

### Price of a miracle

A little girl ran to her bedroom and pulled out her piggy bank from a secret drawer in her closet. She broke the piggy bank and took the change and counted it carefully. Three times, even. The total has to be exactly perfect as there shouldn't be any chance for mistake here. She carefully placed the coins in a jar and twisted on the cap. She took the jar full of coin and slipped out of the back door. She made her way six blocks to a drug store. She waited patiently for the pharmacist to give her some attention but he was too busy attending other customers at that moment. She tried several times to get his attention, but she wasn't successful. Finally, she took a quarter from her jar and banged on the glass counter, which was finally able to get her some attention. "And what do you want little miss?" the pharmacist asked the tiny girl in the front of his counter. "My brother is really, really sick... and I want to buy a miracle.," the girl answered back. "I beg your pardon?" said the pharmacist. "My brother is really sick and my daddy says only a miracle can cure him now. So, I want to get a miracle for him. How much does a miracle cost?" "I'm sorry but I can't help you, We don't sell miracles here, little girl." the pharmacist said, softening a little. "Listen, I have the money to pay for it. If it isn't enough, I will get more. Just tell me how much it costs." Next to the little girl was a tall well-dressed man. He stooped down and asked the little girl, "What kind of a miracle does your brother need?" "I don't know," the girl replied with her eyes filled with tears. "I just know he is very sick and has something bad growing inside his head. Doctor says he needs an operation. But daddy can't pay for it, so we need a miracle to save him now. I can't use all my money to save my brother." "How much do you have?" asked the man. "One dollar and twelve cents, it's all the money I have now, but I can get some more if needed" the girl answered barely audibly. "Well, what a coincidence," smiled the man. "A dollar and twelve cents that is the exact price of a miracle for a little brothers." He took her money in one hand and with the other hand he softly held her hand and said "Take me to your brother. I want to meet your parents and see your brother. Let's see if I have the miracle your brother needs." The man was a reputed Neurosurgeon. He was just the right person needed to save the little boy's life. The operation was completed without any charges and it wasn't long until the little girl's brother was home again and doing well. Mommy and daddy were happily talking about the chain of events that had led them to this happy place. "That surgery", her Mommy whispered, "it was a real miracle. I wonder how much it would have cost?"

The little girl smiled as she knew exactly how much a miracle costs. One dollar and twelve cents, plus the faith of a little child.

~ Unknown Author

#### Holy Eucharist

7:00 AM

#### Celebrant:

Rev. Anitha Christian

**Matins :** 8:15 AM

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### CSI St.Thomas English Church

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Santhome, Chennai-600 004

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6:00 PM

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## “Worship: Celebration of People’s Faith”

#### Altar flowers , Bible

#### Reading, & Offertory :

Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence &  
family

### WORSHIP SERVICE 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

Let us worship our Lord through...

**Opening Hymn :** 219

#### Scripture Reading:

**Old Testament** Isaiah 6: 1 - 8

**Epistle** Revelation 4: 1 - 11

**Responsive Reading** Psalm 148

**Gospel** John 4: 16 - 26

#### Announcement

**Preparatory Song:** Let There Be Love Shared Among Us

**Sermon:** “Worship: Celebration of People’s Faith”

**Choir:** People of God -Wayne Watson

**Offertory Hymn :** 239

#### Prayer


#### Benediction

**Closing Hymn :** 703

**Collect for the sixth Sunday after Pentecost:** Holy and Almighty God, seated on the high and lofty throne, illumine our hearts and minds to make truthful confessions, experience Your sanctification and to be guided and led by You in the pilgrimage of life, so that we may worship You in truth and spirit and celebrate our faith, living each day in the joy of Your presence, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

<p><b>Responsive Reading:</b> Psalm 148</p>	<p>Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights!  <b>Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!</b>  Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!  <b>Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!</b>  Let them praise the name of the Lord! For he commanded and they were created.  <b>And he established them forever and ever; he gave a decree, and it shall not pass away.</b>  Praise the Lord from the earth, you great sea creatures and all deeps,  <b>fire and hail, snow and mist, stormy wind fulfilling his word!</b>  Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!  <b>Beasts and all livestock, creeping things and flying birds!</b>  Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!  <b>Young men and maidens together, old men and children!</b>  Let them praise the name of the Lord, for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven.  <b>He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him.</b>  <b>Praise the Lord!</b>  Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;  <b>As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.</b></p>
<p><b>Birthdays</b></p>	<p>9<sup>th</sup> July      Mrs. Shobana Jaswanth Soundarapandian  Mr. Edward P. Samuel  Mrs. Deepika Ponnaiya  Mr. Sitna Abraham  10<sup>th</sup> July      Mr. N. Unni  Mrs. Cherubina Caleb  Mr. Deepak Thomas  11<sup>th</sup> July      Mrs. Mercy Samuel</p>

	<p>13<sup>th</sup> July 14<sup>th</sup> July</p>	<p>Mr. Zac Immanuel Richard Mr. Alan Christian Edward Mr. Deepak M. Joseph Mr. Joseph Packiaraj</p>
<p><b>Wedding Anniversaries</b></p>	<p>9<sup>th</sup> July 10<sup>th</sup> July 11<sup>th</sup> July 15<sup>th</sup> July</p>	<p>Mrs. Shilpa &amp; Mr. Dhiraj Malhotra Mrs. Alice Lawrence &amp; Mr. R. Lawrence Mrs. Esther Jayanthi &amp; Mr. K. Surya Joshua Mrs. Gemina &amp; Mr. Martin King</p>

<p><b>Preparatory Song</b></p> 	<p><b>Let There Be Love Shared Among Us</b></p> <p>Let there be love shared among us,  Let there be love in our eyes,  May now your love sweep this nation,  cause us oh lord to arise.</p> <p>Give us a fresh understanding  of brotherly love that is real,  Let there be love shared among us,  let there be love.</p>
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*Sermon notes....*