

The Order of Service
for Matins:
Affirmation of Christ
as Lord and God
April 19, 2020

CELEBRANT: REV NAVIN K. JOHN

PREACHER: REV G. WILSON

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN – All hail the power of Jesus name...

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 life 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: O Lord, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, who has given Your only Son, the first born over all creation, to die for our sins, grant us so perfectly and without any doubt to believe in His resurrection, So that we continue to be faithful on this firm foundation, not allowing ourselves to be shaken from the hope that we have heard and learned from Your Gospel, Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen

Old Testament: Exodus 3:13-17 Epistle: Colossians 1: 15-23 Gospel: John 20: 24-29. **HYMN**: From Heaven you came helpless babe...

MESSAGE: Rev. G. Wilson

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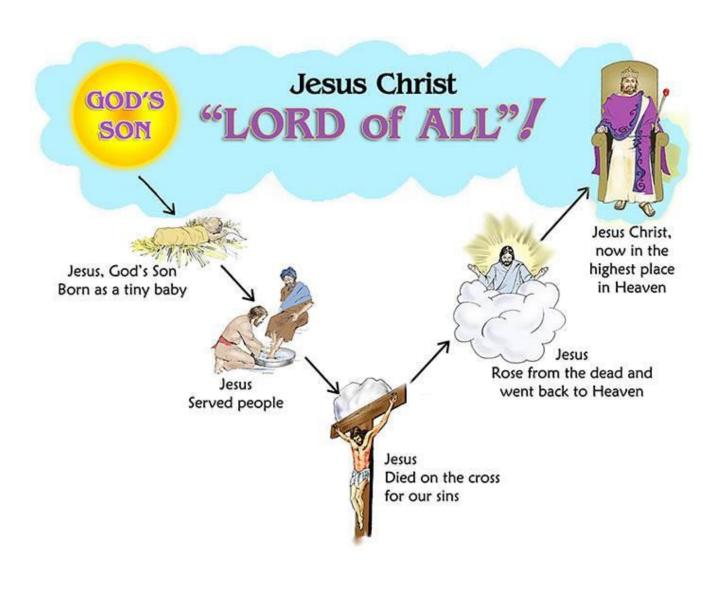
We believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all that is seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us 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 in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and in seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in 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 proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and 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.

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who are in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; in 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: In Christ alone...



GOD BLESS YOU...

On Your Birthday...

- 19th Mrs. Margaret Satish, Ms. Hannah Balan, Mr. Wilson Sigamoney, Ms. Maria Niranjan. Mas. Jordon Yates.
- 20th Ms. Simran Mcdonald, Mas. Samuel Joseph, Ms. Sakshi Williams, Mr. Raghu Kumar, Ms. Ruby Jeyakumar.
- 21st Mr. Thomas Chacko, Mr. Elston Bell, Mrs. Sharon Suman.
- 22nd Mr. S. Jeeyar, Ms. Winitha Kaunds.
- 23rd Ms. Shalini Paranjothy, Ms. Florence Neil, Ms. Felicia Davis, Dr. Nesakumar Joseph,
 - Ms. Radha Samuel, Mas. Anish Hubert, Ms. Jacqueline Shaw,
 - Mr. Vivian Aaron, Ms. Chandra Kanjilal, Ms. Jinju Thomas,
 - Ms. Reshma Yelluru.
- 24th Mr. Anish Victor, Mr. Andrew Samuel, Mas. Lemuel Wilson, Mas. Nischal Navin.
- 25th Mr. Jacob Chacko, Ms. Keran Pauline, Mas. Eric Solomon, Mr. Golok Kumar Barad, Mas. Vaniah Mathur.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- **19**th Mr. & Mrs. Edward Dass, Mr. & Mrs. Jebaprakash Johnson, Dr. & Mrs. Chandan Prabhakar.
- **20**th Mr. & Mrs. S. Kanagarajan, Mr. & Mrs. Vikram Chittaranjan
- 21st Mr. & Mrs. Prasad Sundaram
- 23rd Mr. & Mrs. Solomon Dani, Dr & Mrs. P.C. Jacob
- **24**th Mr. & Mrs. Jayakar Chandran, Mr. & Mrs. K. Thomas Cherian, Mr. & Mrs. Immanuel Jeramiah.
- **25**th Mr. & Mrs. Sudhakar Rajamanickam.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome you to this online service of St. John's Church, Bangalore
- 2. We wish all those celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/
- 3. With the lockdown extended to May 3, we will continue to bring you the recorded services via the YouTube channel and the website of St. John's Church.
- 4. Subscribe to the YouTube channel of St. John's Church https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkWyWzz7Wp1gokR2sDwAXRQ
- 5. For the pew slip, visit http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/ for
- 6. The Wings of the Church and other Fellowships are also meeting online.
- 7. We hope and pray our members are safe and are taking care and following the advice of the Government and local authorities.
- 8. We urge you to read the Word and pray for each other, our city, our state, our country, and the world. Remember in prayer members who are senior citizens, those who are alone at home, and families who are separated because of COVID-19, medical professionals, the police and those manning other essential services.
- 9. 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
- 10. Obituary: We regret to inform you of the passing away of Mr. Benjamin Mason (90 years) on April 14, 2020. Please remember the family in your prayers
- 11. The Pulse theme for the next issue **FACING THE GIANTS**. Do write in 200 words how you are coping with tackling the Covid-19. Mail pulseofstjohnschurch@gmail.com
- 12. If you are not receiving SMS from the Church, kindly contact Christy Theodore 9901428771 or email sjchurchblr@gmail.com
- 13. Offertory received since March 22: Rs.15,610/-

A Note from Treasurer Thomas Swaroop

Dear Members of St. John's Church:

We appreciate your response to this note published in Pew Slips. Thank you for your concern and support. As you are aware, the Church office is closed, and with no services in Church, here is information on how you can go about paying your subscription and tithes.

Since there is no Easter Service in the Church this year, you may also send your Self Denial Offerings electronically.

The details are as follows:

Bank details:

Name of the account: CSITA ST JOHN'S CHURCH

A/c: **457702011005149**

Name of Bank: Union Bank of India Branch: St. John's High School

IFSC: **UBIN0558923**

You can remit money in either of the following two ways

- 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).
- 2. GooglePay: For first time user, when you go GooglePay, click on the new payment popup that appears. Then click on Bank Transfer and enter the details of the bank account of CSITA St. John's Church as stated above. These details are automatically saved in GooglePay. You can then proceed to remit the funds as you normally do in GooglePay. The next time, all you have to do is to click on CSITA St. John's Church in your GooglePay account to complete the payment.

Once the remittance is done, kindly mail <u>sichurchblr@gmail.com</u> (Attn: Hannah) so that the payment can be accounted for once the Church office opens.

For queries, contact me 9448277064

Let's pray for each other during this difficult time. Please stay indoors and remain safe.

Warm regards Thomas Swaroop, Treasurer April 12, 2020