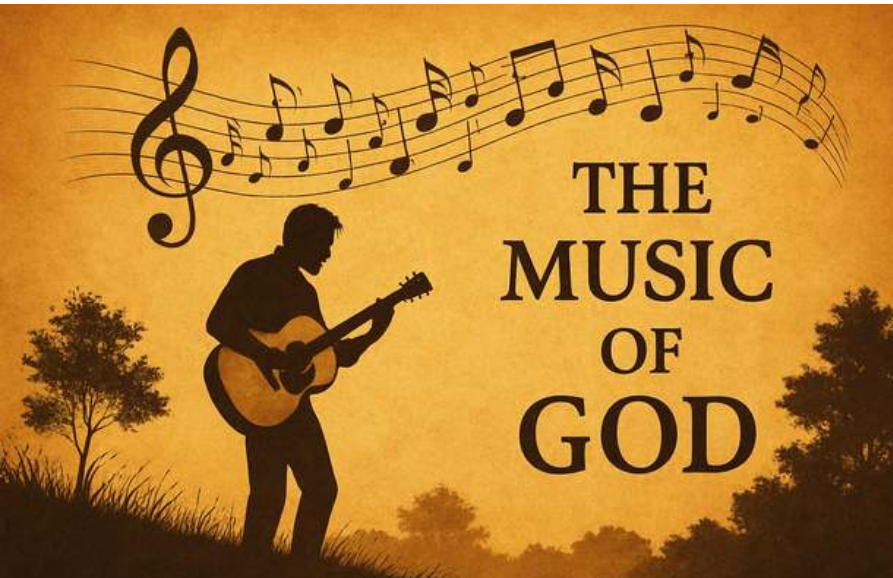


# CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

## Parish Messenger



Sing to the LORD a  
new song, for he  
has done marvelous  
things;

PSALM 98:1

### JOIN US FOR WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP

**Malayalam service: 1st and 3rd Sundays.**

**English service: 2nd Sunday**

**Youth and Young Adults (YAYA) Worship 4th Sunday**

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**Sun 9:15 - 9:50 AM : Sunday School**

**Sun 9:30 - 9:50 AM : Bible Study**

**Sun 10 AM - 12 NOON : Worship Service**

**Fri 9:00 AM : Fasting Prayer**

**Sat Evenings : Cottage Prayer**

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who  
have been called according to his purpose. Romans 8:28.*

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-Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil

### ***The Music of God: A Ministry, Not Entertainment***

Dearly beloved in Christ,

Greetings to you all in the precious name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

As we step into the month of September, our hearts are filled with thanksgiving for the many ways God has guided and sustained our congregation. This month, I would like to reflect with you on a theme that lies close to the heart of our worship life: **the music of God.**

#### **The Biblical Foundation of Music in Worship**

Music has always held a sacred place in the life of God's people. In the Old Testament, David was called to play the harp whenever King Saul was troubled by an evil spirit (1 Samuel 16:23). This was not entertainment. This was ministry. This was spiritual warfare through music. Every note David played carried the presence of God, and that presence drove away the darkness.

The same truth continues in heaven. Isaiah saw the seraphim crying out in unending song: *"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory"* (Isaiah 6:3). In Revelation, John describes heaven's eternal music: *"I heard a sound from heaven like the roar of rushing waters and like a loud peal of thunder. The sound I heard was like that of harpists playing their harps. And they sang a new song before the throne"* (Revelation 14:2-3).

This shows us something powerful: music is not optional in worship. It is part of the very rhythm of heaven itself. When we sing, we join in that eternal choir.

#### **The Role of the Choir: A Sacred Calling**

When a church choir sings, it is not simply filling time in the service. It is leading the congregation into the presence of God. The choir's ministry is not performance—it is proclamation. Songs are prayers wrapped in melody. They preach Christ in ways that words alone cannot.

But here is the danger: sometimes choir members forget this sacred responsibility. Sometimes we treat choir practice casually, or come unprepared, or sing without enthusiasm. But let us remember: when you dedicated yourself to the choir, you made a promise before God and His church. That promise was not to "sing when you feel like it." That promise was to serve faithfully.

As Paul reminds us: *"Whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God"* (1 Corinthians 10:31). The choir's task is to lift the worship of the whole church, to prepare hearts to hear the Word of God, and to remind us of the heavenly chorus. If the choir sings lazily, the worship weakens. But when the choir sings with faith and passion, heaven touches earth.

#### **Music as a Channel of God's Healing and Deliverance**

Think again of David before Saul. That one shepherd boy, with one harp, drove away torment from a king. That is the power of Spirit-filled music. Music offered in worship is not simply melody—it carries divine authority when offered in faith.

A faithful choir is not just 'songs.' It is exercising a ministry of healing, of deliverance, and of comfort for God's people. A hymn sung in faith can comfort the grieving. A psalm can bring peace to a troubled mind. Choir members, never underestimate your ministry. Every time you sing, you are helping someone fight a battle you may not even know about.



*-Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil*

## **Take Your Place in the Eternal Choir**

Dear choir members, dear congregation: let us remember that music is not entertainment—it is a ministry of the Spirit. A preacher does not stand in the pulpit without preparing. Likewise, a choir cannot stand before God's people without preparation, prayer, and practice. You must prepare your hearts as much as your voices. You must sing not just with talent, but with devotion.

