

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

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

1st & 3rd ~ Malayalam Holy Communion
2nd – English H. C. with Praise & Worship
4th – English Holy Communion
5th – Malayalam Matins

Teleconference Prayer – Every Wednesday @ 9:00 PM

Fasting Prayer – Every Saturday @ 10:00 AM

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Motto: Year of Healing

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2021 Year Plan
Importance days of the Church Calendar

Date	Event
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
Upcoming Sunday Services	
June 06, 2021 @ 10:00 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion
June 13, 2021 @ 8:30 AM	English Holy Communion
June 20, 2021 @ 10:00 AM	Malayalam Holy Communion
June 27, 2021 @ 10:00 AM	English Holy Communion



Motto: Year of Service

From Achen's Desk

'Cost of Discipleship'

Dear beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

In the month of June, we meditate upon various themes, including 'Cost of Discipleship'. As is well known, the Greek words *martyrs*, *martyria*, and the verb *martyreo*, which have come into English as "martyr" (verb and noun), basically mean to bear witness or testimony on behalf of someone or something. The most intense way of bearing witness to Jesus Christ is by giving up one's very life. Discipleship is a commitment, following Christ and imitating Christ in all the realms of our life. It shows the ultimate "cost of discipleship," a phrase made famous by the Lutheran pastor Dietrich Bonhoeffer, whom the Nazis killed during World War II for his stand against Hitler and the Nazi tyranny. To follow Jesus Christ is to pay a price. Often enough this means giving up one's life for the sake of truth, justice, and the Gospel message, and this is still true in our era when Christians around the world suffer martyrdom.

In the book of Acts, we could see the apostles, especially Peter and John preached the gospel amidst severe persecution and rejection, Disagreement and Disturbance. One aspect of bearing witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Acts concerns the forceful and often violent reaction to the apostles' message. Peter, who is emboldened by the Holy Spirit at Pentecost to proclaim publicly the story of Jesus of Nazareth, we see that his words often incite skepticism and rejection. While it is true that Peter's preaching brought about many conversions (Acts 2:41, 47; 4:4), there were also skeptics in the audience who scoffed at the message (Acts 2:12). Peter's words were also accompanied by miraculous deeds, as in the case of the crippled beggar (3:1-10). These two actions, preaching and healing, reflect both Jesus' ministry recounted in the Gospel of Luke and his entrusting the same mission to his apostles (Luke 9:2).

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If we were to try to extract some basic principles for our own Christian lives today from these narratives in Acts, what might we say? Four points seem rather evident. First, accepting God's invitation or call to be an apostle—one sent on a mission—is not a guarantee of a comfortable lifestyle. On the contrary, being an apostle is a call to a demanding way of life. Not only are apostles sent out to “the ends of the earth” (Acts 1:8) but they are told to go about their business with zeal, urgency, and boldness. A second notion is that discipleship will often entail suffering of one sort or another and will not always see success. A little bit like the “dance of life,” apostolic ministry is one step forward, two steps back. Sometimes, as in the early ministry of Peter in Acts, the successes seem to come at a rapid rate. The preaching hits home for the audience and the miracles impress to a profound degree, leading to faith in Jesus Christ, the source of the message and the healing. Yet often enough such successes can fade away. People are sometimes looking only for solace and comfort. They are not too eager to embrace a message of the cross and resurrection. Thus, rejection and even persecution can result. This is not meant to discourage disciples but simply to sound a realistic note.

Third, Acts shows us that personalities and egos can sometimes get in the way of effective leadership. The mission of evangelization at times requires us to be more flexible, to be willing to bend for the good of the community, and to abandon, when necessary, our own preconceived ideas or preferences. Finally, most of us—fortunately—will not be called upon to pay the ultimate price of discipleship with our very lives, yet the reality is that the church's lifeblood since the beginning has often been the blood shed by martyrs who would not compromise their faith. Peter and Paul, along with James, John, Stephen, and a host of others, named and unnamed, in antiquity and throughout history, literally sacrificed themselves for the sake of the evangelical mission. They provide models of fidelity and courage.

In our modern world, which is still filled with persecution of Christians and attacks on freedom of religion, we cannot lose sight of this great “cloud of witnesses” (Heb 12:1) who have endured their suffering without flinching. May God Almighty bless and keep us true disciples for the kingdom of God.

Yours in Christ

Rev. Joby Joy Mullackal

❖ **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. Rev. Joby Joy Mullackal, Vicar of Immanuel CSI church, Elizabeth, NJ, and Rev. Reny Philip, Vicar of CSI Christ church in Pennsylvania will conduct worship services for us during this transitional period. On first, third and fourth Sundays, Joby Joy Achen will take services in our Sanctuary. On second Sunday's, Reny Philip Achen will take the service. We will continue to use the ZOOM Facilities for all our worship services and prayer meetings.

