

“I am God Almighty;  
walk before me faithfully and be blameless.  
Then I will make my covenant between me and you  
and will greatly increase your numbers.”

Genesis 17: 1(b)-2

**The Order of Service**  
**FRUITFULNESS OF THE ELDERLY**  
**October 11, 2020**

**CELEBRANT: REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN**  
**PREACHER: REV DR RAJA SINGH ELIAS**

**Presbyter:** Let us worship the Lord;  
O Lord, open our lips:

**Cong:** **And our mouths shall sing forth your praise**

**Presbyter:** Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

**Cong:** **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world  
without end. Amen.**

**OPENING HYMN:** Praise to the Lord...

1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation;  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation:  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth;  
Shelters thee under His wings, yes, so gently sustaineth:  
Hast thou not seen how all thy longings have been  
Granted in what He ordaineth?
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee:  
Surely His goodness and mercy here daily attend thee.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
If with His love He befriend thee.
4. Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him;  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the Amen sound from His people again:  
Gladly for aye we adore Him. Amen.

#### **ADORATION**

**Presbyter:** Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your  
glory;  
Glory be to you, O Lord most High.

**Cong:** **Blessed is he who has come, and is to come in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Presbyter:** Holy are you, O God  
**Cong:** **Holy are you, O God**

**Presbyter:** Holy are you, O Almighty  
**Cong:** **Holy are you, O Almighty**

**Presbyter:** Holy are you, O Immortal  
**Cong:** **Holy are you, O Immortal**

**Presbyter:** O Lord, our redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us:  
**Cong:** **O Lord, our redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us**

**Presbyter:** O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us  
**Cong:** **O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us**

**Presbyter:** O Lord, accept our prayers and praises and have mercy upon us.  
**Cong:** **O Lord, have compassion and mercy upon us.**

### **CONFESSION**

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. I John 1: 8-9

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son". Luke 15:18-19

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent and believe in the good news. Mark 1:15

For we do have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

**Presbyter:** Let us kneel and examine ourselves in silence: (after a few moment of silence)

**Cong:** Almighty and most merciful God; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things, which we should have done; and we have done those things, which we should not have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them O God, who confess their faults. Restore them that are penitent according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and just life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

### **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 with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

**Presbyter:** The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Cong:** And also be with you

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

**COLLECT:** God of covenant, who declare Your steadfast love in the morning and Your faithfulness by night, plant us in the house of the Lord, refresh our heart in Christ, empower us to be righteous, enable us to take the narrow road that leads to life, enlighten us with joyful songs of praise, so that we may flourish like palm tree, to be useful brothers, sisters and neighbours, and give fruits even in our old age, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever more. Amen.

## **BIBLE READINGS**

**Old Testament:** Genesis 17: 01-08

**Epistle:** Philemon 1:8-22

**Gospel:** Matthew 7:13-20

<sup>13</sup> “Enter through the narrow gate. For wide is the gate and broad is the road that leads to destruction, and many enter through it.

<sup>14</sup> But small is the gate and narrow the road that leads to life, and only a few find it.

<sup>15</sup> “Watch out for false prophets. They come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ferocious wolves.

<sup>16</sup> By their fruit you will recognize them. Do people pick grapes from thornbushes, or figs from thistles?

<sup>17</sup> Likewise, every good tree bears good fruit, but a bad tree bears bad fruit.

<sup>18</sup> A good tree cannot bear bad fruit, and a bad tree cannot bear good fruit.

<sup>19</sup> Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

<sup>20</sup> Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.

## **ALLELUIA**

**CHORUS:** Spirit of the Living God

**MESSAGE:** Rev Dr Raja Singh Elias

## **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**

**Presbyter:** The Lord be with you  
**Cong; And with your spirit**

**Presbyter:** Lord have mercy upon us  
**Cong: Christ, have mercy upon us**

**Presbyter:** Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYERS**

**Presbyter:** O Lord, Show your mercy upon us;  
**Cong: And grant us your salvation**

**Presbyter:** Endow your ministries with righteousness;  
**Cong: And make your chosen people joyful.**

**Presbyter:** O Lord, save your people;  
**Cong: And give your blessing to your church.**

**Presbyter:** O Lord, be gracious to our country;  
**Cong: And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.**

**Presbyter:** O Lord, guide our leaders;  
**Cong: And give them wisdom from above.**

**Presbyter:** Give peace to the world, O Lord;  
**Cong: And let your kingdom come on earth.**

**Presbyter:** O Lord, make us mindful of all in trouble and distress;  
**Cong: And deliver those who are oppressed and marginalized.**

**Presbyter:** O God send your Holy Spirit upon us;  
**Cong: And make clean our hearts within us.**

### **The Collect for peace**

**Presbyter:** O God, who is the Author of peace and lover of concord, in whose knowledge our eternal life stands, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us your humble servants from all assaults of evil; that we surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The Collect for aid against all perils**

**Presbyter:** Lighten our darkness, as ask you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

**Presbyter:** The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and 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.**

**HYMN:** Jesus Loves Me (for the elderly)

1. Jesus loves me, this I know,  
Though my hair is white as snow.  
Though my sight is growing dim,  
Still He bids me trust in Him.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME...  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

2. Though my steps are oh, so slow,  
With my hand in His I'll go  
On through life, let come what may,  
He'll be there to lead the way.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME...  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

3. Though I am no longer young,  
I have much which He's begun.  
Let me serve Christ with a smile,  
Go with others the extra mile.

YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME...  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO.

4. When my work on earth is done,  
And life's victories have been won.  
He will take me home above,  
Then I'll understand His love

YES, JESUS LOVES ME... YES, JESUS LOVES ME...  
YES, JESUS LOVES ME FOR THE BIBLE TELLS ME SO

**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**

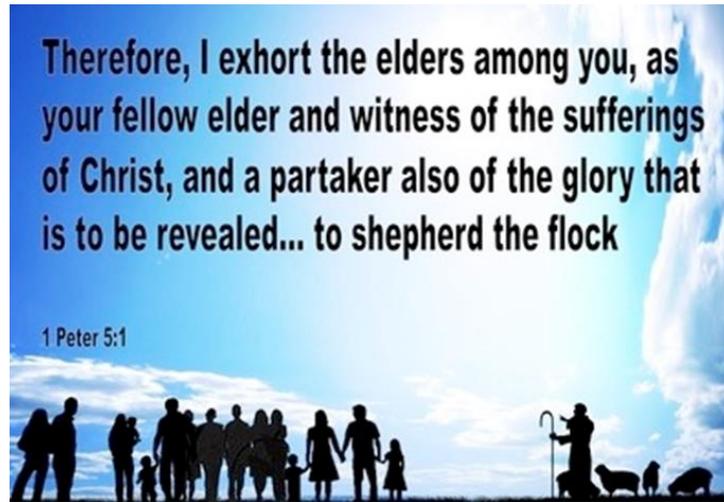
Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit you. The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**CLOSING HYMN:** He leadeth me...

1. He leadeth me! O blessed thought!  
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught !  
What e'er I do, where'er I be,  
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

**Refrain:** He leadeth me, He leadeth me,  
By His own hand He leadeth me!  
His faithful foll'wer I would be,  
For by His hand He leadeth me.

2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,  
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom  
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,  
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.
3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,  
Nor ever murmur nor repine;  
Content, whatever lot I see,  
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
4. And when my task on earth is done,  
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,  
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,  
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.



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## **GOD BLESS YOU**

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

- 11<sup>th</sup> Ms. Trishala Ballal, Ms. Hazel Paul, Mr. Mark Corneille, Ms. D. Prema,  
Ms. Vishaka George, Mr. Justin Solomon, Ms. Padmini Hiwale, Ms. Sarah  
Rajan.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Ms. Grace Biswas, Mr. Martin Rajendran, Mr. Nikhil William, Ms. Catherine  
Isaac,  
Mr. Alwyn Solomon. Ms. Zubeida Stanley, Ms. Hannah Josephine,  
Ms. Caroline Seelan, Mr. Sounder Jayaseelan.
- 13<sup>th</sup> Ms. Leeda Williams, Ms. Golda Samuel, Ms. Lynette Corneille,  
Ms. Andrea Edward, Ms. Manju Myaboo, Ms. Sneha Babu,  
Ms. Rovena Reid, Mr. Jonathan Balarathnam.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Dr. Ananda Thejus, Mr. Rajendra Gokuldas, Mas. Roshan Karminder,  
Ms. Reha Karminder, Ms. Priyanka Shah, Ms. Prema Sundaram,  
Ms. Annika Stephen, Ms. Lysa Johnson, Ms. Irene George.
- 15<sup>th</sup> Ms. Esther Isaac, Dr. David Samuel, Ms. Benita David.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Ms. Teresa Davis, Mr. Victor Moses, Ms. Grace Luther, Mr. Satish Arnold,  
Ms. Tiana Samraj, Mr. Bahavathsingh Jacob.
- 17<sup>th</sup> Ms. Manju Biswas, Ms. Irene Aaron, Mr. Arun Christopher,  
Mr. Wesley Davidson, Mr. Marcus Pilli.

**... And Your Wedding Anniversary**

- 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. John Santhosh Samuel, Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo Reid  
12<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Kingston  
15<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Thiophilus Prabhu, Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Prabhu  
16<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Alexander Joseph, Mr & Mrs. Nelson Johnson  
17<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Dennis,  
Mr. & Mrs. Biju John Karian.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

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

**The service is being live streamed,** the link will be sent on all official WhatsApp groups of the church, the YouTube Channel, and the website.

**The recording of the service** will continue to be available on the YouTube channel of St. John's Church. Kindly subscribe to the channel or visit the website for the link.

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**

**ALL SAINTS' DAY SERVICE** will be held on **Saturday October 31, 2020 at 8.00 am** at the St. John's Church Cemetery, Kalpally, instead of Sunday November 1, 2020.

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.

<b>Name of the Wing / Fellowship</b>	<b>Meeting Schedules</b>
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.

**OBITUARY:** We regret to inform you that Col. T.N. Raina, 79 years, slept in the Lord, on October 5, 2020. Kindly remember his wife Nunte Raina and children in your prayers.

**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.

Last **SUNDAY'S OFFERINGS:** Rs. 31,870.00

**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.**

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