



The Order of Service
7th Sunday before Easter
LENT: A TIME OF RECONCILIATION
February 14, 2021

CELEBRANT: REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN

PREACHER: REV. DR. ROHAN GIDEON

Presbyter: Let us worship the Lord;

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 - To God be the glory...

1. To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin?
And opened the Life gate that all may go in.

Refrain: Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,

Let the earth hear His voice!

Praise the Lord, Praise the Lord,

Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,

And give Him the glory great things He hath done!

2. O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To ev'ry believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.
3. Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer and higher and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.

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)
Cong: Almighty and most merciful God; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things, which we should have done; and we have done those things, which we should not have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them O God, who confess their faults. Restore them that are penitent according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and just life, to the glory of your holy name. 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: Gracious God, who loved us in Jesus Christ, give us readiness and courage to reconcile with you, all people and whole creation, to transcend our barriers and boundaries. Let the time of Lent refresh us with a new perspective of looking at the Cross of Christ, through, in which You have reconciled with us and the whole creation. Strengthen us with Your Spirit so that we may become Your channels of reconciliation in Your faith journey; 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: Genesis 45: 01-15

Epistle : Ephesians. 02: 11-22

Gospel : John 02: 01-11

On the third day there was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. ² Jesus also was invited to the wedding with his disciples. ³ When the wine ran out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." ⁴ And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what does this have to do with me? My hour has not yet come." ⁵ His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you."

⁶ Now there were six stone water jars there for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons.^[a] ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. ⁸ And he said to them, "Now draw some out and take it to the master of the feast." So they took it. ⁹ When the master of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the master of the feast called the bridegroom ¹⁰ and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and when people have drunk freely, then the poor wine. But you have kept the good wine until now." ¹¹ This, the first of his signs, Jesus did at Cana in Galilee, and manifested his glory. And his disciples believed in him.

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.**

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Presbyter: Lighten our darkness, we ask you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **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: O Love that will not

1. O Love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee:
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller, be.
2. O Light that followest all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to Thee:
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in Thy sunshine's blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.
3. O Joy that seekest me through pain,
I cannot close my heart to Thee:
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
And feel the promise is not vain
That morn shall tearless be.
4. O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee:
I lay in dust life's glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Like that shall endless be.

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.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we proclaim and say your glory:

Cong: 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

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit you. The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN: And can it be.....

1. All for Jesus, all for Jesus!
All my being's ransomed powers:
All my thoughts and words and doings,
All my days and all my hours.
All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
All my days and all my hours.
2. Let my hands perform His bidding,
Let my feet run in His ways;
Let my eyes see Jesus only,
Let my lips speak forth His praise.
All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
Let my lips speak forth His praise;
3. Since my eyes were fixed on Jesus,
I've lost sight of all beside;
So enchained my spirit's vision,
Looking at the Crucified.
All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
Looking at the Crucified.

4. Oh, what wonder! how amazing!
Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call me His beloved,
Lets me rest beneath His wings.
All for Jesus! all for Jesus!
Resting now beneath His wings.

GOD BLESS YOU On Your Birthday...

- 14th Mr. Steve Moses, Ms. Mary Abraham, Mas. Aaron Kumar.
15th Ms. Poornima Kanjilal, Ms. Sophia Benhur, Mr. Pradeep David.
16th Mr. Arul Chellaswamy, Ms. Diana Williams, Ms. Aruna Prashanth,
Ms. Shereen Ebenezer.
17th Mr. Vernon Paul, Ms. Lalitha Vergis, Mr. David Anilkumar, Ms. Mercy Wilson.
18th Ms. Indrani Sudarshan, Ms. Shirley Peter, Ms. Monisha Charles,
Ms. Alanna Deborah.
19th Mr. Akshay Immanuel, Mas. Aaditya Chittaranjan, Mas. Kobe Arvind, Mr. George
Mathew, Ms. Gabriella Yates.
20th Mr. Ebenezer David, Ms. Priya Durai, Ms. Soma Job,
Mr. Shanthkumar Daniel, Ms. Shubha Anilkumar,
Ms. Sara Pole, Ms. Benita Navin, Mas. Jonathan Paul,
Mas. Andrew Patrick.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 14th Dr. & Mrs. Philip Alexander, Mr. & Mrs. Charles Peters, Mr.& Mrs. John Suresh,
Cmde & Mrs. George Kailath, Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence John,
Mr. & Mrs. Vishwas Padole, Mr. & Mrs. James Anil Jha
15th Mr. & Mrs. A C George.
16th Mr. & Mrs. Gideon Govindarajan, Mr. & Mrs. Allen Sebastian
17th Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Devadasen
18th Mr. & Mrs. David Barnabas, Mr. & Mrs. John Sowjanya
19th Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Bell, Mr. & Mrs. Lazarus Rajkumar,
Mr. & Mrs. Ranjith Manuel.
20th Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Shekeran

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE - 17.2.21 – 8.00 AM – Holy Communion
6.30 PM -- Holy Communion

EVERY SUNDAY, REGULAR SERVICE AT 9.00 AM. Screening of members, who are attending the service, begins at 8.30 am. Evening Service - will resume from **21.2.21.** at 6.00 pm. The guidelines for attending the service, in the church, are on the website/notice board of the Church.

THE LINK FOR THE LIVE STREAMING OF THE SERVICE is posted on all official WhatsApp groups of the church, the YouTube channel, and the website.

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, counselling 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 of June 2021. Confirmation classes begin from Sunday 7th March 2021. Children who would like to enrol for confirmation, kindly collect the forms after the worship service from the church vestry, and during the week from 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.

OBITUARY: Mrs. Chinnamma Theyoos, 89 years, passed away on February 11, 2021. Kindly remember the bereaved family in your prayers.

FLOWERS: In memory of John Mathews, by the family.

OFFERTORY: 31.1.21 – Rs. **21,840.00** 7.2.21 – Rs. **21,460.00**

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