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2023 Motto

“A new command I give you: Love one another as I have loved you”

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John 13:34

**Happy Mothers' Day – Sunday,
May 14th**

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Editorial

Everyday miracles!

The miracles of the Bible are astonishing, and I'm sure at least some of us wish or wonder what it would have been like to live in historic times. Imagine witnessing or living in the times of the wondrous acts of God that freed the Israelites from bondage in Egypt, or witnessing the miraculous acts of healing that Christ did! Perhaps some among us are experiencing a thriving walk with God, whereas others may be in a less vibrant place spiritually and waiting for a miracle to lift us up. To the latter I challenge you to look around and experience the great miracle of spring that surrounds us. The transition of the seasons may be an annual occurrence but it is anything but mundane, in fact it is a true miracle at work and one that never fails to amaze! That spring has sprung is both a play on words; as they alliterate, and it also refers to the miraculous waking up of plant and animal life around us. This is a miracle we are all called to witness and be part of. It is a reminder that nature bears the stamp of a supernatural master creator, and that we are to look to God for something new every day!

After God led the Israelites out of Egypt through great signs and wonders, He left them with instructions that were direct and relevant to everyday things. As an example, God miraculously provided the Israelites with manna to eat but instructed them to gather it everyday and only according to their needs (Exodus 16: 16-21). In doing this God reminded the Israelites that not only was He their provider, but also that they needed to come out and gather His provision every day.

Our role and response in our spiritual journey is to remember that God's grace cannot be hoarded, but it is always enough for today. Oswald Chambers a Scottish evangelist, reminds us through his writings that, "God does not give us overcoming life; He gives us life as we overcome." So let us take up the challenge to live with faith, expectation and looking forward to everyday miracles in our daily lives.

Reshma George

Editor

Achen's Message



Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the name of our Risen Lord!

As we are entering into a new month, let us ask for His guidance and blessings. In this month we are focusing on post resurrection thoughts as per our church calendar. Let us thank God for the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of the Son of God for all of us. Let us experience the presence of the risen Lord in our daily affairs and let us commit ourselves unto His hands for His mighty plan and purpose. His presence in our lives will empower us to go beyond the boundaries to love and serve His creation.

After the death of their Master the disciples were hiding behind locked doors because of fear of the Jewish leaders who had just crucified their Lord. It was not far-fetched to think that they might be next. They may have been discussing how they could sneak out of Jerusalem without being arrested. Suddenly, with no knock at the door or no one opening the door, the risen Lord Jesus stood in their midst saying "Peace be with you". John 20:20 reports the outcome after Jesus showed them His hands and His side by stating that, "The disciples then rejoiced when they saw the Lord." Peace be with you; was a common Jewish greeting wishing overall well-being on the other person. Amid chaos, a greeting of peace may seem to have no relevance, but Christ strengthened the apostles to go out to the world with the peace which He granted them.

Peace with God is foundational for our mission for Christ. We can't begin to serve the Lord unless we are reconciled to Him through the peace that He accomplished on the cross. The peace that the Lord gives us also extends to our relationships with one another. The risen Christ is the basis for resolving relational conflicts. Christ has given us peace with God, the peace of God, and peace with one another, so that we can carry out His mission.

Jesus showed the disciples His hands and side to convince them of the truth that He was truly risen in the body. The risen Savior gave us great proof, and we can proclaim the gospel with confidence because we have proof of His resurrection. May God strengthen us as He strengthened the apostles in word, faith and spirit so that we may proclaim His living word to the entire creation.

From March 29 to April 18 we were blessed by the presence of the Bishop of Madhya Kerala Diocese Rt.Rev Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian and kochamma. Bishop visited our satellite churches in Vancouver and Edmonton and had fruitful discussions with the Anglican Bishop of Westminster Diocese, the Rt. Rev John Stephen, and the Rt. Rev Stephen London, Bishop of the Edmonton Diocese. Our Bishop met the Anglican Bishop of Toronto Diocese, the Rt.Rev Andrew Asbil and the officials of the diocese, and signed and renewed our Agreement with the Anglican Diocese of Toronto till 2040.

Our Passion Week services were graced by the presence of our Bishop and kochamma. 18 of our kids were confirmed by bishop and entered the full membership of our church. Prayers and blessings for their fruitful spiritual life ahead. May God bless you all.

