



SUNDAY WORSHIP Holy Communion Service
73rd Celebration of the Formation of the Church of South India
UNITY IN WITNESSING
September 27, 2020



Significance of the Logo

The logo signifies the Silver Jubilee celebration of the CSI in 1972.

The Lotus

It symbolises the significance of the unification and our call and mission as members of this great and unique church in India. The Lotus, or *Pankajam*, one of the Indian names given to the Lotus, has a very significant meaning that "it is born in mud". The other name is *Thammipuvu*, meaning flower of the sun, as it blooms at sunrise and withers at sunset. Like the lotus, the Church is called to bloom 'in the mud in which we are born' and to depend on the sun which symbolizes 'Christ'.

The Cross

The petals of the Lotus and the arms of the Cross are beautifully intertwined together with the fiery tongues of the Holy Spirit. This is an authentic Indian expression of people's communion with God. The colours being red (for life), purple (for piety and ecclesiastical) and the white backdrop (for purity).

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- The central position of the cross conveys the indefatigable, selfless supreme sacrifice of Jesus on the cross. The cross runs through the Lotus depicting its cleansing act working in the hearts of the members of the Church and restoring them for God's mission.

The four ends of the cross made of equal size symbolizes the equality and peaceful co-existence with people of other faiths/traditions/cultures and stands for communal harmony

'THAT THEY ALL MAY BE ONE'

These words are in a circle round the Lotus and the Cross. The words are taken from the high priestly prayer of our Lord Jesus Christ who prayed not only for the 'Church' but also for the whole world as mentioned in John 17:21.

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- It symbolizes the prayer of the Church that Churches need to be united with each other and with all people of this country which can be interpreted as a meaningful prayer for national integration.

BRIEF HISTORY OF THE CHURCH OF SOUTH INDIA

The Church of South India is the result of the union of churches of varying traditions -- Anglican, Methodist, Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed. It was inaugurated in September 1947.

Discussions regarding the union of churches began at a conference at Tranquebar (now Tarangambadi) in 1919, and in 1947, after India attained independence, the union was completed.

On September 27, 1947, the General Council of Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon, General Assembly of South India United Church and South India Provincial Synod of Methodist Church joined together to form the Church of South India, which is the largest united national church in India.

The continued growth has been enriched with the joining of the churches of Basel Mission and the Anglican Diocese of Nandyal. A unique church was born out of the blending of the Episcopal and non-Episcopal traditions as a gift of God to the people of India and as a visible sign of the ecclesiastical unity for the universal church.

The Church of South India has its own service book and communion service, both of which draw from several denominational sources. The union, especially in its reconciliation of the Anglican doctrine of apostolic succession with the views of other denominations, is often cited as a landmark in the ecumenical movement.

Organized into 24 dioceses, each under the spiritual supervision of a bishop, the CSI is governed by a synod, which elects a moderator (presiding bishop). Episcopacy is thus combined with Synodical government. The church explicitly recognizes that Episcopal, Presbyterian, and congregational elements are all necessary for the church's life.

The Scriptures are the ultimate standard of faith and practice. The historic creeds are accepted as interpreting the biblical faith, and the sacraments of baptism and the Lord's Supper are recognized as of binding obligation.

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CELEBRANT AND PREACHER: Rev. Navin Kumar John

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus said, "The glory which You have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one ..." *John 17:22*

OPENING PRAYER

: O God, our help in ages past

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
2. Within the shadow of thy throne,
Still may we dwell secure.
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,
To endless years the same.
4. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

Let us pray

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love You, and worthily magnify Your Holy name; *through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

ADORATION OF THE TRINITY

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those in whom he is well pleased. We praise You, we bless You, we worship You, we glorify You, we give thanks to You for your great glory, O Lord God, Heavenly King, God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesus Christ, O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us; You that take away the sin of the world, receive our prayer. You, who sits at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For You only are holy, You only are Lord, You only are most high, O Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants do give you our most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving kindness towards us, and particularly upon the Church of South of India. We thank you for the Fathers and Mothers of our Faith who were instrumental in forming the CSI. We are grateful to you for the gift of their life and witness. We come before you with grateful hearts as we receive all the benefits of the labour of their hands.

