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"EQUIPPING AND EMPOWERING CONGREGATION IN GOD'S MISSION"

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New Life

*"and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
(Galatians 2: 20)*

New beginnings celebrate *New Life* and *Lent* is a time of questions, not necessarily of answers. It is a time to draw meaning to our personal lives and our life in the community. It is a time to re-live the desert experience in our time, and ask compelling questions about our Faith and Identity.

Ash Wednesday symbolizes the beginning of the *Season of Lent*, which is the 40-weekdays before *Easter* as a *Season of reflection, repentance, fasting, abstinence, and acts of mercy*. In many church traditions, the ashes is smeared in the middle of the forehead of the believer. In a culture where materialism and indulgence are growing, the beginning with *Ash Wednesday* signify a *spirituality of humility* and helps us to accept our brokenness. *Lent* therefore becomes a *Season to commit to freedom from human bondage and desire*.

Apostle Paul in one of the most influential statements about life, invites the churches in *Galatia* to live beyond legalism, because legalism abandons the creative and potential effect of the cross. In *Galatians 2:20*, "*The life I received by faith I now also live by faith*," in the original language, indicates a past completed action that has continuing results. When a believer trusts in Christ for salvation, he spiritually participates with the Lord in his death and in his victory over sin and death. Paul is talking about the "*New Life*." The true Christian life is not only about our living for Christ, it is also about Christ living through the believer. For Paul, "*It is no longer I who live*," is a statement of transformative faith, where the personal interests and goals no longer directs one's life, but *Christ who lives in a person and empowers a person*. The *New Life* is a transformed life, a life that can think and live beyond the self.

It is our prayer that our theme "*New Life*," will help us think about the gift of life that God has blessed us, and help us to rediscover purpose and meaning.

Your Presbyter

Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben



Lenten and Holy Week Meditations 2025

New Life

DATE & TIME	THEME	SCRIPTURE LESSON	PREACHER
Wednesday 5th March 2025 6:30 pm	Ash Wednesday <i>Cross: Suffering and New Life</i>	1 Kings 17: 17 - 24 Philippians 2: 1 - 11 St. Luke 9: 23 - 27 (K)	Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben
Friday 14th March 2025 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>World Day of Prayer (Women's Fellowship)</i> <i>I Made You Wonderful</i>	Psalm 139: 13 - 18	Rev. Shashikala Alva
Friday 21st March 2025 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>New Life and Discipleship</i>	St. Luke 9: 51 - 62	Rev. Dr. Rohan Gideon
Friday 28th March 2025 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>New Life and the Kingdom of God</i>	St. Luke 13: 22 - 30	Rev. Jessie Ranjan
Friday 4th April 2025 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>New Life and Eternal Life</i>	St. Luke 18: 18 - 30	Rev. Sanjay Samuel Aiyer
Friday 11th April 2025 6:30 pm	Lenten Service <i>New Life and Accomplishment</i>	St. Luke 18: 31 - 34	Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben

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Sunday 13th April 2025 9:00 am	PALM SUNDAY <i>New Life and Embracing multiple voices</i>	Zechariah 9: 9 - 12 Ephesians 4: 17 - 24 St. Luke 19: 28 - 40 (K)	Rev. Sam Koshy P
Monday 14th April 2025 6:30 pm	HOLY WEEK <i>New Life and Embracing Change</i>	St. Luke 19: 45 - 48	Rev. Sam Koshy P
Tuesday 15th April 2025 6:30 pm	HOLY WEEK <i>New Life and Embracing Authority</i>	St. Luke 20: 1 - 8	Rev. Sam Koshy P
Wednesday 16th April 2025 6:30 pm	HOLY WEEK <i>New Life and Embracing New beginnings</i>	St. Luke 21: 34 - 38	Rev. Sam Koshy P
Thursday* 17th April 2025 6:30 pm	MAUNDY THURSDAY (Holy Communion)* <i>Eucharist and Community of New Life</i>	Exodus 12: 1 - 7 1 Corinthians 11: 23 - 34 St. Luke 22: 14 - 23 (K)	Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna

GOOD FRIDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

DATE & TIME	THEME	SCRIPTURE LESSON	PREACHER
Friday 18th April 2025 9:00 am	GOOD FRIDAY <i>New Life and Accomplishment of Salvation</i>	Exodus 14: 15 - 20 Hebrews 13: 8 - 16 St. Luke 23: 26 - 43 (K)	Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben
Friday 18th April 2025 11:30 am to 3:00 pm	GOOD FRIDAY Meditation on the Seven Words on the Cross		
	1st Word	St. Luke 23: 34	Dr. Stafford Cripps
	2nd Word	St. Luke 23: 43	Rev. Silpa Rani
	3rd Word	St. John 19: 26 - 27	Rev. M. B. Kotian
	4th Word	St. Matthew 27: 46	Rev. Dr. R. Sahayadhas
	5th Word	St. John 19: 28	Rev. Melvin
	6th Word	St. John 19: 30	Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben
	7th Word	St. Luke 23: 46	Rev. Dr. Allan Palanna

EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES

DATE & TIME	THEME	SCRIPTURE LESSON	PREACHER
Sunday* 20th April 2025 5:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY SUNRISE SERVICE (Holy Communion) <i>New Life and the Power of Transformation</i> <i>Service begins with a Play by the Youth Fellowship</i>	Isaiah 43: 16 - 21 1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 28 St. Luke 24: 1 - 12 (K)	Celebrant & Preacher Rev. Dr. Dexter S. Maben
Sunday* 20th April 2025 9:00 am	EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE (Holy Communion) <i>New Life and the Power of Transformation</i>	Isaiah 43: 16 - 21 1 Corinthians 15: 20 - 28 St. Luke 24: 1 - 12 (K)	