



The Order of Service

INVITATION TO CHRIST'S HOSPITALITY

April 26, 2020

CELEBRANT: REV G. WILSON

PREACHER: REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

HYMN: "To God be the glory..."

Presbyter: Let us pray: Great and merciful God, your life is the source of all life; your mercy is our only hope; your eyes watch over all your creatures; you know the secrets of our hearts. By your life-giving Spirit, draw us into your presence, that we may worship in the true life of your Spirit, who lives moved by your love, through him who has led us to your heart of love, even Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen

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.

You who truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and peace with your neighbour, 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.

All: O God of compassion, we confess that we have sinned against you and our sisters and brothers. We have not been true followers of your new way in Christ. We have not shared in your liberating work in the world. We have fallen short of your glory. In your great compassion, make us clean from our sin, and set us free in the joy of your Spirit, that we may serve you with new lives; through Jesus Christ who gave his life that we might live in peace with you and with all creation. Amen.

Presbyter: Hear the gracious Word of God to all who truly turn to him through Jesus Christ:

Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. Isaiah 1:18

Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Matthew 11:28

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. John 3:16

If anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. I John 2:1-2

Silence

Presbyter: The Saviour of the world, the refuge of the repentant, forgives and strengthens all who truly seek his grace. He accepts you as his sons and daughters, and sets you free from the bondage of your past; for Christ died and rose to new life that we might all share his wholeness and abundant life. As God's own people, be merciful in action, kind in heart, humble in mind. Be always ready to forgive as freely as God has forgiven you. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for you.

Cong: 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 a sign of reconciliation and peace. The peace of the Lord be with you.

Cong: And also be with you

COLLECT: Living God, the ever-loving host, Help us to love one another as brothers and sisters, practicing hospitality to strangers and sharing with Your people in need, Like Your Son, Jesus Christ, who continues to invite us to have a constant communion with You, though we often live as strangers and enemies to You, 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 18:1-10

Epistle: Hebrews 13:1-8

Gospel: John 21:1-14

HYMN: "Redeemed, how I love to proclaim..."

CHORUS: Spirit of the Living God

MESSAGE: Rev. Navin Kumar John

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: We pray for your Church in this world, at this time of covid-19 that it may be obedient to your will and strong in Spirit to show your love and to those migrant workers poor and the needy who are abandoned at this time. Lord in your mercy.

Cong: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for our country and all the countries; that they would be guided by the holy Spirit, that every decision that they take would be given top priority for the people and their health concerns Lord in your mercy

Cong: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for the medical personnel, the doctors, the staff, and all other helpers that are involved in the medical field to bring solace and healing to those who are suffering that we pray that they be protected and guarded, when they minister to the needy, and particularly their family members who allowed them to take on the risky ministry at this time. Lord in your mercy

Cong: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for the Scientist that in their attempt to find a cure, they may be guided by thy wisdom and knowledge to find the right medicine to give confidence and courage to humanity, which is now troubled. Lord in your mercy.

Cong: Hear our prayer.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, our Father, we commit our struggles and sufferings into your Son's wounded hands, our hopes and aspirations into His praying hands, our poor, hungry and exploited people into His just and caring hands, our living and departed into His hands that hold the key to the future. Blessed be the Lord, forever. AMEN

Benediction: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you 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.

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:

All: 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 whosin 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

Cong: 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.

Presbyter: May we at this time participate in the holy Eucharist, where the head of the family will distribute the elements and administer the wine. This is a spiritual act, where we participate in spirit and truth, acknowledging that Jesus our Saviour died for us.

Presbyter: Having now by faith received the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ, let us give thanks.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

All: 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

HYMN:

"Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah..."

GOD BLESS YOU...

On Your Birthday...

26th Mr. Abraham Theyoos, Ms. Lavender Joseph, Mr. Sanjeevarao Vaddi,

Ms. Joicey Jeramiah.

27th Mr. Elston Fritchley, Mas. Jaden Kirk, Ms. Grace Israel, Mas. Siddhant Srinivas.

Mas. Kevin Sathish.

28th Mr. Abraham Mathews, Ms. Rita Wesley, Ms. Devakirubai Samuel, Ms. Prithika Srinivas, Mr. Rabin Stephen.

29th Mr. Gideon Joshua, Ms. Edna Bonnell, Ms. Sheela John, Ms. Sarah Shekeran,

Mr. Rajeshkumar Christian, Mr. John Samuel, Mr. Amit Nirmal, Mr. Sanjeev Kumar, Ms. Bindiah Paranjothy.

30th Ms. Snehalatha Krishnamurthy, Ms. Anita Beniston, Mr. Vinodraj Daniel, Mas. Gershom Swarnith, Mr. Jeyakumar.

1st Mr. Vijay Anand, Ms. Felcia Samuel, Rev. Albert David, Ms. Yuing Pushpa,

Ms. Jennifer Anand, Mr. Geoffrey Prasanna, Ms. Keerthika Edwin, Mr. Jeyakumar Francis, Ms. Devakumari Sugumar.

2nd Mr. George Kuruvilla, Mr. Samuel Sudarshan, Ms. Annie Thomas, Ms. Dora Devadasen, Ms. Lorraine Healy, Mr. Paul Moses, Ms. Dorothy Christyla, Ms. Marlyn Advani, Rev. C. Babu, Mas. Abel Thomas.

And Your Wedding Anniversary

26th Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Swaroop, Mr. & Mrs. Mathew Sunil Paul

Bible Verses on Biblical Hospitality

Romans 12:13

Contribute to the needs of the saints
and seek to show hospitality.

Hebrews 13:2

Do not neglect to show hospitality to
strangers, for thereby some have
entertained angels unawares.

1 Peter 4:9

Show hospitality to one another
without grumbling.

3 John 7-8

For they have gone out for the sake
of the name, accepting nothing from
the Gentiles. 8 Therefore we ought to
support people like these, that we may
be fellow workers for the truth.

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- 27th Mr. & Mrs. John Paul.
28th Mr. & Mrs. Gideon Jagadish.
29th Mr. & Mrs. Arun Christopher, Mr. & Mrs. Abraham P. Thomas,
Mr. & Mrs. Immanuel Sigamoney.
30th Mr. & Mrs. Nikil Anandan
1st Mr. & Mrs. Keith Allan Reay, Mr & Mrs. Samuel A Taylor.
2nd Mr. & Mrs. Mark Corneille.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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/> (click on pew slip)
3. With the lockdown extended to May 3, we will continue to bring you the recorded services via the YouTube channel <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UcKWyWzz7Wp1qokR2sDwAXRQ> and the website of St. John's Church <http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com> .
4. The Wings of the Church and other Fellowships are also meeting online.
5. We hope and pray our members are safe and are taking care and following the advice of the Government and local authorities.
6. 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.
7. 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
8. Obituary: We regret to inform you of the passing away of Mr. Luther Jayasheelan (53 years) on April 20. Please remember the family in your prayers
9. The Pulse theme for the next issue **FACING THE GIANTS**. Do write in 200 words how you are coping with tackling the giants or the challenges, especially the COVID-19. Mail pulseofstjohnschurch@gmail.com
10. If you are not receiving SMS from the Church, kindly contact Christy Theodore 9901428771 or email sjchurchblr@gmail.com
11. Offertory received on Sunday April 19 is Rs. 6135/-. Thank you for your support

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 was 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

1. **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** pop-up 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 sjchurchblr@gmail.com (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