We thank you for the seed of faith that they have planted in us. But above all, we thank you for your inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for giving the Church to be channels of your grace and hope of glory. Enable us to express our gratitude not only with our lips, but in our lives; by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

CONFESSION:

Presbyter: God in You we find love, joy and peace, yet we Your children have distorted the gift of love, joy and peace; hence we have distorted Your witness O Lord.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.

Presbyter: We Your children have disregarded the gift of unity and diversity and have chosen to divide and separate; hence we have destroyed our witness, O Lord.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.

Presbyter: We Your children have been indifferent to your calling and we have gone away from Your purpose; hence we confess ignorance, dear Lord.

Congregation: Forgive us, O Lord.

Confessional Prayer: God of mercy, we have taken Your name in vain, we have walked in our own selfish ways in arrogance and pride. In Your mercy embrace us, and lead us again in the path of Your witness in freedom and dignity. Have mercy upon us, we beseech You; for the sake of Jesus Christ, forgive us all our sins; cleanse us by the Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences; and enable us to forgive others, that we may hence forth serve You in newness of life for Your glory; through Jesus Christ Your Son and our only Lord. Amen.

Absolution: Hear the good news! Anyone in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

COLLECT

Almighty God, whose blessed Son prayed that all who believe in Him might be one; grant that we who celebrate the union of churches in South India, may with one heart and soul present ourselves for Your service and bear witness to Your love; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen

Gospel: John 17: 20-26

²⁰ **“My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,**

²¹ **that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.**

²² **I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—**

²³ **I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.**

²⁴ **“Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.**

²⁵ **“Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.**

²⁶ **I have made you^[a] known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.”**

HYMN: The Church’s One Foundation

1. The Church’s one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation
By water and the Word:
From heav’n He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died,

2. Elect from every nation,
Yet one o’er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth:
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses,
With every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
 Men see her sore opprest
 By schisms rent as under
 By hereues distrest
 Yet saints their watch are keeping
 Their cry goes up, 'How long?'
 And soon the night of weeping
 Shall be the morning of songs.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation
 And tumult of her war,
 She waits the consummation
 Of peace forever more;
 Till with the vision glorious
 Her longing eyes are blest,
 And the great Church victorious
 Shall be the Church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
 With God the Three in One,
 And mystic sweet communion
 With those whose rest is won:
 O happy ones and holy! Lord,
 Give us grace that we,
 Like them, the meek and lowly,
 On high may dwell with Thee.

MESSAGE: Rev. Navin Kumar John

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried. He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead, He ascended into heaven, and is seated on the right hand of God the Father almighty; From there he shall come to judge the quick 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 the CSI Synod which governs the whole of CSI and its ministry. We pray for the Moderator, Deputy Moderator, Synod Executive Committee, Officers of the Synod and all the 24 Dioceses and its respective Bishops and Executive Committees that they may continue to serve God and continue in their governance of the Church and its ministry. Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for our Diocese, the Karnataka Central Diocese, for the Officers of the Diocese, the Executive Committee and for its churches in the areas of Bangalore, Tumkur, Tiptur, Chickbalabur, Dodballapur, Hosur, and KGF. We pray that God would give grace to each and every Church so that they may continue to be witness of God in their societies.

Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for our Bishop, and all the Clergy of our Diocese, that they may continue to experience the guidance of God in their lives and ministry so that they may continue to lead the faithful people in God's way.

Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for the laity and their role in the administration of the churches and institutions. We pray that the laity may continue to be partners and co-workers in the extension of the Kingdom of God.

Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for the educational institutions in Bangalore, Tumkur, and KGF that cater to the needs of the society so that they may continue to mould the lives of the students to be better citizens of our country.

Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

Presbyter: We pray for the hospitals in our Diocese, which are struggling to survive in this corporate world. Let us pray that these hospitals may be able to continue to do the work of God in the healing ministry.

Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer

Presbyter: We pray for our country and all countries during this covid-19 Pandemic. We pray for our leaders of the country, and all other countries that they may work together to serve people during this crisis and together work to bring society to normalcy.

Lord in your mercy,

Congregation: Hear our prayer.

1st Benediction - The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all. **Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Presbyter: Behold, how good and joyful a thing it is, brethren, to dwell together in Unity. *Psalms 133:1*

We, who are many, are one bread, one body, for we all partake of the one bread. *1Corinthians 10:17*

Congregation: I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with great gladness. I will sing and speak praises unto the Lord. *Psalms 27:6*

THE PEACE

Peace be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them unto the Lord.

OFFERTORY (Please drop your offertory in the box provided at the entrance after the worship service. If you are watching online, please follow the online payment guidelines at the end of this pew slip)

Prayer for Offertory

Holy Father, who through the blood of Your dear Son has consecrated for us a new and living way to Your throne of grace, we come to You through him, unworthy as we are, and we humbly ask You to accept and use us and these our gifts for Your glory. All that is in heaven and earth is Yours, and of Your own do we give to You. **Amen.**

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 light shattered darkness, order arose from chaos. You breathed into the dust of the earth, and we were formed in Your image. Through Your son Jesus Christ our Lord, you met us while we wandered. He called us by name to leave aside 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 this world. You inspired the prophets and apostles to find the right word at the right time. You liberate, equip and commission your people for the continuance of your mission.

Congregation: Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify your glorious name; evermore praising, you, and saying, Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory, Glory be to you, O Lord Most High. Blessed be he that has come and is to come in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the Highest.

ANAMNESIS (*Memorial of Christ's death and resurrection*)

Presbyter: When the sinless One of his own will chose to suffer death for us sinners, he took bread in his holy hands.

Congregation: Bless, O Lord.

Presbyter: He gave thanks and 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.

In the same way he took the cup

Congregation: Bless, O Lord.

Minister: He gave thanks and gave it to his disciples saying: Drink you all of this, this is the blood of the new covenant for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins, do this as often as you drink it in remembrance of me.

As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's presence with us, we commemorate his death, we celebrate his glorious resurrection, and we await his coming. May God's blessing be upon us all.

**Congregation: Christ has died
Christ has risen
Christ will come again.**

EPICLESIS (Invocation of the Holy Spirit)

Presbyter: Our heavenly Father, have mercy upon us. Send your Holy Spirit to sanctify us, and this offering of bread and wine.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy (thrice)

Presbyter: May the Holy Spirit sanctify this bread that it may be the Body of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen**

May the Holy Spirit sanctify this wine that it may be the Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Congregation: Accept this offering of praise and thanksgiving; make us one body in Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you almighty Father, world without end. Amen.

As our Savior Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

OUR FATHER, who art in heaven, Hallowed be 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 them that 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.

Silence is kept for a space, all kneeling. After a short silence, the Prayer of Humble Access is said together.

We do not presume to come to this your Table, O 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.

The bread which we break, is it not a communion in the body of Christ?

- 1 Corinthians 10:16

The things of God for the people of God

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

The ministers and people receive the bread and wine. A Hymn maybe sung during this time.

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:

All: O Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who has accepted us as your children in your beloved Son Jesus Christ our Lord, and has fed us with the spiritual food of his most precious Body and Blood, giving us the forgiveness of our sins and the promise of everlasting life: We thank and praise you for these inestimable benefits, and we offer and present unto you ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a holy and living sacrifice, which is our reasonable service. Grant us grace not to be conformed to this world, but to be transformed by the renewing of our minds, that we may learn what is your good and perfect will, and so obey you here on earth, that we may at the last rejoice with all your saints in the heavenly kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever. Amen.

Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and might, be unto our God forever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst us and remain with us always. **(Threefold Amen)**

CLOSING HYMN & RECESSION

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing,
If our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:
All our weakness Thou dost know;
Thou didst tread this earth before us,

Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,
Through the desert Thou didst go.

3. Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy:
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

GOD BLESS YOU

On Your Birthday...

