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2020 Motto

'Let us rise up and build'

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Nehemiah 2:18

Palm Sunday- April 5, 10 am

Maundy Thursday- April 9, 7:30 pm

Good Friday- April 10, 10 am

Easter- April 12, 10 am

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Editorial

It shall pass over...

Have you been deranged by the current world scenario? Has your faith drained out? A deadly pestilence is sweeping the whole world. It doesn't differentiate between the most powerful and the least powerful, the aristocrat and the commoner and the haughty and the humble. The ways of our lives have been changed drastically to accommodate the measures taken by the governments to prevent COVID-19. We have had many pandemics in the past that have brought the world to a standstill.

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn; from my mouth has gone out in righteousness a word that shall not return. 'To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear allegiance.'" (Isaiah 45: 22-23)

Though this pandemic is progressing in its ruthless march, clutching many a people and claiming lives, it is consoling to note that some have been retrieved from its iron fists and yet some are spared. Being devastated by the current series of events, it is high time that we changed our focus to the Glorious One on the throne. Let's not be dismayed when troubles assail, for He is a strong refuge. *"The Lord is good, a stronghold in a day of trouble; he protects those who take refuge in Him."* (Nahum 1:7). The little faith that we have shall be our incentive if we have a personal relationship with the King of Kings and Lord of Lords. It is an open invitation and a warning. The time is ripe. If we still turn a deaf ear or are complacent in confronting this state, the result would be myriad times disastrous than the worst scenarios we've been through, to all eternity.

Let's be convinced that this contagion shall also exit, passing over those redeemed by the blood of the Lamb. It is imperative that we put on the armour of God and pray unceasingly for everyone. May our Lord Jesus be our portion. May the peace that passeth all understanding fill our hearts. Amen.

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

After Easter celebration, there are some questions to ponder upon like – Did we gain anything through our self-restrained life in the lent season? or Are we experiencing any significant positive change in our behaviour after Easter celebration? or Are we into old bad habits after Easter Sunday? or Did the lent season and the self-restrained life bless us with spiritual discipline? In relation to the saying “The season of lent leads to spiritual discipline”.

The Bible clearly states that King David “humbled himself with fasting” (Psalms 35:13). Also, Queen Esther prayed to God without eating and drinking (Esther 4:16). Both King David and Queen Esther were blessed with spiritual power and courage by their restricted life, for they humbled themselves before the God Almighty. The Old Testament records that great men of faith such as Elijah and Daniel led restricted lives so that they could be closer to God (Exodus 34:28; 1 Kings 19:8; Daniel 9:3; Daniel 10:2-3). But later, Pharisees and leaders of the church continued this practice as a law or ritual (Matthew 9:14-15). Before their people, these Pharisees and church leaders presented themselves to be holy and spiritual by abstaining from food. The Bible clearly states that Jesus raised His voice against such practices of Pharisees.

The season of lent is a period to seek repentance and to refrain from all evil habits such as drinking, smoking and from all evil desires. For this reason, let us repent and turn back to our God. Let us build a faith relationship with our Saviour Lord Jesus by giving importance to the Bible study and prayers. Please note that this year God has given us more time to pray and to study the Bible because of the corona virus. Earth's ecosystem functions have changed due to the intense activity of man. This coronavirus may be nature's step in restoring the earth's ecological balance as envisaged by God. No one should be afraid. God is our strength. Let us commit ourselves to God. God is enough to heal this world. So find God. Walk with God. Let me use more time to praise God.

Let us believe that our life is in our God's hand. It is His, and not ours. Our new journey of life with Christ will strengthen and empower us to overcome our old ways and worldly desires to experience a new life in Christ Jesus. Through prayers and obedience, our God will strengthen us to lead Christ-centred life and to be blessed with His everlasting presence and grace. Our worship and other programs have been temporarily cancelled.

Let us cooperate with the government on anti-coronavirus activities. Avoid gatherings. Keep your body and your surroundings clean. Do not self-medicate for colds or flu and cough. Do not leave the house if possible. Wash your hands cleanly, especially if you have to go out.

