

Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia  
4937 Church Avenue,  
Feasterville-Trevoze, 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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Emmanuel C.S.I. Church, Philadelphia  
April 2021



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2021 Year Plan  
Importance days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
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
12/26/2021	Family Sunday
12/31/2021	Watchnight Service



From Achen's Desk

**An Encounter**

Greetings to you all in the matchless name of our lord and savior Jesus Christ. I wish a very happy and prosperous Easter to everyone. The empty tomb is not enough. There is more. In the Gospels, those who saw or knew about the empty tomb of Jesus had many different reactions. Mary was weeping even after seeing the empty tomb and thought the body of Jesus had been taken away. Thomas, even after hearing the testimony of others who had seen Jesus, said that he would not believe until he could personally touch the nail-scarred hands of Jesus. The two followers of Jesus who were walking on the road to Emmaus were confused and uncertain. Just knowing the tomb in which Jesus was buried was empty did not translate into the belief that Jesus was the Living Lord. That which dried Mary's tears caused Thomas to believe and made the two men who walked with Jesus on the road to Emmaus move from confusion to exhilaration! It was the fact that they had an encounter with the risen Christ.

Personal conversion is a matter of the heart, not just the head. Transformation of one's life requires something deeper than mental recognition or agreement of some set of facts. This miracle takes place as we encounter something, or rather someone, who is very much alive. True belief in Jesus goes deeper than our minds can comprehend. It includes the function of our hearts. Paul said that without the reality of the resurrection, our faith is in vain. God always deals with us at a deeper level than our heads. He comes to dwell in human hearts.

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We see this on that first Easter morning. Beginning with Mary, continuing with all the disciples, including Thomas, and the two men who ran seven miles back to Jerusalem from their home in Emmaus after realizing they were with the living Jesus, to share their story with others.

It was the same for Paul, who encountered Christ on the road to Damascus. When the risen Lord becomes an encountered reality, everything changes. This is why Jesus appeared to many in the days between His resurrection and His ascension into heaven. It is why He comes in dreams and visions to so many who have no access to the written Word of God or the message of the Gospel. It is why He takes the written Word, and moves it from our heads to our hearts, and reveals Himself to us through the inner witness of the Holy Spirit. I always believed the right things about Jesus, but my life was only transformed when I had an encounter with Him. What was in my head became something that I experienced as a reality in the depths of my being, and Christ came "to dwell in my heart by faith."

The resurrection is a reality. Not only is the tomb empty, but the Savior is alive. When we encounter the risen Lord, life is different. Since Jesus lives, He is far more than a person on the pages of history. He is the One who will walk with us every single day.

Yours loving,  
Princeachen

## ❖ Upcoming Services...

Rev. Reny Philip, Vicar of CSI Christ Church in Pennsylvania, will be in charge of our church until Rev. P. J. Jose takes charge. Reny Philip Achen will conduct services on first and fourth Sundays and Rev. Joby Joy Mullackal, vicar of Immanuel CSI Church, Elizabeth will conduct services on the second and third Sundays in May. We will continue to use the ZOOM Facilities for our regular prayer meetings and will request Jose Achen to lead if possible. On Sunday, May 30, 2021 (Fifth Sunday) we will have a Malayalam Matins via Zoom.

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.

## Birthdays Greetings:

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

Mrs. Punnya Ann Andrews	04/01
Mr. Koshy K. Varghese	04/04
Mr. Joseph Cherian	04/11
Mr. Maxwell P. Gifford	04/12
Mr. Shaji P. Oommen	04/12
Mrs. Annamma Cherian	04/14
Mr. Jenith Jacob	04/15
Miss. Tintu Merin Mathew	04/22
Mr. C. C. Cherian	04/22
Mr. Binju Oommen	04/22
Mrs. Anie Shaji Peedikayil	04/23
Master Darius M. John	04/24
Mrs. Seeja Prasad	04/28
Mr. Sebin Jacob Easo	04/29



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.

## Wedding Anniversaries:

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

Mr. Abraham & Mrs. Lizy Kunnel	04/03
Mr. Johnson John & Mrs. Dhanya John	04/16
Mr. Shaji P. Oommen & Mrs. Anie Shaji Peedikayil	04/25

*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**

## Lectionary for April 2021

**April 01**  
**Theme:**  
**Jesus**

**Maundy Thursday**  
**Eucharist: The Re-membering**

**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**  
**Theme:**

**Good Friday**  
**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

**April 04** **Easter Sunday**  
**Holy Communion Services at 8 AM & 10:30 AM**  
**Theme: Christ: The King of Peace**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson** Exodus 14: 5-31  
**Psalm** 118: 14-29  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson** Colossians **3:** 1-11  
**Gospel** Matthew 28: 1-10  
**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Jacob Korah & Family (8:00 AM)  
: Dr. Benjamin George & Family

## Lectionary for April 2021

**April 11 First Sunday after Easter**

**Theme: Encounter with the Risen Lord**

**1 Lesson:** Genesis 32: 22-32

**Psalm** 40

**2 Lesson:** Acts 9: 1-18

**Gospel:** John 20: 24-29

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Emmanuel Family

Achen & Families sendoff after the service

**April 18 Second Sunday after Easter**

**Theme: Identifying Risen Lord in the Workplace**

**1 Lesson:** Ruth 2: 1-18

**Psalm** 15

**2 Lesson:** Acts 9: 36-43

**Gospel:** John 21: 1-14

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Koshy K. Varghese & Family

**April 25 Third Sunday after Easter**

**Theme: Community Formation Around Resurrection Experience**

**1<sup>st</sup> Lesson** Isaiah 25: 1-9

**Psalm** 126

**2<sup>nd</sup> Lesson** Acts 4: 32-37

**Gospel** Luke 24: 13-35

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Ivan Pattermthanam & Family

## Lectionary for May 2021

**May 02 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**

**Theme: Believing in Christ: The Resurrection**

**1 Lesson:** 2 Kings 4: 27-37

**Psalm** 90

**2 Lesson:** Acts 26: 12-23

**Gospel:** John 11: 17-28

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mrs. Jiji Varghese & Family

**May 09 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Easter**

**Theme: Christ's Invitation to be an Expression of Mission**

Mother's Day

**1 Lesson:** Ezekiel 34: 25-31

**Psalm** 47

**2 Lesson:** 1 Peter 2: 1-10

**Gospel:** John 20: 19-23

**Songs:**

**Lay Ministry:** Mr. Kuruvilla Oommen & Family

### **Prince Achen & Family's Return to India:**

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