

**The Order of Service
Promise of the Holy Spirit
May 24, 2020**

CELEBRANT: REV G. WILSON
PREACHER: REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN

OPENING HYMN: There shall be showers of blessing

Presbyter: Let us pray: Great and merciful God, your life is the source of all life; your mercy is our only hope; your eyes watch over all your creatures; you know the secrets of our hearts. By your life-giving Spirit, draw us into your presence, that we may worship in the true life of your Spirit, who lives moved by your love, through him who has led us to your heart of love, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: AMEN

CONFESSION

Presbyter: Brothers and sisters, we have come together to hear God's most holy Word, and to receive the body and blood of the Lord. Let us therefore kneel and examine ourselves in silence, seeking God's grace that we may draw near to him with repentance and faith.

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and peace with your neighbour, and intend to live a new life, following the commandments of God and walking from now on in his holy ways, make your humble confession to the compassionate God, that you may be reconciled anew to him, through our Lord Jesus Christ.

All: O God of compassion, we confess that we have sinned against you and our sisters and brothers. We have not been true followers of your new way in Christ. We have not shared in your liberating work in the world. We have fallen short of your glory. In your great compassion, make us clean from our sin, and set us free in the joy of your Spirit, that we may serve you with new lives; through Jesus Christ who gave his life that we might live in peace with you and with all creation. AMEN.

Presbyter: Hear the gracious Word of God to all who truly turn to him through Jesus Christ: Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Isaiah 1:18

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

I John 2:1-2

Presbyter: The Saviour of the world, the refuge of the repentant, forgives and strengthens all who truly seek his grace. He accepts you as his sons and daughters, and sets you free from the bondage of your past; for Christ died and rose to new life that we might all share his wholeness and abundant life. As God's own people, be merciful in action, kind in heart, humble in mind.

Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven us. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you..

Cong: Amen, thanks be to God.

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 a sign of reconciliation and peace.

Presbyter: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Cong: Also be with you

COLLECT: O God, the source of life, in whom, our body, mind and soul find rest and hope. Pour out and empower us by Your Spirit, the Advocate, whom you have promised. In order that we see vision and dreams, we bear fruit of the Sprit and witness you through the gift of the Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, who lives, and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament: Joel 2: 28-32

Epistle: Galatians 5: 22-26

Gospel: John 14:15-21

ALLELUIA

HYMN: Breathe on me, breath of God...

CHORUS: Spirit of the Living God

MESSAGE: Rev. Navin Kumar John

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Presbyter: We pray for your Church in this world, at this time of covid-19 that it may be obedient to your will and strong in Spirit to show your love and to those migrant workers poor and the needy who are abandoned at this time. Lord in your mercy.

Cong: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for our country and all the countries; that they would be guided by the holy Spirit, that every decision that they take would be given top priority for the people and their health concerns Lord in your mercy

Cong: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for the medical personnel, the doctors, the staff, and all other helpers that are involved in the medical field to bring solace and healing to those who are suffering that we pray that they be protected and guarded, when they minister to the needy, and particularly their family members who allowed them to take on the risky ministry at this time. Lord in your mercy

Cong: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for the Scientist that in their attempt to find a cure, they may be guided by thy wisdom and knowledge to find the right medicine to give confidence and courage to humanity, which is now troubled. Lord in your mercy.

Cong: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray: Eternal God, our Father, we commit our struggles and sufferings into your Son's wounded hands, our hopes and aspirations into His praying hands, our poor, hungry and exploited people into His just and caring hands, our living and departed into His hands that hold the key to the future. Blessed be the Lord, forever. AMEN.

Benediction: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you 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.

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.

Presbyter: May we at this time participate in the holy Eucharist, where the head of the family will distribute the elements and administer the wine. This is a spiritual act, where we participate in spirit and truth, acknowledging that Jesus our Saviour died for us.