In this situation, the worship is done either through tele prayer or live stream. You will be prompted at the appropriate time.

Remember other believers in your prayers. Do not fail to read the biblical passages from Genesis to Revelation regularly. Now we have more time. Don't waste it. It is commendable that our organizations have organized chain prayers.

God Bless you by these words

Rev. Anish M George Padickamannil

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Celebrations



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BIRTHDAYS

04	Mathew Modayil Kuruvila	17	Joseph K David
06	Angelina Raichel Ajoy	17	Kiran Masih
07	Sandeep Charuvil Ninan	20	Tim Eapen
07	Gershon Varughese Jijo	21	Jacob P. John
09	Jiya Ajay	21	Manoj Joseph Kurien
10	Jamal Masih	21	Mini George
11	Miriam Chacko	21	Nisha Thomas
12	Regi Koshy	21	Abel Williams
12	Jijo Cherian Varughese	22	Abraham Chacko
12	Sherin Philip Daniel	22	David Joseph
15	Diani Mathai	24	Nathan Jinoj
15	Rini Miriam Jacob	24	Sarah James
15	Mary Alexander	27	Mahathw P. Anish
16	Ruth Philip Joseph	29	Benjamin Ninan
17	Jacob Cherian		

ANNIVERSARIES

08	Aji V. Mathews & Sophy Aji Mathews
11	Tony Koshy Abraham & Jisha Mary Alexander
16	Toms Jacob & Joshy Ani Mathew
22	Joseph K. David & Jeena Joseph
22	Hans Thomas Varghese & Annet Thomas
24	Reji Kumar P. B & Preethamole R

<p>April 05 Palm Sunday</p>	Christ the King of Peace		
	Old Testament	Zechariah 9:1-12	English Service
	Psalm	24	Read by
	Epistle	Ephesians 2:11-22	Alex Oommen & Family
	Gospel	Mark 11:1-11	
<p>April 09 Maundy Thursday</p>	Christ the Life Giving Blood		
	Old Testament	Exodus 12:12-20	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	116	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 11:23-29	Church Committee
	Gospel	John 6:47-58	
<p>April 10 Good Friday</p>	Cross : Self-giving Love		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	22	Read by
	Epistle	1 Peter 2:21-25	Organizations
	Gospel	Mark 15:22-41	
<p>April 12 Easter</p>	Resurrection: Celebrating Life in Jesus		
	Old Testament	1 King 17:17-24	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	118:1-17	Read by
	Epistle	1 Corinthians 15:42-58	Church Committee
	Gospel	Luke 24:1-12	



Bible Portions



<p>April 19 1st Sunday after Easter</p>	Affirmation of Christ as Lord and God		
	Old Testament	Exodus 3:13-17	English Service
	Psalm	93	Read by
	Epistle	Colossians 1:15-23	Benjamin Chacko & family
	Gospel	John 20:24-29	
<p>April 26 2nd Sunday after Easter</p>	Invitation to Christ's Hospitality		
	Old Testament	Genesis 18:1-10	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	15	Read by
	Epistle	Hebrews 13:1-8	Malayala Lokam
	Gospel	John 21:1-14	



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Women's Sunday

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Virtual Worship

Please note that our Sunday worship service is now starting at 10:00 am. Although we are not able to come together to worship in the sanctuary due to COVID-19 restrictions, please join the Sunday worship and other activities of the church using one of the 3 options below:

1. Dial-In. Using your Phone (audio only)

- Canada: +1 (647) 497-9373
- Access Code: 885-075-085
- Press # key once you input the access code.

2. Mobile App. Join from your Smartphone/tab (audio & video):

- Please follow the instructions on page 10
- **Access Code:** 885-075-085

3. Computer/Laptop (audio & video):

- Joining through web:
 - <https://www.gotomeet.me/CSChurchToronto>
- Joining through application
 - install the GoToMeeting desktop application and join
 - <https://global.gotomeeting.com/install/885075085>

Please put your phone on “MUTE” as soon as you join the tele-prayer to avoid disruption

For technical assistance, please contact:

- Varghese V John (Shibu) – 647 855 7004
- Santhosh Cherian – 647 885 5773

On-line Giving (Interac e-Transfer)

Please make your offering through on-line giving at csichurchtoronto@outlook.com

To set up **Interac e-Transfer** please follow the instructions on page 13.

