



## The Blessing hands of GOD



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*Coming up...*

2<sup>nd</sup> April at 7pm

**Maundy Thursday Service**

3<sup>rd</sup> April at 11.30am

**GOOD FRIDAY Service**

5<sup>th</sup> April at 5am, 9am, 6pm

**EASTER Service**

27<sup>th</sup> April to 3<sup>rd</sup> May

**VBS**

# **INTOUCH**

## **APRIL 2026**

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# The Blessing hands of GOD



From the Senior  
**PASTOR'S** Desk

**Dear**ly beloved in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

***Happy Resurrection Day!!***

The hands of Jesus are not only wounded hands but also hands of blessing. He stretched out His arms to hug, to bless, and to comfort. His hands bring us abundant blessings. He opens His arms, and every living creature is satisfied. After the resurrection, Jesus was met by Mary Magdalene. He said, **“Hail Mary.”** What a great blessing was poured upon her head, it passed through her body like a powerful current. She could hardly contain it.. She moved very swiftly and reached the disciples of Jesus Christ with words of blessings, words of hope, and words of new life (John 20:10-18).

On Resurrection Sunday evening, two disciples were walking away from **Jerusalem - walking away from the city of Joy, city of Peace and city of hope - towards** the village called **Emmaus (hot spring), a place of despair, a place of discouragement.** But Jesus appeared among

them and walked with them. He transformed their hopelessness into great joy and blessings. They couldn't hold their excitement and they returned the very same night to share their blessings of Jesus with other disciples (Luke 24:25-35).

The Lord blessed the disciples and the people who witnessed his ascension. He stretched out his hand and ascended, while he was taken up he was blessing them. From His heavenly abode, He continues to bless the whole universe (Luke 24:50-53). Therefore, we lack nothing in our lives today, for He meets all our needs from His heavenly supply. As Paul says, "God shall supply all my needs," we too can boldly declare this Truth (Philippians 4:10-20).

The Israelites received the priestly blessings after every meeting (Numbers 6:24-26), and today we receive the apostolic blessings week after week in church services (2 Corinthians 13:14), where we experience the hand of God. The Bible provides many examples of how God's people were blessed by His hand. Great figures such as Abraham, Lot, Job, Isaac, Jacob, King David, King Solomon, and many others throughout history stand as powerful examples. We clearly see how God has blessed them abundantly. The account of Jabez, in particular, illustrates the blessing hand of God (1 Chronicles 4:9-10).

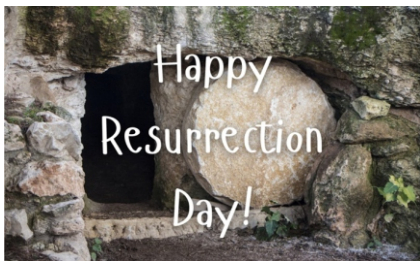
Psalm 139:5 says, **"You go before me and follow me. You place your hand of blessing on my head."** The blessing hand of God brings favour at the right time. His hand anoints and empowers you to prosper, to remain healthy, and to be blessed even in the midst of

challenging situations. Deuteronomy 28:6 says, **“The LORD will bless everything you do.”** The Lord will open doors of opportunities, will lift you and provides all that is needed for your sustenance and success. When God tells His children not to fear, He is telling us that He is there to help: **'For I, the Lord your God, will hold your right hand, saying to you, 'Fear not, I will help you'** (Isaiah 41:13). Yes, even today He is willing to stretch out His righteous hand and hold our right hand and bless us. May the resurrected Lord Jesus Christ bless you and guide you, Amen.

With blessings

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

Senior Pastor



# April - 2026

## WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### Annual Theme

“Is the Lord’s hand waxed short?”

