

Communion Hymns: Our day of joy (Andrew L Skong)

Our day of joy is here again, With love and peace and song
Come, let us join th'angelic strain, With voices clear and strong.

Glory to our God, we sing, Glory to our Lord and King
Peace, goodwill with all abide, This holy Christmastide.

When darkness lay upon this earth, A glorious light did shine
God sent a Gift of priceless worth, And showed His love divine

Now to the manger let us go, To worship and adore
The tender Babe upon the straw, Our Saviour evermore.

How wonderful that God's own Son, Should so Himself abase!
He thrust the mighty from their throne, And gave the lowly grace.

O little One sweet (Percy Dearmer; J.S. Bach)

O little one sweet, O little one mild,
Thy Father's purpose Thou hast fulfilled; Thou cam'st from heav'n to mortal ken
equal to be with us, poor men, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, with joy Thou hast the whole world filled;
thou camest here from heav'n's domain, to bring men comfort in their pain,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild. in thee Love's beauties are all distilled;
then light in us thy love's bright flame, that we may give thee back the same,
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Help us to do as Thou hast willed
Lo all we have belongs to Thee, Ah keep us in our fealty
O little one sweet, O little one mild.

Coventry carol (Martin Shaw)

Lully lulla thou little tiny Child, By by lully lullay.

O sisters too, how may we do, For to preserve this day
This poor youngling for whom we do sing, By by lully lullay

Herod the king, in his raging, Charged he hath this day,
His men of might in his own sight, All young children to slay.

That woe is me, poor child for thee, And ever morn and day
For thy parting neither say nor sing, By by lully lullay

“Our world is filled with fear, hate, lust, greed, war, and utter despair. Surely the Second Coming of Jesus Christ is the only hope of replacing these depressing features with trust, love, universal peace, and prosperity”.

Billy Graham

Sung Eucharist 7:30 AM

Celebrant:

Rev. Dr. V. Paul Birla

St. Thomas English Church

Church of South India –Diocese of Madras
Santhome, Chennai-600 004

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Carol Service 6:00 PM



Altar Flowers , Bible

Readings, & Offertory :

Mrs. & Mr. Swithun

Manoharan & family

WORSHIP SERVICE

22nd December 2019

Let us worship our Lord through...

Opening Hymn : 49

Scripture Readings:

Old Testament Micah 4: 1 -5

Epistle I John 4: 7 - 21

Responsive Reading Psalm 126

Gospel John 4: 21 - 37

Announcement

Meditation: “Preparation: The Lord is coming”

Offertory Hymn : 51(with baritone obligato by James L. McConaughy)

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Prayer

Benediction



Closing Hymn : 640

Collect for the Fourth Sunday in Advent: Righteous and merciful God, we thank You for sending Your Son to identify Himself with us in our struggles and hopes. We are redeemed by our faith in Him. As He promised to come again to judge the living and the dead, help us to be diligent in our faith and prudent in our actions so that we will be with Him and He will be with us, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

<p>Responsive Reading: Psalm 126</p>	<p>When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.</p> <p>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, “The Lord has done great things for them.”</p> <p>The Lord has done great things for us; we are glad.</p> <p>Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like streams in the Negeb!</p> <p>Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!</p> <p>He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.</p> <p>Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</p>
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<p>Greetings and warm welcome to everyone. A special word of welcome to those worshipping with us for the first time.</p>
<p>Christmas Special Offertory Covers are ready and kept at the entrance. Please take one and offer generously. The collection will be used to help the poor and for decorating the Church.</p>
<p>A warm welcome to the Octet Cantabile who are worshipping with us here today. They will be singing a few Christmas Carols, after the special offertory prayers.</p>
<p>STEC Carol Rounds: Dates for the carol rounds are 22nd and 23rd December 2019. Those who would want the carol party to visit their homes, may kindly enter your name, address & contact number, on the sheet provided at the entrance of the Church. Also, those who would like to join the carol rounds, may please register your name and phone number on the sheet provided. For further details, please contact Mr. Roshan Soundarapandian (Ph: 9840388365).</p>
<p>Our Church Carol Service will be held this Evening at 6.00 pm, followed by the Christmas Campfire, during which there will be a special dance performance by the team of Jeetendra & Nisha, followed by Parish Dinner. Let us all make ourselves available for this our Church’s Family Christmas Celebration and relish the fellowship and food.</p>
<p>Christmas Eve Sung Eucharist on 24th December 2019, will begin with worship songs & prayers at 11.00pm, led by Mrs. Grace Ratnam & followed by the Holy Communion Worship Service at 11.30 pm.</p>
<p>Christmas day Festival Morning Holy Communion Service will be held on Wednesday the 25th December 2019, at 8.00 am.</p>
<p>Christmas Tree Celebration will be held on Saturday the 28th December 2019, at 3.30 pm, in the Church premises. Kindly register the names of Children below 14 in our homes, in the pad kept at the entrance. Those who attend the programme only will get the gifts.</p>
<p>Regarding CSI Diocesan Church Constitution: The amended Church Constitution is available in the Church Office for reference.</p>
<p>A Suggestions, Complaints and Commendations book is made available in the Church Office. Church Members can make their entries in this book.</p>

One Day Income Offering Covers, which we are expected to offer on New Year Day, are ready and kept at the Church entrance. All those who are employed may take one and offer generously with grateful hearts to the Lord, who is sustaining us in all our life situations all through the year.

<p>Birthdays</p>	<p>22nd Dec Mrs. Jayasri David Mrs. S. Neugila Mr. P. B. Emmanuel Levi</p> <p>23rd Dec Mr. Prithvin Varun Joshua Mrs. Deepa Moses</p> <p>24th Dec Mrs. L. Joshua Moses Mr. J. Paul Mrs. Sucherita Kebaraj Master. Niranjan Christopher Dhipil</p> <p>25th Dec Mr. V. Ashok Vincent</p> <p>26th Dec Dr. Romala Boaz</p> <p>27th Dec Mr. John Jeffrey Mahiban Mr. Rohan Augustus</p>
<p>Wedding Anniversaries</p>	<p>26th Dec Dr. Mrs. Rajkumari & Dr. Augustus Sumant Mrs. Anila & Mr. Swithun Manoharan</p> <p>27th Dec Mrs. Suguna & Mr. J. R. Dhanraj Mrs. Beena & Mr. George Willaims Mrs. Ranjini & Mr. Mendelson Navaraj Mrs. Pushpam & Mr. Bright Joseph Mrs. Dorothy Evangelin & Mr. Gerald Joshua Divyaprabhu</p> <p>28th Dec Mrs. Sona & Mr. Samson Sanjeev Mrs. Nisha & Mr. Regan Ravichandran Mrs. Priya & Mr. S. Ponnaiya Mrs. Elizabeth & Mr. S. Suresh Mrs. Sakeena & Mr. David Elango Anil Kumar</p>
<p>Thanks Giving Song</p> 	<p><i>Choral blessing:</i></p> <p>The Lord bless and keep thee, Make His face shine Unto thee be gracious be, Both thee and thine Lift up His countenance, Give thee release From sin besetting thee, And give thee peace. Amen.</p>
<p>Preparatory Song</p> 	<p><i>Shout for joy – David Fellingham</i></p> <p>Shout for joy and sing your praises to the King Lift your voice and let the hallelujahs ring Come before His throne to worship and adore Enter joyfully now the presence of the Lord. You are my Creator, You are my Deliverer You are my Redeemer, You are Lord and You are my Healer You are my Provider, You are now my Shepherd and my Guide Jesus Lord and King, I worship You.</p>