



The Order of Service for Choral Holy Communion
Persistence in Prayer
March 7,2021

CELEBRANT& PREACHER: Rev Navin Kumar John

OPENING HYMN:

1. My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine—
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign;
My gracious Redeemer, my Saviour art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
2. I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree;
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
3. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say when the death-dew lies cold on my brow
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.
4. In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow,
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

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 thee, and worthily magnify thy Holy name.
Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Presbyter: Holy God :

Congregation: Holy and mighty, holy and Immortal, have mercy on us.

OUR LORD'S SUMMARY OF THE LAW AND THE PROPHETS

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one; and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind, and with all your strength. This is the great and first commandment. And a second one is: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

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.

After a short silence the presbyter says:

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

Congregation: Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against thee and our neighbour. We have walked in darkness, rather than in light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. Have mercy upon us, we beseech thee; 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 hereafter serve you in newness of life, to the glory of thy holy name. **Amen.**

Hear the gracious word of God to all who truly turn to him, through Jesus Christ.

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matt. 11:28

God, so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him, should not perish, but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Faithful, is the saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Tim. 1:15*

If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: and he is the propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2: 1-2*

After a short silence the Presbyter says:-- Almighty God, our merciful Saviour, who of his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all who forgive their brethren and with heartfelt repentance, and true faith turn unto him: Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

(The peace shared through the gesture of Namaskara)

THE COLLECT: Creator God, Your knowledge and wisdom surpasses every human imagination and understanding. Though You have set Your ways before us, we have followed our own ways resulting in damaged relationship in creation, among fellow human beings and in acknowledging Your guidance for us. Enable us to faithfully commit ourselves in prayer through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives, and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament : **2 Kings 20: 1-11**
Epistle : **1 Thess. 5: 12-22**
Gospel : **Mark 7: 24-30**

²⁴ And from there he arose and went away to the region of Tyre and Sidon.^[a] And he entered a house and did not want anyone to know, yet he could not be hidden. ²⁵ But immediately a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit heard of him and came and fell down at his feet. ²⁶ Now the woman was a Gentile, a Syrophenician by birth. And she begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. ²⁷ And he said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." ²⁸ But she answered him, "Yes, Lord; yet even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." ²⁹ And he said to her, "For this statement you may go your way; the demon has left your daughter." ³⁰ And she went home and found the child lying in bed and the demon gone.

Here ends the Gospel Reading

Congregation: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

SERMON

THE NICENE CREED is sung

I believe in one God the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets.

And I believe one, Holy, catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

INTERCESSORY PRAYER:

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.

Let us pray:

Presbyter: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knowest our necessities before we ask, and our ignorance in asking: we ask you to have compassion upon our infirmities; and those things, which for our unworthiness, we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask, vouchsafe to give us, for the worthiness of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Benediction

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you (us) 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.

Congregation: Now I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

HYMN: Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
That calls me from a world of care,
And bids me at my Father's throne
Make all my wants and wishes known:
In seasons of distress and grief
My soul has often found relief
And oft escaped the tempter's snare
By thy return, sweet hour of prayer.

2. Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless:
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my ev'ry care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

3. Sweet hour of prayer! Sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

4. Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home and take my flight.

This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize,
And shout, while passing through the air,
"Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!"

O Father you have given us a new and living way to offer ourselves to you. Though unworthy, we come to you as we are, by that way, your Son, Jesus of Nazareth; and in his name we ask you to accept and use us, and these gifts however it best pleases you. All that is created is yours and everything that we can offer already belongs to you.
Amen.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty, and highest joy that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks to you, O Lord, holy, almighty and everlasting God through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, through whom you created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them, and made humankind in your own image, and when it had fallen into sin you redeemed it to be the first fruits of a new creation.

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 is he that has come and is to come in the name of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.

Presbyter: Truly holy, truly blessed are you, O God our Saviour, who of your tender love towards humankind gave your only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation of himself once offered, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation , and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and instituted and in his holy Gospel commended us to continue a perpetual memory of his precious death, until he comes again: who , in the same night

When he was betrayed, took bread, and after having given thanks, 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. Likewise, after supper he took the cup, and after 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 remission of sins, do this, as often as you drink it, it remembrance of me.

Amen. Your death O lord we commemorate, your resurrection we confess, and your coming we await. Glory be to you, O Christ.

Therefore, O Lord our God, remembering the precious death and passion, and glorious resurrection and ascension, of your Son our Lord, we your servants do this is remembrance of him as he commanded, until his coming again, giving thanks to you for the perfect redemption which you have brought about for us in him.

