



The Order of Service for Holy Matins

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

August 16, 2020

Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. – John 3:5

CELEBRANT: REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN
PREACHER: REV. G. WILSON

PRAISE AND WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: Loved with everlasting love...

PRAISE

Presbyter : Let us worship God.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Congregation: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Presbyter: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker

Congregation : For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to His voice

Presbyter: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Congregation: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

Presbyter: To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him, and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by not following His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

Congregation: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Presbyter: Jesus said, Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.

Congregation: I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

All : Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.

CONFESSION

Presbyter: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him.

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Presbyter: Grant, we ask you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve you with a quiet mind, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect: Gracious God, who in Your goodness and loving kindness saved us by the washing of regeneration and renewal of the Holy Spirit, enable us to understand the essence of being born of water and the spirit, So that we would experience the fullness of life in the Kingdom of God, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament: Exodus 14: 15-31

Epistle: Titus 3: 3-8

Gospel: John 3: 1-8

HYMN: We pledge to one another...

MESSAGE: Rev. G. Wilson

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.

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 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 marvelous light, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation : Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: Let us pray

Congregation : Eternal God, we commit our supplications and prayers into your gracious hands, receive our prayers that we offer to you on behalf of our neighbours , our families, our near and dear ones, one behalf of our society, on behalf of our state and nation, and all humanity. Receive our prayers of intercession and let our cry come to you. Amen.

OUR LORD'S PRAYER:

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 those who 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.

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION

HYMN: Guide me O thou great Jehovah...



GOD BLESS YOU...

On Your Birthday...

- 16th Mr. Thomas Ezhomuri, Mr. David Bright, Mr. Dennis Abishek, Ms. Diya Jacob, Ms. Georgina Bopanna, Mr. Ebenezer James, Ms. Vathsala Frederick, Mr. J W Mohandas, Ms. Nancy Samuel, Mas. Ben Abraham, Mas. Benito Carlin.
- 17th Mr. Jacob Abraham, Mas. Varun Yohan, Mr. Gideon Govindarajan, Mr. Tejonidhi Paul. Ms. Tiara Lincoln, Ms. Ruchira Gurupatham. Ms. Samma John.
- 18th Rev. Arunkumar Wesley, Ms. Vasanthi Moses, Ms. Sanjana Peter, Ms. J. Shiloh, Ms. Patricia Graham, Mas. Vihaan Jaden, Mas. Leonard Hall.
- 19th Mr. Joshua O'Kelly, Ms. Anita Sundersingh, Mr. Stephen Verghese, Ms. Nancy Gunasingh, Ms. Shashi Froude, Mas. Roshan Melvin, Dr. Leslie Pinto, Ms. Libnah Wilson, Mr. Anand Gopalraj. Mas. Yohaam Karian.
- 20th Ms. Jean Chopra, Cmde. George Kailath, Ms. Ramani Manohar, Ms. Deborah To. Mas. Joshua Orlando, Mas. Adil Rajshekar.
- 21st Ms. Josephine Allan, Mr. Anil Prabodh.
- 22nd Mr. Mathew Ebenezer, Mr. Raja Bhanuvelu, Ms. Meagan Manuel, Ms. Antonia Nelson, Mr. Jaikiran Sugumar.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 16th Mr. & Mrs. Vinod Vadakkot, Mr. & Mrs. Dinakaran Williams.
- 17th Mr. & Mrs. Rajasekhar Yelluru.
- 18th Mr. & Mrs. George John Mammen, Mr. & Mrs. Henry John
Mr. & Mrs. Vikas Mathur.
- 19th Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Kirubakaran
- 20th Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Joseph, Mr. & Mrs. Carles Roopak Bose.
- 21st Mr. & Mrs. Andrews Wilson, Mr. & Mrs. David Mathew,
Mr. & Mrs. George Mathew. Mr. & Mrs. Adarsh Thompson.
- 22nd Mr. & Mrs. Dinakar David, Mr. & Mrs. Prashanth.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We will continue to have the recorded services until further notice. We hope that the online services of St. John's Church, Bangalore, have been a blessing to you. Please subscribe to the YouTube channel.

The church office is open from 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Office: 29513805. Christy Theodore 9901428771. You may also contact our **Pastors** Rev. G. Wilson 9686751164/Rev. Navin John 9886942735

We wish members celebrating their **birthdays and wedding anniversaries** this week. Visit <http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/where> you will also find the pew slip, Pulse newsletter and announcements.

We specially ask you to remember in your daily prayers our nation that is celebrating its 73rd Independence Day. We remember our members who have participated in the freedom struggle, those who are in Armed Forces, as well as those Christians and non-Christians who fight for equality, social justice and freedom of religion.

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. Joyce David, Ms. Letitia Luther, Mr. John Luther, Ms. Joan Kishander, Ms. Dorothy Fowler, Ms. Nalini Christudoss, Ms. Geraldine Lincoln, Ms. Sarojini Williams, Ms. Violet Salins, Ms. Sheela Das and Mr. Winston Gonzago.

Obituaries: We regret to inform you that five of our members slept in the Lord in the last week.

Ms. Cynthia Gnanakan (67 years) on August 8, 2020, after a brave fight with cancer. Please remember her sisters Amber and Jennifer and their families in your prayers.

Mrs. Phyllis Rajan (aged 80 years) on August 10, 2020. Kindly pray for the children: daughters Anita, Sunita and son Vijayarajan.

Mr. Samuel Kanagarajan (78 years), on August 10 of a cardiac arrest. Please remember in your prayers his wife Prema Rajan, daughters Anita Gladys and Jessintha and son Kingston and their families.

Mrs. Iris S. Wilson (66 years) on August 11, after a brave battle with cancer. Please remember in your prayers her husband Austn, sons Arun, Ashwin and Amrith, and their families.

Ms. Joyce David (82 years), wife of the late Bob David, on August 13, 2020. Please remember in your prayers her daughters -- Sandra, Jenny, Karen and Andrea and their families

Your contribution to the Education Scholarship Fund will help underprivileged children.

Applications are invited for **Church Scholarships & Barbara Hereford Scholarship for Higher Education**. Please collect the application from the Church Office.

Last **Sunday's Offerings**: Rs. 15900/-

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.

Here are the 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: 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).

GooglePay: 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.

Once the remittance is done, please mail sjchurchblr@gmail.com (Attn: Hannah) so that the payment can be accounted for.

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