



**The Order of Service for
ANNUAL THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL
November 22, 2020**

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us proclaim God's bounty and blessing
Let us proclaim God's goodness and providence!
Let all who are hungry come and eat from God's provision.
Let any who are thirsty come and drink from God's blessing.
Let us rejoice in our generous God!

OPENING HYMN: We plough the fields and scatter...

1. We plough the fields, and scatter
The good seed on the land,
But it is fed and watered
By God's almighty hand:
He sends the snow in winter,
The warmth to swell the grain,
The breezes, and the sunshine,
And soft, refreshing rain.

Refrain: All good gifts around us
Are sent from heaven above;
Then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,
For all His love.

2. He only is the Maker
Of all things near and far;
He paints the wayside flower,
He lights the evening star;
The winds and waves obey Him,
By Him the birds are fed;
Much more to us, His children,
He gives our daily bread.
3. We thank Thee then, O Father,
For all things bright and good,
The seed time and the harvest,
Our life, our health, our food.
Accept the gifts we offer
For all Thy love imparts,
And, what Thou most desirest,
Our humble, thankful hearts.

PRAYER

PRAISE & ADORATION:

Leader: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof,

Cong: And everything that is within it; And all who live there.

Leader: The Lord looked upon the earth, as long as the earth endures,
seed time and harvest

**Cong: And filled it with his blessings, summer and winter, day and
night will never cease.**

Leader: Let the people praise you, O God; let the nations be glad and sing
for joy.

Cong: Let all the people praise you.

Leader: The earth has yielded its increase; May God continue to bless us.

Cong: Let all the ends of the earth revere him.

**Almighty God, our loving Heavenly Father, in the beginning
you gave life and movement, colour and harmony to the
universe. Everything moves by your power and you move in the
minds of all your people, giving vision and insight, inspiration
and hope. You stir the sleeping conscience, you rouse the
dormant mind to seek justice, express beauty and declare truth.
And most of all you come to us in Jesus Christ, bringing love
and joy and peace. So, move us now in mind and conscience, stir
and quicken us with beauty and truth. May we appreciate and
enjoy your creation as we praise and worship you today. Amen.**

CONFESSION : (Let us observe a moment of silence)

Leader: As we celebrate your goodness, we realise our own sin of greed and
insensitivity, our failure to appreciate what we have, and the
opportunities you have given. Our readiness to complain, our
unwillingness to thank you.

Cong: Father, forgive and accept our thanks.

Leader: We have taken for granted, you provision for our daily sustenance,
work and effort unappreciated and poorly rewarded, self centered
blindness to other's needs. Deliberate deafness to the cries of the
hungry, coldness of heart to those deprived of affection.

Cong: Father, forgive and accept our thanks.

Leader: A landscape threatened, and an economy at risk. People
disheartened, its communities uncertain and confused. Its isolation
and exclusion ignored.

Cong: Father, forgive and accept our thanks.

Leader: May our sins be forgiven, our blindness, deafness and coldness of heart be healed. May your renewing spirit rest upon us and fill our church with your love and hope. In Jesus' name.

Cong: Father, forgive and accept our thanks.

Leader: From envy, avarice and status-seeking, from covetousness which is idolatry; from wanting more than is our fair share: Good Lord, deliver us from ruthlessness in making money, And from irresponsibility in spending it.

Cong: Father, forgive and accept our thanks. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Presbyter: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant unto us pardon and remission of all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Cong: Amen thanks be to God.

COLLECT: Most gracious God, according to your wisdom, deep waters are opened up and clouds drop gentle moisture. We praise you for the return of planting and harvest seasons, for the fertility of the soil, for the harvesting of crops, and for all other blessings that you in your generosity pour on this nation and people. Give us a full understanding of your mercy, and help us live lives that will be respectful, holy, obedient to you throughout all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament : Deuteronomy 26: 01-11

Epistle: 1 Timothy 06: 06-12

Gospel: Luke 21:01-04

1. Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box,
2. and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins.
3. And he said, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them.
4. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

MESSAGE: REV NAVIN K. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS : Banns of Marriage

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: Lord our creator; we praise you for your creation, for the wonders of space, the beauty of the world, the value of the earth's resources, and the skills of hands and brain which enrich our lives.

We thank you for humanity in all its diversity, for the unique individuality of every child, woman and man, for the gathered communities of home, work and leisure; of village, city and nation.

We thank you for offering us the chance to share in creation through the work of hands and brain; for the opportunity to plan and design, to manufacture and grow, and to care for one another in the places where we work.

We thank you for giving us special gifts and responsibilities, for enabling us to stand upright and make choices, for presenting us with opportunities to promote justice and truth.

And because he shared with us our humanity and our world, we thank you for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, our beginning and our end, who carried out your work to your praise and glory and for the renewal of your creation. So, we make our prayer to you in His name, who died and rose again for us. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Leader: We pray for the hungry and the homeless, the broken and bereaved for whom this day, brings sadness and little joy, for the lonely and the helpless, for those whose hope has been shattered and their faith destroyed .

Cong: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer**

Leader: Father in heaven, whose Son taught us to pray for our bread daily; Give us grace so to cultivate the fruits of the earth, and so to use them, that all may praise you:

Cong: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer**

Leader: That those who work in fields or mines or on the waters may have a just share of all they bring forth, and may be duly honoured by all who benefit from their labour.