New WhatsApp Group – “CSI Church, Toronto”

A new WhatsApp group has been created for effective communication to all members of our church. All church related official announcements will be made through this media. Please let the church office know if you are not receiving it. The existing WhatsApp group of our fellowships will remain the same. Your cooperation and support is highly appreciated.

Bible Study – “The Coming of Jesus Christ”



The Bible study will be taking place on every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm starting April 15, 2020. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect and learn with each other while continuing to grow

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their personal relationship with God. Anish Achen will be leading the Bible studies. Please plan to attend the Bible study through **Virtual Worship**.

Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will resume Wednesday April 15, 2020 in the Sanctuary from 10:00 am till 12:00 noon. Please join the fellowship through **Virtual Worship**

Monthly Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer for the month will be held on Saturday, April 04, 2020 at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. Please join through **Virtual Worship**.

Lenten Prayer

There will be prayer in the sanctuary on every Wednesday at 7:30 pm during the season of Lent. Please join through **Virtual Worship**.

Board Meeting

The board has decided to meet on every Sunday at 8:30 pm through dial-in facility during the period of COVID-19 restrictions.

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be held on **Saturday**, April 04, 2020 at 6:30 pm. This prayer meeting is hosted by Suby & Ruby Mathews. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Jordan area prayer will be held on **Saturday**, April 11, 2020 at 6:30 pm. This prayer meeting is hosted by Ajoy Lionel and Reji Elizabeth. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Passion Week Worship Services (Matins)

Palm Sunday	April 05, 2020 @ 10:00 AM
Maundy Thursday	April 09, 2020 @ 07:30 PM
Good Friday	April 10, 2020 @ 10:00 AM
Easter Sunday	April 12, 2020 @ 10:00 AM

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send an e-mail to the Secretary at torcsichurch@gmail.com