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. Rev. P. J. Jose will participate thru Video Conferencing facilities.

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.

Birthday Greetings:

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

Mrs. Serena Thomas	06/01
Master Joel Arun	06/03
Mrs. Rejini Abraham	06/06
Mr. Kiran Jayan Andrews	06/11
Mr. Joel George Koshy	06/13
Master Nathaniel Arun	06/13
Mr. Samuel Cherian	06/13
Miss Lilly Marie Russal	06/17
Mrs. Reena Mathew	06/20
Master Samuel Mathew	06/27
Miss Sandra Ann Mathew	06/29
Mr. Mathew Abraham	06/29
Mr. Mathew Mylackel	06/29



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.

Lectionary for June 2021

June 06	2nd Sunday after Pentecost Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 10:00 AM
Theme:	Wisdom from Above
1 Lesson:	1 Kings 3: 16-28
Psalm	119 33-40
2 Lesson:	James 1: 1-8
Gospel:	Luke 10: 21-24
Songs:	
Lay Ministry:	Mrs. Mary John & Family
June 13	3rd Sunday after Pentecost English Holy Communion Service at 8:30 AM
Theme:	Creation Proclaims Glory of God (Environment Sunday)
1 Lesson:	Proverbs 8: 22-31
Psalm	19
2 Lesson:	Revelations 21: 1-8
Gospel:	Luke 8: 22-25
Songs:	
Lay Ministry:	Mr. Nobby Nainan & Family
June 20	4th Sunday after Pentecost Malayalam Holy Communion Service at 10:00 AM
Theme:	Worship the Lord in Truth and Spirit Father's Day
1 Lesson:	Isaiah 6: 1-8
Psalm	139
2 Lesson:	2 Thessalonians 2: 13-17
Gospel:	John 4: 15-26
Songs:	
Lay Ministry:	Mr. Prasad Philip & Family

Lectionary for June/July 2021

June 27 5th **Sunday after Pentecost**
[English Holy Communion Service at 10:00 AM](#)

Theme: **Cost of Discipleship**

1st Lesson Daniel 6: 11-23

Psalm 34

2nd Lesson 2 Corinthians 6: 1-10

Gospel Mark 10: 35-45

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mrs. Reena George & Family

July 04 6th **Sunday after Pentecost**
[Malayalam Holy Communion Service](#)

Theme: **Stewardship: Transparency and Accountability**

1 Lesson: Exodus 36: 2-7

Psalm 116: 12-19

2 Lesson: Philippians 4: 10-20

Gospel: Luke 19: 11-27

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Reny Eapen Mathew & Family

July 11 7th **Sunday after Pentecost**
[English Holy Communion Service](#)

Theme: **Theological Education: Knowing and Doing Faith**

1 Lesson: Exodus 3: 1-12

Psalm 111

2 Lesson: 2 Timothy 2: 1-13

Gospel: John 12: 20-26

Songs:

Lay Ministry: Mr. Russal Samuel & Family

Wedding Anniversaries:

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

Mr. Aji Sam Mathew	Mrs. Elsen Sam Mathew	06/03
Mr. Sajin George & Dr. Mrs. Prameela George		06/22
Mr. Nishanth Samuel & Mrs. Sunu Mathew		06/23
Mr. Lerry Thomas & Mrs. Sokly Chou Thomas		06/27
Mr. Jenith Jacob & Mrs. Meghan Jacob		06/28



June 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**

Father's Day Celebration:

Sonora Smart Dodd held her father in great esteem. While hearing a church sermon about the newly recognized Mother's Day at Central Methodist Episcopal Church,^[6] Sonora felt strongly that fatherhood needed recognition as well. She approached the Spokane Ministerial Alliance and suggested her own father's birthday, of June 5, as the day of honor for fathers. The Alliance chose the third Sunday in June instead.

The first Father's Day was celebrated June 19, 1910, in Spokane, Washington. Although observance of the holiday faded in the 1920s,^[6] over time, the idea of Father's Day became popular and embraced across the nation. In 1916, President Woodrow Wilson sent a telegraph to Spokane praising Father's Day services. William Jennings Bryan was another early admirer of the observance.^[7] In 1966, President Lyndon B. Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the third Sunday of June as Father's Day. In 1972, President Nixon established a permanent national observance of Father's Day to be held on the 3rd Sunday of June each year.