



**The Order of Service**

**Laitiy Sunday**  
**WITNESS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD**  
**18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 4, 2020**

## **CELEBRANT & PREACHER: Rev Navin Kumar John**

### **OPENING HYMN: Stand up, stand up**

1. Stand up; stand up for Jesus, Ye soldiers of the cross,  
Lift high His royal banner, It must not suffer loss;  
From victory unto victory His army shall He lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished And Christ is Lord indeed.
2. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The trumpet call obey;  
Forth to the mighty conflict In this His glorious day..  
"Ye that are men, now serve Him" Against un-numbered foes;  
Let courage rise with danger, And strength to strength oppose.
3. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, Stand in His strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you—Ye dare not trust your own;  
Put on the gospel armour, each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls, or danger, Be never wanting there.
4. Stand up, stand up for Jesus, The strife will not belong;  
This day the noise of battle, The next, the victor's song;  
To him that over cometh A crown of life shall be;  
He with the King of glory Shall reign eternally.

### **Let us pray**

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy name.  
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Presbyter:** Holy God :

**Congregation: Holy and mighty, holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.**

### **OUR LORD'S SUMMARY OF THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And a second one is: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

**Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.**

### **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.

*After a short silence the Presbyter says:*

You who truly, and earnestly repent you of your sins and are in love and peace with your neighbours 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.

**Congregation: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee and our neighbour. We have walked in darkness, rather than in light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee;**

**for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins; cleanse us by the Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences; and enable us to forgive others; that we may hereafter serve you in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

Hear the gracious word of God to all who truly turn to him, through Jesus Christ.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

*Matt. 11:28*

God, so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Faithful, is the saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2: 1-2*

**After a short silence the Presbyter says:**-- Almighty God, our merciful Saviour, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who forgive their brethren and with heartfelt repentance, and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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**

*(The peace shared through the gesture of Namaskara)*

**THE COLLECT: O God of the Harvest, Who send us into the world as lambs among wolves, Enable us to boldly affirm that the God we serve is able to save us from furnaces, rescue us from any adversity and co-sojourn with us in the fire, So that we would in fervent Spirit witness accurately the things concerning Jesus, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen**

## **Gospel: Luke 10:1-12**

After this the Lord appointed seventy-two<sup>[a]</sup> others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go.

<sup>2</sup> He told them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.

<sup>3</sup> Go! I am sending you out like lambs among wolves.

<sup>4</sup> Do not take a purse or bag or sandals; and do not greet anyone on the road.

<sup>5</sup> "When you enter a house, first say, 'Peace to this house.'

<sup>6</sup> If someone who promotes peace is there, your peace will rest on them; if not, it will return to you.

<sup>7</sup> Stay there, eating and drinking whatever they give you, for the worker deserves his wages. Do not move around from house to house.

<sup>8</sup> "When you enter a town and are welcomed, eat what is offered to you.

<sup>9</sup> Heal the sick who are there and tell them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

<sup>10</sup> But when you enter a town and are not welcomed, go into its streets and say,

<sup>11</sup> 'Even the dust of your town we wipe from our feet as a warning to you. Yet be sure of this: The kingdom of God has come near.'

<sup>12</sup> I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

Here ends the Gospel Reading

**Congregation: Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

**THE NICENE CREED is sung**

**I believe in one God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.**

**And I believe one, Holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER:**

Presbyter: ALMIGHTY God, who hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks, for all creation; hear us when we pray: That it may please thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and accord:

**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Presbyter:** That it may please you to grant that all those who confess thy holy name may agree in the truth of thy holy word, and bear witness to it with courage and fidelity:

**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Presbyter:** That it may please thee to lead the nations in the paths of righteousness and peace:

**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Presbyter:** That it may please you to guide with your pure and peaceable wisdom those who bear authority in the affairs of humankind, especially the president of this country, THE Prime Minister, the Governor of our State, the Chief Minister, and all those who serve in the Government; that we and all people may be governed with justice and honour:

**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Presbyter:** That it may please thee to give grace to all Bishops, presbyters, and deacons, especially thy servants our Moderator, and our Bishop, that by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy true and living word, and rightly and duly administer your holy sacraments:  
**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Presbyter:** That it may please you to bring into one fellowship and union the churches in our land, that together they may maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace and bear witness to the Gospel, especially the churches with which we are in full communion and to guide their councils and leaders, especially the Moderator of Church of North India, Metropolitan of the Marthoma Church that with a good heart and a pure conscience they may accomplish their ministry, let us pray to the Lord:  
**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Presbyter:** That it may please you to guide and prosper those who are labouring for the spread of thy gospel among the nations, and to enlighten with thy Spirit all places of education, learning, and healing:  
**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Presbyter:** That it may please you to give your heavenly grace to all your people in their several callings, and especially to this congregation here present; that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive, your holy word; truly serving you in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life:  
**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Presbyter:** That it may please you of your goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity:  
**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Presbyter:** And we praise thee for all your servants who have departed from this life in your faith and fear, asking you to give us grace that we may follow their good examples, and with them be made partakers of thy heavenly kingdom:  
**Congregation: Hear us, O Lord, we pray.**

**Let us pray:**

**Presbyter:** Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we ask you to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness, we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Benediction**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you (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.