- 27th Ms. Binutha Nelson, Ms. Bimla Phillips, Ms. Neelima Phillips,
Mr. Gideon Jagadish, Ms. Nicola Reid, Mr. Nitin Advani, Ms. Jessica Jeeyar.
- 28th Mr. Samuel Samson, Mr. Anoop Daniel, Mr. Manohar Devadoss,
Ms. Margaret, Ms. Evangeline Selwyn, Ms. K. Prabhukumari, Mas. Alfie Franklin,
- 29th Ms. Beryl Samuel, Mr. Ashish Paul, Ms. Panchasheila Qadri,
Ms. Jane David, Mr. Ashwin Wilson, Ms. Anju Vinoth, Mas. Leander Jacob,
Mas. Stephen Rufus, Mr. Rajkumar David, Ms. Sian Immanuel,
Mr. Ricardo Reid.
- 30th Mr. John Rajendra, Mr. Andrew Meneaud, Ms. Sonia Mcdonald,
Ms. Nitida Anbudaiyan.
- 1st Mr. Mohan George, Mr. George Samuel, Ms. Rose Vinod, Ms. Renae Allan,
Ms. Amala John, Ms. Pregita Andersen, Mas. Jason Paul,
Mr. Abraham Biju Kari.
- 2nd Ms. Susie John, Mr. Ajay Pole, Mas. Cedric D'Costa, Ms. Starina Pacheco,
Mr. Sashank Samuel, Mr. John Myaboo, Mr. Edwin Mohandas, Ms. Melissa Sam. Ms.
Poonam Satish, Ms. Shreeja Maran.
- 3rd Mr. Mohith Vergis, Mr. Joseph Daniel, Mr. Colin Tusing,
Mr. Suhas Samuel, Ms. Rina David, Mr. Charles Nelson,
Mas. Joshua Abyudaya, Ms. Lavina Jayanth, Mr. Vikram Rajkumar,
Ms. Georgeena Prabodh.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 27th Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Benjamin
- 29th Mr. & Mrs. Christopher PJ
- 1st Cmde. & Mrs Asirvatham, Mr. & Mrs. Ranjit Norman
Mr. & Mrs. David Issac Christopher
- 2nd Mr. & Mrs. Satish Arnold, Mr & Mrs. Raja Prabhu,
Rev & Mrs. Navin Kumar John.
- 3rd Dr. & Mrs. Ebenezer Athistam, Mr. & Mrs. V. Kothandan,
Mr. & Mrs. Rajsheka

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE WORSHIP SERVICE at St. John's Church has resumed from today, September 27,2020. The guidelines are on the website of St. John's Church.

You may visit the **CHURCH WEBSITE** <http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/> where you will also find the pew slip, announcements and Pulse newsletters.

The CHURCH OFFICE is open Monday to Friday 9.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. and Saturday 9.30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Office: 29513805 or Christy Theodore 9901428771. You may also contact our **Pastor Rev. Navin John 9886942735**

The meetings of the Wings of the Church and Fellowships continue on online platforms. Do join these sessions and feel encouraged. Please call the Church Office and give your name and contact number for the conveners to send you the link.

Name of the Wing / Fellowship	Meeting Schedules
Women's Fellowship	Every Tuesday at 5.00 pm
Men's Fellowship	Alternate Thursday at 6.00 pm
Neighborhood Fellowship	Every Thursday at 7.00 pm
Sunday School	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Youth Fellowship	Every Sunday at 10.00 am
Teens Fellowship	Every Sunday at 3.00 pm
Angels of Change	Third Saturday at 11 am

We wish members celebrating their **birthdays and wedding anniversaries** this week.

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. 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.

Flowers: In memory of Sarah Mathews, by the family.

Vacancy: For the Post of a Lady Warden for Asha Nivas (Senior Citizens' Home) Candidates may apply with reference letter from the respective Church Presbyter on or before **October 18, 2020, to the Presbyter-in-charge, St. John's Church, Bangalore.** Kindly see the notice board/website for more details.

Last Sunday's Offerings: Rs. 3,500/-

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.

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