



The Students of S. Thomas' College, Bandarawela

present an

Easter Musical Worship

Sunday, 7th May, 2017 at 5.00 pm

ORDER OF SERVICE

Congregational Hymn - Christ the Lord is risen today

Call to worship - Bro. Anushka Sampath
Opening Prayer - Revd. Charles D. David

Divine Exchange - What does it mean - Jaden Jacob

Special song - Divine Exchange

Congregational Hymn - And can it be that I should gain

Special song (Primary choir) - Jesus is alive

Special Sinhala song - Maha puthumehi First Lesson - Thasun Mendis

Special song - Forever

Congregational Hymn - Crown him with many crowns

Special song - Stronger

Special song (Staff choir) - Thank you for the cross

Second Lesson - Dilon Macmillon

Special song (Primary choir) - We believe

Congregational Hymn - O for a thousand tongues

Special song - Before the throne of God

Special Tamil song - Neeye nirantharam

Third Lesson - Leonard K.

Special song - Arise, my love

Offertory Hymn - Christ arose

Offertory Prayer - Revd. Prasanga Kumarasinghe

Fourth Lesson - Angelo Weerasinghe

Special song - Unto the Lamb
Easter Message - Divine Exchange

Special song - The great Divine Exchange

Closing Prayer & Blessing - Revd. Christopher Balraj (Headmaster)

Congregational Hymn - Thine be the glory

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CHRIST, THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY

(Congregational; please stand)

- 1. Christ the Lord is risen today, Alleluia! Earth and heaven in chorus say, Alleluia! Raise your joys and triumphs high, Alleluia! Sing, ye heavens, and earth reply, Alleluia!
- 2. Love's redeeming work is done, Alleluia! Fought the fight, the battle won, Alleluia! Death in vain forbids him rise, Alleluia! Christ has opened paradise, Alleluia!
- 3. Lives again our glorious King, Alleluia! Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia! Once he died our souls to save, Alleluia! Where's thy victory, boasting grave? Alleluia!
- 4. Hail the Lord of earth and heaven, Alleluia! Praise to thee by both be given, Alleluia! Thee we greet triumphant now, Alleluia! Hail the Resurrection, thou, Alleluia!
- 5. Sing, we to our God above, Alleluia! Eternal as his love, Alleluia! Praise, you heavenly host, Alleluia! Father, Son and Holy Ghost Alleluia!

<u>CALL TO WORSHIP</u> (inspired by John 20, John 21) *Please respond* {*Read by Bro. Anushka Sampath*}

- L: We are here today because the weeping Mary of Magdala once said:
- A: "I have seen the Lord!"
- L: We are here because Jesus still comes into our locked spaces and says:
- A: "Peace be with you. Receive the Holy Spirit."
- L: We are here today like doubting Thomas who finally cried:
- A: "My Lord and my God."

.: We are here like Peter, tempted to forget the call of Jesus:

A: "I'm going fishing."

L: We're here this evening of Jesus, who asks us face-to-face:

A: "Do you truly love me?"

L: We gather here to whisper timidly.

A: "Yes, Lord, you know that we love you."

L: We are here as a congregation, only because many faithful disciples have listened to Jesus' words:

A: "Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid! Go and tell, 'Jesus has been raised!"

OPENING PRAYER (Revd. Charles D. David - Chaplain)

God, our heavenly Father, we meet in your presence to celebrate the glory of our Easter faith. In the words of Scripture we hear again the good news of resurrection of Christ from the dead. We offer our Easter thanksgiving to you in our hymns and songs and carols of praise. Rejoicing with the first apostles and witnesses of the Resurrection, we pray for world over which Christ reigns, for the church on which Christ breathes the Holy Spirit and for the unity and mission of all who profess One Lord, One Faith and One Baptism.

We praise you for Christ Jesus, your Word Incarnate made Flesh. Born of Mary, he shares our life. Eating with sinners, he welcomes us. Leading his followers, he guides us. Dying on the cross, he rescues us. Risen from the dead, he gives new life. Lord God, we give you thanks for your unspeakable gift of Christ Jesus. Amen.

DIVINE EXCHANGE . . . What does it mean? (Please be seated)

What happened on the cross was a divinely ordained exchange. Let us think of that key word 'exchange.' All the evil due to our rebellion met together upon Jesus. That's the left hand. The right hand is the opposite. that all the good due to the sinless obedience of Jesus might be made available to us! This is contrary to our natural thinking. We wouldn't reason it out that way. All the evil due to our rebellion came upon Jesus on the cross, that all the good due to his sinless obedience might be made available to us. Or, to say it very shortly, the evil came upon Jesus that the good might be made available to us.

Thine be the glory, risen conquering Son, Endless is the vict'ry, thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb; Lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom; let the Church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing; for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life; life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love: bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.

