



The Order of Service
True worship that Liberates
March 14, 2021

CELEBRANT : REV NAVIN KUMAR JOHN

PREACHER : REV.DR. JAYACHITRA LALITHA

Presbyter: Let us worship the Lord;

Presbyter: O Lord, open our lips:

Cong: **And our mouths shall sing forth your praise**

Presbyter: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Cong: **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

OPENING HYMN –

1. O worship the King, all glorious above,
And gratefully sing His wonderful love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour, and girded with praise.
2. O tell of His might, O sing of His grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy-space !
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is His path on the wings of the storm.
3. The earth with is store of wonders untold,
Almighty thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree
And round it hath cast like a mantle the sea.
4. Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air; it shines in the light,

- It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.
5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail:
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
6. O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above
Thy ransomed creation though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

ADORATION

Presbyter: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts; heaven and earth are full of your glory;
Glory be to you, O Lord most High.

Cong: **Blessed is he who has come, and is to come in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

Presbyter: Holy are you, O God

Cong: **Holy are you, O God**

Presbyter: Holy are you, O Almighty

Cong: **Holy are you, O Almighty**

Presbyter: Holy are you, O Immortal

Cong: **Holy are you, O Immortal**

Presbyter: O Lord, our redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us:

Cong: **O Lord, our redeemer, who was crucified for us, have mercy upon us**

Presbyter: O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us

Cong: **O Lord, Holy Spirit, have mercy upon us**

Presbyter: O Lord, accept our prayers and praises and have mercy upon us.

Cong: **O Lord, have compassion and mercy upon us.**

CONFESSION

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
I John 1: 8-9

I will get up and go to my Father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son". Luke 15:18-19

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1:15

For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

- **Presbyter:** Let us kneel and examine ourselves in silence: (after a few moment of silence)

Cong: Almighty and most merciful God; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things, which we should have done; and we have done those things, which we should not have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare them O God, who confess their faults. Restore them that are penitent according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake; that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous and just life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Presbyter: May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us pardon and remission for all our sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace **and** comfort of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 with a sign of reconciliation and peace.

Presbyter: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Cong: And also with you

(The peace shared through the gesture of Namaskara)

COLLECT: God of liberation, we thank You for sending Your own Son and our saviour Jesus Christ into this world for our redemption from all kinds of slavery and oppression. Empower us to participate in Your mission to challenge the dominant forces that enslave and exploit your people; commission and strengthen us to continue Your liberative mission to redeem the victims of greed and injustice. Enable us to experience the power of the Holy Spirit in and through our everyday worship as a sign of divine freedom and liberation, through Jesus Christ, who reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament: Exodus 3: 11-18

Epistle : Acts 16: 25-34

Gospel : Luke 13: 10-17

¹⁰ Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.

¹¹ And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself. ¹² When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you are freed from your disability."

¹³ And he laid his hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God.

¹⁴ But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people,

"There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."

¹⁵ Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it? ¹⁶ And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?" ¹⁷ As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.

ALLELUIA

CHORUS: Spirit of the Living God

MESSAGE:

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS :

Presbyter: The Lord be with you

Cong: And with your spirit

Presbyter: Lord have mercy upon us

Cong: Christ, have mercy upon us

Presbyter: Lord, have mercy upon us.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Presbyter: O Lord, Show your mercy upon us;

Cong: **And grant us your salvation**

Presbyter: Endow your ministries with righteousness;

Cong: **And make your chosen people joyful.**

Presbyter: O Lord, save your people;

Cong: **And give your blessing to your church.**

Presbyter: O Lord, be gracious to our country;

Cong: **And mercifully hear us when we call upon you.**

Presbyter: O Lord, guide our leaders;

Cong: **And give them wisdom from above.**

Presbyter: Give peace to the world, O Lord;

Cong: **And let your kingdom come on earth.**

Presbyter: O Lord, make us mindful of all in trouble and distress;

Cong: **And deliver those who are oppressed and marginalized.**

Presbyter: O God send your Holy Spirit upon us;

Cong: **And make clean our hearts within us.**

THE COLLECT FOR PEACE

Presbyter: O God, who is the author of peace and lover of concord, in whose knowledge our eternal life stands, whose service is perfect freedom: defend us your humble servants from all assaults of evil; that we surely trusting in your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST ALL PERILS

Presbyter: Lighten our darkness, we ask you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers; for the love of your only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

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

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

HYMN:

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain : I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.

