



IMMANUEL
MARTHOMA CHURCH
HOUSTON TX



**NEWSLETTER
APRIL 2022**



From the Vicars Desk



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Dearly beloved in Christ,
April is the cruelest month, breeding
Lilacs out of the dead land, Mixing
Memory and desire, stirring
Dull roots with spring rain.

These are the opening words from *The Waste Land* by T. S. Eliot. It indicates the entire nature is in a passion and birth pang to give life to a new world. It provides a simile of our Lord and saviour Jesus's passion and resurrection for the salvation and renewal of all creation. April is the threshold to life from the winter's death. It is the month when new life plants sprout and the seeds germinate from underneath of earth, and new leaves shoot on the trees. It is the season of heat and scorching sun. It is the season of life and hope.

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For us, it is the month of passion and suffering of our Lord Jesus Christ. The season itself harmonizes the event of new life in Christ. The church observes a lent of fast and prayer for fifty days to remember the passion of Christ. The Lenten days invite us to repent, reflect and remold our life. If one is involved in these rituals with faith, dedication, and commitment, it offers a renewing, refreshing, and reflecting experience.

Let's prayerfully participate in the worship of the passion of our Lord. Let's bow down and worship Him the Lord, who suffered, died, and resurrected for us. Let's come with family, with children and youth, with submission and surrendering our own will to the Lord. Remember what the church fathers say;

How marvelous the power of the cross; how great beyond all telling the glory of the passion. Here is the judgment seat of the Lord, the condemnation of the world, the supremacy of Christ crucified.

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“Lord, you drew all things to yourself so that the devotion of all peoples everywhere might celebrate, in a sacrament made perfect and visible, what was carried out in the one temple of Judea under obscure foreshadowing. Now there is a more distinguished order of Levites, a greater dignity for the rank of elders, a more sacred anointing for the priesthood because your cross is the source of all blessings, the cause of all graces. Through the cross the faithful receive strength from weakness, glory from dishonor, life from death.”

“O Lord, your love has brought you down to us so that our death might be averted by your death.”

May God bless us all with His passion and resurrection and lead to a renewed life.

Rev. Dr. Eappen Varghese
Vicar

STORY TIME



Crucifixion and Resurrection of Jesus

At the height of his ministry and miracles, many Jews believed in Jesus as the Messiah, the Son of God. The Jewish leaders feared Jesus because of his growing number of disciples. With the help of Judas Iscariot, Roman soldiers arrested Jesus and he was put on trial for claiming to be king of the Jews. According to Roman law, the penalty for treason was death by crucifixion.

The Roman governor Pontius Pilate reluctantly punished Jesus. Pilate was unable to find anything wrong that Jesus did, but he was forced to give the people what they wanted, and that was the death of Jesus. Pilate washed his hands in front of the crowd to signify that he was not responsible for Jesus' bloodshed. Jesus was beaten, whipped, was made to wear a crown of thorns and was made to carry his cross along the path that lead to the hill where he was crucified. The location where Jesus was crucified is called the Calvary, which means "where the skull is."

STORY TIME (Cont'd)



Crowds gathered to mourn and watch over Jesus' death. Jesus was nailed to a cross between two criminals. While Jesus was mocked, one of the criminals said to Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom, and Jesus replied: Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and asked God to forgive them, for they do not know what they did.

“While taking his last breath, Jesus said: Father, I have put my soul in your hands ... it is done.

An extraordinary event marked the death of Jesus. The sky was completely dark for three hours when Jesus was hanging on the cross. As he breathed his last, the earth shook, the temple veil split from top to bottom, the tombs of the saints opened and their bodies rose from the dead.

Jesus' crucifixion was a part of God's plan from the very beginning. Forgiveness for human sins required the ultimate sacrifice. The innocent life of Jesus was lived and given so that man may receive salvation and eternal life in heaven.

STORY TIME (Cont'd)



After his death, Jesus' body was wrapped in linen and placed in a tomb with a large rolling rock placed on the entrance of the tomb. On the third day, early Sunday morning, Mary Magdalene and another Mary arrived at the tomb and found it empty. Sitting on the rolling rock was an angel of God who told them not to be afraid because Jesus was risen. As the women left to talk to the disciples, Jesus Christ met them and showed them His crucified hands.