*(Numbers 11:23)*

### Monthly Theme

“Blessing Hands”

“Both riches and honour come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all.” (1 Chronicles 29:12)

### 5 Apr 2026

EASTER

**5.00 AM**

**Theme:** Blessed Magdalene

**Text:** John 20:8-20

**Preacher:**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

**Bible Reading:**

Mr. Jeshurun Sunil Rajan

**9.00 AM**

**Theme:** Blessed Magdalene

**Text:** John 20:8-20

**Preacher:** **Rev. Dr. Andrew B**

**Natarajan**

**Bible Reading:**

Mr. Vimal Bhasker

**6.00 PM**

**Theme:** Emmaus Experience

**Text:** Luke 24:25-35

**Preacher:**

**Rev. R.J. Christopher**

**Bible Reading:**

Mrs. Prema Henry

### 12 Apr 2026

2nd Sunday after Easter

**7.00 AM**

**Theme:** Jesus Blesses Children

**Text:** Mark 10:13-16

**Preacher:**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

**Bible Reading :**

Ms. Jovina Chrislyn

**9.00 AM**

**Theme:** Jesus Blesses Children

**Text:** Mark 10:13-16

**Preacher:**

**Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

**Bible Reading :**

Mrs. Arul Vimala Christopher

**6.00 PM**

**Theme:** Blessed Jabez

**Text:** 1Chronicles 4:9-10

**Preacher:**

**Dr. Philip R. Anbarasan**

**Bible Reading:**

Mrs. Priscilla Karen

## 19 Apr 2026

3rd Sunday after Easter

**7.00 AM**

**Theme:** Priestly Blessings

**Text:** Numbers 6:24-26

**Preacher:**

**Rev. R.J. Christopher**

**Bible Reading :**

Mr. Samuel Jebakumar

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**9.00 AM**

**Theme:** Priestly Blessings

**Text:** Numbers 6:24-26

**Preacher:**

**Rev. R.J. Christopher**

**Bible Reading :**

Mr. Rajakumar Selwyn

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**6.00 PM**

**Theme:** All may go well

**Text:** 3 John 1:1-3

**Preacher:**

**Mr. Andrew George**

**Bible Reading :**

Mrs. Jeevalatha Chakkravarthy

## 26 Apr 2026

4th Sunday after Easter

**7.00 AM**

**Theme:** God shall supply

**Text:** Phillipians 4:10-20

**Preacher:**

**Mr. Vijayakumar**

**Bible Reading:**

Mr. E.S.A. Harris

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**9.00 AM**

**Theme:** The Blessing Hand of God

**Text:** Luke 24:50-53

**Preacher:**

**Rev. R.J. Christopher**

**Bible Reading:**

Dr. Stephen Sudhakar

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**6.00 PM**

**Theme:** The Blessing Hand of God

**Text:** Luke 24:50-53

**Preacher:**

**Rev. R.J. Christopher**

**Bible Reading :**

Mr. Joel Kumar

"...rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving."  
(Colossians 2:7)

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VBS 2026  
**BUILD**

**VBS WEEK!**

April 27-May 03

**Established and Built in Him**

# HOLY WEEK MEDITATIONS

“Wounded Hands” (Zechariah 13:6)

Date	Theme
30.03.2026 Holy Monday	Theme: <b>The Shameful End</b> Text: <b>Matthew 21:33-40</b> Preacher: <b>Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan</b>
31.03.2026 Holy Tuesday	Theme: <b>The Speechless End</b> Text: <b>Matthew 22:1-14</b> Preacher: <b>Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan</b>
01.04.2026 Holy Wednesday	Theme: <b>The Amazing End</b> Text: <b>Matthew 22:15-22</b> Preacher: <b>Dr. Philip R. Anbarasan</b>
02.04.2026 Maundy Thursday	Theme: <b>Remembrance of the Redemption</b> Text: <b>Luke 22:7-23</b> Preacher: <b>Bishop C.G. Dayanand</b>

## GOOD FRIDAY MEDITATIONS

03.04.2026, Friday 11.30 am

Introduction Characters of the Qualified **Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