When you take this ministry seriously, your choir becomes a spiritual powerhouse. Songs can heal the broken, strengthen the weak, and even drive away the evil. Our music is not for applause—it is for God. When the angels sing "Holy, holy, holy" in heaven, they are not entertaining one another—they are worshipping the Almighty.

As we reflect on the sacred calling of music in worship, we must also pause to honor the individuals who have dedicated their time, effort, and hearts to making this ministry flourish.

- Special gratitude goes to **Mr. Meljo Varghese**, our choir director this year, for his unwavering leadership and guidance.
- We thank the **choir members** of our church, whose devotion and spirit infuse every note they sing.
- A heartfelt thanks to **Babu Philip Uncle**, whose careful crafting of the order of worship brings elegance and depth to each service, thoughtfully aligning it with the theme and season.
- We express our sincere appreciation to **Linda Sigamony, Babu Philip, Roshni Jacob, and Lilia William**, and the many others who serve faithfully by playing the piano.
- Finally, we are deeply grateful for the **youth of our congregation** who contribute to praise and worship through their songs and musical instruments.

One day, when our earthly songs are finished, we will join the eternal choir of heaven, singing the new song before the throne of the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen.

**With love and prayers,  
Joe Achen**

***CSI: Kerala Story***  
***By Rev. Joe Malayil***



On September 27, 1947, a historic event took place in the history of Christianity in India—the formation of the Church of South India (CSI). The CSI became the first united church in the world formed on the basis of both episcopal and non-episcopal traditions. This year, as we celebrate the 78th anniversary of CSI, we look back with gratitude at the missionary societies whose vision, sacrifice, and labor shaped the soil of Kerala, preparing the way for the CSI's foundation. Among them, the Church Missionary Society (CMS), the London Missionary Society (LMS), and the Basel Mission stand out for their enduring contributions in evangelism, education, social transformation, and cultural enrichment. Their efforts have left a legacy that continues to inspire the CSI to be a witnessing and serving church.

### **Church Missionary Society (CMS)**

By the early 19th century, the Malankara Church, which followed the Syriac tradition, came into contact with the Church Missionary Society (CMS). The CMS was an evangelical Anglican mission movement. Their work in central Travancore began in 1820, initially aiming to bring biblical renewal and promote education within the Malankara Syrian Church. One of their major contributions was the Old Seminary in Kottayam. Missionaries like Benjamin Bailey taught theology, trained clergy, and encouraged a deeper understanding of the Bible. Bailey also started the first printing press in Kerala in 1821. Through this, the Malayalam Bible, hymnals, and Christian books were widely printed and circulated. This greatly increased biblical literacy among the people.

However, differences soon arose. The CMS missionaries wanted to bring reforms in theology and worship, but these ideas were not fully accepted by the Malankara Church. In 1836, the famous Mavelikara Synod rejected the CMS proposals. This disagreement caused a division. Out of this struggle, the Mar Thoma Syrian Church emerged under the leadership of reformers like Abraham Malpan. He strongly emphasized the protestant theology, like the authority of Scripture, worship in the local language, and a simpler liturgy.

After the separation, the CMS shifted its focus to building an Anglican identity in Kerala. They set up schools, colleges, and medical institutions, and actively evangelized among non-Christian communities. Over time, Anglican congregations grew in Kerala. Their mission bore fruit in the formation of Anglican congregations that later became part of the CSI at its unification in 1947.

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### **London Missionary Society (LMS)**

The LMS began its work in 1806 in southern Travancore, with a focus on both evangelism and social upliftment. Their greatest strength lay in their commitment to education, particularly for the marginalized. In a society deeply divided by caste, LMS missionaries opened schools to people of all backgrounds, empowering the oppressed and especially promoting the education of women—a radical move at the time.

The LMS also pioneered in the printing ministry, establishing printing presses that produced tracts, catechisms, and Christian literature in the local languages. LMS established a printing press in 1821 at Nagarcoil. Later, in 1830, another press was installed at **Neyyoor**, but it was subsequently consolidated back to Nagercoil. Later a press was moved from Nagercoil to **Thiruvananthapuram**, which eventually evolved into the **Government Press**, responding to royal requests for printed educational material. These presses not only spread the gospel but also contributed to the growth of literacy and intellectual awakening in Kerala.

Their social vision extended to the eradication of caste-based discrimination and the fight for human dignity. By empowering oppressed classes and women through education and faith, the LMS planted seeds of social justice that continue to bear fruit in the ethos of the CSI.

### **Basel Evangelical Mission Society [ BEM] or German Mission.**

The Basel Mission arrived in Malabar in 1836, combining evangelism with economic and social reform. Understanding the hardships of local communities, they established industries such as tile factories, weaving centers, and printing presses, which provided employment and dignity to the marginalized. Their model of integrating faith with socio-economic upliftment became a pioneering approach to mission.

One of their most enduring contributions was through Rev. Hermann Gundert, a scholar and missionary. He gave Malayalam its first structured grammar book, *Malayalabhaasha Vyakaranam*, and compiled the first Malayalam-English dictionary (1872). He also developed school curricula that shaped Kerala's educational system. BEM established a printing press in 1941 at Mangalore and in 1945 at Nettur, Thalassery. This press was well known for publishing Christian literature, school textbooks, and translations in Malayalam, Tulu, and Kannada.