Both the Old and New Testaments speak of Jesus' resurrection from the dead – Jesus testified of his resurrection before dying on the cross, and the disciples witnessed Body after resurrection.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the foundation of the Christian faith. When Jesus rose from the dead, he affirmed his identity as the Son of God and the work of atonement, redemption, reconciliation, and salvation.

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see. There is an undeniably miraculous movement of God in response to the act of Faith. Faith can move mountains. The Promises of our God always hold true for those who believe with all their heart.

WORSHIP SCHEDULES APRIL 2022

<p>3-April</p>	<p>10.00 AM</p>	<p>(Christ who gives Hopeful Vision) English Holy Communion</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel</p>	<p>Mic 7:7-20 Acts 9:10-18 Col 1:1-14 Mark 10:46-52</p>
<p>10-April</p>	<p>09.00 AM</p>	<p>(Hosanna - Lord save us) Malayalam Holy Communion</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel</p>	<p>Zech 9:9-17 Rom 11:16-36 Col 1:14-23 Mark 11:1-18</p>
<p>14-April</p>	<p>07.00 PM</p>	<p>(Passover Thursday, Holy Communion, Banquet of Survival) Worship Service & Holy Communion</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel</p>	<p>Exod 12:1-17 Heb 9:1-15 1 Cor 11:23-34 Matt 26:17-30</p>
<p>15-April</p>	<p>09.00 AM</p>	<p>(Good Friday - Cross: Way of Salvation) Worship Service</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel</p>	<p>Isa 53:1-12 1Thess 2:1-12 Matt 26:47-75 Matt 27:57-61</p>
<p>16-April</p>	<p>09.00 AM</p>	<p>(Holy Saturday: The Victory of Death through Death) Worship Service</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel</p>	<p>Ezek 37:1-14 1Pet 3:17-22 Rom 6:1-11 Matt 27:62-66</p>
<p>17-April</p>	<p>09.00 AM</p>	<p>(Easter: Celebration of Resurrection) English Holy Communion</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel</p>	<p>Isa 60:12-21 1Cor 15:42-58 1Cor 15:20-28 Luke 24:1-12</p>
<p>24-April</p>	<p>10.15 AM</p>	<p>(New Sunday - Jesus: Lord and God) Malayalam Holy Communion</p>	<p>1st Lesson: 2nd Lesson: Epistle Gospel</p>	<p>Gen 28:10-22 Acts 24:10-21 1Thess 4:13-18 John 20:19-29</p>

HOLY WEEK



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HAPPY HOLY WEEK

APRIL 8 FORTIETH FRIDAY

HOLY COMMUNION 10.00 AM

APRIL 10 PALM SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION 9:00 AM

APRIL 14 MAUNDY THURSDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE &
HOLY COMMUNION 7.00 PM

