

17th August 2014

“Peace and reconciliation”

Opening Hymn ~~~~ 546
Offertory Hymn ~~~~ 537
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Closing Hymn ~~~~ 247
Holy Communion 58, 65, 75 NLH

Old Testament: Micah 4: 1-8
Epistle: II Corinthians 5: 11-21
Responsive Reading Psalms 85
Gospel: Mathew 8: 5-13

Altar flowers, Offertory & Bible reading- Mrs. & Mr. G.Y.D. Ponnaiya & fly

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Celebrant: Rev. D. Richard Ambrose
6.00 p.m. Evensong Message : Mr. Ajit Stanley Moses

Collect for the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost: God of Shalom, Who is gracious to make the last first and just to make the last first, grant us wisdom to be peacemakers, prudence to avoid conflicts and humility and grace to resolve conflicts, So that the world may experience the tranquility and the fullness of joy in the presence of the Lord, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. **Amen.**

Responsive reading: Psalm 85

Lord, you were favourable to your land; you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

You forgave the iniquity of your people; you covered all their sin.

You withdrew your entire wrath; you turned from your hot anger.

Restore us again, O God of our salvation and put away your indignation toward us!

Will you be angry with us forever? Will you prolong your anger to all generations?

Will you not revive us again that your people may rejoice in you?

Show us your steadfast love, O Lord and grant us your salvation.

Let me hear what God the Lord will speak for he will speak peace to his people, to his saints; but let them not turn back to folly.

Surely his salvation is near to those who fear him that glory may dwell in our land.

Steadfast love and faithfulness meet; righteousness and peace kiss each other.

Faithfulness springs up from the ground and righteousness looks from the sky.

Yes, the Lord will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

Righteousness will go before him and make his footsteps a way.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Announcement:

1. Our beloved Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. V. Devasahayam, is retiring, on the coming 31st August, after a fruitful and glorious ministry for the past 15 years in our Diocese of Madras. A warm farewell meeting is being arranged to take place on Saturday, the August 30th 2014 by 4.30 p.m at CSI St. George’s Cathedral, Chennai – 86. We are expected to express our Joy and Thanks for his wonderful ministry. Those individuals interested in contributing to the farewell fund may do so by drawing cheques in favour of ‘**Bishop Devasahayam Farewell Fund A/c**’ cash contributions can also be made.
2. Annual Thanks Giving Festival – 2014 will be observed as usual on Sunday 7th September, 2014. This year the following person’s are being nominated to be the Conveners for the Festival. Mrs. Jasweena Paul, Mr. Roopsingh Immanuel, Dr.

John Nesan Dhyriam, and Mr. D. Jeyakumar. Kindly extend your support and co-operation to them when they approach you.

3. The Women’s Fellowship of our Church will spend a time of prayer on August 23, 2014 at 4.30 p.m to pray against the forced conversion as reported in The Hindu of Aug 8, 2014. To help in the religious harmony of our country and respect each man’s right to choose his/her religion, all are called to pray for this cause.
4. As we are in the process of updating the personal details of our congregation in the membership list, we request you to enable us by providing the same.

Birthdays

18th August Mr. E. Premkumar
19th August Miss. S. Sharon Grace
21st August Mrs. Joyce Ponniah
Mrs. Vinodhini Ajith Moses
22nd August Mr. J. Samson Sanjeev
Mrs. Uma D. Ponnaiya
Dr. Z. Edward, Kennedy
23rd August Mrs. Shrene Jayachandran

Wedding Anniversaries

17th August Mrs. Nirmala & Mr. D.S.B. Naveendhar
Mrs. Agnes & Mr. Samuel Jayakumar
19th August Mrs. Rebecca Jackson & Mr. Jonathan Jackson
22nd August Mrs. Leena & Mr. G. Joseph Ponnudurai
Mrs. Jeeva & Mr. J. Hudson Jebakumar

Thanksgiving Song

May God’s blessing surround you each day
As you trust Him and walk in His way
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

May God’s word be your bread every day
Give you strength as you walk thro’ life’s way
May the word’s healing power surround you each hour
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

May His spirit sustain you each day
Keep you faithful and help you to pray
Stay close to His side, in His presence abide
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

May God’s love fill your heart everyday
And His joy be your song all the way
May you find perfect peace as you rest at His feet
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

Preparatory Song

The eyes of the Father run to and fro
He’s searching the earth,
He’s looking for those who make intercession

On behalf of their nation
Those who will rise up and pray
We'll stand in the gap on behalf of our land
We'll stand in the gap on behalf of our land
Down on our knees, we'll take our stand
And there intercede for our land
We'll pray for the needs of our land

The powers of darkness released on our land
Will never prevail, will never withstand
The deep intercession by a people of passion
Those who will rise up and pray

Picture of Peace

An artist was commissioned by a wealthy man to paint something that would depict peace. After a great deal of thought, the artist painted a beautiful country scene. There were green fields with cows standing in them, birds were flying in the blue sky and a lovely little village lay in a distant valley. The artist gave the picture to the man, but there was a look of disappointment on his face. The man said to the artist, "This isn't a picture of true peace. It isn't right. Go back and try again.

The artist went back to his studio, thought for several hours about peace, then went to his canvas and began to paint. When he was finished, there on the canvas was a beautiful picture of a mother, holding a sleeping baby in her arms, smiling lovingly at the child. He thought, surely, this is true peace, and hurried to give the picture to the wealthy man. But again, the wealthy man refused the painting and asked the painter to try again.

The artist returned again to his studio. He was discouraged, he was tired and he was disappointed. Anger swelled inside him, he felt the rejection of this wealthy man. Again, he thought, he even prayed for inspiration to paint a picture of true peace. Then, all of a sudden an idea came, he rushed to the canvas and began to paint as he had never painted before. When he finished, he hurried to the wealthy man.

He gave the painting to the man. He studied it carefully for several minutes. The artist held his breath. Then the wealthy man said, "Now this is a picture of true peace." He accepted the painting, paid the artist and everyone was happy.

And what was this picture of true peace?? The picture showed a stormy sea pounding against a cliff. The artist had captured the fury of the wind as it whipped black rain clouds which were laced with streaks of lightening. The sea was roaring in turmoil, waves churning, the dark sky filled with the power of the furious thunderstorm.

And in the middle of the picture, under a cliff, the artist had painted a small bird, safe and dry in her nest snuggled safely in the rocks. The bird was at peace midst the storm that raged about her.

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