Through these initiatives, the Basel Mission not only proclaimed Christ but also reshaped the cultural and economic fabric of Kerala.

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**The Living Legacy of CSI**

The formation of the Church of South India in 1947 was the fruit of the long and sacrificial labors of CMS, LMS, and Basel Mission pioneers. They brought together gospel proclamation, education, social reform, and cultural transformation, leaving behind a church that is rooted in Christ and committed to justice, equality, and service.

This year, as CSI completes 78 years of unity in witness and service, we are called to carry forward this mission. The legacy of these missionary movements reminds us that our faith must go hand in hand with action—preaching the gospel, serving the poor, fighting injustice, and nurturing education.

May this anniversary be not just a remembrance of the past but a recommitment to the future. As we look ahead, let us thank God for the rich heritage we have inherited and pledge ourselves anew to the vision of CSI: “That they all may be one” (John 17:21).



# ***A Tribute to the CSI Formation Day***

## ***By Rev. Joe Varghese Malayil***



### ***78th Anniversary of the Church of South India (CSI)***

**September 27, 2025**

The Church of South India (CSI) is a United and Uniting Protestant Missionary Christian denomination that was formed in 1947 through the union of several churches in South India, including the Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, and Reformed traditions. It is a member of the global Anglican Communion, though it also embraces a broader ecumenical heritage. The CSI emphasizes unity, social justice, and mission work, and has a strong presence in southern India. Its structure is episcopal, with bishops overseeing dioceses, and its liturgy combines elements from different Christian traditions. The church is known for its commitment to both spiritual and social development.

The formation of the Church of South India in 1947 is often described as a *second Pentecost experience*, echoing the first century AD.

### **Context and Formation of CSI**

The Reformation of the 16th century Church in Europe led to many denominations, but they did not engage in mission immediately. German Pietism was an instrument in the Evangelical Revival of the 18th century in England and the USA. It led to the formation of missionary societies by different denominations. Initially, the missionary societies were not for transplanting their denominations in the mission fields. But later, many mission societies came to India for evangelization, and they planted churches in the title of their church.

The following missionary societies ultimately facilitated the formation of the Church of South India: the Church Missionary Society [CMS], the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel [SPG], the London Missionary Society [LMS], the Wesleyan Methodist Missionary Society [WMMS], the Church of Scotland Mission [CSM], the Free Church of Scotland Mission, the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Mission [ABCFM], the American Madurai Mission, the American Ceylon Mission, the Dutch Reformed Church in America, the American Arcot Mission, and the Australian Presbyterian Mission.

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From 1875 AD, missionaries as individuals met together for fellowship, prayers, and sharing of joys and sorrows in their mission fields, as well as to discuss methods and areas of cooperation and joint efforts. Later this fellowship grew to a regional level and formed the National Missionary Council of India in 1914. Later it changed its name to the National Council of Churches in India [NCCI].

The Presbyterians and Congregationalists began negotiations to form one church. As a result, in 1908 the South India United Church (SIUC) came into being. The American Ceylon (Jaffna Mission) joined it. The Malabar Area of the Basel Mission came under the care of the SIUC during the First World War. The SIUC, from its inception, took steps to achieve wider union with other churches in South India.

The first effort with the Wesleyan Methodists was not fruitful. Its next effort with the Anglicans resulted in a meeting at Tranquebar in May 1919. It was attended by 33 persons—7 from the Anglican side and 26 from the SIUC. This meeting issued a statement which came to be known as the **Tranquebar Manifesto**. It declared that church unity is the will of God, that it is Biblical, that divisions in the church affected evangelism in India, and that church divisions were not the making of Indians and so they did not wish to perpetuate them.

The Wesleyan Methodists [the Methodist Church districts of Madras, Mysore, Trichinopoly, and Hyderabad] joined the church union negotiations in 1925 and gave their approval in 1943. The Anglican dioceses of the Church of India, Burma, and Ceylon—namely Madras, Travancore-Cochin, Tirunelveli, and Dornakal—gave their consent in 1945. SIUC councils gave their consent in 1946. These efforts culminated in the historic union on September 27, 1947, in **St. George's Cathedral, Madras**, making the CSI the first organic church union of its kind in the world.

The growing nationalism and nationalist spirit among Indian Christians were also a factor for church union. Prior to 1947, South India was home to a variety of Protestant mission churches. At the time of its formation, the Church of South India (CSI) had 14 dioceses and a membership of approximately 1.3 million.

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### **The 14 Dioceses at Formation (1947)**

1. Madras Diocese
2. Madurai-Ramnad Diocese
3. Dornakal Diocese
4. Trichy-Tanjore Diocese
5. Coimbatore Diocese
6. Mysore Diocese
7. Telugu Diocese
8. Rayalaseema Diocese
9. North Kerala Diocese
10. South Kerala Diocese
11. Central Kerala Diocese
12. Jaffna Diocese
13. Kanarese Diocese
14. Travancore Diocese

### **CSI Today (2025)**

Over time, the CSI expanded and reorganized, increasing the number of dioceses. Today, there are dioceses across Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana, Sri Lanka, and even beyond.