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

**HYMN:** Come, thou fount....

1. Come, Thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;  
Streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
Call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,  
Sung by flaming tongues above;  
Praise His name, I'm fixed upon it  
Name of God's redeeming love.

2. Hither-to Thy love has blest me;  
Thou hast brought me to this place;  
And I know Thy hand will bring me  
Safely home by Thy good grace.  
Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
Wandering from the fold of God;  
He, to rescue me from danger,  
Bought me with His precious blood.
3. O to grace how great a debtor  
Daily I'm constrained to be!  
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter,  
Bind my wandering heart to Thee:  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,  
Prone to leave the God I love;  
Here's my heart O take and seal it;  
Seal it for Thy courts above.

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.**

#### **OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Cong: Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine 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**

**CLOSING HYMN:** As pants the hart...

1. As pants the hart for cooling streams  
When heated in the chase,  
So longs my soul, O God, for thee,  
And thy refreshing grace.
2. For thee, my God, the living God  
My thirsty soul doth pine:  
O when shall I behold thy face,  
Thou majesty divine?
3. Why restless, why cast down, my soul?  
Hope still, and thou shalt sing  
The praise of him who is thy God,  
They health's eternal spring.
4. To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
The God whom we adore,  
Be glory, as it was, is now  
And shall be evermore.

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## GOD BLESS YOU

### On Your Birthday...

- 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. Reginald Solomon, Ms. Deborah Thompson, Ms. Jessie Chelliah,  
Mr. A. Kingsly, Ms. Sharon Bangara, Ms. Rachel George, Mr. Delano King,  
Mas. Ankit Alexander, Mr. Paulson Anandan.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. Rabboni Rajan, Ms. Grace Jaikumar, Ms. Neera Prabhaker,  
Ms. Fiona Shunyla, Mr. Shiva Jebaz, Ms. Fiona Shunyla.
- 6<sup>th</sup> Ms. Philomena Joseph, Ms. Joanna Finney, Ms. Isabella D'Vine,  
Ms. Shammah Daniel, Ms. Meera Maitra.
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Mr. P N S Devadasen, Ms. Mohinee Sudarsanam, Ms. Girija Peter,  
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Mr. Guna Seelan, Mr. David Chelladurai, Ms. Rebecca Thiophilus,  
Ms. Jessica Edwin.

### ... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. T P Alexander Francis, Mr. & Mrs. Allan Myaboo
- 5<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Gautam Kanjilal, Mr & Mrs. Henry Devasundaram.
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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**THE WORSHIP SERVICE** at St. John's Church has resumed from September 27, 2020. The guidelines are on the church website /notice board of St. John's Church.

Do visit the **CHURCH WEBSITE** <http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/> where you will also find the pew slip, announcements and *Pulse* newsletters.

**The CHURCH OFFICE** is open Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. Office: 29513805 or Christy Theodore 9901428771. You may also contact our **Pastor Rev. Navin John 9886942735**

**The MEETINGS** of the Wings of the Church and Fellowships continue on online platforms. Do join these sessions and feel encouraged. Please call the Church Office, and give your name and contact number for the conveners to send you the link.

Name of the Wing / Fellowship	Meeting Schedules
Women's Fellowship	Every Tuesday at 5.00 pm
Men's Fellowship	Alternate Thursday at 6.00 pm
Neighbourhood Fellowship	Every Thursday at 7.00 pm
Sunday School	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Youth Fellowship	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Teens Fellowship	Every Sunday at 3.00 pm
Angels of Change	Third Saturday at 11 am

We wish members celebrating their **BIRTHDAYS AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES** this week.

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.

**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.

**VACANCY:** For the post of Lady Warden for Asha Nivas- (Senior Citizen's Home)  
Candidates may apply with reference letter from the respective Church Presbyter on or before **18<sup>th</sup> October 2020** to the Presbyter-in-charge, St. John's Church, Bangalore. Kindly see the notice board/website for more details.

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