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We take this moment to thank all choristers for their hard work, the choir trainers, the administration staff, the decoration team and the support staff who worked hard to make this program a success.

We thank all parents, friends and visitors for your kind participation and it is our prayer that it was a blessing to all of you.

Above all, we thank and praise God Almighty for giving us this opportunity to honour and worship him.

THE GREAT DIVINE EXCHANGE

(Choir only; please remain seated)

A crown of glory for a crown of thorns
He gave it all for us
He's paid our ransom with his own shed blood
Now we are cleansed and free.

Halleluiah our God reigns Halleluiah give him praise He is risen we are saved This is the great Divine exchange x 2

Sin no longer has a hold on us Christ won the victory Death is beaten now we are redeemed And by your wounds we are healed

He gave his life so we might live Tore the veil and made a way Was taken captive so we go free To him alone be all the praise

Halleluiah our God reigns
Halleluiah give him praise
He is risen we are saved
This is the great Divine exchange (repeat)
To him be all the praise
This is the great Divine Exchange

CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING (Please stand)

THINE BE THE GLORY

(Congregational; please stand)

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son; endless is the victory, thou o'er death hast won; angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away, kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay. Jesus of Nazareth. who raised Lazarus of Bethany from death, who raised the son of the widow of Nain from death, who raised Jairus' daughter from death Was it hard my friends for Jesus to get down from that cross? No, it was not the nails that kept Jesus pinned there on the cross. It was nothing but his love for us that kept him up there. It was purely his choice to die for us. And because of what Jesus accomplished on that cruel cross, every curse has now been broken and we have received this Divine Exchange.

DIVINE EXCHANGE (Choir only) (Congregation please be seated)

O see the man of sorrow See the Son of God Stripped of Heaven's glory In the name of relentless O hear the scoffer mocking See the Savior's tears Wounded and forsaken Son of Man, Oh! behold Him

Love pure and undeserved Sure as Calvary Weighed upon His shoulders All our grief, our iniquity Here in the stead of failing
Burdened by despair
It was more than nails
Love alone, is what kept Him there

Alleluia Alleluia Praise be to God Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia Praise be to God

Alleluia

Oh! for the joy before Him He was crucified And the grave defeated Through His death He has ransomed

Life for the crippled sinner
And His stripes for pain
Every curse now broken
We receive this Divine Exchange

Alleluia Alleluia, Praise be to God Alleluia Alleluia, Praise be to God Alleluia! Charles Wesley, a great hymn-writer of the Wesley family, the author of the song, "And can it be" is clearly amazed at the extravagant grace of God evident in his own salvation. He is amazed that the One whom his own sins had caused his death would have offered his life up for him. This thought causes Wesley to cry out "Amazing love!" and question in the words on which the modern title to the hymn is based: "How can it be, That Thou my God, shouldst die for me?"

AND CAN IT BE?

(Congregational; Please stand)

And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
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That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

'Tis mystery all: th'Immortal dies: Who can explore His strange design? In vain the firstborn seraph tries
To sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
Let angel minds inquire no more.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore;
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above So free, so infinite His grace—
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race:
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,
For O my God, it found out me!

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Divine Exchange

Hallelujah! All Praise unto the Lamb, who sits on the throne. St. Paul proclaimed: "God made Christ who had no sin to be sin for us, so that we might become the righteousness of God in Him (2 Corinthians 5:21). What exactly is this divine exchange? By His death on the cross, Christ exchanged our unholy nature with His holy nature and reconciled us to God. Thus by the sacrifice of Jesus, God translated us from our Adamic sinful nature into Christ's divine nature.

- 1. Jesus was punished that we might be forgiven
- 2. Jesus was wounded that we might be healed
- 3. Jesus was made sin with our sinfulness, that we might be made righteous with His righteousness
- 4. Jesus tasted death for us that we might share His life.
- 5. Jesus was made a curse that we might receive the blessing
- 6. Jesus endured our poverty that we might share His abundance.
- 7. Jesus bore our shame that we might share His glory.
- 8. Jesus endured my rejection that I might have His acceptance with the Father
- 9. He was cut off that we might be joined to the Lord.
- 10. Our Old Man was put to death in Him that the New Man might come to life in us

Friends, the Christian life isn't a changed life; it's an exchanged life. There is a great difference. If my old car is in need of repair, I could change its carburetor. If it breaks down again, I could try changing its transmission. If it fails again, I could keep changing more parts and hope it will work. Or, I could decide my old car is beyond repair and exchange it for a brand new car. This is similar to the divine exchange God accomplished in us. He knew our old self was beyond repair and our sinful nature could not be changed, fixed or improved. Therefore God completely disposed of our old sin nature and exchanged it for Christ's divine nature. A crown of Glory, for a crown of thorns!