As of 2025, being the largest Protestant church in India, the **Church of South India (CSI)** has:

- **26 dioceses**
- Nearly **4.5 million believers**
- Around **15,000 congregations**
- Over **3,300 ordained ministers**
- **104 hospitals**
- **130 colleges**
- **2,000 schools**
- Numerous mission fields, orphanages, CDC centers, women's empowerment schemes, vocational training centers, and hostels for underprivileged children.

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### **List of CSI Dioceses (2025)**

#### **State of Andhra Pradesh**

1. Krishna-Godavari Diocese
2. Nandyal Diocese
3. Rayalaseema Diocese

#### **State of Telangana**

4. Dornakal Diocese
5. Medak Diocese
6. Karimnagar Diocese

#### **State of Karnataka**

7. Karnataka Central Diocese
8. Karnataka Northern Diocese
9. Karnataka Southern Diocese

#### **State of Kerala**

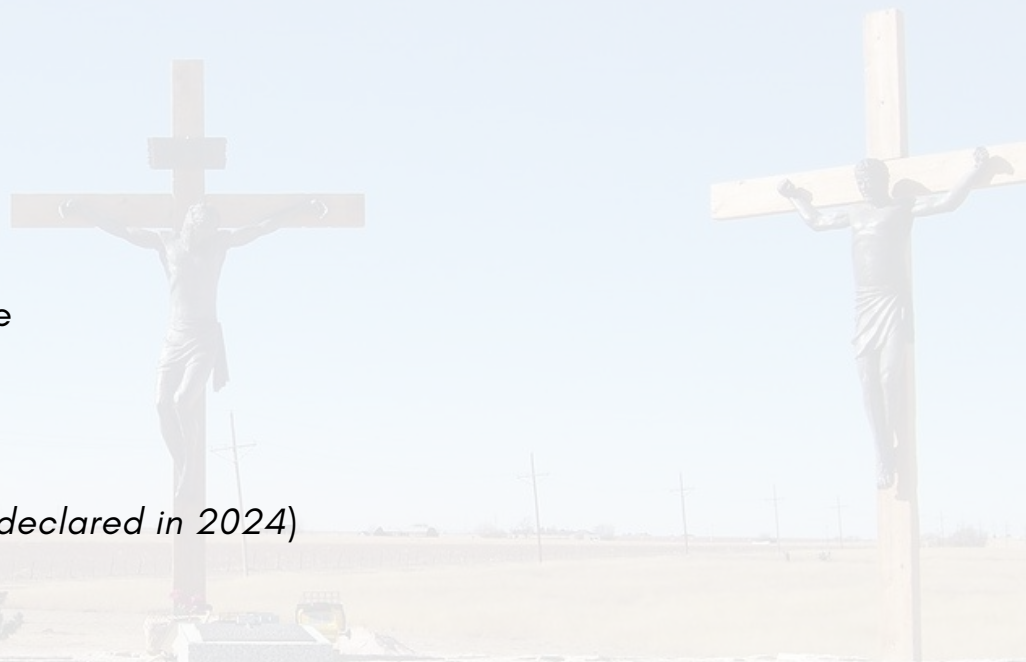
10. Cochin Diocese
11. East Kerala Diocese
12. Kollam-Kottarakkara Diocese
13. Madhya Kerala Diocese
14. Malabar Diocese
15. South Kerala Diocese

#### **State of Tamil Nadu**

16. Coimbatore Diocese
17. Kanyakumari Diocese
18. Madras Diocese
19. Madurai-Ramnad Diocese
20. Thoothukudi-Nazareth Diocese
21. Tirunelveli Diocese
22. Trichy-Tanjore Diocese
23. Vellore Diocese
24. Erode-Salem Diocese (*newly declared in 2024*)

#### **Out of India**

25. Jaffna Diocese (Sri Lanka)
26. Diaspora Diocese (*newly declared in 2024- initial stage*)



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### **The CSI Logo: Meaning and Message**

The Church of South India (CSI) logo is a powerful representation of the church's faith, mission, and unity. It brings together Christian and cultural symbols to express the identity of the church as a united body of believers, rooted in Christ and called to serve the world.

- **The Burning Cross:** The cross with flames symbolizes the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. The flames remind us of Pentecost (Acts 2:3), equipping the church for mission, purifying, strengthening, and renewing the faithful.
- **The Lotus Flower:** A symbol of purity and resilience in Indian culture. The cross inside the lotus signifies the rooting of Christian faith in Indian soil. Just as the lotus rises above muddy waters, Christians are called to live holy lives amidst worldly challenges.

