



**The Order of Service**  
**Fourth Sunday after Easter**  
**BELIEVING IN CHRIST: THE WAY**  
**May 10, 2020**

**CELEBRANT: REV G. WILSON**

**PREACHER: REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN**

**OPENING HYMN: Morning has broken**

**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.

1 John 2:1-2

### **After a moment's 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 us. And, above everything else, be loving, and never forget to be thankful for what Christ has done for us.

**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 peace to one another and greet each other a sign of reconciliation and peace.

Presbyter: The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also be with you**

**COLLECT:** God, our parent, whom we know through Your Son, Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth and the Life, Help us to believe in Him and be saved, So that we walk in Your light, having fellowship with one another, and the blood of 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: 10-20

Epistle: Acts 16: 19-34

**Special Song by Women's Fellowship**

Gospel: John 14: 01-07

### **ALLELUIA**

**HYMN: There is a Redeemer**

**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.

### **MOTHERS' DAY**

**What does it mean to be a Christian mother—Shirin Samuel**

**Poem on Mother -- Five-year-old Jordanne**

## **PRAYER – REV. WILSON**

### **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:

**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 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**

**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.**

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**

**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**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### **BENEDICTION**

**HYMN: Be Thou My Vision**

## **GOD BLESS YOU...**

### **On Your Birthday...**

- 10th Mr. Dinakar David, Ms. Aruna David, Ms. Priyanka Padole,  
Mr. Shannon Robson, Mr. Wesley Premkumar.
- 11th Ms. Roopa Rajkumar, Ms. Rosemary Christopher  
Mr. Terence Jacobie, Ms. Natalie Williams, Ms. Christina Frederic.
- 12th Ms. Molly John, Mr. Rohan Samraj, Ms. Snehalatha  
Prasannakumar, Ms. Mary Salt, Ms. Rachel Mohandas,  
Ms. Nalini Shah.
- 13th Mr. Reuben David, Ms. Sarah George, Ms. Grace Moses,  
Mr. David Mckenzie, Ms. Sumathi Ebenezer, Ms. Joanna Nelapudi,  
Ms. Mangalam Bahavathsingh, Mr. Roland Bonjour.
- 14th Ms. Anita, Mr. Eric Samuel, Mr. Praveen Krishnamurthy,  
Ms. Naiara Joseph, Mr. Ebenezer Isaac, Ms. Suzannah Ellis,  
Ms. Sonya Cleur, Mas. Kevin Wesley.
- 15th Ms. Renu Thomas, Mr. Cassius Yates, Ms. Mary Gokuldas,  
Ms. Esther Shaw, Ms. Nandita Baskar, Ms. Rechal Samuel,  
Mas. Shalom Bell, Mr. Chacko Jacob, Ms. Sharon Williams,  
Mr. Nihal Ravindran.
- 16th Ms. Anita Frank, Mr. Allan P V, Ms. Felicia Salt, Ms. Priscilla Salt,  
Ms. Nikita Pole, Mr. Gnanakkan Durai, Mr. Charles Williams,  
Mas. Aryan Peter, Mas. Joshua Mohan.

### **And Your Wedding Anniversary**

- 10<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Rajen Joshua, Dr. & Mrs. Peter Pothan,  
Mr. & Mrs. David Anilkumar, Mr. & Mrs. Ashwin Wilson,  
Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Bangara, Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Devasagayam,  
Mr & Mrs. G.S. Durairaja.
- 11<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Kevin Reay, Mr. & Mrs. Jacob Mathew,  
Mr. & Mrs. Derick Paul, Mr. & Mrs. Abraham Biju Kari.
- 12<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Rajesh Rajan, Col. & Mrs. T N Raina  
Dr. & Mrs. Joseph Vimal Rajadoss

- 13<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Job Raj, Mr & Mrs. John Kirubakaran,  
Mr & Mrs. Puliyan Dhelepan.
- 14<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Nelson John Lincoln,  
Mr. & Mrs. John Neil Sebastian, Mr. & Mrs. Chakko Korula Jacob
- 15<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Ajaybabu Benjamin, Capt. & Mrs. Sandford D'Mello,  
Rev & Mrs. Jacob.
- 16<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Ravi Kanth Royala, Mr. & Mrs. Naveen Arul.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. We hope this online service of St. John's Church, Bangalore, has been a blessing to you.
2. We wish members celebrating their birthdays and wedding anniversaries this week <http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/>
3. 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.
4. 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
5. **Please continue to support our church for the projects, the Medical Fund and Education Sponsorships together with your subscription, offertory, self-denial offerings and tithes.**

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<b>Mothers</b>	<b>Prayer for Mothers</b>
<p>A Mother loves right from the start.            She holds her baby close to her heart.            The bond that grows will never falter.            Her love is so strong it will never alter.            A Mother gives never ending Love.            She never feels that she has given enough.            For you she will always do her best.            Constantly working, there's no time to rest.            A Mother is there when things go wrong.            A hug and a kiss to help us along.            Always there when we need her near.            Gently wipes our eyes when we shed a tear.            So on this day shower your Mother with Love.            Gifts and presents are nice but that is not enough.            Give your Mother a day to have some peace of mind.            Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind.</p>	<div data-bbox="805 783 1205 1119" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Loving God,            as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children,            so you watch over your Church.            Bless these women,            that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers.            Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.            Grant that we, their sons and daughters,            may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect.            Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.</p>