3. All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know Thy power divine.

4. All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

Presbyter: 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.

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 who sin 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.

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

Unto God's gracious mercy and protection, we commit you. The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen**

CLOSING HYMN :

1. I know not why God's wondrous grace
To me He hath made known,
Nor why, unworthy, Christ in love
Redeemed me for His own.

Refrain : But “I know whom I have believed,
And am persuaded that He is able
To keep that which I’ve committed
Unto Him against that day.”

2. I know not how this saving faith
To me He did impart,
Nor how believing in His Word
Wrought peace within my heart.
3. I know not how the Spirit moves,
Convincing men of sin,
Revealing Jesus through the Word,
Creating faith in Him.
4. I know not when my Lord may come,
At night or noon-day fair,
Nor if I’ll walk the vale with Him,
Or “meet Him in the air.”

GOD BLESS YOU On Your Birthday...

- 14th Ms. Sharon Meneaud, Ms. Priya Williams, Ms. Vijaya Nagappa,
Ms. Johanna George, Ms. Diandra Gonzago.
- 15th Ms. Rosalind Meneaud, Ms. Revina Prabhu, Mas. Jerome Clifford,
Mr. Max Benedict, Ms. Sheela Charles, Ms. Shania Royala,
Ms. Abigail Benjamin, Ms. Sharon Rajan.
- 16th Mr. Minoo John, Mr. Daniel Dinakar, Ms. Gunashelly,
Mr. Samuel Ajith, Ms. Nancy Sylvia, Ms. Angelina Solomon,
Mas. Kevin Geoffrey, Ms. Roxanna Gurupatham.
- 17th Mr. Marcus Daniel, Mr. Jason Byford, Ms. Shirin Samuel,
Mr. Moshinath Justus, Ms. Martha Kingston, Ms. Maria Rajkumar,
Ms. Abigail Arnold, Ms. Vidhyavathi Charles, Mas. Andri Gabriel,
Ms. Anna Elisha.
- 18th Mr. David Paranjothy, Mr. Premkumar Issac, Ms. Benita Eapen,
Mr. Vincent Rajkumar, Ms. Ruth Christopher.
- 19th Ms. Elizabeth David, Ms. Carsheela Williams, Ms. Raji Thomas,
Mr. Gibin Varghese, Ms. Jemima Edwin. Mr. Ruban Richard,
Ms. Sangeetha Samuel.
- 20th Dr. Julian Sundersingh, Ms. Sussanna Anandan,
Ms. Sheila Thomas, Mas. Kemuel Andersen, Ms. Ashwini Samraj,
Mr. Anuj Kuruvilla, Mas. Lucca Yates.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 18th Mr. & Mrs. David Paranjothy
- 19th Mr. & Mrs. Jaikumar Bhoopal

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: 17-3-21 – 6.30 pm Theme: “Cross: Remembering the suffering God”

**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 today **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. 28,320.00

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

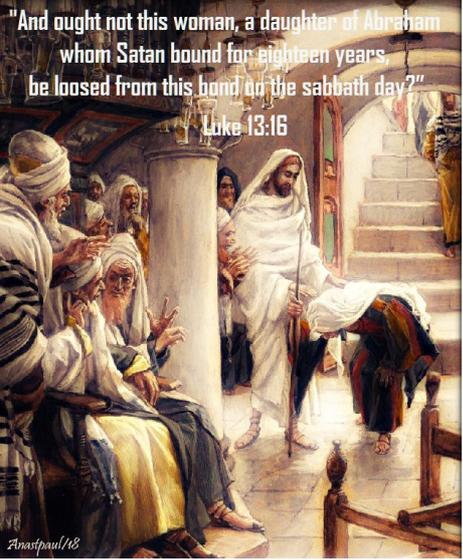
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- Name of the Account CSITA St. John's Church Stephen's Home for the Aged
- Account number: 457702011005477, Name of the Bank: Union Bank of India.
- Branch: St. John's High School, IFSC: UBIN0558923.

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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



*The whole human race, like this woman,
was bent over and bowed down to the ground.*

*...Quite unjustly, they criticised Him for straightening her u
Who were these, except people bent over themselves?
Since they quite failed to understand the very things
God had commanded, they regarded them
with earthbound hearts.
They used to celebrate the sacrament of the sabbath
in a literal, material manner
and did not notice its spiritual meaning.*