

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia  
4937 Church Avenue,  
Feasterville-Treose, PA 19053

Sunday school at 9:00 a.m.  
Sunday Worship at 10:00 a.m.

1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> - Malayalam Holy Communion  
2<sup>nd</sup> - English H. C. with Praise & Worship  
4<sup>th</sup> - English Holy Communion  
5<sup>th</sup> - Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer - Every Wednesday @ 9:00 PM

Fasting Prayer - Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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## ❖ Reminders... .

We will continue to have Church service, prayer meeting and Fellowship meetings available through Zoom Video conference facilities until March 27<sup>th</sup>. When we reopen, we still must obey all CDC guidelines for the safety of our members. We must follow Social distancing guidelines provided by the Federal Government as well as State/Local Governments. Members who are over sixty, especially those with any pre-existing conditions, should refrain from attending the service. Your cooperation is requested.

It was decided by the general body to switch our "SIGNAL" to be the official messaging app that will be used by the church. Only very few members have signed up with Signal. We will give few more weeks for everyone to sign up. Please download SIGNAL APP on your phone.

Our regularly scheduled Wednesday's Teleconference Prayer meeting will be held at 9:00 PM. The Zoom link will be sent via email and WhatsApp.

On every Saturday, at 10 AM, we will have a teleconference fasting prayer meeting. First Saturday's prayer will be led by Women's Fellowship.

If you wish to send any donations/offerings, please mail it to our Treasurer **Mr. Shaji P. Oommen, 10221 Selmer Plaza, Philadelphia, PA 19116.** Thanks to everyone who already contributed and continued support to our Church.

Church Committee Meetings will be scheduled as needed with the permission of the Vicar/President



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**From Achen's Desk**

### **Who are You?**

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. We are in the middle of this year's lent season. The Bible teaches about fasting in a lot of passages, but there is no specific command to the believers to fast during this specific period for this specific time. In the 1970s classic Kung Fu movie Enter the Dragon, Bruce Lee receives a challenge to a series of fights. During one challenge, Lee's opponent tries to intimidate him by breaking a board. Lee calmly replies, "Boards don't hit back."

That wasn't the reaction that his opponent had hoped for. He wanted to taunt Lee into proving his strength and perhaps even find a weakness in the process, but it didn't work. The problem was that Bruce Lee knew he could break a board. There was no need for him to engage in such a petty display. Through his refusal to perform simple tricks, he displayed confidence in who he was.

In a way, this scene is similar to what happened to Jesus in the wilderness. The devil taunted Him and challenged Him to "command this stone to become bread" (Luke 4:3). From an outside point of view, this might seem like an impressive test of Jesus' power, but when you consider that John 1:3 tells us, "Through him all things were made; without him nothing was made that has been made," it seems as silly as Bruce Lee breaking a board. Jesus knew that he could do it. It wasn't so much a test of Jesus' ability as it was a test of His trust in the Father. So He simply answered, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone'" (Luke 4:4).

Satan's loves to make us doubt God.

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In the garden, Satan asked Eve, “Did God really say ...?” (Genesis 3:1). He wanted Eve to question whether God was trustworthy. With his question to Jesus, Satan was essentially asking, “Did God really say you were His Son? How do you know that you can trust Him? Maybe you’ve waited for God long enough. Maybe it’s time to take matters into your own hands.”

Satan has been using the same technique since the dawn of man. Like a snake, he sneaks up on us when we’re at our lowest point and taunts us with seeds of doubt.

Even though Jesus was tired and hungry in the wilderness, He had complete trust in God. If you know who you are, and you trust in who you belong to (God), then you’ll be in a much better position to stand firm against Satan’s taunts.

What lie is Satan whispering into your ears? What truth about God can you hold onto?

Yours,

Princeachen

### *Wedding Anniversaries:*

Congratulations and best wishes to all the couples who will be celebrating their anniversaries in the month of March. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.



***May you truly sense God’s love as you celebrate your Wedding Anniversary and see the future years together as memories to be made.*** **By M.S.Lowndes**

### **❖ Upcoming Services:**

We will continue to use the ZOOM Facilities for our regular Sunday worship thru Sunday, March 21, 2021. Also, the Holy week prayer meetings be held using ZOOM. On Maundy Thursday (April 01, 2021) and Palm Sunday (March 28, 2021), we will have Holy Communion Services in our sanctuary. Good Friday service will be held thru Zoom at 10:00 AM. On Easter Sunday, we will have two services to accommodate our members. We must follow the CDC/PA Health Department guidelines for in-person gatherings. On Easter Sunday, we will have a Holy Communion service in Malayalam at 8:00 AM and a second Holy Communion service in English at 10:30 AM. Anyone who wish to attend these services must notify Achen/Secretary by Friday April 02, 2021. Unless the guidelines are changed by that time, the physical gathering in our sanctuary will be limited to 30 members for each service. Achen stated that any of our members who are interested to preach on Good Friday will have the opportunity to do so. Please notify Achen at your earliest convenience.