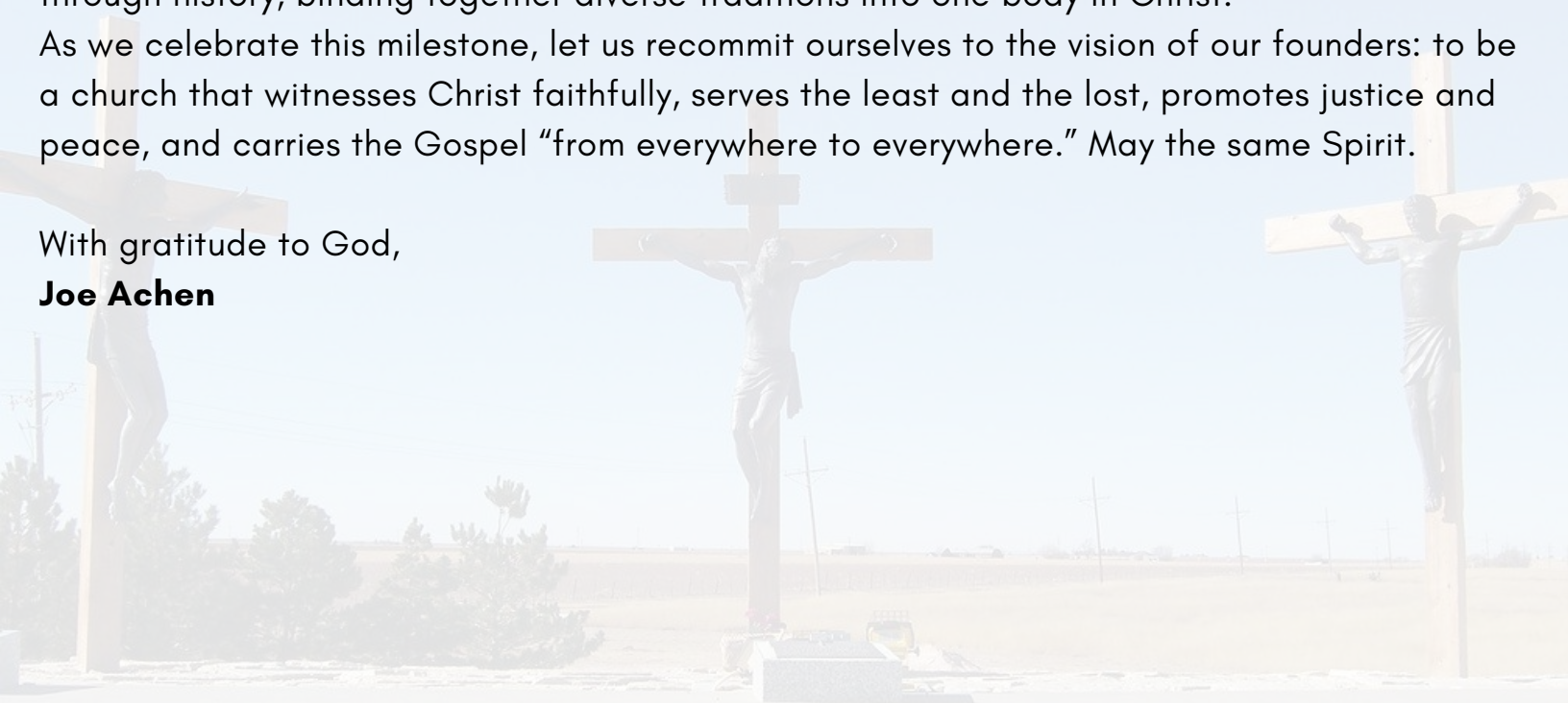
Together, these symbols proclaim the CSI's commitment to being a witnessing, serving, and spiritually renewed church, shining the light of Christ in the world.

### **Conclusion: Celebrating 78 Years of Faith and Mission**

On this 78th anniversary of the Church of South India, we look back with gratitude and look forward with hope. What began as a bold step of unity in 1947 has now grown into a vibrant fellowship of millions. CSI is not just a church—it is a living testimony of God's Spirit moving through history, binding together diverse traditions into one body in Christ.

As we celebrate this milestone, let us recommit ourselves to the vision of our founders: to be a church that witnesses Christ faithfully, serves the least and the lost, promotes justice and peace, and carries the Gospel "from everywhere to everywhere." May the same Spirit.

With gratitude to God,  
**Joe Achen**



# **A New Song**

## **By Linda Sigamony**



“O sing unto the LORD a new song...” (Psalm 96:1)

A song or psalm arises from one's heart. Prophet Isaiah writes, “the LORD JEHOVAH is ...my song; he also is become my salvation” (Isaiah 12:2) and the prophet Zephaniah, “The LORD thy God... will joy over thee with singing” (Zephaniah 3:17). Where the LORD is, there is song and singing.

### **Psalms**

Out of David's heart has risen many songs of praise, prayer, and even lament; from this we know that God was in his heart. The Book of Psalms is like a hymnal within The Bible. Some psalms are called Song of ascents because they take us up on our journey to the mountain top so we may worship the LORD there. David also played music on the harp which soothed Saul's distressed heart.

### **The Song of Songs**

Love brings forth songs. The Song of Songs also known as the Song of Solomon is seen as a spiritual love song or an allegory of the deep desire of the human soul for God. Sermons on the Song of Songs by St. Bernard of Clairvaux are worth reading.

### **The LORD's Song**

God's Word is His Song for His love for mankind is revealed there. He rejoices over His beloved with singing (Zephaniah 3:17). The LORD is the Songwriter, the Song and the Singer whose voice can penetrate deep into the human soul.

Speaking of the Israelites, the LORD says to prophet Ezekiel, “thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a very pleasant voice and can play well on an instrument: for they hear thy words, but they do them not” (Ezekiel 33:32). This calls for self-examination- are we hearers or doers of The Word?

