



The Order of Service
DISCIPLESHIP AS WITNESS
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 28, 2020

CELEBRANT: REV. NAVIN KUMAR JOHN
PREACHER: DR. COLIN JOHN

OPENING HYMN: Praise to the Lord...

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

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

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: And also be with you

COLLECT: O Chief Shepherd, who constantly call the people of God to tend and feed the little lambs and the sheep. Raise among us Your children who are above reproach, who would be sentinels for Your people, So that in and through them the world would experience the transformation in Christ, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament: 2 Kings 2: 1-15

Epistle: Titus 2: 1-15

Gospel: John 3: 22-30

ALLELUIA

HYMN: I have decided to follow Jesus...

CHORUS: Spirit of the Living God

MESSAGE: Dr. Colin John

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God of true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men, and for our salvation, he came down from heaven, by the power of the Holy spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried, on the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead: and his kingdom will have no end.

We 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 is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Presbyter : In your comforting presence O Lord, we remember the poor and the homeless, the migrants, and all those who have lost their means of livelihood in these difficult situations, we commit the undernourished children , women and all those who are victims of the economic crisis that we are in right now. Help us to come out of this situation and grant your grace upon the countries and our country so that the livelihood of people may be restored.

Cong: Lord hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

Presbyter: In your comforting presence O Lord, we remember the victims of the natural calamities around the world and in our country. The victims of the locust plague that is affecting parts of North India, the victims of the natural disasters and we pray that your grace may be upon all these people, that you may deliver them from these natural calamities.

Congregation: Lord hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

Presbyter: In your comforting presence O Lord, we remember those who have been denied the right of livelihood, those who have been denied rights, especially the labourers , we remember those who are voiceless in these difficult situations; people who are unable to express their distressing situations ; people who are unable to voice out their difficulties, we pray that you would intercede on their behalf of the voiceless.

Cong: Lord hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

Presbyter: In your comforting presence O Lord, we remember those of us who are preparing to restart our lives, for those of us who are preparing to start work and for those who have started work; we remember all those of us who are trying to get back to our normal lives. We pray that as we continue to struggle, you would give us wisdom and strength to persevere in these difficult times.

Cong: Lord hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

Presbyter: In your comforting presence O Lord, we remember our Church and the Universal Church, as we continue to strengthen our faith in you and our resolve in you, as we continue to look to you for grace , we pray that you would grant your Church grace and presence, so that we may come out as shining witnesses for you especially in difficult times. We especially pray for the Moderator of the Church of South India, the Moderator of the Church of North India, the Metropolitan of the Marthoma Church; Let the Church be a foretaste for the community of the coming reign of God in the hearts and lives of people. Let the Church be means of partnership, reconciliation, justice and peace.

Cong: Lord hear our prayer and let our cry come to you.

Presbyter: Let us pray.

Almighty and ever living God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified , receive our supplications and prayers, which we offer to you on behalf of all people and all humanity, that every member of the Church

may through their life , vocation and ministry may truly continue to serve you through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Benediction: The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with 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.

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: Follow! Follow! I would follow Jesus...

GOD BLESS YOU...

On Your Birthday...

