



The Order of Service

**Come Holy Spirit Transform the whole Creation**

**Pentecost Sunday**

May 31, 2020

**CELEBRANTS: REV G. WILSON & REV. NAVIN K. JOHN**  
**PREACHER : DR. LILY JOHN**

**OPENING HYMN:** “Blessed assurance ....”

**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.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also be with you**

**COLLECT: God of Life, who breathes new life into the whole creation and sends down the Spirit as tongues of fire, inspire and kindle your faithful ones, breathing upon them the Spirit Divine, So that the whole creation may be reconciled in the love of Christ through the transforming power of the Holy Spirit, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.**

### **BIBLE READINGS**

Old Testament:	Ezekiel	36: 24-36
Epistle :	Acts	02: 01-13
Gospel :	John	20: 19-23

### **ALLELUIA**

**HYMN:** "Come Holy Spirit our souls inspire..."

**CHORUS:** Spirit of the Living God

**MESSAGE:** Dr. Lily 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:** Almighty God who has taught us to make prayers and supplications and to give thanks for all your creation, hear us we pray, that it may please you to inspire us so that we may continue to live as the universal church which is bound by your spirit and which is strengthened by your Spirit of truth, unity, and mutuality. We pray O Lord that your unifying Spirit may continue to empower the universal Church to work for your glory. Lord in Your mercy,

**Cong: Hear our prayer.**

**Presbyter:** We pray O Lord that you may grant to all those who confess your Holy Name and all those who agree in your truth, through your Holy Word, and all those who bear witness for you especially in these difficult times serving people and serving humanity. We pray O Lord, that you would continue to give them courage to confess and profess your Holy Name through their life and witness. Lord in your mercy,

**Cong: Hear our prayer.**

**Presbyter:** We pray O Lord that you may lead all the nations in the path of Peace, in the path of healing and in the path of the well-being of the people, we pray O Lord that you would continue to grant wisdom to the Leaders of the nations of the world so that they may guide people, guide their nations in the right way. We pray especially for all those who are working towards the development of vaccination for the covid-19 virus, we pray O Lord, that you would grant wisdom so that they would find the cure for this and that humanity may receive your healing. Bless all the leaders of the nations O lord so that they may work for the betterment of the people in their respective Nations. Lord in your mercy,

**Cong: Hear our prayer.**

**Presbyter:** We Pray O Lord, that you would guide the leaders of our nation, the leaders of our states with peace so that O Lord, your peace loving wisdom may continue to guide them in a way that the people of our country may be governed with grace, with honour, with justice and with healing. Lord in your mercy,

**Cong: Hear our prayer.**

**Presbyter :** We pray O Lord, that you would grant wisdom to the heads of the Churches, to all the Bishops, to all the Presbyters & Deacons, and all your servants who through their life, and their teachings and their ministry, continue to set forth your Spirit and your word for your people in these difficult times. Lord in your mercy,

**Cong: Hear our prayer.**

**Presbyter:** We pray O Lord for each and every one of us so that we may continue to be part of one fellowship in you and in Spirit, so that O Lord being unified in your Spirit we may continue to cherish the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace, brotherhood, In a bond of fellowship and In a bond of serving one another. We pray for the fullest extent of communion in the lives of our families and Church so that, through our communion with each other we may continue to serve you and bear witness for you. Lord in your mercy,

**Cong: Hear our prayer.**

**Presbyter:** We pray O Lord, for all those who are labouring in the different societies in serving the communities who are labouring to bring healing among people by serving the sick, serving the suffering, serving the dying, serving the homeless and all those who are affected by these difficult times. We pray O Lord that you would guide and give them your grace to continue to labour for humanity. Lord in your mercy,

**Cong: Hear our prayer.**

**Presbyter:** We pray O Lord, for your goodness, for your healing, for your peace, for your strength and presence. For all of us and especially O Lord for all those who are going through times of trouble, times of sorrow, need, sickness and adversities. We pray O Lord that your goodness may comfort them, and your presence may give them grace and strength. Lord in your mercy,

**Cong: Hear our prayer.**

**Presbyter:** We pray O Lord, for all those who have lived their lives in this world, and who have departed from this life to be with you in your eternal rest. We commit O Lord all fear and doubt of those who have lost their near and dear ones and we pray that you may grant grace to them so that they may continue to follow the good deeds of their forefathers and mothers, and they may continue to live their lives to work for your heavenly kingdom. Lord in your mercy,

**Cong: Hear our prayer.**

#### **BENEDICTION:**

**Presbyter:** 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:** Liftup 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.

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:** "Glorious things of Thee are spoken..."

#### **GOD BLESS YOU...**

#### **On Your Birthday...**

31<sup>st</sup> Mr. Jaideep Abraham, Ms. Suguna Rajkumar, Mr. Reuben Devasagayam,  
Mas. Richard D'Costa, Ms. Tanishka Benjamin, Mr. Johnson Jayakaran.

1<sup>st</sup> Ms. Selva Jerome, Ms. Anna Mammen, Ms. Sharon Williams, Mr. Edward Dass,

- Ms. Grace Chakravarthy, Ms. Ashika Anandan.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Deepa Bonnell, Mr. Keith Browne, Ms. Phyllis Patterson, Ms. Delicia Surendher.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Ms. Elizabeth Prabha , Mr. Christopher P.J., Mr. John Daniel.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. Ivan Blake, Ms. Cynthia Srinivas. Ms. Jula Isaac, Ms. Rachel Sangeetha  
Mr. Ranjit Jacob, Mr. Paul Samuel, Mr. Michael Sargunar, Ms. Shanelle Karin.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Ms. Nalini Christodoss, Ms. Judy Josef, Ms. Divya Joanna,  
Ms. Annie Rajan, Ms. Poornima Alexander.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ms. Kimberly Gonzago, Ms. Sushina Gabriel, Ms. Sobha Joseph,  
Mr. Sundararaj Thangam, Ms. Sikha Sriya, Mr. Edward Powell,  
Ms. Vimala Philips.

### **And Your Wedding Anniversary**

- 31<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs. Peter Yates
- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Devadas, Mr. & Mrs. Samson Samuel,  
Mr. & Mrs. Chandra Shekar.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Roy Varghese
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Lawrence Nero, Rev. & Mrs. C. Babu
- 5<sup>th</sup> Dr. & Mrs. Nesakumar Joseph, Mr. & Mrs. Elvis Jonathan,  
Mr. & Mrs. Allen Ebenezer Benjamin, Mr. & Mrs. Erich Leonhard

### **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. Last Sunday's offertory: Rs. 26,305/- Thank you for your support.
6. **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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