### **A New Song**

Every life story is a song; the joys and sorrows, and quiet times too can be seen as the highs and lows and rests of music which together make melody. Every experience of God's deliverance makes life new; it also makes an old song new. For example, a commonly sung hymn “*What a friend we have in Jesus*” may suddenly become very personal to us after a real-life experience with God. The unchanging Word of God is also made ever new and ever refreshing to our souls by the Holy Spirit. Without such refreshing how weary we shall be in such a fast paced and ever-changing world!

### **Heaven's Choir**

Today, technology perfects our voices and music recordings. If earth's choirs can sound good, how grand heaven's choir will be when all the redeemed and perfected souls sing together the New Song! The Song of Salvation! (Revelation 14:3).

# ***The Music of God***

## **By Meljo Varghese**



"The Music of God" explores how music serves as a spiritual expression and connection, with different religions viewing it to glorify God, express devotion, or facilitate spiritual experiences. In Christianity, for example, music in worship is seen as a tool to communicate adoration, foster emotional connection, and unite believers

### Christian Perspective

- **Praise and Glorification:**

Music is a powerful means to express praise, adoration, and thanks to God, often reflecting deep emotions like love and awe.

- **Emotional Connection:**

Music can connect listeners to God by evoking and allowing the expression of deep emotions, fostering a sense of God's presence.

- **Uniting the Church:**

Through music, the "body of Christ" can be inspired, encouraged, and united, creating powerful shared spiritual experiences.

- **Biblical Foundation:**

The Bible contains numerous references to music in worship, including psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs as commanded in Ephesians 5:19

### **God's Gift of Music**

Music is a gift from God that can lift our spirits, comfort us, join us in a common mission, serve as a place of refuge during difficult times, encourage us, express what's in our hearts, and touch us deeply, sometimes more than words can say.

### **Actual unity is better than feelings of unity.**

It's a powerful experience to sing at the top of your lungs in the midst of a crowd. Everyone knows the lyrics, no one is distracted, and the feeling of oneness is overwhelming. But unlike music, Jesus actually makes us one. And our singing expresses that unity Jesus decisively made possible through the cross ([Ephesians 2:14-15](#)).

Singing together with other believers is massively different from singing at a rock concert, sporting event, or karaoke party. And if we don't know the difference, we're probably valuing music over Jesus.

# ***The Music of God***

## **By Meljo Varghese**



Music can't pay for our sins and reconcile us to God. Jesus can.

Music can't raise us from the dead. Jesus can.

Music can't defeat Satan. Jesus can.

Music can't bring us into God's presence. Jesus can.

Music can't transform our hearts. Jesus can.

Music can't restore our losses. Jesus can.

Music can't ensure we will enjoy pleasures at God's right hand forever. Jesus can — and has.

We're only tempted to see music as greater than Jesus because we haven't realized how great Jesus really is.



# AUGUST MEMORIES

United CSI VBS



Golden Age Fellowship Trip



# AUGUST MEMORIES

Chicago Dogs Baseball Outing



Womens Retreat





## **LECTIONARY & DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS**

**September 7, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -Malayalam)**

**Theme: Women's Sunday-Remembering and Celebrating Women's Ministry**

**OT Judges 4:4-16 Women's Fellowship**

**Psalm 107:1-15 Women's Fellowship**

**Epistle Gal. 2:1-10 Women's Fellowship**

**Gospel Matt. 13:47-52 Presbyter Women's Fellowship**

**Kiss of Peace & Elements - Women's Fellowship**

**Offertory- Women's Fellowship**

**September 14, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -English)**

**Theme: God and People of All Faiths**

**OT Amos 9:1-12 Eipe Lee**

**Psalm 66 Sherly Isaac**

**Epistle Rom. 2:17-29 Joe Lukose**

**Gospel John 10:14-18 Presbyter**

**Kiss of Peace & Elements - George Jacob & Jeena Jacob**

**Offertory- Nityan Joy & Shiny Joy**

**September 21, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -Malayalam)**

**Education Sunday-Fear of the Lord as the Beginning of Wisdom**

**OT 1 Kings 3:3-14 Sujith Babu Kurian**

**Psalm 14 Emily Thomas**

**Epistle 1 John 5:13-21 Valsamma Philip**

**Gospel Luke 10:21-24 Presbyter**

**Kiss of Peace & Elements- John & Sheela Thomas**

**Offertory- Ranjit & Linda Sigamony**

**September 28, 2025, Sunday (Holy Eucharist -English) -YAYA Sunday**

**Theme:Church of South India Formation Day: Unity in Service**

**OT Ex. 4:27-31 YAYA Fellowship**

**Psalm 28 YAYA Fellowship**

**Epistle 1 Cor. 3:1-15 YAYA Fellowship**

**Gospel John 17:9-23 Presbyter**

**Kiss of Peace & Elements YAYA Fellowship**

**Offertory YAYA Fellowship**

# SEPTEMBER CELEBRATIONS

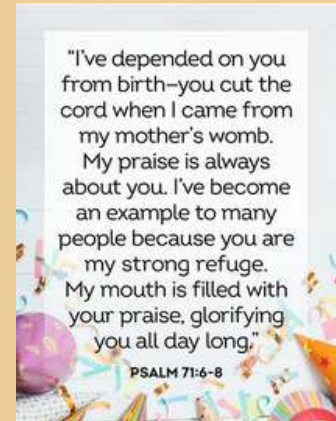


## Birthdays



1 - Angela Tomin  
2 - Remya Joseph  
8 - Lini Varughese  
8 - Rishy Chacko  
11 - Marykutty Thomas  
12 - Sherly Isaac  
13 - Joe Lukose  
13 - Melvyn Valanjattil Thomas  
14 - Rev. Dr. George Pati  
14 - Emily Thomas  
16 - Sujith Babu Kurian