UNTO THE LAMB

(Choir only)
(Congregation please be seated)

I can see Jesus, high and exalted My eyes are fixed upon His face It shines like the sun I can see Jesus, clothed in glory He is high and lifted up And His train fills the temple

[Pre-Chorus:]
And all of the angels cry "Holy"
All the saints cry "Holy"
All creation cries "Holy"
"Holy is the Lamb"

[Chorus:]
All praise unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Honor and power, dominion and praise
Unto the Lamb
Who was and is
And is to come

[Bridge:]
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
Hallelujah
All Praise unto the Lamb
Who sits on the throne
Honor and power
Dominion and praise
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah

No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

JESUS IS ALIVE (Primary choir) (Congregation please be seated)

Outside the city, away from it all,
Jesus was taken to die.

Sentenced to death
like the worst criminal,
Though He'd committed no crime.

Darkness came over

The under Jesus is alive!
The one they crucified,
He showed that He is Christ the Lord,
He did just what He said,
He rose up from the dead,
And now He lives forevermore!

the whole of the land, Even the sun didn't shine. Surely this Jesus was more than a man, This was no ordinary time.

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FIRST LESSON: Jeremiah 31: 1 - 6 (Please remain seated) God's everlasting love is proclaimed to his people. {Read by Thasun Mendis - a student from the Primary School}

FOREVER (Choir only)

The moon and stars they wept
The morning sun was dead
The Saviour of the world was fallen
His body on the cross
His blood poured out for us
The weight of every curse upon him

♦ This command raised Jesus above every earthly power as King of kings and Lord of lords.

We not only celebrate on this day that God raised Jesus from the dead. We also celebrate that because He lives, we shall also live. As Paul writes, "since we have been baptized into his (Jesus') death, we will certainly be united with him in resurrection". All who are joined to Christ will share in his resurrection. What does this all mean? God the Father called out to his dear Son, "Arise, My love, arise, My love. The grave no longer has a hold on you". Is it not consoling to realize that **at our point of death**, God will speak the same to <u>us</u>: "Arise, my love. Death no longer has a hold on you."

CHRIST AROSE! (Congregational; please stand) An offertory will be taken during this hymn

 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! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

- 2. Vainly they watch his bed, Jesus my Savior, vainly they seal the dead, Jesus my Lord!
- 3. Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Savior; he tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

OFFERTORY PRAYER

FOURTH LESSON: John 20: 19 - 23 (*Please keep standing*) - Jesus reveals himself to the disciples. {*Read by Angelo Weerasinghe - Choir Leader*}

Hallelujah, hallelujah For the Lord God almighty reigns Hallelujah, hallelujah For the Lord God almighty reigns Hallelujah, holy, holy Are You Lord God almighty Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb
You are holy, holy
Are You Lord God almighty
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb, Amen

ARISE, MY LOVE (Choir only)

(Congregation please remain seated)

Not a word was heard at the tomb that day
Just shuffling soldiers' feet as they guarded the grave
One day, two days, three days had past
Could it be that Jesus breathed His last?
Could it be that His Father had forsaken Him?
Turned His back on His son, despising our sin
All hell seemed to whisper, "just forget Him, He's dead"
Then the Father looked down to His Son and said...

Arise, My love, arise, My love
The grave no longer has a hold on you
No more death's sting, no more suffering
Arise, arise, my love!

The Earth trembled and the tomb began to shake and like lightening From Heaven, the stone was rolled away
And as dead man, the guards they all stood there in fright
As the power of love displayed its might
Then suddenly a melody filled the air
Riding wings of wind, it was everywhere
The words all creation had been longing to hear
The sweet sound of victory, so loud and clear

Arise, My love

The Last Word in this story was a command to rise. It was the command for which all creation had been waiting. It was a command at which the earth trembled and angels were dispatched to bring the good news.

- This command reversed the victory of the grave and the sting of death.
- ♦ This command tore off the very gates of hell and brought God's only begotten Son out of death into eternal life.

One final breath he gave
As heaven looked away
The son of God was laid in darkness
A battle in the grave
The war on death was waged
The power of hell forever broken

Forever he is glorified Forever he is lifted high Forever he is risen He is alive, He is alive!

The ground began to shake

Forever he is glorified overcome

The ground began to shake

The stone was rolled away

His perfect love could not be overcome

Now death where is your sting?

Our resurrected King

Has rendered you defeated

It is a cool idea that we sing these victory songs on earth to the Lord, and when we enter Heaven we will sing these songs forever to the Lamb. On the Cross, Jesus paid the price for not just our sins, but we have victory because Jesus took the keys of Hell and overcame death. He overcame the Law. He overcame the rules and regulations of religion and made it about "relationship" with him.

