CSI KARNATAKA CENTRAL DIOCESE
DISABILITY: CARE AND HONOR
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Call to worship:

Leader: For you created my inmost being, you knit me together in my mother's womb.

Cong: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Leader: My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place.

Cong: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Leader: When I was woven together in the depths of the earth, your eyes saw my unformed body.

Cong: I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made, your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

Leader: To the creator God belongs all glory and honor, as we begin our worship in the name of the triune God. Amen.

Opening Hymn:

Praise and Thanksgiving prayer:

Leader: Blessed Lord our God, we thank and praise you for we believe that you will fulfill your purpose for us, your love, O Lord endures forever and your mercies they are new every moment.

Cong: How precious to me are your thoughts O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Leader: Blessed Lord our God, we thank and praise you for we trust in your fellowship of love as David remembered Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan to join in to the fellowship of the king.

Cong: How precious to me are your thoughts O God! How vast is the sum of them!

Leader: Blessed Lord our God, we thank and praise you for we hope your dignity of acceptance, when the blind and the lame came to Jesus at the temple, he healed them.

Cong: How precious to me are your thoughts O God! How vast is the sum of them! Amen.

Call to confession:

Leader: The Lord said, 'who gave them mouth? Who makes them deaf or mute? Who gives them sight or makes them blind? It is not I, the Lord? The image of God dwells in the vastness and the human mind cannot visualize it. Without knowing the reality of God's revelation, we have judged based on our own prejudices and pre-judgmental attitudes on those who are blessed by the Lord with physical, mental, emotional and intellectual challenges. Let us, therefore consider the diversity of God's image and our short-comings as we seek forgiveness from God.

Cong: O Lord, you have searched me and you know me. You know my thoughts when I decided to treat them as less humans those persons with physical and emotional difficulties; forgive me O Lord. You know my actions when I rebuke and ridiculed a person whom I considered incomplete; forgive me O Lord. You know my attitude when I measured human beings with special needs as burden, cursed and a sickness for a family and society: forgive me O Lord.

All: Lord, help me not to become a stumbling block but make me a bridge to pave way to treat the disabled with respect and dignity, for i fear you God. Amen.

Words of Comfort:
Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for the compassion of God never fails; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. Lam 3: 22
Therefore, strengthen your feeble and weak knees. Make level paths for your feet, so that the lame may not be disabled, but rather healed. Heb 12:13
The Lord said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness. Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weakness, so that Christ's power may rest on me'. 2 Cor 12:9-10

Absolution:

May God Almighty grant you, new path to walk as instruments of hope; may God almighty grant you, undivided heart to accept the complete image of God; may God almighty grant you, strength to accomplish the will of God in your life. Amen

Collect for the day:

O Lord our God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the great healer of very kind of illness; grant peace to those who are torn on mental conflict and to the physically impaired and uphold them with the power of your spirit. Let the church be channel of your love and care to them; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord who affirmed the dignity of the mentally and physically challenged in his earthly life, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen

Bible Reading:

OT 2 Samuel 9: 1-13

Psalms 146

Epistle Acts 9:32-35

Gospel St. Mark 3:1-6

Sermon:
Affirmation of Faith:
Announcements:

Intercessory Prayer:

Leader: Lord in your mercy, we have witnessed the beauty of your strength in times of weakness; specially when we remember the service and ministry of Dr. Mary Varghese called as Wheelchair Surgeon, who inspired many with their physical challenges became an instrument of healing and hope for our society.
Cong: Lord, help us to see the mute speaking, crippled made well, lame walk and blind see.
Leader: Lord in your mercy, we have perceived the depth of your wisdom in times of crises; as we think of the contributions of John Vujicic who is the founder of life without limbs and motivates the world with his inspiring talks.
Cong: Lord, help us to see the mute speaking, crippled made well, lame walk and blind see.
Leader: Lord in your mercy, we have known the dignity of humanity when we see the face of hardship in life in the committed parents with special and disabled children, we recognize their dedication to serve and mold children's life with dignity and honor.
Cong: Lord, help us to see the mute speaking, crippled made well, lame walk and blind see.
Leader: Lord in your mercy, we have acquired the vision of your love in the dedication and commitment of our KCD Special school 'Arpana'; who share the love of Jesus by training and teaching children for 38 years, providing value based education.
Cong: Lord, help us to see the mute speaking, crippled made well, lame walk and blind see.

Lord's Prayer:

Closing Hymn:

Benediction:

The blessings of God almighty, who created everyone for a purpose; the blessings of Jesus Christ, who completed the will of God; the blessings of the Holy Spirit who continues the vision and mission of God remain with us as we become instruments of love and care. Amen