



**The Order of Service**  
**The Goodness of Creation**  
**January 31, 2021**

**CELEBRANT & PREACHER: MS. IRENE PREETHA**

**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**

**ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL**

**Refrain:** All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
And all things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flow'r that opens up, each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours, He made their tiny wings.  
**Refrain:** All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
And all things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.
  
2. The purple headed mountain, the river running by,  
The sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.  
**Refrain:** All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
And all things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
The ripe fruits in the garden, He made them every one;  
**Refrain:** All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
And all things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.
  
4. He gave us eyes to see them all, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.  
**Refrain:** All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
And all things wise and wonderful  
The Lord God made them all.

#### **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.  
1 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 not 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

Let us kneel and examine ourselves in silence (*after a few moments 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.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Cong:** And also be with you

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

**COLLECT:** God our creator, who created us in Your image according to Your likeness and redeemed us through the blood of Jesus Christ; mark us with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit, forgive our trespasses according to the riches of Your grace and reconcile us to the whole creation, so that we, the stewards of creation, may cherish the goodness of creation and proclaim your glory along with your handiwork. In the name of the God who created everything as good, Christ who redeemed all creation and the Holy Spirit who sustains us in divine love, now and evermore. Amen

#### BIBLE READINGS

**Old Testament:** Genesis 1: 24-31

**Epistle:** Ephesians 1: 3- 14

**Gospel:** Matthew 6: 9 -13

<sup>9</sup> Pray then like this:

"Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name.<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>10</sup> Your kingdom come,  
your will be done,<sup>[a]</sup>  
on earth as it is in heaven.

<sup>11</sup> Give us this day our daily bread,<sup>[a]</sup>

<sup>12</sup> and forgive us our debts,  
as we also have forgiven our debtors.

<sup>13</sup> And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.<sup>[a]</sup>

#### 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.**

## **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 world; 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**

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:

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

3. For the joy of human love,  
Brother, sister, parent, child;  
Friends on earth and friends above;  
For all gentle thoughts and mild:

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

4. For Thy Church that evermore  
Lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering up on every shore  
Her pure sacrifice of love:

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

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:

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

**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.

#### **OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

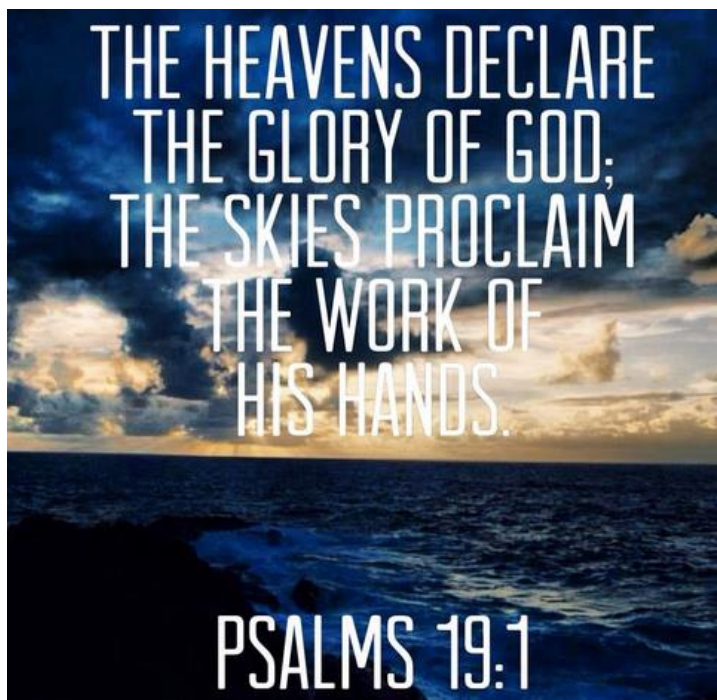
**Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and Honour and power and might be and unto our God forever and ever. Amen**

### **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. This is my Father's world,  
And to my listening ears  
All nature sings, and round me rings  
The music of the spheres.  
This is my Father's world:  
I rest me in the thought  
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas  
His hand the wonders wrought.



2. This is my Father's world,  
 The birds their carols raise,  
 The morning light, the lily white,  
 Declare their Maker's praise.  
 This is my Father's world:  
 He shines in all that's fair;  
 In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,  
 He speaks to me everywhere.

3. This is my Father's world,  
 O let me ne'er forget  
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,  
 God is the Ruler yet.  
 This is my Father's world"  
 The battle is not done;  
 Jesus who died shall be satisfied,  
 And earth and heav'n be one.

**GOD BLESS YOU On Your Birthday...**

- 31<sup>st</sup> Mr. R. Anand, Ms. Usha Barnabas, Mr. George Mammen, Ms. Elizabeth David, Mr. Vinod Solomon, Ms. Kamala Chandrasekaran, Mas. Eden Samuel, Mr. Reginald Anandan, Mr. Stanley Benjamin, Ms. Jessintha Paul. Ms. Anne Jacinth.
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**... And Your Wedding Anniversary**

- 31<sup>st</sup> Mr & Mrs. Benjamin, Dr. & Mrs. Ravi Livingston.
- 1<sup>st</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Malcolm Rajan
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. & Mrs. John, Mr. & Mrs. Patrick Kumar, Mr. & Mrs. Ebenezer Billy Graham
- 4<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Victor Daniel, Mr. & Mrs. Israel Paramandam, Mr & Mrs. Alexander Kuruvilla
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## 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.

**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](mailto:sjchurchblr@gmail.com)

- [presbyter@stjohnschurchblr.com](mailto:presbyter@stjohnschurchblr.com) – for your pastoral needs (membership, baptism, marriage, burials, prayer meetings, counseling requests, etc.)
- [accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com](mailto:accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com) – for matters relating to accounts
- [churchoffice@stjohnschurchblr.com](mailto:churchoffice@stjohnschurchblr.com) -- official requests and correspondence of wings and sub-committees

**LAST SUNDAY OFFERTORY:** Rs.23,040.00

**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.

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