APRIL 15 GOOD FRIDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE 9.00 AM

APRIL 16 HOLY SATURDAY

WORSHIP SERVICE 9.00 AM

APRIL 17 EASTER SUNDAY

HOLY COMMUNION 9.00 AM



APRIL BIRTHDAY

Name	B day	B day	Name
C. Thomas Yohannan	1-Apr	8-Apr	Varughese M. Varughese
Mathew Zachariah			Bibin George Mathew
Suni Mathew		9-Apr	John Joseph
Shybu Varghese			Christopher J. George
Karan Kanneri	Ana Ivy Mathew		
Leena Abraham	2-Apr	10-Apr	Nidhi J. Abraham
Liza Abraham			Beena Sabu
Leelamma Mathew	3-Apr		11-Apr
Jason Kurian		Andrew Varghese	
Thomas Zachariah		Roy Chacko	
Mini M. Philip		12-Apr	Samuel Abraham
Yashly Mariam Thomas			Dr. Reena Jacob
Aria Elizabeth Joshy			Itty Oommen Kandathil
Abraham P. Varghese	4-Apr	13-Apr	Jessica Nguen Thomas
Jackson V. Jacob			Erin Kuruville
Susan Varghese	5-Apr		Saramma Eapen
Arun Kuruville Roy			Annamma Samuel
Ryan R. Varughese		M. S. Raju	
Kiran Kuruville Roy	6-Apr	14-Apr	John P. Mathew
Annamma James			Premadas Mammazhiyil
Thankamoni S.Varghese	7-Apr	15-Apr	Mammen Mathew
Abraham Abraham			Vivekanand V. Shetti
Benson P. Kurien			Nidia A. Samuel
Shiju Thomas		14-Apr	Jessy A. Valayil
Michelle Mathew			Joanne John
Thomas P. John			Vinney Samuel
Aby J. Roy			Mathew Varghese
Ashwin George Jacob			Varghese Kunchacko
Alex Abraham Philip			Mammen Mathew
Luke Thomas Philip			Jaime Saji
Mathew Titus			Achamma Ninan
Lincy E. George			Annamma Koruthu
Mammen Thomas			Latha Thomas
Roy Thomas		Kunjumol Saban	
	Manju Moses		
Jerin V. Jacob	Abraham Chacko		
	Kunnel M. Mathew		

APRIL BIRTHDAY (Cont'd)

Name	B day	B day	Name
Reba E. Thomas	16-Apr	24-Apr	Kannethu E. Eapen
Abrielle Susan Jobin			Emory Willow Zacharia
Jolly Sajeev			Nathaniel L. James
Arpitha Mary Abraham	17-Apr	25-Apr	Natasha Sara Varghese
Annamma Varghese			Sheja Joe Cherian
Cybil Varghese			Josh Geevarghese
Nathaliya Aliya Shybu			Noah M. Keerikattu
Laly Philip			Joseph John
Jonah Reji Eapen	18-Apr	26-Apr	Susmy Susan Koshy
Nathan Mathew George			Leah Chole Thomas
Blessy Rachel Sinu			Ashley Bennykutty
Joel Mathew			Juby M. Varghese
Abigail Mathew			Siji Mathew
Jonathan Samuel Abraham	19-Apr	27-Apr	Celia Ann Jacob
Joel M. John			Sophia Grace John
Riya Elizabeth George			Baby Samuel
Biju T. Mathew			P. M. Jacob
Reeja Joby			Leelamma Thomas
Daavid V. Varghese	20-Apr	28-Apr	P. E. Kuruvilla
Mathew Thomas			Abraham Mannaickal
Mary M. Raju			Abia Varughese
Sam Alexander			Julia A. Thomas
Stevin K Thomas			Rachel Varghese
Tiji Shibu	21-Apr	29-Apr	Ajay Mathew George
Sheela Alexander			Noah John Korah
Alina Abraham			Legi Abraham
Joshua George Jacob			Aleyamma Thomas
Ethan Philip			Abraham Varughese
Mary K. Joseph	22-Apr	30-Apr	Ashna Varghese
Andrew Michel Abraham			Ann Varghese
John P. Thomas			Lena James
Allan John			Jibin Varghese
Steve Kunnuthara Thomas			Jeryn Chacko Varghese
Varghese Thomas	23-Apr		Jim Sam Green
Immanuel John			

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

ID	Name	Spouse	Wed Day
548	V.M Georgekutty	Bindu	3-Apr
189	Raju Varghese	Liziyamma	5-Apr
575	Dr. Cerrill Mathew	Susan	6-Apr
592	Samuel C. Samuel	Aleyamma	
101	P. M. Jacob	Annamma	7-Apr
369	John Kumar	Susamma	10-Apr
495	Shaji Jacob	Smitha	13-Apr
112	M. G. Mathew	Leelamma	14-Apr
300	Kuruvilla Chandy	Selin	
537	Shibu Thankachen	Tiji	15-Apr
364	Koshy Abraham	Sheena	17-Apr
467	John Varughese	Rachel	
304	Thomas Mathew	Suja	18-Apr
318	Abraham Abraham	Molly	20-Apr
336	Dr. Laji James	Betty	
380	Kavalakkal Mathai Thomas	Aleyamma	
578	Victor Varghese	Mariam	
358	Jobin M. Jose	Mereena	21-Apr
535	Benzy Bennykutty	Ginu	
289	Abraham Samuel	Mary	22-Apr
420	John M. John	Sheeja	
171	Samuel Jose George	Titty	23-Apr
366	George C.Mammen	Annamma	
534	Varghese P.P.	Annamma	
311	Shibu John	Ancy	24-Apr
456	Bibin Abraham Thomas	Meffy	
296	Rijul Raju	Dayana	25-Apr
544	Kurian Varghese	Bindhu	
141	Cherian Abraham	Elizabeth	26-Apr
166	Samuel Koshy	Annamma	
474	Jama Sam	Sunu	
310	Terin V. Philip	Christina	27-Apr
219	George K. V.	Ponnamma	29-Apr
645	Vinod Thomas	Minal	
448	K. T. Sajee	Binta	
			30-Apr

