



**The Order of Service for Holy Matins
Touching the “Untouchable”
February 21, 2021**

LEADER : REV NAVIN K JOHN
PREACHER: MS. IRENE PREETHA
CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN

Chorus

*Sound loud the trumpet and strings,
Break into songs of joy!
Let the sea roar,
Let the hills ring,
Let the floods clap their hands!*

1 Praise Him for His victory,
God, whose works are wonderful.

O sing a new song!
O sing a new song!
Chorus

2 He who keeps His promises
To the people of His love.

O sing a new song!
O sing a new song!
Chorus

3 Boundaries of the world have seen
God our Lord in triumph now.

O sing a new song!
O sing a new song!
Chorus

4 Praise Him, Praise Him every land,
He who comes to judge the earth.

O sing a new song!
O sing a new song!

PRAISE

Presbyter: Let us worship God.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Congregation: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Presbyter: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Congregation : For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to His voice

Presbyter: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Congregation: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

Presbyter: To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by not following His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

Congregation: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

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

Congregation: I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

All: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

CONFESSION

Presbyter: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him.

Let us confess our sins in silence (after a moment of silence)

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. 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.

Collect: God of equality, we thank You for creating us in Your image. We have distorted Your image by creating caste, class, colour divide, in our own living situations. We praise You for Your Son Jesus Christ who broke the barriers by touching the so called untouchables, recognizing the un-recognized and speaking with the unspoken thus giving the experience of liberation. Bestow Your strength in us so that we could affirm life in all its fullness to the people who are deprived of their life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God world without end. Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament: 2 Kings 5: 1-10
Epistle: Hebrews 13: 8-17
Gospel: Mathew 8: 1-4

When he came down from the mountain, great crowds followed him. ² And behold, a leper^a came to him and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, if you will, you can make me clean." ³ And Jesus^b stretched out his hand and touched him, saying, "I will; be clean." And

immediately his leprosy was cleansed. ⁴ And Jesus said to him, "See that you say nothing to anyone, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a proof to them."

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Presbyter: For the peace that is from above and for the salvation of our souls, for God's guidance, for God's grace, strength and courage. Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of God's holy churches, for the union of all, for God's grace upon all countries of the world who are suffering and fighting the corona virus, for the welfare of all people in all communities and societies, and for the welfare of all those who work in the medical department, for all the paramedical people who serve the sick and suffering. Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For our Bishops and all ministers, especially our Moderator of the CHURCH of SOUTH INDIA, our Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. P.K. Samuel, the Moderator of the Church of North India, The 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: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For the President of the Republic of India, for our Prime Minister, for the Governor of our State, for our Chief Minister and all those who serve in the government, especially for all those who are involved in containing the corona pandemic, for all those who serve in the government. Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For the sick, the suffering, sorrowful and dying.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For the poor, the hungry, orphans, widows, the daily labourers, them that suffer persecution, Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For ourselves who are in our homes, for all those who are back to work, children who are struggling with their academics, elders, especially who are home-bound, and all those who struggle to go on in life, that we may continue to show forth the excellencies of God who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, who gave us grace and hope to go on in our lives. Let us pray to the Lord

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: That, with all his servants who have served him here and are now at rest, we may enter into the fullness of his unending joy, let us pray to the Lord:

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

OFFERTORY HYMN

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.
- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord

to children's children and for evermore!

PRAYER & BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

- 1 Here from all nations, all tongues, and all peoples,
countless the crowd but their voices are one.
Vast is the sight and majestic their singing:
"God has the victory: he reigns from the throne!"
- 2 These have come out of the great tribulation;
now they may stand in the presence of God,
serving their Lord day and night in his temple,
ransomed and cleansed by the Lamb's precious blood.
- 3 Gone is their thirst and no more shall they hunger;
God is their shelter, his power at their side.
Sun shall not pain them, no burning will torture;
Jesus the Lamb is their shepherd and guide.
- 4 He will go with them to clear living water
flowing from springs which his mercy supplies.
Gone is their grief, and their trials are over.
God wipes away every tear from their eyes.
- 5 Blessing and glory and wisdom and power
be to the Savior again and again.
Might and thanksgiving and honor forever
be to our God: Alleluia! Amen.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY...

- 21st Mr. Shawn Solomon, Ms. Leela Sundaram, Mr. Saurabh
Gunashekhar, Mr. Joel Abhishek. Mr. Jonathan Cleur.
- 22nd Ms. Andrea Gonzago, Mr. Daniel Shekeran, Mr. Amar Padole,
Ms. Evelyn Shekeran, Ms. Kalpana Sondhi, Ms. Frieda Sigamoney.
- 23rd Mr. Peter Pothan, Mr. George Williams, Ms. Persia Daniel,
Ms. Kartini Ramesh, Mr. Kalimani Raju, Mr. Thomson Anandan.
- 24th Mr. Chandra Kanthan, Mr. Marcus Meneaud, Ms. Premi Chittaranjan,
Ms. Rochelle Kumar, Ms. Neethi Prem Chacko, Mr. Satish Kumar.
- 25th Mr. Denzil Smaller, Mr. Oliver Kaunds, Ms. Preethi Amar,
Mr. Naveen Niranjana, Mr. Kevin Pacheco, Ms. Cheryl D'Silva,
Mr. Daniel Doss, Ms. Jacquelyn Sudhakar, Mr. Durairaja Samuel.
- 26th Mr. David Barnabas, Mr. Akash Solomon, Ms. Cynthia Reuben,
Mr. Reginald Ezra, Ms. Jyotsna Sarojam, Mr. Arthur Samraj,
Ms. Subhashini Powell, Dr. Jayakumar Dennison.

27th Mr. Nicky Sigamonie, Mr. Jefferson Daniells, Ms. Susheela Singh,
Ms. Varsha Christian, Mr. Victor Daniel, Ms. Sheba Sunil,
Ms. Sheela Premkumari, Mr. Amrith Jagannath,
Mrs. Shushama Satish, Mr. David Diraviam, Ms. Janelle Beatty.

... AND WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

22nd Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Francis.

26th Mr. & Mrs. Chandrakumar Dennison, Mr. & Mrs. Farruq Qadri

27th Mr. & Mrs. Earnest Eswara Rao

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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.

Lenten Devotion : 24-2-21 – 6.30 pm Theme: “ Cross: Life in Christ as a New Creation”

Speaker : Rev. Navin K John.

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 today (**21.2.21.**) at 6.00 pm.

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, counseling 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 June, 2021. Confirmation classes begins from Sunday 7th March 2021 at 10.30 am in the parish Hall. Attendance to the Church service and classes are compulsory. Children who would like to enroll for confirmation, kindly collect the forms after the worship service from the church vestry and during the week at 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.

Offertory: Rs. 18,350.00

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