Cong: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer**

Leader: That men and women in all vocations and ministries may know that they are members of one another and may live and work together as one family.

Cong: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer

Leader: That you will hasten the time when labour shall be redeemed from the curse; when all shall toil, not for private gain, but for the common good; when all shall rejoice in the things their hands have made, and work shall be worship.

Cong: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer. 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:

1. For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies;

**Refrain : *Lord of all, to Thee we raise
This our hymn of grateful praise.***

2. For the wonder of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:
3. For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child;
Friends on earth and friends above;
For all gentle thoughts and mild:
4. For Thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
Her pure sacrifice of love:
5. For Thyself, best gift divine,
To our race so freely given;
For that great, great love of Thine,
Peace on earth and joy in heaven

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.

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.**

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

1. Now thank we all our God with hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who, from our mother's arms, hath blest us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY...

22nd Ms. Rachel Mammen, Mr. Suresh John, Ms. Jessie Solomon.

23rd Ms. Asha Dawson, Mr. Denver King, Ms. Swapna Mammen,
Mas. Kevin Nathaniel, Mr. Anoop Samuel, Ms. Catherine Hall.

24th Mr. Chandrakumar Dennison, Mr. James Ebenezer, Mr. Lordwin Thangam.

- 25th Mr. Gilbert Dawson, Ms. Angella Pacheco, Mr. Andrew Kirubakaran ,
Ms. Nisha George, Ms. Melonie R.
- 26th Ms. Jean Augustine, Ms. Jennifer Blake, Mr. Jacob John,
Ms. Renuka George, Ms. Belicia Christian, Ms. Rose Arvind, Ms. Zoe Francis.
- 27th Mr. Barnabas Charles, Ms. Geraldine Selvaraj, Mas. Adit Singh,
Ms. Kriti Singh, Ms. Sunitha Paul, Ms. Bindu Paul, Ms. Deepa Srinivas.
- 28th Mr. Amruth Ruban, Mr. Johnson George, Mr. Thiophilus Prabhu,
Mr. Derrick Surendher, Ms. Jerisha Jayakumar, Mr. Joel Jacob.

... AND YOUR WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- 22nd Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Ajith
- 23rd Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Pacheco
- 24th Mr. & Mrs. Ivan David Blake
- 25th Col. & Mrs. Cariappa, Mr. & Mrs. Alastair Peters.
- 26th Mr. & Mrs. Prem Selwyn,
- 27th Mr. & Mrs. Lenin Kumar Rayachur.
- 28th Mr. & Mrs. Shyamal Biswas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME: We would like to welcome 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 participating in our service.

EVERY SUNDAY, REGULAR SERVICE AT 9.00 AM. The guidelines for attending the service, in the church, are on the website/notice board of the Church. Screening of members who are attending the service, begins at 8.30 am.

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.

Today we are celebrating ANNUAL HARVEST THANKSGIVING.

Due to the pandemic, and the restrictions on gatherings, there are a few food stalls at the Community Centre catering to only takeaway parcels.
Celebration at the Community Centre from 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
Pastor will also be available for prayers between 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

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/Christy Theodore 9901428771. You may also contact our **Pastor Rev. Navin John 9886942735**

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, counselling requests, etc.)
- accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com – for matters relating to accounts
- churchoffice@stjohnschurchble.com -- official requests and correspondence of wings and sub-committees

THE WINGS OF THE CHURCH AND FELLOWSHIPS continue to meet on online platforms.

A Bible Study is being held every Wednesday at 6.30 p.m.

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
Church Bible Study	Every Wednesday at 6.30 pm
Men's Fellowship	Alternate Thursday at 6.00 pm
Neighbourhood Fellowship	Every Thursday at 7.00 pm
Angels of Change	Third Saturday at 11.00 am
Sunday School	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Youth Fellowship	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Teens Fellowship	Every Sunday at 3.00 pm

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, 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, Mr. Winston Gonzago, and Mrs. K. Ramani Singh.

Last **SUNDAY'S OFFERINGS**: Rs. 8,952.00

Please continue to **SUPPORT OUR CHURCH** for the projects, the Medical Fund and Education Sponsorships together with your subscription, offertory, and tithes. You can remit online either through the bank or the online portal.

The Church has started an Online Payment Portal for congregation members to pay their subscriptions and other offerings online. Kindly use the link for easy payments. In case of clarification, please contact the church office for details.

Bank details

Name of the account: **CSITA ST JOHN'S CHURCH**
Account Number: **457702011005149**
Name of Bank: **Union Bank of India**
Branch: **St. John's High School**
IFSC: **UBIN0558923**

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NEFT	GooglePay	ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL
Use the bank details as mentioned above. In the description in the NEFT transaction, please write your full name and the purpose of your contribution (offertory / self-denial / subscription / birthday / wedding anniversary / projects).	Open GooglePay and click on Bank Transfer and enter the details of the bank account of CSITA St. John's Church as stated above. You can then proceed to remit the funds as you normally do for any transaction in GooglePay.	The Online payment portal for the Church is as follows: https://donate.stjohnschurchblr.com/ .

Once the remittance is done, please mail the transaction details to accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com, (Attn: Hannah), and mention the purpose of your contribution. THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.