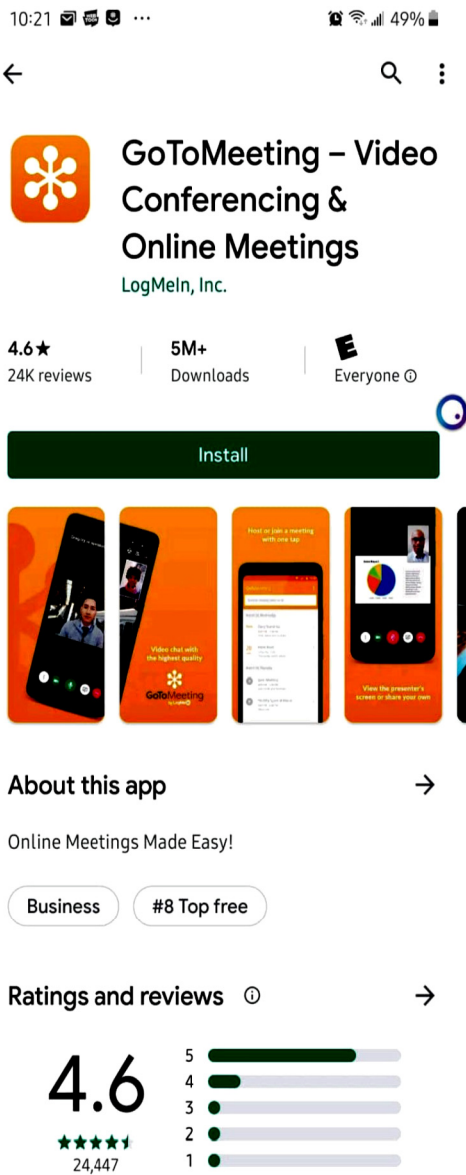
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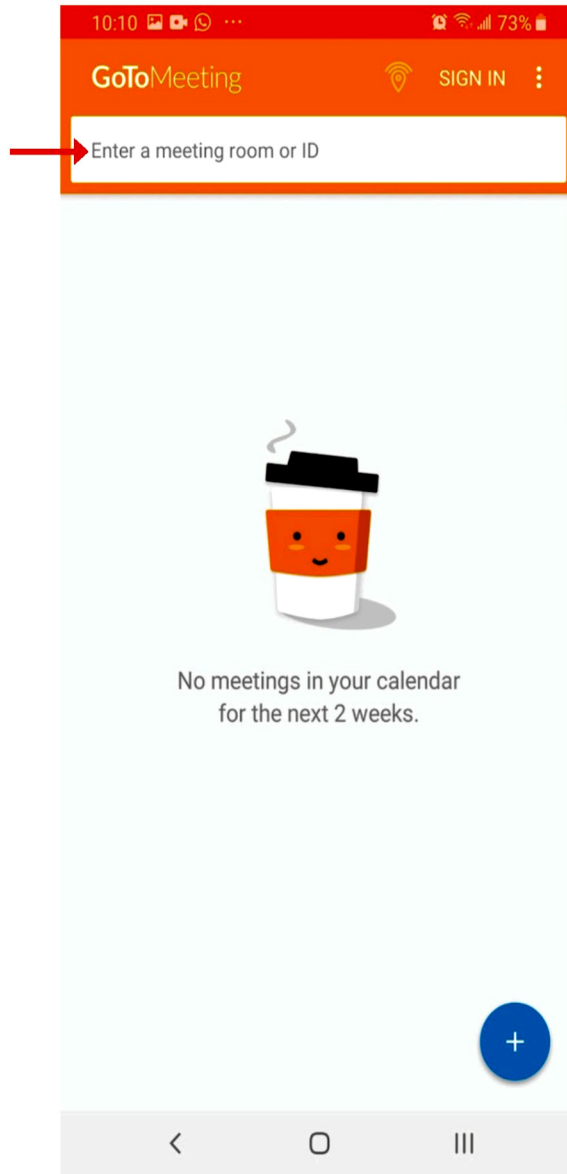
To Install the app and join the meeting from mobile, follow these steps:

Open App-store (iPhone) or Play-store (Android) and type "GoToMeeting".

1 Install below app:



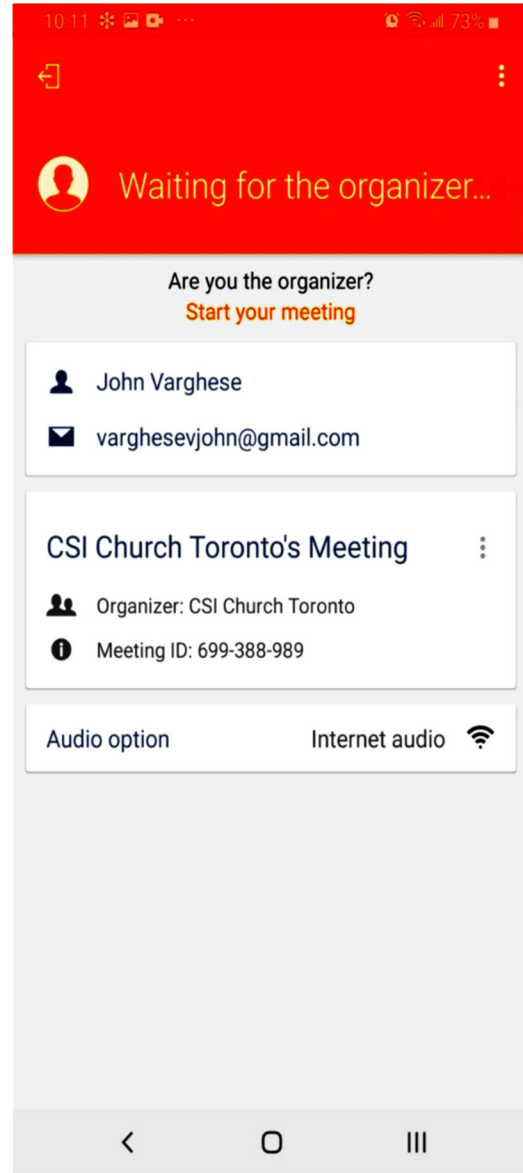
2 Once installed, open the app. Input the Name if asked. Then input the access code:



