



**The Order of Service**

Women Partners in God's Liberative Act  
September 26, 2021

**CELEBRANT: REV. NAVIN KUMAR JOHN**

**PREACHER : REV. DR. BETHEL KRUPA VICTOR**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP :**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader :** God has gathered us into a community of care and worship.

**Cong :** **Let us worship God with praise, love and thanksgiving**

**Leader :** Let all God's children rejoice in their king.

**Cong :** **We rejoice in our God! We give glory to God's holy name.**

**Leader :** All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord.

**Cong :** **All the families of the nations shall worship before the Lord.  
For dominion belongs to the Lord, who rules over the nations,  
and provides for us all.**

**Leader:** Let us praise and worship God for our Christian heritage.

**Cong :** **We gather to lift our praise to the God who gives us the  
breath of life.**

**OPENING HYMN:**

1. Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,  
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt !  
Yonder on Calvary's mount out-poured,  
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

**Refrain :** Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within,  
Grace, grace, God's grace,  
Grace that is greater than all our sin !

2. Sin and despair, like the sea-waves cold,  
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;

Grace that is greater — yes, grace untold,  
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

3. Dark is the stain that we cannot hide—  
What can avail to wash it away?  
Look ! there is flowing a crimson tide,  
Whiter than snow you may be today.
4. Marvellous, infinite, matchless grace,  
Freely bestowed on all who believe !  
You that are longing to see His face,  
Will you this moment His grace receive?

### **PRAISE AND ADORATION**

**Leader :** Immortal God we praise you for you have created male and female equal, and taught us to respect one another's differences and to listen to each other, just as you have set us an example of teaching men and women, healing and performing miracles on both men and women. You loved your creation and still protect your children and enable them to walk in your ways that make this world a place free from the fears to live in.

**Cong :** **We praise you, Immortal God.**

**Leader:** Creator God we praise you for this blessed community of women created in the image of God, called to be Jesus' disciples, and empowered by the Holy Spirit. You strengthen our faith, affirm our gifts, calling us to engage in ministry and action, looking ever to you for spiritual sustenance.

**Cong:** **We glorify your name, Creator God.**

**Leader :** Mighty God, we sing praises to you for the amazing gifts of the Spirit which we have been equipped with for service and leadership, gifts of peacemaking, compassion, perseverance, unity and love.

**Cong:** **We praise your name, Mighty God.**

**Leader :** Invisible God of the universe we praise you for your design that all should dwell in unity and as we strive for harmony in this vast planet we live in, we are reminded of our role on this earth to use the life you have given us

**Cong:** **We praise and adore you, Invisible God.**

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION (All kneel)**

(After a brief silence the following hymn to be sung prayerfully)

Take my life and let it be consecrated Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

**Leader :** Almighty God, we confess that we often forget that we are yours. We carry our own burdens and try to do our own will. We fail to witness to your glory... for these things we ask your forgiveness.

**Cong: Forgive us, Merciful God**

**Leader:** Holy God, we enter your presence confessing the things we try to conceal from you. Heal us from our sins and rebuke us not in thy anger, even when we stray away from you.

**Cong. : Forgive us, Holy God**

**Leader:** Loving God of grace and compassion, we confess our hardness of heart and unforgiving spirit and the lovelessness that we display to our fellow beings.

**Cong: Forgive us, Loving God**

**Leader:** Merciful God, forgive our moments of ingratitude, spiritual blindness that prevents us from appreciating the wonder that is in the world.

**Cong. : Forgive us, Redeemer God**

**Leader:** Great God, we have often forgotten to minister to the needy in their times of need. We have been self-centred and failed to be concerned about the less fortunate.

#### **ABSOLUTION**

**Presbyter:** May the God of all healing and forgiveness draw us to Him, and cleanse us from all our sins that we may behold the glory of His Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord, who sent His Son into the world, to bring us His pardon and Peace now and forever. **Amen.**

**PEACE:** All stand

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, Liberator of all kinds of bondages, we thank You for calling women and men to be partners with You to liberate people from the bondage of slavery and sin. We pray now O God to look upon Your church so that women and men together commit themselves to be used by You as Your partners to bring peace and reconciliation everywhere. Through Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with You in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT** : Exodus 01: 15-22

**EPISTLE** : Romans 16: 01-16

**SPECIAL SONG** : **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

**GOSPEL** : Mark 15: 37-41

#### **HYMN:**

1. More love to Thee, O Christ,  
More love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make  
On bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea:

**Refrain** : More love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee !

2. Once earthly joy I craved,  
Sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek,  
Give what is best;  
This all my prayer shall be:

3. Then shall my latest breath  
Whisper Thy praise;  
This be the parting cry  
My heart shall raise;  
This still its prayer shall be:

#### **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 : Banns**

**REPORT OF WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP :**

### **INTERCESSORY PRAYER:**

**Leader :** God of the universe, the creator of humanity help us to continue your mind of showing love to our neighbour to preserve the beautiful creation and to respect ecology around us.

**Cong : Lord hear our prayer**

**Leader :** We pray for peace among nations, that all people may dwell in peaceable habitation and fulfil the purpose of their creation.

**Cong : Lord hear our prayer**

**Leader :** We pray for those who have lost their loved ones in the pandemic due to Covid-19 and their families to be strengthened.

**Cong : Lord hear our prayer**

**Leader :** We pray for those who are afflicted with pain, the sick and suffering for the depressed and lonely, the unloved and persecuted, the unemployed, and we ask you to cover them with the compassion of Christ.

**Cong : Lord in your mercy hear our prayer.**

### **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. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine !  
O what a foretaste of glory divine !  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.

