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2020 Motto

'Let us rise up and build'

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Nehemiah 2:18

JUNE 7
TRINITY SUNDAY

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Editorial

Light the world....

Have you ever been influenced by world's societal standards? Is your way of life harmonized with the current norm? We live in a world where darkness, disguised as light has taken the reins. The human brains have undergone a paradigm shift to accommodate this darkness. Emerging from the dungeons and reverting to light is humanly impossible. We need help - *"It is you who light my lamp; the Lord, my God, lights up my darkness."* (Psalms18:28)

Darkness of this world has clouded or crippled our vision and taken control of everything. We fail to realize or become inept in realizing the Christian standards set by the Word of God. Instead, people are drawn into everything said in Galatians 5:19-21. *"Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God."* If we look around, we should be alarmed by the fact that all of these have been intricately woven into the societal framework, and people have grown with them. It is very easy to identify if we are the prisoners of darkness. If we think this is the norm and ask why we should fret, then it is high time to escape from this "structured reality". When our Lord lights the lamp, it dispels the darkness within us and help us to have the fruits of the Spirit.

The light, in grace and love profound
Has come to save His own forlorn
To light the light in us abound
And make the world indeed reborn.

The light that burns can help us see
Amend the darker sin in place
The fruits of Spirit flow in thee
Until we see Him face to face. (Samuel Anselm Samuel)

"For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light - for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true." (Ephesians 5:8-9)

Samuel Anselm Samuel
Editor

Achen's Message



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The Bible verse about grace is stated in II Corinthians 13:14 "The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all". These are the last words of our worship service and is known as "Grace of God". Grace is a free gift from God that empowers us to live a blessed life.

Having understood that grace is a free gift, we now need to ponder on the question - What is a free gift?

The Savior "Jesus Christ" is the precious gift from our God. God sent His word to His people through the forefathers like Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and also through His prophets like Moses, Isaiah, Jeremiah to save their lives. As only a few people believed His words, God sent His "word in flesh" Jesus Christ, the Grace.

Next question to ponder on is: Why did God send this grace to the world? This grace is the love of God. The following Bible verses proclaim the love of God - In the Love of God there is no border (Psalms 36:5-7), everlasting love (Jer 31:3) and God Himself the love (1 John 4:8)...not that we have loved God but that He loved us first (1John 4:10). God sent His son to the earth to save our life and to show His love through Jesus Christ (Rom 5:8). Therefore, we need to have deep-rooted trust in Him. And also we need to share this God's love to the ends of the earth. Next question of concern is - How does God share this grace and love? This sharing of grace and love is possible only through the fellowship of the Spirit of God. The Holy Spirit is an invisible power of God which works in every person's life. It empowers believers to do the Will of God. Fellowship is a valuable gift of the Holy Spirit. In this particular situation, we may feel frustrated and lonely. If we have a continual fellowship with the Holy Spirit, we will never experience loneliness. Also, through developing oneness with the Holy Spirit, we can build unity and faith in Christ gradually. And by the Power of the Holy Spirit we can also empower our community to present our Lord Jesus Christ to the world.

We need to believe that each and every benediction is empowering us. So, are you ready to receive this truth?

May God bless you by these words.

Rev. Anish M George Padickamannil

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BIRTHDAYS

01	Leonard Fredrick	19	Akshay Koshy
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11	Norah Kurien	21	Sandeep Mathew Varghese
11	Mary Joseph	27	Christopher Gajraj
15	Ajin Annie Varguise	28	Shawn Cherian
15	Rejini Gajraj	29	Mithul Nimmy Manuel
17	Smitha Rency		

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06	Austin Christopher Peter & Judie Austin
07	Joseph P. Mathews & Sonia Mathews
10	Santhosh Zac Koshy & Suja Sara Koshy
21	Christopher Gajraj & Rejini Gajraj

<p>June 07 Trinity Sunday</p>	We Believe in the Triune God		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 1:1-14	English Service
	Psalm	98	Read by
	Epistle	2 Corinthians 13:11-14	Vimal Joy & Family
	Gospel	Matthew 28:16-20	
<p>June 14 Environment Sunday</p>	Creation Groans for Liberation		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 36:24-36	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	29	Read by
	Epistle	Romans 8:18-25	Samuel Anselm Samuel & Family
	Gospel	John 20:19-23	
<p>June 21 3rd Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Worship: Celebration of Peoples' Faith		
	Old Testament	Isaiah 6:1-8	English Service
	Psalm	148	Read by
	Epistle	Revelation 4:1-11	Michael Govda & Family
	Gospel	John 4: 6-26	
<p>June 28 4th Sunday after Pentecost</p>	Discipleship as Witness		
	Old Testament	2 Kings 2:1-15	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	119:33-48	Read by
	Epistle	Titus 2:1-15	Christy Abraham & Family
	Gospel	John 3:22-30	



Virtual Worship

Sunday worship service starts at 10:00am. 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
- Canada: 1 888 299 1889 (Toll Free)
- 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
- **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

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.

Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

The Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship will take place on every Wednesday from 10:00 am to 12:00 noon in the Church Sanctuary. Please join the fellowship through **Virtual Worship**

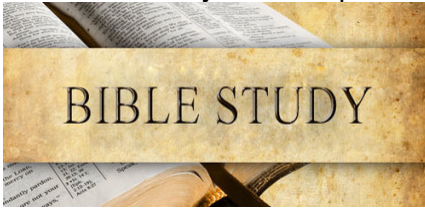


Monthly Fasting Prayer

Fasting prayer for the month will be held on Saturday, June 06, 2020 at 10:00 am in the Church Sanctuary. Please join through **Virtual Worship**.

Bible Study – “The Coming of Jesus Christ”

The Bible study will take place on every Wednesday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the Second Coming of Jesus Christ. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect with and understand each other while continuing to build personal relationship with God. Anish Achen is leading the Bible studies. Please plan to attend the Bible study through **Virtual fellowship**.



Board Meeting

The board has decided to meet on every Sunday at 8:00 pm through dial-in facility during the restriction period of COVID-19.

Cottage Prayer

Shalom area prayer will be held on Saturday, June 06, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Prem Narayan and Reshma Maria George. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

Jordan area prayer will be held on Saturday, June 13, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by Joy Chemmanoor and Mini George. Please join the virtual fellowship.

Gilead area prayer will be held on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 7:30 pm. The prayer meeting is hosted by V. I. Kurien and Susan Kurien. Please join the **virtual fellowship**.

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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Life Matters and Let Love Define Us!

Biby Abraham

Let's not be defined by our colour
 Let's not be defined by our race
 Let hope and love be our honour
 Let us be defined by God's grace

Different shades of colours we have
 But the colour of our blood is red
 Different levels of tolerance we have
 But let it not lead us to bloodshed

Hatred spurs violence
 Darkness spurs crime
 Trust spreads tolerance
 And let love be supreme

God gave us wisdom
 God showed us love and divinity
 Let's not challenge His kingdom
 Lest we lose our hope and eternity

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