We give thanks to you, we praise you, we glorify you, O Lord our God.

And we most humbly ask you, O merciful God, to sanctify with your Holy Spirit us and these your own gifts of bread and wine, that the bread which we break may be the communion of the body of Christ , and the cup which we bless the communion of the blood of Christ. Grant that, being joined together in him, we may all attain to the unity of the faith, and may grow up in all things, unto him who is the Head, even Christ, our Lord, by whom and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, O God almighty, world without end. Amen.

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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

Cong: 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.

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.

The 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.

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.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN:

1. Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.

Refrain : There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

2. Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood; power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide?
There's wonderful power in the blood.
3. Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood power in the blood;
Sin stains are lost in its life-giving flow;
There's wonderful power in the blood.

4. Would you do service for Jesus your King?
 There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
 Would you live daily His praises to sing?
 There's wonderful power in the blood

GOD BLESS YOU

On Your Birthday...

- 7th Lt. Col. Jacob, Ms. Mellisa Solomon, Ms. Amsaveni Christopher.
 9th Ms. Sushmitha Bangara, M. Flossie Satyavrata, Mr. Andrew Wilson.
 10th Ms. Grace Myaboo.
 11th Mr. Joshua Rajkumar, Ms. Matilda Yorke, Mr. Nelson Egan,
 Ms. Hilda Sargunar, Mas. Robert Samuel, Mr. Ralph Stanley,
 Mr. Samuel A Taylor.
 12th Ms. Bina Mathew, Mr. Ajaybabu Benjamen, Mr. Ruban Richard,
 Ms. Jyothi Siddi, Ms. Atira Rajshekar.
 13th Mr. Vinod Aaron, Ms. Aliya Mathew, Ms. Archana Johnson.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 8th Mr. & Mrs. Varun Sanam Ramesh.
 11th Dr. & Mrs. Leslie Pinto

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME to all the members of St. John's Church and families, those attending the service in the church as well as those participating from your homes. And also visitors in church, and on our YouTube Channel. Thank you for worshipping with us.

Lenten Devotion: 10-3-21 – 6.30 pm Theme: “Cross: Freedom from bondage”

**EVERY SUNDAY, REGULAR SERVICE AT - 9.00 AM.
 EVENING SERVICE AT - 6.00 PM.**

THE LINK FOR THE LIVE STREAMING OF THE SERVICE is posted on all official WhatsApp groups of the church, the YouTube channel, and the website.

THE RECORDING OF THE LIVE STREAMED SERVICE will be available on the YouTube channel of St. John's Church. Kindly subscribe to the channel or visit the website for the link.

Visit the **CHURCH WEBSITE** <http://www.stjohnschurchblr.com/> for the pew slip, announcements and **Pulse** newsletters.

NEW CHURCH EMAIL IDS

For better co-ordination and to streamline mails, St. John's Church has three new email ids, in addition to the existing email id sjchurchblr@gmail.com

- presbyter@stjohnschurchblr.com – for your pastoral needs (membership, baptism, marriage, burials, prayer meetings, counseling requests, etc.)
- accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com – for matters relating to accounts
- churchoffice@stjohnschurchblr.com -- official requests and correspondence of wings and sub-committees

Confirmation Service – will be held on Sunday the 13th June, 2021. Confirmation classes begins from today (Sunday 7th March 2021) at 10.30 am in the parish Hall. Attendance to the Church service and classes are compulsory.

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, and Mr. Winston Gonzago.

Offertory: Rs. 40,030.00

The Chart of Requirements for Stephen’s Home for March to June 2021-03-05 is displayed at the entrance of the church/website.

Appreciate your support. How you can help

- You can email churchoffice@stjohnschurchblr.com the items you would like to donate.
- You can do an online payment through NEFT or GooglePay using the account details mentioned below, and we can buy the items.
- Email the transaction details to accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com
- Name of the Account CSITA St. John’s Church Stephen’s Home for the Aged
- Account number: 457702011005477, Name of the Bank: Union Bank of India.
- Branch: St. John’s High School, IFSC: UBIN0558923.

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The Online Payment Portal has been introduced for congregation members to pay their subscriptions and other offerings. Kindly use the link for easy payments. In case of clarification, please contact the church office for details.

LINK FOR THE ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL	Bank details
https://donate.stjohnschurchblr.com/ .	Name of the account: CSITA ST JOHN’S CHURCH
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- **Voters List:** Provisional voters list is displayed at the entrance of the church. Kindly intimate for additions and deletions in writing to the Presbyter-in-charge.