**Refrain :** This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.

2. Perfect submission, Perfect delight !  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;

Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

3. Perfect submission all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

**Conclusion: 'Praise to Thy eternal merit Father, Son, and Holy Spirit'. Amen.**

**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.**

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT (ANAPHORA) BCW, pg. 207

**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.**

**Words of Institution**

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

**Bless, O Lord.**

He gave thanks (blessed+ sanctified) 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.

**Amen.**

In the same way, he took the cup.

**Bless, O Lord**

He gave thanks (blessed + sanctified) and gave it to his disciples saying: Drink this all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant for you and for many (for the forgiveness of sins). Do this in remembrance of me. **Amen.**

ANAMNESIS (Memorial of Christ's death and resurrection)

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, we await his coming. May God's blessings be upon us all.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ has risen.**

**Christ will come again. Amen. Hallelujah.**

EPICLESIS (invocation of the Holy Spirit)

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

**Lord have mercy (*thrice*)**

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

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

**All: Accept this our offering of praise and thanksgiving; make us one body 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.**

**Lord's Prayer: 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. Take the name of Jesus with You,  
Child of sorrow and of woe;  
It will joy and comfort give you,  
Take it, then, where'er you go.

**Refrain :** Precious name, O how sweet  
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n;  
Precious name O how sweet!  
Hope of earth and joy of heav'n

2. Take the name of Jesus ever,  
As a shield from every snare;  
If temptations 'round you gather,  
Breathe that holy name in prayer.
3. O the precious name of Jesus !

How it thrills our souls with joy,  
When His loving arms receive us,  
And His songs our tongues employ.

4. At the name of Jesus bowing,  
Falling prostrate at His feet,  
King of kings in heav'n we'll crown Him,  
When our journey is complete.

**Presbyter:** The Lord be with you  
**Cong:** And also, with you.

Presbyter: Let us depart in peace  
**Cong:** In the name of the father. Amen



#### **GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY...**

- 26<sup>th</sup> Ms. Molly Thomas, Ms. Karen Martin, Mr. Abhiroop Bangara, Mr. Christopher Froude.  
27<sup>th</sup> Ms. Binutha Nelson, Ms. Bimla Phillips, Ms. Neelima Phillips, Ms. Nicola Reid,  
Mr. Nitin Advani, Ms. Jessica Jeeyar.  
28<sup>th</sup> Mr. Samuel Samson, Mr. Anoop Daniel, Mr. Manohar Devadoss, Ms. Margaret,  
Ms. Evangeline Selwyn, Ms. K. Prabhukumari, Mas. Alfie Franklin,  
Rev. Satyanandam Paul.  
29<sup>th</sup> 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, Ms. Jessica Sushanth.  
30<sup>th</sup> Mr. John Rajendra, Mr. Andrew Meneaud, Ms. Sonia Mcdonald, Ms. Nitida Anbudaiyan.  
1<sup>st</sup> 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.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Ms. Susie John, Mr. Ajay Pole, Mr. Cedric D'Costa, Ms. Starina Pacheco,  
Mr. Sashank Samuel, Mr. Edwin Mohandas, Ms. Melissa Sam, Ms. Poonam Satish,  
Ms. Shreeja Maran.

#### **... And Your Wedding Anniversary**

- 27<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Emmanuel Benjamin  
1<sup>st</sup> Cmde. & Mrs. Asirvatham, Mr. & Mrs. Ranjit Norman  
Mr. & Mrs. David Isaac Christopher  
2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Satish Arnold, Mr & Mrs. Raja Prabhu,  
Rev & Mrs. Navin Kumar John.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**WELCOME:** We welcome all the members of St. John's Church and families, worshipping with us in the church as well as those participating from your homes.

**EVERY SUNDAY, REGULAR SERVICE AT 9.00 AM AND 6.00 PM.** Screening of members, who are attending the service, begins at 8.30 am and 5.30 pm respectively.

**Men's Fellowship:** 26.09.21 – will be held today at 10.15 am in the Parish Hall.



- \* Kindly continue to pray for the ongoing restoration of the Church building.
- \* Kindly contact the Church office for all official matters / clarifications / verification relating to the administration of the Church.
- \* Kindly contact the Presbyter-in-charge, Rev. Navin K John for all Pastoral requirements.
- \* Kindly remit your tithes/offerings/subscriptions/medical fund/ education fund, through the online payment portal by using the following links:

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| <a href="https://donate.stjohnschurchblr.com/">https://donate.stjohnschurchblr.com/</a> .   | Name of the account: CSITA ST JOHN'S CHURCH   |
| Once the remittance is done, please mail the transaction details to <a href="mailto:accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com">accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com</a> (Attn: Hannah), and mention the purpose of your contribution | Account Number: 457702011005149<br>Name of Bank: Union Bank of India<br>Branch: St. John's High School<br>IFSC: UBIN0558923 |

- For any Verification/ clarification, please contact the church office accounts department for the details.

**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.

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 either through the bank or the online portal.

#### **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](mailto:sjchurchblr@gmail.com)

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

**Obituary:** Mr. Richard Charles Fowler – 69 years passed away on 23.9.2021.  
Kindly remember the bereaved family in your prayers.

**PRAY FOR** Mr. Joshua O'Kelly, Ms. Letitia Luther, Mr. John Luther, Ms. Joan Kishander, Mrs. Nalini Christudoss, Mrs. Geraldine Lincoln, Mrs. Sarojini Williams, Mrs. Violet Salins, Mr. Samuel Jesudas and Mr. Winston Gonzago.

| Offertory 18.09.2021 to 24.09.2021 |          |
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| Subscription                       | 1,63,100 |
| Offertory                          | 36,120   |
| Donation Projects                  | 6,100    |
| Anniversary                        | 2,000    |
| Poor Fund                          | 600      |
| Medical                            | 400      |
| Education                          | 200      |
| Total                              | 2,08,520 |