24 - George Thomas Ampalloor  
25 - Sam C James  
27 - Sheba Ampalloor  
28 - George David  
29 - Elizabeth Mathew  
30 - Jeena Jacob  
30 - Reshma Joseph



*May God's blessing  
be on each and  
everyone of you !!!*

## Anniversaries



2 - George Jacob (Sajan) & Jeena Jacob  
3 - John Thomas & Sheela Thomas  
6 - Satyaseelan S Jacob & Shantha Satyaseelan  
6 - Rojy Philip & Athor Philip  
10 - Nityan Joy & Shiny Saramma Joy  
20 - Ranjit Sigamony & Linda Sigamony

*Those who remain in Love,  
remain in God and God remains  
in them.*

*John 4:16*

*Happy Anniversary*



# CSI CHRIST CHURCH OF CHICAGO

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS 2025

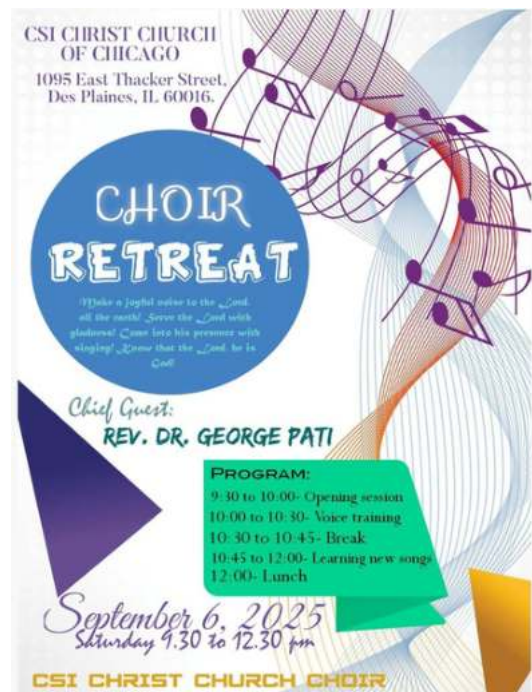
### *CSI Christ Church of Chicago Schedule Of Events Of The Year 2025*

| DATES          | EVENTS                                                                        |
|----------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Jan. 19        | Annual General Body meeting/Installation of the Office Bearers for 2025       |
| Feb 9          | Healing Ministry Sunday                                                       |
| Feb 23         | Dedication of new choir members                                               |
| Mar 1          | Lenten Retreat 10 am-12 pm                                                    |
| Mar 5          | Ash Wednesday – Service at 6:30 PM                                            |
| Mar 8          | Ecumenical Council World Day of Prayer                                        |
| Mar 9          | International Women's Sunday                                                  |
| April 13       | Palm Sunday                                                                   |
| April 14-16    | Vespers                                                                       |
| April 17       | Maundy Thursday - Holy Communion Service at 8:00PM-9:30 PM                    |
| April 18       | Good Friday - Service 6:00 PM-9:30 PM                                         |
| April 19       | Women's Fellowship Chain Prayer & Evening Prayer at Church 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM |
| April 20       | Easter Sunday                                                                 |
| May 11         | Mother's Day                                                                  |
| May 31         | Chicago Ecumenical Council Family Night                                       |
| June 7         | Youth Gathering at Parsonage                                                  |
| June 15        | Father's Day                                                                  |
| June 20-22     | Weekend Family Retreat                                                        |
| June 28        | Youth Gathering at Parsonage                                                  |
| July 10-13     | CSI North American Youth Conference                                           |
| July 19        | Church picnic                                                                 |
| July 25,26,27  | VBS                                                                           |
| Aug 3,10       | Back to School Prayer                                                         |
| Aug 10, 17     | Celebrating Graduates                                                         |
| Aug 23         | Women's Retreat                                                               |
| Aug 31         | Harvest Sunday                                                                |
| Sept 6         | Choir Retreat                                                                 |
| Sept 7         | Women's Sunday                                                                |
| Sept 28        | CSI Sunday                                                                    |
| October 12     | Senior Citizen Sunday                                                         |
| Oct 17-18      | Annual Convention 6pm-9pm                                                     |
| Oct 19         | Choir Sunday/Parish Day                                                       |
| TBD            | Ecumenical Council Convention                                                 |
| Nov 2          | World Sunday School Day                                                       |
| Nov 23         | General Body Meeting for the Election of Executive Committee members for 2025 |
| Nov 28, 29, 30 | Christmas Carol Rounds                                                        |
| Dec 6, 7,13,21 | Christmas Carol Rounds                                                        |
| Dec 6          | Ecumenical Council Christmas Celebration                                      |
| Dec 14/20      | Choir Lessons & Carols                                                        |
| Dec 14/20      | CSI Unity Carol Service -5:30pm                                               |
| Dec 21         | Carol rounding after service                                                  |
| Dec 25         | Christmas / Sunday School Christmas Program                                   |
| Dec 31         | Watch night service                                                           |
| Jan 18, 2026   | Annual General Body meeting                                                   |