### **Prince Achen & Family’s Return:**

Achen and family will be leaving to India on Saturday, April 24, 2021. The Air India flight is scheduled to leave from Newark International Airport at 12:15 PM. We will be leaving the Parsonage /Church at 6:30 AM.

## Birthdays Greetings:

The following members will be celebrating their birthdays in the month of March. They are requested to attend the Thanksgiving prayer during the Service.

Mr. Rohan Nainan	03/04
Miss. Ava Ann Thomas	03/10
Mr. Jeffrey A. Kunnel	03/11
Genevieve Ann Jacob	03/20
Mrs. Jessy Koshy	03/20
Mrs. Mary John	03/20
Mr. Lerry Thomas	03/26
Mr. Zach Abraham	03/26



*God's richest blessings be upon you as you celebrate yet another year on this journey with Christ and as you commit each day into the hands of the Lord.*



## Lectionary for March 2021

**March 07**                      **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Easter**  
**Theme:**                      **Women Partners in God's Liberative Act.**

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 1: 15-22

**Psalm**                      148

**2 Lesson:** Romans 16: 1-16

**Gospel:**                      Mark 15: 37-41

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Women's Fellowship Members

**March 14**                      **3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday before Easter**  
**Theme:**                      **True Worship that Liberates**

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 3: 11-18

**Psalm**                      137

**Lesson:**                      Acts 16: 25-34

**Gospel:**                      Luke 13: 10-17

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Dr. Thomas Colacot & Family

**March 21**                      **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Easter**  
**Theme: Cross: A new Vision of the Messianic Age**  
**Passion Sunday**

**1 Lesson:** Deuteronomy 18: 15-22

**Psalm**                      73

**2 Lesson:** 2 Corinthians 1: 3-11

**Gospel:**                      Luke 18: 35-43

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mrs. Achamma Issac & Family



## Lectionary for March/April 2021

**March 28**                    **Palm Sunday**  
**Theme:**                    **Hosanna: New King in the Temple**

**1 Lesson:** Isaiah 56: 1-8

**Psalm**                    24

**2 Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23

**Gospel:**                Matthew 21: 1-17

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Aji Sam Mathew & Family

**April 01**                    **Maundy Thursday**  
**Theme:**                    **Eucharist: The Re-remembering Jesus**

**1 Lesson:** Exodus 12: 1-17

**Psalm**                    116

**2 Lesson:** 1 Corinthians 11: 23-34

**Gospel:**                Matthew 26: 17-30

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Arun Cherian & Family

**April 02**                    **Good Friday**  
**Theme:**                    **Cross: Victory over Death**

**1 Lesson:** Numbers 21: 1-9

**Psalm**                    22

**Lesson:**                1 Corinthians 15: 50-58

**Gospel:**                Matthew 27: 1-56

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Anish Mathew & Family

## Importance days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
03/07/2021	Women's Fellowship Sunday
03/28/2021	Palm Sunday (Malayalam Holy Communion at the Sanctuary)
04/01/2021	Maundy Thursday (Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 7:00 PM)
04/02/2021	Good Friday (Service thru ZOOM)
04/04/2021	Easter Sunday (Malayalam Holy Communion at 8:00 AM) (English Holy Communion Service at 10:30 AM)
05/09/2021	Mother's Day
05/13/2021	Ascension of our Lord
05/30/2021	Trinity Sunday
06/20/2021	Father's Day
08/01/2021	Laity Sunday
09/05/2021	Choir Sunday
09/19/2021	Mission Sunday
09/26/2021	Senior Citizen's Day
09/27/2021	CSI Formation Sunday
10/10/2021	Youth Sunday
10/17/2021	Church Day
10/31/2021	Reformation Sunday
11/07/2021	Sunday school Sunday
11/14/2021	Unity Sunday
12/05/2021	Bible Sunday
12/25/2021	Christmas Day
12/26/2020	Family Sunday
12/31/2021	Watchnight Service