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

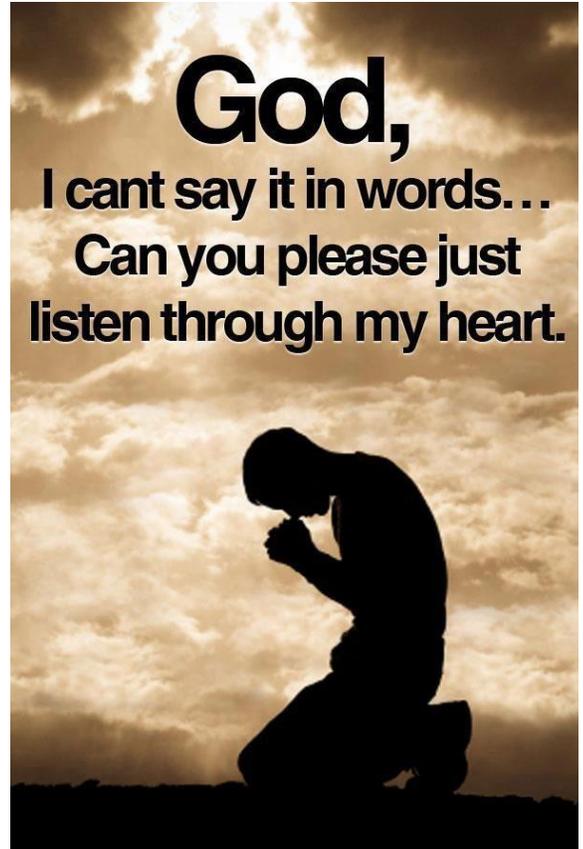
CLOSING HYMN: Spirit of Holiness...

**GOD BLESS YOU...
On Your Birthday...**

- 24th Ms. Nithya Naomi, Ms. Julia Blake, Ms. Jayanthi Stanley,
Ms. Mamta D'Costa, Ms. Sneha Daniel, Ms. Elizabeth
Samuel, Mas. Jade Christy.
- 25th Mr. E.S. Charles, Ms. Preethi Christina, Mr. Ephraim
Selvaraj, Ms. Alisha Thomas, Mr. Reginald Christian,
Mr. John Paul, Ms. Kavitha Joshua.
- 26th Dr. Philip Alexander, Ms. Rekha Mathew,
Mr. Manohar Durai, Ms. Usha David,
Ms. Johanna Solomon, Mr. Philip Manickam.
- 27th Mr. Avalon Byford, Ms. Preetha Archana, Mr. Justin
Franklin, Mas Josiah Joshua.
- 28th Mas. George Joshua.
- 29th Mr. Varun Ramesh, Ms. Beena Johnston,
Ms. Rachel Williams, Ms. Chiara Chandrashekar.
- 30th Ms. Rebecca Francis, Mr. Vinod David,
Air. Cmde. T.T. Job, Ms. Ruth Christian, Mas. Aarush
Anand, Ms. Gladya Dennison.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 24th Mr & Mrs. Prabhakaran Thomas,
Mr & Mrs. Paul Ebenezer
- 25th Mr. & Mrs. Ivan Baskar, Mr. & Mrs. Jackson Abraham
Mr. & Mrs. Rajkumar Christian,
Mr.& Mrs. Reuben David
Mr. & Mrs. Ignatius D'Mello Mr. & Mrs. Leslie Kumar,
Mr & Mrs. Christopher Gnanadurai, Mr.& Mrs. Jebaraj Abraham.
- 26th Mr & Mrs. Ajay Pole, Mr. & Mrs. Arun Christopher
- 27th Mr. & Mrs. Elston Fritchley, Mr. & Mrs. ERK Stanley
Mr & Mrs. Benjamin Judah Ben, Mr & Mrs. B. Sampathkumar
Mr. & Mrs. Gregory Basker.
- 28th Dr & Mrs. Jerry Jacob Isaac, Mr & Mrs. Benjamin Mathew
Mr & Mrs. Pradeep David, Mr & Mrs. Vincent Jayakumar
Mr & Mrs. Eric Jayanth Ravindran,
- 29th Mr & Dr. Mrs. Bernard Hereford, Mr. & Mrs. Geoffrey Marshall
Mr & Mrs. Prashanth.
- 30th Mr & Mrs. Rajanbabu Immanuel, Mr & Mrs. Vincent Rajkumar



ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We hope the online service of St. John's Church, Bangalore, has been a blessing to you.
2. We wish members celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week
<http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/>

3. Remember in prayer, members who are senior citizens, those who are alone at home, and families who are separated because of COVID-19, those who have lost their jobs and source of livelihood, especially the migrant workers, medical professionals, the police, the central and state governments, and those who are manning essential services.
4. Pray for Mr. Joshua OKelly, Mrs. Joyce David, 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 Mrs. Phyllis Rajan
5. **OBITUARY: MRS. RADHA SAMUEL** (80 years) passed on to her eternal home on May 22 in Chennai. Funeral was on May 23. Kindly remember her family in your prayers
6. Last Sunday's offertory: Rs. 1700/- Thank you for your support.
7. **Please continue to support our church for the projects, the Medical Fund and Education Sponsorships together with your subscription, offertory, self-denial offerings and tithes. You can remit online. Here are the bank details**

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