9:00am
Address:
 St. Mary's Malankara Jacobite Syrian Orthodox Church
 2112 Old Denton Road
 Carrollton, TX 75056
- ❖ Women's Fellowship Prayer at parsonage every Wednesday at 10:00am.
- ❖ We will have Tele prayer every Friday from at 8- 9 pm, the dial in number is 515-604-9057, access code is 539672 followed by the “#” sign.
- ❖ Maundy Thursday (03/29) and Good Friday service (03/30) will begin at 7pm.

Sunday, March 11

Move clock ahead 1 hour

Don't be late for church!

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