In His service

Binu Achen

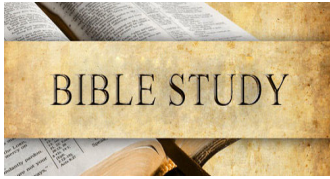


Intercessory Prayer Cell Fellowship

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

Bible Study – “Book of Hebrews”

The Bible study will take place on **every Thursday from 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm**. The Bible Study provides an in-depth learning on the book of Hebrews. It also provides an opportunity for members to connect with and understand each other while continuing to build personal relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. Binu Achen will be leading the Bible study. Please plan to attend the Bible study through **Zoom**.



Board Meeting

An in-person meeting of the board will be held on Sunday, May 12, 2023, at 12:00 pm.

Cottage Prayer Meetings

- **Jordan** area prayer will be held on **Saturday, May 6th, 2023 at 7:00 pm**. This **online** prayer meeting will be hosted by Mr. Sudeep Oommen and Mrs. Sarah Oommen.
- **Gilead** area prayer will be held on **Friday, May 20th, 2023 at 6:30 pm**. This **in-person** prayer meeting will take place at the residence of Mr. Sam Daniel and Mrs. Selva Sam.
- **Shalom** area prayer will be held on **Sunday, May 21st, 2023 at 7:30 pm**. This **in-person** prayer meeting will take place at the residence of Mr. Jinoj Titus and Mrs. Rajitha Jinoj.

If you wish to be included in the parish e-mail list to receive special notices, please send your e-mail ID to the Secretary at secretary@csichurchtoronto.org



Welcome to the new Board of Directors



Thank you to the outgoing Board of Directors



May 07 4th Sunday after Easter	Believing in Christ: The Way		
	Old Testament	Exodus 14: 10 - 20	English Service
	Psalm	116	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 16: 19 - 34	Tom Karottiparambil John & family
	Gospel	John 14:1 - 7	
May 14 5th Sunday after Easter	Mission as sharing Christ's Peace		
	Old Testament	Micah 4: 1 - 7	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	85	Read by
	Epistle	Phil 4: 4 - 9	Roshen Binu, Dan Philip Binu & Ashley Varghese
	Gospel	Like 24: 36 - 49	
May 21 6th Sunday after Easter	Promise of the Holy Spirit		
	Old Testament	Joel 2: 28 -32	English Service
	Psalm	42	Read by
	Epistle	Galatians 5:22 - 26	Bejosh & Hazel
	Gospel	John 14:15 - 21	
May 28 Pentecost Sunday	Come Holy Spirit Transform the whole Creation		
	Old Testament	Ezekiel 36: 24 -36	Malayalam Service
	Psalm	29	Read by
	Epistle	Acts 2: 1 -13	Anilraj & family
	Gospel	John 20: 19 - 23	



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01	Molamma Ninan	09	Asha Susan Joy
01	Minu Samraj	09	Joel Wesly Samuel
01	Praise Abraham	10	Hayden Leon
02	Nomiya Pulickathadathil Jacob	10	Vivek Kumar Sathya Kumar
03	Annamma Chacko	11	Swarup Itty
03	Joby Abraham	11	Williams Silvanose
03	Hannah Rose Tom	14	Hudson Leon
04	Joanna Ann Shinu	16	Joann Sosha Jacob
06	Elijah Johnson	17	Diya Serin Binu
06	Beena Annet Hans Thomas	18	Rapti Ghosh
06	Hannah Jessy Cherian	20	Mini Fredrick
06	Christina Rose David	20	Preethamole R
06	Siby Mathew Varghese	21	Johanne Mathew
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08	Asher Sam	25	Daisy Pothan
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09	Manasi Varghese George	25	Sushmita Keerthi



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- 18 Tim Eapen & Ninu Ann Varghese
- 21 Mathew Abraham & Surekha Jacob
- 21 Vivek Kumar Sathya Kumar & Premax Christudas Prema Persis
- 23 Shaji Levison Moothedom & Daisy Pothan
- 24 P. J. Skariah & Annamma Skariah
- 26 John Mathew & Sheeba. R Thomas
- 26 Anil Raj Daniel & Steephamol S.S
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