First

**Forgiver** - Luke 23:26-34 Mr. Swarup Singh

Second

**Redeemer** - Luke 23:39-43 Mr. Neil Vimalkumar Boniface

Third

**Caregiver** - John 19:25-27 Mrs. Pearl Vincent

Fourth

**Renouncer** - Mark 15:33-36 Dr. Philip R. Anbarasan

Fifth

**Sufferer** - John 19:28-29 Dr. Eric Montegory

Sixth

**Achiever** - John 19:30 Mr. Ravi K. Martin

Seventh

**Surrenderer** - Luke 23:44-46 Mr. Vijayakumar

Closing Comments **Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

**EASTER** 05.04.2026, Sunday 5am, 9am

The Blessing hand of God - Luke 24:50 **Rev. Dr. Andrew B Natarajan**

# Sunday Ministries

## Worship Services

at 7.00 am, 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

## Holy Communion

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday at 9:00 am

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 7:00 am and 6:00 pm

## Sunday School

at 9:30 am

## Junior Choir

at 11:15 am

## MYF

at 11:15 am

## MYAF

2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 11:00 am

## Outreach Evangelism

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday at 3:00 pm

# Weekly Ministries

## **1<sup>st</sup> of the Month**

Holy Communion 6:30 am

## **Hour of Power**

Mon to Fri 5:30 to 6:00 am

## **Prayer Station**

Monday 6:00 to 7:00 pm

## **Prayer Walk**

4<sup>th</sup> Monday 6:30 to 8:00 pm

## **Bible Study**

Wednesday 7:00 pm on Zoom

## **Cottage Prayer Meeting**

Thursday at 7:00 pm

## **Wesley Cell Groups**

Mon, Tue and Fri

7:00 pm on Zoom

## **Time of Prayer**

1<sup>st</sup> Friday 10:30 am to 1:30 pm

## **WSCS Fellowship:**

1<sup>st</sup> Sat at 5:00 pm

## **Methodist Men Fellowship**

2<sup>nd</sup> Sat at 7:30 am

## **Elder's Fellowship**

3<sup>rd</sup> Sat at 5:00 pm

# MEMORY VERSES



## April

**Apr 5th**

**PROMISE**

Both riches and honor come from You, And You reign over all. In Your hand is power and might; In Your hand it is to make great And to give strength to all.

I Chronicles 29:12

**Apr 12th**

**COMMAND**

Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice.

Ephesians 4:31

**Apr 19th**

**PROMISE**

God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1

**Apr 26th**

**COMMAND**

And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

Ephesians 4:32

**NKJV Version**

## The Dynamic

# KINGDOM OF GOD

The Kingdom of God is active and spiritual reign of God in the hearts of believers today. Jesus ushered in that Kingdom when He said in **Matthew 4:17** *"From that time Jesus began to preach, and to say, Repent for the kingdom of heaven is at hand."*

In **Luke 17:20-21** when the Pharisees questioned Jesus as to when the Kingdom of God would come, this was His reply. Being asked by the Pharisees when the kingdom of God would come, he answered them, "The kingdom of God is not coming in ways that can be observed,<sup>21</sup> nor will they say, 'Look, here it is!' or 'There!' for behold, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you."

**The Church today represents the Kingdom of God on earth.**

### 1. We have great potential for growth

#### The Parable of the Mustard seed

##### Matthew 13:31-32

<sup>31</sup> He put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven is like a grain of mustard seed that a man took and sowed in his field. <sup>32</sup> It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it has grown it is larger than all the

*garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."*

A seed has within it the potential for great growth no matter how small it is. The mustard seed they say has the potential for quick growth and also though it was not really a tree it would grow to even 6 or 10 feet and was wide enough to shelter birds and they could also make nests in its branches.

When we sow a seed there nothing much we can do after that. We can prepare the soil, sow the seed and even water it. Growth is from God and there nothing we can do to manipulate it. That's what the Kingdom of heaven or King of God is like. We have to sow the seeds and wait. The growth and expansion is only by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Think about the early church.

· **They were just a few in number**

There were just 11 disciples Matthias was added. There were just 120 in the upper room. In Acts 17 this was the testimony of the Jews, And when they could not find them, they dragged Jason and some of the brothers before the city authorities, shouting, *"These men who have turned the world upside down have come here also..."*

· **They were not qualified**

*Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated, common men, they were astonished. And they recognized that they had been with Jesus. Acts 4:13*

· **They functioned with the power of the Holy Spirit**

*And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high.” Luke 24:49*

Though we are a minority there is tremendous power within the body of Christ to make a huge impact on the world. It has the capacity to bring in, and to shelter all those who are outside the fold.