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORGANIZATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS AND LENT PRAYER APRIL 2022	
Senior Fellowship	Senior Fellowship Prayer Meeting is scheduled for April 2nd between 10.00AM-12.00PM at Church.
Edavaka Mission	After Lent, the Edavaka Mission prayer will continue every Thursday @7:30 PM via ZOOM. Edavaka Mission Prayer Meeting is scheduled for April 23rd at 10.00 AM at Church.
Sunday School	There will be no Sunday School on Palm Sunday, April 10th and on Easter Sunday, April 17th. April 3rd and April 24th Sunday School will begin at 8.45 AM at Church
IMTC Lent Prayer	As per the Lent Prayer Schedule that was sent out, Evening Prayers will begin at 7.00 PM on the scheduled dates. Zoom Link: https://us06web.zoom.us/j/7999982537



BIBLE QUIZ FOR APRIL 2022

Bible portion from 2 Chronicles 17 to 26 Chapters

1. Name the King who proclaimed a fast for all Judah when he heard a vast army is coming against him?
2. Who was Athaliah and how did she influence her son King Ahaziah?
3. Jehoiada was buried with Kings in the city of David, because of what?
4. King Jehoash took all the articles from Jerusalem temple and placed where?
5. How did King Uzziah get leprosy?



Answers for March Bible Quiz

1. 7:1-2, 2. 7:3, 3. 14:11, 4. 10:6-11, 5. 15:16.

CONDOLENCES



Mrs. Annamma Eapen 83 years old, wife of Mr. K. E. Eapen & mother of Mr. Joe Eapen ID# 203 of Bethel Area Prayer Group and sister-in-law of Mr. Koshy Thekethundiyl ID# 183 of Bethel Area Prayer Group was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Kerala.

Mr. Solomon Varghese 30 years old, son of Mr. Varghese Thomas and Mrs. Susan Thomas and brother of Mrs. Sonia Thomas ID# 443 was taken into heavenly abode. Funeral was held in Houston.



The Vicar & Members of the Immanuel Mar Thoma Church Houston express our heartfelt condolences to the bereaving families. Kindly uphold the bereaving families in your prayers for heavenly peace.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Senior Fellowship Prayer Meeting between 10.00AM-12.00PM at Church.
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Holy Communion Service in English @ 9.00 AM ASSISTED BY SINAI AREA PRAYER GROUP	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Fortieth Friday, Holy Communion Service @ 10.00 AM ASSISTED BY SENIOR FELLOWSHIP	
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
Palm Sunday, Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 9.00 AM ASSISTED BY THADOR AREA PRAYER GROUP	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Sandhya Namaskaram @ 7.00 PM	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Sandhya Namaskaram @ 7.00 PM	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom Sandhya Namaskaram @ 7.00 PM	Maudsi Thursday, Worship Service and Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 7.00 PM ASSISTED BY BETHEL AREA PRAYER GROUP	Good Friday, Worship Service @ 9.00 AM	Holy Saturday, Worship Service @ 9.00 AM
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
Easter Sunday, Holy Communion Service in English @ 9.00 AM ASSISTED BY BETHLEHEM AREA PRAYER GROUP	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Eskavaka Mission Prayer Meeting at 10.00 AM at Church.
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Holy Communion Service in Malayalam @ 9.00 AM ASSISTED BY CARMEL AREA PRAYER GROUP	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	Morning Prayers @ 6.00 AM via Church Zoom	

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