

# GETHSEMANE

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

*'Not my will, but Thine, be done' (Luke 22:42)*



10<sup>th</sup> April 2009

## GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

### ORDER OF WORSHIP

#### **Call to Worship**

*Elder Mah Chin Kwang*

#### **\* Lead Me to Calvary (182)**

#### **\* Invocation**

#### **\* Scripture Reading in Unison**

*(Matthew 27:26-31)*

#### **At the Cross (178)**

#### **Children's Choir**

#### **Jesus Paid It All (183)**

#### **Collection of Offerings**

*Doxology & Prayer*

#### **Responsive Scripture Reading**

*(Matthew 27:32-54)*

#### **Solo by Ng Kwan Teng**

#### **Sermon**

*Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy*

*"Rejected Stone, Our Praise!"*

*(Psalm 118:21-24)*

#### **Holy Communion**

#### **\* Meditation of the Cross**

#### **\* Benediction & Threefold Amen**

*\* Congregation Standing*



# Christ's Suffering and You

## **Christ suffered for our sins:**

“For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit” (1 Peter 3:18).

Jesus Christ, the One who was perfectly just was put to death. Pilate, the Roman governor, who cross-examined Christ, said, “I find no fault in this man” (Luke 23:4). He was falsely accused, and all the charges brought against Him were fabricated. He was unjustly put through all the cruel suffering and death. Yet Christ triumphed through such unjust suffering by bringing us to God. His sacrificial death was uniquely sufficient for all time. In 1 John 2:1-2, we are exhorted, “My little children, these things write I unto you, that ye sin not. And if any man sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And he is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world.” Dear reader, come away from all your sins to Christ, believing with perfect assurance that He died to take away the sins of

all who would put his trust in Him. If you would believe in Christ, He will grant you permanent access to God. It is also “that he might bring us to God” that He was “put to death in the flesh”. By His death, Christ has completely removed God’s wrath against us and reconciled us to God.

## **Christ suffered that He might be our example:**

“For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps: who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed himself to him that judgeth righteously” (1 Peter 2:21-23).

Our Lord Jesus Christ is our example in His suffering. He suffered at the hands of the authority though He did no sin. He silently suffered them. He did not suffer because He had no power to protect Himself. Peter learned from Christ in the night when He was betrayed that submissiveness and endurance of persecution is not cowardice nor

weakness, but spiritual power and excellence. When Peter cut the ear of the servant of the high priest who came to take Christ violently, Jesus rebuked him and said, "Put up again thy sword into his place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. Thinkest thou that I cannot now pray to my Father, and he shall presently give me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then shall the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be?" (Matthew 26:52-54). Our Lord was in complete command of the situation when He submitted Himself to the cruelty of men.

The natural human tendency is to fight back and demand our rights. Such response is the nature of the unsaved people. Oh, how all of us need to learn the lesson of patient suffering of unkind remarks and harsh treatments, not being angry, nor retaliating, but persevering in doing good prayerfully.

It must be said that no one is saved by following Christ's example, because no one is like Christ "who did no sin" (1 Peter 2:22). Firstly, we must take Him as our Saviour, then we will have the spiritual capability to be like Him.

*Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy*

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## Easter & Baptismal Service

This will be held this Lord's day, April 12, at 2:30pm. There will be Infant Baptism, Adult Baptism and Transfer of Membership. The candidates are:

**Infant Baptism** - Wong Hoi Pern, Isaiah (s/o Mr & Mrs Wong Chong Foo, Kenneth); Ashley Lim Hui En (d/o Mr & Mrs Francis Lim Poh Chuan); Bernice Tan Yan Xin (d/o Mr & Mrs Tan Poh Hock David).

**Adult Baptism** – Poh Meng Seh, Jeremy; Tan Poh Hock, David; Lee Kim Gek Joey; Ronalie Servidad Semilla; Elvira Licanda Villardar; Emelinda Licanda Villardar.

**Transfer of Membership** – Tan Chiew Siang, Cecilia; Max Selvakumar s/o Sankarah; Vijaya Kumari d/o Chandrakummar; Anthony T. Evangelista; Juvy Pabay Baybayanon. As this year's Easter falls on the 2nd Sunday of April, the Lord's Supper will be administered instead of the usual 1st Sunday of the month.

## Meditation of the Cross

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○ Chri-st, the Glo - ry of hea-ven, Thy bo - dy ha-ngs all ri - ven; ○ the  
○ Chri-st, the Won-der of sa-ges, They scorned thee w - ith false char-ges; ○ the  
○ Chri-st, the King of all ki-ngs, They faked a cro-wn with mock-ings; ○ the

a-go-ny! ○ the mi - se - ry! Thy spi - rit, worn and we - ary!  
in - fa - my! ○ the ig - no - mi - ny! They dis - dained Thee with ty - ran - ny! Is it  
pa-ro-dy! ○ the tra - ves - ty! They ri - di - culed Thy ma - jes - ty!

how my Lo-rd's love per-fect-ed? Is it how my re-demp-tion war-rant-ed? ○

Christ, my - Lord, how can I re - pay? Will it suf-fice that my life for Thee I lay?

Thee I lay.

Lyrics & Music: Prabhudas Koshy  
Music Arrangement: Angeline Wong