**What's hindering the growth of the church today?**

- Depending on our own traditions and strategies
- Forgetting that we are called to make disciples – church is more about biological multiplication and reaching out we have kept to some remote parts, forgetting that our unsaved family and our unbelieving neighbors are also the lost sheep we are called to reach out to.
- Not functioning in the power of the Holy Spirit
- We are not loving and accommodating those who come in. There's a lot of differences based on status, language, background, caste and so much more
- We have stopped sowing and have stopped watering – reaching out and discipleship is Jesus' Great Commission to the church today. Paul says I have sowed Apollos has watered and God gave the increase. If we don't sow, if we don't water, we will never see the growth.

**2. We have potential for great influence**

**Parable of the Leaven**

<sup>33</sup> *He told them another parable. “The kingdom of*

*heaven is like leaven that a woman took and hid in three measures of flour, till it was all leavened.*

**Matthew 13:33** We the church are chosen to be influencers. A little leaven is enough to leaven the whole lump of flour. Jesus used salt, light, city on a hill and leaven

**Matthew 5:13** - *"You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.*

**Matthew 5:14** - *"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.* Kingdom people should be influencers. Even if we are one believer in our families, the only believer in the neighborhood, the only believer at work, we can make a difference. Stand up for God, speak up against sin and injustice, share the gospel with love and let people see that we are different.

We live in a dark world filled with sin. There are no clear distinctions between right and wrong. We are the light in this dark world. If our standards and values are the same as those of the world, we will never be the light but will only stand in the shadow of darkness.

**Romans 12:2** *"Do not conform to the patterns of this world" or as another version says, "Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world"*

The dynamic kingdom people are called and chosen to be influencers

### 3. We have to realize that we have a priceless treasure

#### The Parable of the Hidden Treasure

<sup>44</sup> “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

**Matthew 13:44**

#### The Parable of the Pearl of Great Value

<sup>45</sup> “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, <sup>46</sup> who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

**Matthew 13:45-46**

One man accidentally found the treasure, and the other one who was searching for pearls suddenly found the ultimate pearl, and knows that he needs not search any further.

- **Prioritize spiritual treasures over worldly possessions** – The rich fool parable – It profits nothing if we gain the whole world and lose our own soul *If anyone loves the world the love of the Father is not in him* **1 John 2:15**
- **Be willing to sacrifice everything else for God and His Kingdom** – Jesus' challenge to those who followed Him was to deny oneself, take up the cross and follow Him daily...**Matthew 16:24** It doesn't matter how they found it, once they found the priceless treasure they were willing to give up everything else.
- **There nothing more precious than knowing God**, being His child, and being part of His Kingdom. Once we have found this treasure let us not make the mistake of going after things that are fleeting and of no value to us.

**2 Corinthians 4:7** *But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us.*

In conclusion, let us as a church pray that the Holy Spirit of God will use so that the Kingdom of God will grow, expand, bring in people from outside the fold. Let's decide to be influencers whose lives and words will match and we will be salt and light wherever we are. May we never forget the value of being part of God's Kingdom and value God and His Kingdom above everything else in our lives.

- *Esther Collins*

# Prayer Pointers



- ❖ The Episcopal Leaders - Bishop C.G. Dayanand and District Superintendent Rev. Sam Sudalaiyandi.
- ❖ The Pastors and Office Staff.
- ❖ Ministries of Christ Methodist Church, Vaitheeswaran Koil
- ❖ The Church Construction at Chidambaram - For speedy approval from Government authorities.
- ❖ Those who are sick and in pain, especially Mrs Priya David, Mrs. Janette Michael and Ms. Adline Shuba.
- ❖ Those seeking job and life partner.
- ❖ The Sunday School, MYF, Young Adults, WSCS, Methodist Men, Elders Fellowship, Cell groups, Bible Study, AMC choirs, Prayer walk, Prayer station, Seekers Care Group and Aspire Group.
- ❖ The Union and State Governments.
- ❖ The Global affairs - economy, ecology, peaceful atmosphere.
- ❖ For the bereaved family of Mr. Winston Henry