



The Order of Service
REVELATION FOR LIBERATION
January 10, 2021

CELEBRANT : REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN

PREACHER : REV. DR. JAYACHITRA

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 - Come to the Saviour

1. Come to the Saviour, make no delay;
Here in His Word He's shown us the way;
Here in our midst He's standing today,
Tenderly saying "Come!"

Refrain : *Joyful, joyful will the meeting be,
When from sin our hearts are pure and free;
And we shall gather, Saviour, with Thee
In our eternal home.*

2. "Suffer the children!" Oh, hear His voice
Let ev'ry heart leap forth and rejoice.
And let us freely make Him our choice,
Do not delay, but come.
3. Think once again, He's with us today;
Heed now His blest commands, and obey;

Hear now His accents tenderly say,
"Will you, My children, come?"

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. 1 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 moments 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: Almighty and gracious God we thank you for revealing Yourself through Your Son Jesus Christ the liberating word. Help us to realize the situations where we unconsciously become agents of oppression, bondage, slavery and sin. Graciously fill us with Your Holy Spirit so that we become Your instruments to set free the people from darkness of sin and every form of slavery through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord and liberator, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. AMEN.

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah. 61: 1-11
Epistle : Revelation 5: 1-10
Gospel : Luke 4: 16–21

¹⁶And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up. And as was his custom, he went to the synagogue on the Sabbath day, and he stood up to read. ¹⁷And the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written,

¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll and gave it back to the attendant and sat down. And the eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹And he began to say to them, “Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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: BANNS

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:

I come to the garden....

1. I come to the garden alone,
While the dew is still on the roses;
And the voice I hear, falling on my ear,
The Son of God discloses.

Refrain : *And He walks with me, and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known.*

2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing;
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing.
3. I'd stay in the garden with Him
Though the night around me be falling;
But He bids me go—through the voice of woe,
His voice to me is calling.

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.

Presbyter: 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. **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 : “The Longer I serve him...”

1. Since I started for the Kingdom,
Since my life He controls,
Since I gave my heart to Jesus,
The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.

Refrain : The longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows,
The more that I love Him, more love He bestows;
Each day is like heaven, my heart overflows,
The longer I serve Him the sweeter He grows.

2. Every need He is supplying,
Plenteous grace He bestows;
Every day my way gets brighter,
The longer I serve Him, the sweeter He grows.

GOD BLESS YOU On Your Birthday...

- 10th Ms. Ann Patterson, Ms. Nikitha Rajan, Ms. Sharon King, Ms. Iris Jabaraj.
11th Mr. Karun Verghese, Ms. Elma Simons, Ms. Jyothi Fernandez.
12th Ms. Savitha Loganathan Ms. Sunayana Kanjilal, Ms. Niranjana Chandrashekar,
Mr. John Sowjanya, Ms. Netanya Simson.
13th Ms. Casandra David, Ms. Nisha George, Mr. Milind Luther, Ms. Gwendoline
Menon, Mr. Siddharth John, Ms. Preeth Praveen.
14th Mr. Daniel Kirubakaran, Ms. Archana Samuel, Ms. Lalitha Aaron,
Mr. Justus Satya, Ms. Neena Jayadev.
15th Mr. Mark Swaroop, Mr. Solomon Jesudas, Ms. Reetu John, Mr. Beryl Timothy.
Mr. Navin Orlando.
16th Mr. Ransom Ravikumar, Ms. Sophia Daniel, Dr. P C. Jacob, Ms. Sheryl Silas.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 10th Cmde & Mrs. Franklin
11th Mr & Mrs. Sanjeev Kumar Nagadasari.
12th Wg. Cdr. & Mrs. Winston Corneille, Mr. & Mrs. Justin Solomon,
Mr & Mrs. Mithran Dennison, Mr. & Mrs. Divakaran Anbudaiyan.
15th Mr & Mrs. Finney George, Dr & Mrs. Jacob Anand,
Mr. & Dr. Mrs. Amrut Navin Ruban.

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.

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

Obituary: Col. Thomas John -87 years, passed away on 7.01.21. Kindly remember In your prayers his wife Susan and Children Melody and Roxy and their families.

Offertory: Christmas Day: Rs. 60,220.00, New Year – 67,940.00, 3.1.21 – 31,300.00

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

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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, Mrs. Sheela Das, and Mr. Winston Gonzago.

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