| CSI Christ Church Of Chicago Accounts - July 2025                                               | INCOME             | EXPENSE                    |                  |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|----------------------------|------------------|
| Subscription                                                                                    | \$5,846.88         | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Offertory                                                                                       | \$1,404.00         | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Thanks Offering                                                                                 | \$1,225.00         | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Tithe                                                                                           | \$1,150.00         | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Special Donation                                                                                | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| St. Martin's rent                                                                               | \$0.00             | \$2,200.00                 |                  |
| Church Supplies/Communion Elements                                                              | \$0.00             | \$246.56                   |                  |
| Car Insurance                                                                                   | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Church Car Maintenance                                                                          | \$0.00             | \$40.00                    |                  |
| Church Maintenance/Emergency Repair                                                             | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Church Cleaning, Land scape, Snow removal                                                       | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Ch:ComEd                                                                                        | \$0.00             | \$47.52                    |                  |
| Ch:Peoples Energy                                                                               | \$0.00             | \$1,274.19                 |                  |
| Ch&Psng Insurance                                                                               | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Ch:Water                                                                                        | \$0.00             | \$50.00                    |                  |
| Ch:Garbage                                                                                      | \$0.00             | \$59.73                    |                  |
| Psng:ComEd                                                                                      | \$0.00             | \$346.58                   |                  |
| Psng:Nicor                                                                                      | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Psng:Clean/Maint                                                                                | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Psng:Internet                                                                                   | \$0.00             | \$105.63                   |                  |
| Psng:Phone,cell                                                                                 | \$0.00             | \$206.57                   |                  |
| Psng:Water                                                                                      | \$0.00             | \$246.68                   |                  |
| Presbyter's Honorarium                                                                          | \$0.00             | \$2,200.00                 |                  |
| Presbyter healthcare                                                                            | \$0.00             | \$299.72                   |                  |
| Hospitality/Refreshments                                                                        | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Mission/Charity                                                                                 | \$1,450.00         | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Women's Fellowship                                                                              | \$0.00             | \$598.16                   |                  |
| Mens Fellowship                                                                                 | \$350.00           | \$120.00                   |                  |
| Sunday School                                                                                   | \$1,260.00         | \$825.14                   |                  |
| Youth                                                                                           | \$150.00           | \$364.99                   |                  |
| Choir                                                                                           | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Visiting Pastor                                                                                 | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Presbyter gift/Visiting Pastors                                                                 | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Legal/Visa Processing-W2/W3                                                                     | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Miscellaneous                                                                                   | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Carol Rounds                                                                                    | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| Family Retreat                                                                                  | \$0.00             | \$300.00                   |                  |
| Building Fund                                                                                   | \$250.00           | \$20.00                    |                  |
| CSI Council Membership / Conf                                                                   | \$0.00             | \$460.00                   |                  |
| Ecumenical Council                                                                              | \$0.00             | \$0.00                     |                  |
| <b>Total</b>                                                                                    | <b>\$13,085.88</b> | <b>\$10,011.47</b>         |                  |
| <b>Ledger Summary</b>                                                                           | <b>General</b>     | <b>Reserve</b>             | <b>Bldg Fund</b> |
| Opening balance at the beginning of the month                                                   | \$26,223.89        | \$6,223.69                 | \$630,726.06     |
| Add Income "in month"                                                                           | \$13,085.88        |                            |                  |
| Move building fund donations to building fund                                                   | \$230.00           |                            | \$230.00         |
| Less (Expenses) "in month"                                                                      | \$10,011.47        |                            |                  |
| Interest Credited                                                                               |                    | \$782.91                   |                  |
| Closing Ledger balance end of the month                                                         | \$29,068.30        | \$7,006.60                 | \$630,956.06     |
| President(Vicar).Joe Varghese Malayil...Treasurar..Thushara Tharakan..Accountant..Allen Thomas. |                    |                            |                  |
| Proposed By....Sudha Kurien.....                                                                |                    | Seconded By.: Deepa Philip |                  |
| Auditor 1 .....                                                                                 |                    | Auditor 2.....             |                  |

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



**Sunday School Resumes**  
**Sept 7th 2025 @9:15 AM**

## Ecumenical Council of Kerala Churches in Chicago Future Events

Cricket Tournament  
TEAM CSI CHARGERS  
September 20th and 21st



Basketball Tournament  
November 22nd



## Church Tour

- **October 2nd-3rd**
- **Branson Missouri and Arkansas.**  
Excursions and shows planned
- **If interested, please contact Rev Joe Varghese Malayil**

**Registration Information posted in Sunday School whatsapp group**

**Ecumenical SUNDAY SCHOOL FEST 2025**

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15TH FROM 9AM-5PM**

Group Event Registration: <https://bit.ly/Ecu25GR>  
Individual Event Registration: <https://bit.ly/Ecu25Indv>

**VENUE: SACRED HEART KNANAYA CATHOLIC FORANE CHURCH**  
145 E. Grand Ave, Bensenville, IL 60126

ECUMENICAL COUNCIL OF KERALA CHURCHES IN CHICAGO

**WOMEN'S**  
**September 7**  
**SUNDAY**

**Message by Christina Wilson (Kochamma)**  
**Fellowship Lunch-Traditional Kerala Meal**