

Water!

It was a hot day, and the sands were glittering like gold in a desert. Andrew, touring the place, lost his way in the desert. He could not find his way back, and the water in his bottle dried. He was in desperate search of water. Otherwise, he will die due to dehydration. As he struggled walking in the desert, he saw a small hut at a distance. Initially, he thought it was just an illusion. But he continued walking towards it, and as he reached closer, he realized it was a hut. He opened the door and found nobody there. It seemed like the place was in abandoned condition for a long time. He was surprised to see a hand water pump, and it had all connections intact and a pipeline to the ground. Then he started pumping, and there was no sign of water. And he continued his effort and gave up due to exhaustion. He started searching the hut for any other source of water. Then he found a bottle of water hidden in the corner. He was happy, and when he was about to drink the water, he found a piece of paper attached. It was written in the paper, "Please use this water to start the pump. It works. After you have done, do not forget to refill the bottle again." After reading the message in the paper, he went into a dilemma, "Will the pump work if I use this water? Is the pump in good condition? Can I trust the words in the paper? If it is false, then my last source of water will get waste." He paused for a minute and closed his eyes, and prayed. Then he poured the water from the bottle into the pump and pumped it. Soon, he heard a bubbling sound, and water started pouring out. There was a moment of relief on his face. He drank the water and filled his bottle. Then he got refreshed and refilled the bottle from the hut. He stayed in the hut for some time and looked around. Then he saw a pencil and a map explaining the direction to the nearby village from the hut location. He was happy that his faith in the water pump worked. Similarly, he believed that the map would direct him in the right direction. Then he wrote in the paper, "Have faith. It works." And he kept both the bottle and paper to the exact place from where he took. Happily, he left the hut. In our life, there will be times when we need faith. The moment we start believing, things will fall in our place. Once we have faith, regardless of the outcome, we should continue our efforts towards it. It will pay more than we wanted.

~ Unknown Author

Sung Eucharist
7:30 AM

Celebrant:
Rev. J. Paul
Sudhakar
Sermon:
Mr. Ian Liu

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Evensong
6:00 PM

Message:
Rev. J. Paul
Sudhakar



Passion Sunday

Bible Readings &

Offertory:

Mr. Roopsingh Immanuel &
Mrs. Caroline Roopsingh &
Family

WORSHIP SERVICE 26th March 2023

Let us worship our Lord through...

Opening Hymn : 96

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Job 42: 10 - 17

Epistle Ephesians 2: 1 - 10

Responsive Reading Psalm 126

Gospel Mark 10: 46 - 52

Announcement

Preparatory Song: There is a Redeemer

Meditation: "Cross and the Restoring Christ"

Offertory Hymn: 111

Communion Hymns: 113, 112

Prayer

Benediction

Closing Hymn : 108


Collect for the fifth Sunday in Lent:

Restoring God, Who out of Your great love for us, releases us from all kinds of captivity. Forgive our transgressions and make us alive, so that our sight is restored to acknowledge You as our Lord and follow You. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever more. Amen.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 126	<p>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.</p> <p>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”</p> <p>The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.</p> <p>Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!</p> <p>Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!</p> <p>He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.</p> <p>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;</p> <p>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</p>
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	<p>Thank You, oh my Father For giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit 'Til the work on earth is done.</p> <p>Jesus my Redeemer, Name above all names, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Oh, for sinners slain.</p> <p>Thank You, oh my Father For giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit 'Til the work on earth is done.</p> <p>When I stand in Glory I will see His face, And there I'll serve my King forever, In that Holy place.</p> <p>Thank You, oh my Father For giving us Your Son, And leaving Your Spirit 'Til the work on Earth is done.</p>
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Birthdays	26 th March	Mrs. Mina Dhilip Mr. Jeremy Sahayaraj Roopsingh Miss Elsheba. E
	27 th March	Mrs. Jemima Irene Thilagan Mr. John Mathew Miss. Diya Mary Rajiv Mr. Viji Paul
	29 th March	Mrs. Beatrice Manoharan Mrs. Rani Moses Mrs. J. Esther Jayanthi
	30 th March	Mrs. Jerusha Geraldine Prarthana Miss Nivrithi Sarah Varghese Miss Vijee Manuel Miss Angelina Sigamoney
	1 st April	Mr. Francis Simon Col. E. S. Sathyanesan

Preparatory Song 	<p>There is a Redeemer -<i>Melody Green; Keith Green</i></p> <p>There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God's own Son, Precious Lamb of God, Messiah Holy One.</p>
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