



The Order of Service
Life Saving Faith
February 28, 2021

CELEBRANT & PREACHER : REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN

Call to worship

Presbyter: Let us worship God

God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.

John 4:24

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth.

Psalm 145:18

Rend you hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord, your God, for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and relents from punishing.

Joel 2:13.

Presbyter: O Lord, open our lips:

Cong: **And our mouths shall sing forth your praise**

Presbyter: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

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

OPENING HYMN – My faith looks upto thee

1. My faith looks upto Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary.
Saviour divine;
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away;
Oh, let me from this day
Be wholly Thine.
2. May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me.
Oh, may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be—
A living fire !
3. While life's dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread,
Be Thou my Guide:
Bid darkness turn to day,
Wipe sorrow's tears away;
Nor let me ever stray
From Thee aside.
4. When ends life's transient dream—
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Saviour, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
Oh, bear me safe above—
A ransomed soul.

ADORATION

Presbyter: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Glory be to you, O Lord most High.

Cong: **Blessed is he who has come, and is to come in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presbyter: Holy are you, O God

Cong: **Holy are you, O God**

Presbyter: Holy are you, O Almighty

Cong: **Holy are you, O Almighty**

Presbyter: Holy are you, O Immortal

Cong: **Holy are you, O Immortal**

Presbyter: O Lord, our redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us:

Cong: **O Lord, our redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us**

Presbyter: O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us

Cong: **O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us**

Presbyter: O Lord, accept our prayers and praises and have mercy upon us.

Cong: **O Lord, have compassion and mercy upon us.**

CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1: 8-9

I will get up and go to my Father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son". Luke 15:18-19

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1:15

For we do have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

Presbyter: Let us kneel and examine ourselves in silence: (after a few moment of silence) Let us humbly confess our sins to the Almighty God.

Cong: **Gracious God, we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with all our hearts; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. Have mercy upon us, we ask you, cleanse us from our sins, and help us to overcome our faults; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Presbyter: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and remission for all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

THE PEACE

Presbyter: Having been forgiven and made whole through our peacemaker, let us live together in peace. God's peace challenges us and guides us towards the acts of justice, peace, and integration of the whole creation. Let us say shalom to one another and greet each other with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

Presbyter: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Cong: **And also with you**

(The peace shared through the gesture of Namaskara)

COLLECT: **O God, the author of our life, You have called us to be dynamic and active to connect together to create life-saving networks. Give us lifesaving faith to become friends to the needy, support the weak, comfort the sick and be channels of your healing. Empower us to be committed to the needs of the little-ones around us and bring our fellow humans to Your space so that we may be transformed as useful instruments in Your healing hands. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and ever. Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament : 2 Kings 4: 1-7

Epistle : Acts 5: 12-16

Gospel : Luke 5: 17-26

The Gospel reading is taken from, The Gospel According to Saint Luke, Chapter 5, verse 17 to 26, beginning to read from verse 17....

¹⁷ On one of those days, as he was teaching, Pharisees and teachers of the law were sitting there, who had come from every village of Galilee and Judea and from Jerusalem. And the power of the Lord was with him to heal.^[a] ¹⁸ And behold, some men were bringing on a bed a man who was paralyzed, and they were seeking to bring him in and lay him before Jesus, ¹⁹ but finding no way to bring him in, because of the crowd, they went up on the roof and let him down with his bed through

the tiles into the midst before Jesus. ²⁰ And when he saw their faith, he said, "Man, your sins are forgiven you." ²¹ And the scribes and the Pharisees began to question, saying, "Who is this who speaks blasphemies? Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ²² When Jesus perceived their thoughts, he answered them, "Why do you question in your hearts? ²³ Which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Rise and walk'? ²⁴ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"—he said to the man who was paralyzed—"I say to you, rise, pick up your bed and go home." ²⁵ And immediately he rose up before them and picked up what he had been lying on and went home, glorifying God. ²⁶ And amazement seized them all, and they glorified God and were filled with awe, saying, "We have seen extraordinary things today."

Here ends the reading, Praise be to thee O Christ.

ALLELUIA

CHORUS: Spirit of the Living God

MESSAGE:

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried, He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Presbyter: The Lord be with you

Cong: **And with your spirit**

Presbyter: Lord have mercy upon us

Cong: **Christ, have mercy upon us**

Presbyter: Lord, have mercy upon us.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Presbyter: O Lord, Show your mercy upon us;

Cong: **And grant us your salvation**

Presbyter: Endow your ministries with righteousness;

Cong: **And make your chosen people joyful.**

Presbyter: O Lord, save your people;

Cong: **And give your blessing to your church.**

Presbyter: O Lord, be gracious to our country;

Cong: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.**

Presbyter: O Lord, guide our leaders;

Cong: **And give them wisdom from above.**

Presbyter: Give peace to the world, O Lord;
Cong: **And let your kingdom come on earth.**
Presbyter: O Lord, make us mindful of all in trouble and distress;
Cong: **And deliver those who are oppressed and marginalized.**
Presbyter: O God send your Holy Spirit upon us;
Cong: **And make clean our hearts within us.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

Presbyter: O God, who is the author of peace and lover of concord, in whose knowledge our eternal life stands, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us your humble servants from all assaults of evil; that we surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presbyter: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presbyter: How very good and pleasant it is when people of God live together in unity! We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread.