3 Once access code is input, click on "Go" button:



4 If the meeting has not yet started, you will get below screen:



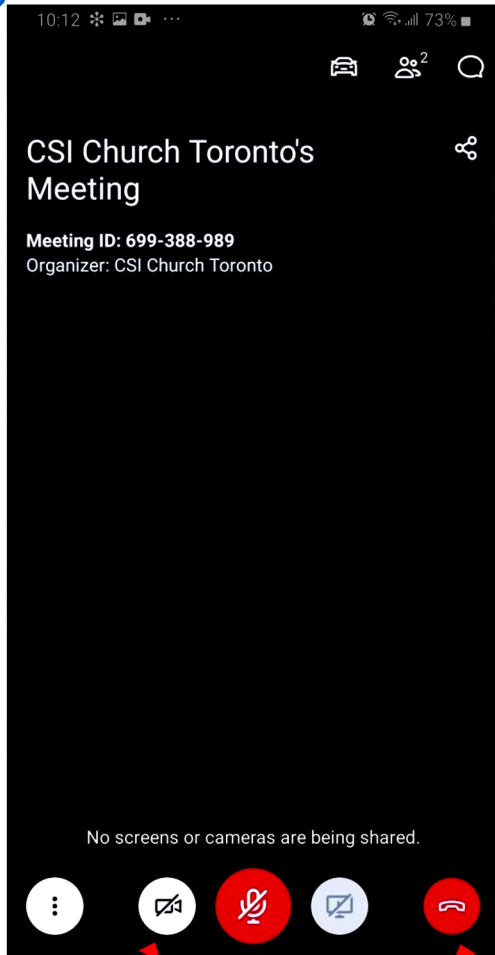


Virtual Worship

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Once the organizer starts the meeting:

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Camera On/Off

Mute/Unmute

Leave meeting

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Once joined, please make sure your Microphone is on "Mute". Please do not click the Camera button; it will be "Off" (like in Step 5) when you join. Once the presenter's video is on, you will see the video on the screen.

Login to your online account.

1. Select Interac e-Transfer
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The screenshot shows a vertical navigation menu with the following items: Accounts (highlighted in green), Personal Accounts (with a sub-item View Accounts), Small Business Accounts, Statements & Documents, Communications, Session History, and Order Foreign Currency. Below this are buttons for Pay Bills, Transfers, Interac e-Transfer* (circled in red with a '1' next to it), Global Transfers, Investments, Add Accounts & Services, and Profile & Settings.

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3. Type CSI Church Toronto in the Contact info Name box
4. Type csichurchtoronto@outlook.com in the email box
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6. Click add.
7. Come back to step 2, select recipient, type a message – Offertory/ Thanks/ Audio/ Missions/ Men's Fellowship/ Women's Fellowship / Youth etc. And your Family ID if possible.

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Buttons: Back (green), Add (grey, circled in red with a '6' next to it)

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The Start to a Fresh Day

Anna Esther Samuel



Suddenly it's all quiet
 The clouds darken and cold wind fills the air
 Everyone continues to walk by
 Unknown to what today may unfold.

Droplets starts filling my hands
 The rain has started to drench me
 Yet why are people still walking by?
 Ah! Its pouring harder now.

As I run for shelter from the rain
 The rain gets louder, everyone gets quieter
 Everyone starts running and panicking
 When will the peace comeback?

The clouds seem to clear up
 A thought flutters through my mind
 Should I stay or run home?
 How peaceful was it before!

Suddenly the sun peeks through the clouds
 Birds start chirping around me
 Raindrops on leaves start falling to the ground
 It's not gloomy anymore
 As the sun comes out, it's refreshing outside
 The rain has washed away everything
 Everyone is happy and the ground has dried
 It's the start to a New, Fresh Day.

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