



The Order of Service for Choral Holy Communion
The Fallen-ness of Creation
February 7, 2021

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: Rev Navin Kumar John

OPENING HYMN: Joyful, joyful we adore thee....

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.

2. All Thy works with joy surround
Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Flowery meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well-spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father Christ, our Brother
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

4. Mortals, join the happy chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.

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 to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

For God so loved the world,^[a] that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. *1 Timothy 1:15*

But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. ²He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. *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 with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

Cong: And also be with you

(The peace is shared through the gesture of Namaskara)

THE COLLECT: God of justice, who continues to seek for the lost ones, transform our lives to live a life of justice and righteousness; hold us close to You so that we would not fall when we are tempted even with familiar things in

life; challenge us to forgive the debts of those who owe to us as You have forgiven our debts; sustain us in Your wisdom to seek after You. So that we may be renewed constantly to be an embodiment of Your love in our lives every day. This we ask in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who laid down his life as a ransom for our redemption, and reigns with you along with the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

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| Old Testament | : | Genesis | 3: 1-10 |
| Epistle | : | Romans | 3: 21-26 |
| Gospel | : | Matthew | 18: 23-35 |

²³ “Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants.^[a] ²⁴ When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents.^[b] ²⁵ And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. ²⁶ So the servant^[c] fell on his knees, imploring him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ ²⁷ And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. ²⁸ But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii,^[d] and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, ‘Pay what you owe.’ ²⁹ So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ ³⁰ He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. ³¹ When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. ³² Then his master summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. ³³ And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?’ ³⁴ And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers,^[e] until he should pay all his debt. ³⁵ So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart.”

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 PRAYERS

Presbyter : For the peace that is from above and for the salvation of our souls, for God's protection and guidance upon each and every one of our lives, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of people in all countries and societies, for God's healing upon all the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation : Lord have mercy.

Presbyter : For all Bishops, especially our moderator, for our Bishop, for the Moderator of the Church of North India and for the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma 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 our republic, for the Prime Minister, the Governor of our state, the Chief Minister and all those who serve in the government, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation : Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For the sick, the suffering, the sorrowful and the dying, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation : Lord have mercy.

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

Congregation : Lord have mercy.

Presbyter : For ourselves and all who confess the name of Christ, that we may continue to show forth the excellencies of Christ who called us out of darkness to be in his marvellous light, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation : Lord have mercy.

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 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: He's everything to me...

1. In the stars His handiwork I see,
On the wind He speaks with majesty,
Tho' He ruleth over land and sea,
What is that to me?
I will celebrate Nativity,
For it has a place in history;
Sure, He came to set His people free
What is that to me?
2. Till by faith I met Him face to face
And I felt the wonder of His grace
Then I knew that
He was more than
just a God who didn't care,
That lived away out there
And now He walks beside me day by day,
Ever watching o'er me lest I stray,
Helping me to find that narrow way
He's ev'rything to me.

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:

Congregation: **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:

Congregation: **And with thy Spirit**

Presbyter: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presbyter: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Congregation: **It is meet and right so to do.**

It is indeed right, our duty, and highest joy that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, through whom you created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and made humankind in your own image, and when it had fallen into sin you redeemed it to be the first fruits of a new creation.

Therefore, with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy ,holy Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Glory be to you, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that has come and is to come in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Presbyter: Truly holy, truly blessed are you, O God our Saviour, who of your tender love towards humankind gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation , and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted and in his holy Gospel commended us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death, until he comes again: who , in the same night

When he was betrayed, took bread, and after having given thanks, 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. Likewise, after supper he took the cup, and after 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 remission of sins, do this, as often as you drink it, it remembrance of me.

Amen. Your death O Lord we commemorate, your resurrection we confess, and your coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ.

Therefore, O Lord our God, remembering the precious death and passion, and glorious resurrection and ascension, of your Son our Lord, we your servants do this in remembrance of him as he commanded, until his coming again, giving thanks to you for the perfect redemption which you have brought about for us in him.

We give thanks to you, we praise you, we glorify you, O Lord our God.

And we most humbly ask you, O merciful God, to sanctify with your Holy Spirit us and these your own gifts of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be the communion of the body of Christ, and the cup which we bless the communion of the blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may all attain to the unity of the faith, and may grow up in all things, unto him who is the Head, even Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, O God almighty, world without end. Amen.

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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

Congregation: 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 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?

Congregation: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

Presbyter: When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life blood of Christ?

Congregation: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

Congregation:

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 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.

3. Why restless, why cast down,
my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
The praise of him who is thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring.

2. For thee, my God, the living God
My thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face,
Thou majesty divine?

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...

- 7th Mr. John Jacob, Mr. Isaiah Cariappa, Ms. Natania Allan, Ms. Daisy D'Souza, Ms. Shannon Benjamin, Mr. Alastair Peters, Ms. Merlin Beryl.
- 8th Ms. Juliet Thomas, Mr. Stanley Williams, Ms. Glory Ameet Kumar, Ms. Juthika Ratnam, Ms. Chella Pichamuthu.
- 9th Ms. Christine D'Costa, Mr. Sudarshan Raj, Ms. Vinisha Nero, Ms. Lizzie Philips, Ms. Erica D'Costa, Mr. Allan Myaboo, Ms. Rene Lydia, Mr. John Fernández, Ms. Jadya Alexander, Ms. Shiny Wilson, Ms. Adon Satish, Ms. Jianna Jonathan.
- 10th Ms. Melita Moses, Ms. Avinash Jacob, Ms. Tamanna Benjamin, Ms. Deepa Aaron, Ms. Kevin Muliyl.
- 11th Ms. Letitia Luther, Ms. Pamela Parashar, Mr. Dinakaran Williams, Dr. Joseph Rajadoss, Mr. Abhishek Babu.
- 12th Mr. Cherian Abraham, Ms. Deborah Fox, Ms. Mary Pothan, Mr. Jacob Avinash, Ms. Diana Mathew, Ms. Suzanne Byford, Mr. Balan Rajan, Ms. Nice John, Ms. Premaleela Carl. Mr. Joshua Charles.

13th Ms. Jean Gurupatham, Mr. Chandrashekar Loganathan,
Ms. Vimala Prabhudas, Ms. Resa Nicholas, Mr. Jebaraj Abraham,
Mas. Anith Abraham.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

7th Mr. & Mrs. Arthur David, Mr. & Mrs. R. Moses

8th Mr. & Mrs. Shreerja Maran

9th Mr. & Mrs. Vijay Anand, Mr & Mrs. Henry Sigamoney, Mr. & Mrs. Max Benedict,
Mr. & Mrs. Arvind Kumar, Mr. & Mrs. Navin Vijay Orlando,
Mr & Mrs. Promod Ajith.

10th Mr. & Mrs. John Anthony.

12th Mr. & Mrs. Rajkumar David, Mr. & Mrs. Cassius Ira Yates,
Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Chacko.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.

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

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.

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NEW CHURCH EMAIL IDS

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- 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 June13, 2021. Confirmation classes begins from Sunday March 7, 2021. Children who would like to enroll for confirmation, kindly collect the forms from the church office. Last date for enrolment is February 28, 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.

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