Cong: **Now I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.**

HYMN: Nothing but the blood

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| 1. | What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. | | Nothing but the blood of Jesus. |
| | | 3. | Nothing can for sin atone,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
Naught of good that I have done,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. |
| | Refrain : Oh! precious is the flow
That makes me white as snow;
No other fount I know,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. | 4. | This is all my hope and peace,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;
This is all my righteousness,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus. |
| 2. | For my pardon this I see,
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
For my cleansing, this my plea, | | |

Presbyter: O Father you have given us a new and living way to offer ourselves to you. Though unworthy, we come to you as we are, by that way, your Son, Jesus of Nazareth; and in his name we ask you to accept and use us, and these gifts however it best pleases you. All that is created is yours and everything that we can offer already belongs to you. **Amen.**

Presbyter: May we all together say the prayer of the presence:

Cong: **Be present, be present, O Jesus you good High Priest, as you were in the midst of your disciples and make yourself known to us in the breaking of the bread, who lives and reigns with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen.**

Presbyter: The Lord be with you:
Cong: **And also with you.**
Presbyter: Lift up your hearts.
Cong: **We lift them up to the Lord.**
Presbyter: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.
Cong: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

Presbyter: Truly it is right and good to glorify you at all times and in all places, by offering you our thanksgiving O Lord, Holy Father. You spoke and the light shattered darkness, order arose from confusion. You breathed into the dust of the earth and we were formed in your image. Through your Son, our Lord Jesus, you came to us while we wandered. He met us as a refugee, a threatened child. He called us by name to leave what is comfortable to be his disciples, friends, and partners. With his outstretched arms on the cross, and through his death he bore our sins and through his resurrection we are saved. And through your Holy Spirit you brood over chaos that we create, mothering us and shaping a new creation. You enlighten everyone coming into the world. You inspired the prophets and the apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission to make everything new.

Cong: Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and say your glory: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

Presbyter: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night, in which he was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks to you, broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.
The same way after supper, he took the cup and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

Cong: Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection and we await your coming.

Presbyter: Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and that we may become one in him. May his coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty Father, forever and ever.

Cong: Amen.

Presbyter: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

Cong: Our Father, in heaven, holy be your name. Your kingdom come; your will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For yours is the kingdom, the power and the glory, Forever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

All: We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies and souls may be made clean by his most precious body and blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen.

Presbyter: When we break the bread, do we not share in the body of Christ?

Cong: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

Presbyter: When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life blood of Christ?

Cong: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

Cong: O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world, grant us thy peace.

The words of administration

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life.

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the true vine...

Presbyter: Having now by faith received the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Merciful God of all creation, Holy Father, of all people, who through our Lord Jesus Christ, united all things in his fullness. We join your whole creation, in exultant praise of your bountiful goodness. You have now touched us with new life, and filled us with new hope, that your reign will come, the hungry will be fed, that the oppressed will be set free from evil, that your reconciling work will be done, that love and faithfulness will meet together, that justice and peace will kiss each other, and the whole creation will be filled with your glory. Amen.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be and unto our God forever and ever. Amen

BENEDICTION

The Peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God

almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN :

From Heaven you came

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| 1. From Heaven You came helpless babe,
Entered our world, Your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give Your life that we might live. | 3. Come see His hands and His feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice;
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered. |
| 2. There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load He chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn, | 4. So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone Him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving. |

Refrain : This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow Him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.

GOD BLESS YOU On Your Birthday...

- 28th Mr. Binoy Eapen, Ms. Beryl D'Costa, Mr. Benjamin Peter, Ms. Premila Vijayan,
Mr. R. Moses, Mr. Vijay Alphonse, Mr. Ruban Jesudass, Ms. Nisha Livingstone,
Ms. Christy Gregory, Ms. Anita Rajan.
- 29th Ms. Nancy Sigamonie, Ms. Dorothy Joplin.
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Ms. Marjerri Anandan.
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- 6th Mr. J. Dinesh Chakravarthy, Mr. Dan Albert, Mr. Vimal Vedanayagam,.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all the members of St. John's Church and families, those attending the service in the church as well as those participating from your homes. And also visitors in church, and on our YouTube Channel. Thank you for worshipping with us.

Lenten Devotion: 03-3-21 – 6.30 pm Theme: "Cross: Belief through faith"

EVERY SUNDAY, REGULAR SERVICE AT 9.00 AM. Screening of members, who are attending the service, begins at 8.30 am. Evening Service at -6.00 pm.

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THE RECORDING OF THE LIVE STREAMED SERVICE will be available on the YouTube channel of St. John's Church. Kindly subscribe to the channel or visit the website for the link.

Visit the **CHURCH WEBSITE** <http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/> for the pew slip, announcements and *Pulse* newsletters.

NEW CHURCH EMAIL IDS

For better co-ordination and to streamline mails, St. John's Church has three new email ids, in addition to the existing email id sjchurchblr@gmail.com

- ❓ presbyter@stjohnschurchblr.com – for your pastoral needs (membership, baptism, marriage, burials, prayer meetings, counseling requests, etc.)
- ❓ accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com – for matters relating to accounts
- ❓ churchoffice@stjohnschurchblr.com -- official requests and correspondence of wings and sub-committees

Confirmation Service – will be held on Sunday the 13th June, 2021. Confirmation classes **begins from Sunday 7th March 2021 at 10.30 am in the parish Hall. Attendance to the Church service and classes are compulsory.** Children who would like to enroll for confirmation, kindly collect the forms after the worship service from the church vestry and during the week at the church office. **Last Date for enrolment is 28th February 2021.**

PRAY FOR Mr. Joshua OKelly, Ms. Letitia Luther, Mr. John Luther, Ms. Joan Kishander, Mrs. Dorothy Fowler, Mrs. Nalini Christudoss, Mrs. Geraldine Lincoln, Mrs. Sarojini Williams, Mrs. Violet Salins, and Mr. Winston Gonzago.

Offertory: Rs. 18,350.00

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