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Lenten Recital: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Dearly Beloved in Christ,

Prayerful Greetings during this blessed time of Lent!

Christian worship is an occasion of offering Paraclete-inspired gratefulness before God for the wondrous manifestation of Godly creativeness and benevolence in the incomparable acts of Creation and Redemption. In each worship service we thankfully and untiringly evoke the immortal memory of the redemptive work of the Triune God evident in the historic Incarnation and Crucifixion of Jesus, the second person in the Trinity. It is unquestionable that this intentional reiteration of the salvific endurance of our Lord on the Cross to save the entirety of creation is adequate to soften and melt even the most hardened heart. The Great Lenten time of the Christian Church is usually marked with distinct worship services that remind us of the salvation that was graciously gifted to us. This spiritual discipline has undoubtedly elevated our spiritual consciousness in the past and will certainly do so in the present as well.

Memories are significant and if that is about the cross of Jesus how much more it is. Cross, which was markedly a despicable sign of abuse, agony and shame got to be construed also as an invigorating symbol of hope, victory and salvation through Jesus. The commemoration of the Cross of Jesus takes us from the past, strengthens us in the present and directs us towards the future. An enquiry for a befitting and neo-normal way to engage with this dynamic memory during these disturbed and fragile times and especially in our context of a widely scattered congregation resulted in the **Lenten Recital: Beneath the Cross of Jesus**.

In this service we are contemplatively assembling beneath the Cross of Jesus singing, praying, reading, drawing and painting about the life and works of our Lord. The choir of Boston Carmel Mar Thoma Church will be piloting us through this thought-provoking and refreshing path of remembrance. Several other parishioners are also contributing their artistic talents to help us concentrate on the Cross of Jesus. I wish to invite you all to this **creative and meditative exploration through art and music** happening on **Saturday, the 19th of March 2022 from 6 30 pm to 7 30 pm**. I pray that our journey together on this path enable us more to offer our lives as a living sacrifice to the Lord. Let this endeavor reawaken us to the consciousness that we are a people called out from darkness into God's marvelous light to announce the mighty acts of our Lord. May this help to lessen our distance from the old rugged Cross and from the one who laid his life on it for us- our lord and our God, Jesus the Christ. To him be all glory and honor.

Warm Welcome!

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