- 28th Ms. B. I. Jeyasingh, Ms. Kathryn Sam, Mas. Mark Arnold, Ms. Lydia Seelan,
Mas. Jordan Hereford, Ms. Sheela Rajan, Ms. Rupa Beulah, Ms. Kathleen
Raj.
- 29th Ms. Michelle Parashar, Mr. Ajoy Vasanth, Mr. Vikram Franklin, Ms. Urmila
Devadasen, Ms. Dorothy Arnold, Ms. Jeeva Abraham, Ms. Rita Johnson, Ms.
Basanthi Sadanandan.
- 30th Mr. Ranjit Paranjothy, Brig. P I Abraham, Ms. Brenda Austin, Ms. Rajini
John, Mr. Jayanth Dharmaraj, Mas. Nathanael Philip, Mr. Adithya Kuruvilla.
- 1st Mr. Dorein Paul, Mr. Cyril David, Ms. Jestina Paul, Ms. Esther Joyce,
Mr. James Jha.
- 2nd Ms. Geraldine Lincoln, Mas. Kinczel Rich, Mas. Jeevan Abishai.
- 3rd Mr. Ranjan Chacko, Mr. Jayakar Chandran, Ms. Violet Salins, Ms. Karina
Paul, Ms. Simanrha Immanuel, Ms. Divya Jaison.
- 4th Ms. Becky Immanuel, Mr. Anandan T, Ms. Florence Barad.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 28th Mr & Mrs. Benjamin Peter
- 29th Mr & Mrs. Anand Ramakrishnan,
- 30th Mr & Mrs. Stanley Benjamin, Mr & Mrs. John Devadason Samuel
- 1st Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Shekeran, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Mohan Dass.
- 2nd Mr. & Mrs. Sahayaraj Gunapandian
- 3rd Mr. & Mrs. Satish Sadanandan.
- 4th Mr & Mrs. Anandan.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. We will continue to bring you the **recorded services for Sunday Worship** on the YouTube channel of St. John's Church. We hope that the services have 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. **The Chart of Requirements for Stephen's Home for the Aged** is also on the website / Pulse weekly e-Newsletter. Appreciate your support.

"AND DO NOT FORGET TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WITH OTHERS, FOR WITH SUCH SACRIFICES GOD IS PLEASED." HEBREWS 13:16

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STEPHEN'S HOME FOR THE AGED

"Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me" Matthew 25:40

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GROCERIES					
1.	Toor Dal	10 kg	1,000		
2.	Urad Dal	8 kg	960		
3.	Moong Dal	6 kg	700		
4.	Channa Dal	4 kg	400		
5.	White Channa	3 kg	225		
6.	Green Gram	4 kg	300		
7.	Black Channa	3 kg	210		
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10.	Ragi Atta	5 kg	250		
11.	Oats	5 kg	900		
12.	Vermicelli	8 kg	500		
13.	Sabudana	4 kg	360		
14.	Broken Wheat	4 kg	350		
15.	Meal Maker	3 kg	250		
16.	Sugar	12 kg	500		
17.	Jaggery	5 kg	325		
18.	Oil	10 ltr	1,000		
TEA & SNACKS					
1.	Coffee Powder	3 kg	1,350		
2.	Tea Leaf	4 kg	1,400		
3.	Snacks		2,500		
4.	Horlicks	10 nos. (100g)	2,300		
MASALAS / SPICES					
1.	Chilli Powder	500 g	150		
2.	Dhanya Powder	500 g	150		
3.	Jeera Powder	500 g	150		
4.	Jeera Whole	500 g	120		
5.	Turmeric Powder	500 g	125		
6.	Sambar Powder	500 g	200		
7.	Garam Masala	500 g	360		
8.	Pepper	500 g	350		
9.	Mustard	500 g	65		
10.	Garlic	4 kg	350		
11.	Tamarind	2 kg	200		
NON-VEG					
1.	Chicken, Fish & Egg	1,500 x 4	6,000		
TOILET ITEMS / CLEANING AGENTS					
1.	Tooth Paste	16 nos. (100g)	650		
2.	Coconut Oil	8 nos. (200 ml)	700		
3.	Bath Soap	16 nos.	560		
4.	Shampoo	10 nos. (200 ml)	200		
5.	Lysol	10 nos. (200 ml)	900		
6.	Dettol	10 nos. (200 ml)	800		
7.	Harpic	10 nos. (200 ml)	800		
8.	Vim Bar	20 nos. (200 g)	400		
9.	Surf Excel	4 kg	500		
10.	Surf Blue	3 kg	500		
11.	Garbage Bags	4 nos.	200		
12.	Hand Wash	3 nos.	450		

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