"Our resurrected King has rendered the grave and death defeated". The Enemy has no power. Our Redeemer has saved us from death, forever.

CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS

(Congregational; Please stand)

Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne, Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee, and hail him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave, and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save. His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high, who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of years,
The Potentate of time,
Creator of the rolling spheres,
Ineffable sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne - the Infinite!
Who lives, and loves and saves.

Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side, those wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me; thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.

(Please be seated) When Satan seems to be his strongest, Jesus stands ready to show himself stronger in one way after another. "The god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers" (2 Corinthians 4:4), but Jesus opens the eyes of the blind. "The prince of the power of the air . . . is now at work in the sons of disobedience" (Ephesians 2:2), but Jesus is at work in us, slowly shaping us into sons of righteousness. As 1 John 4:4 gives us these deeply encouraging words, "He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." As strong as Satan may seem, as powerful as sin's pull may be, as enslaving as our shame feels, as dire as our circumstances appear, Jesus is stronger. He is stronger than Satan, stronger than sin, stronger than shame, stronger than any storm and fire of suffering and pain, and stronger even than death itself.

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THIRD LESSON: Luke 24: 1-9 (*Please remain be seated*) The women find the empty tomb. {*Read by Leonard K. - a student from the upper school*)

Behold him there! the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness; the great unchangeable "I AM," the King of glory and of grace! One with himself, I cannot die, my soul is purchased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God, One with himself,

In Numbers 23:19 we read thus. "God is not human, that he should lie, not a human being, that he should change his mind. Does he speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" In this ever changing world - the only thing we can be really sure of - is God's unchanging love for us.

நீயே நிரந்தரம் (Choir only)

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STRONGER (Choir only)

There is love that came for us Humbled to a sinner's cross You broke my shame and sinfulness, You rose again victorious.

Faithfulness none can deny Thru' the storm and through the fire There is truth that sets me free Jesus Christ who lives in me!

You are stronger, you are stronger Sin is broken, you have saved me It is written, Christ is risen! Jesus you are Lord of all! No beginning and no end You're my hope and my defense You came to seek and save the lost You paid it all upon the cross.

You are stronger, you are stronger Sin is broken, you have saved me It is written, Christ is risen! Jesus you are Lord of all! (repeat)

THANK YOU FOR THE CROSS

(Staff Choir)

Thank you for the cross, Lord Thank you for the price You paid Bearing all my sin and shame In love You came And gave amazing grace

Thank you for this love, Lord Thank you for the nail pierced hands Washed me in Your cleansing flow Now all I know Your forgiveness and embrace Worthy is the Lamb
Seated on the throne
Crown You now with many crowns
You reign victorious
High and lifted up
Jesus Son of God
The Darling of Heaven crucified
Worthy is the Lamb
Worthy is the Lamb

(repeat)

SECOND LESSON: Revelation 21: 1 - 7 (Please remain seated) Saint John speaks of the New Jerusalem. {Read by Dilon Mecmillan - a student from the Middle School}

WE BELIEVE (Primary choir) (Congregation please be seated)

We believe, Jesus is the son of God We believe, He came to save us on the cross And there's a need for all the world to know His love We believe, that His love is big enough

And I want you to know Him
I want you to love Him like I do!
And to know how much He loves you too.

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O FOR A THOUSAND TONGUES

(Congregational; Please stand)

O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

'tis life and health and peace.

Jesus! the name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease, 'tis music in the sinner's ears,

He breaks the power of cancelled sin, he sets the prisoner free; his blood can make the foulest clean; his blood availed for me. To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the Church in earth and heaven.

My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim, to spread thro' all the earth abroad the honors of your name.

(Please be seated) "There are two feelings we can experience after we've sinned. One is **conviction** and the other is **condemnation**. Conviction is from the Holy Spirit, prompting us to confess and be restored to fellowship so God can continue to bless us. Its purpose is to draw us closer to God.

Condemnation is from Satan, trying to convince us that we're no good, and that God will never forgive us. It's purpose is to keep us away from God by making us feel guilty.

He disguises himself as an agent of holiness and an angel of light (see: 2 Corinthians 11:14). He produces the feeling that God has rejected you as unworthy and unholy. Satan speaks of God as your judge, and you, as a miserable sinner. He emphasizes "good works" instead of God's grace. The message is to "do, do, do" and yet, you can never "do" enough to "measure up."

"As soon as we confess our sins, we're forgiven and the sin is forgotten as God immediately purifies us from all unrighteousness (See: 1 John 1:9).

Dear friends, when Satan tempts you to despair and tells you of the guilt within....let us boldly proclaim, "My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart, we are God's children standing before his throne above".

BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

(Choir only)

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea;
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within, upward I look, and see him there who made an end of all my sin. Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free; for God the Just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me, to look on him and pardon me.