



REFORMATION DAY

The Order of Service
Church: Reformed and Reforming
October 24, 2021

CELEBRANT & PREACHER: REV. NAVIN KUMAR JOHN

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. A mighty fortress is our God,
A bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid the flood
Of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
Doth seek to work us woe
His craft and pow'r are great,
And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.
2. Did we in our own strength confide,
Our striving would be losing,
Were not the right man on our side,
The man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He

Lord Sabaoth His name,
From age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

3. And though this world, with devils filled,
Should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
Let goods and kindred go
This mortal life also —
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still;
His kingdom is forever.

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

Confessional Prayer

All: Almighty and most merciful God; we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have been blinded by our own selfish ways and we failed to see your divine purpose. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts; we have strayed away from your presence and sought the way of the world. We have offended against your holy laws; we have failed to keep the covenant. 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. Help us to recognise your presence in our lives and by your word cleanse us. 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 justice, who has compassion over all You have created, we thank You for the wisdom You have granted to our fore parents to re-discover the path to salvation and true Christian witness. We beseech You, O God, to challenge our short sightedness and misconceptions of Your saving grace and transform us to become reformed agents of love and peace in this world, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament : Deuteronomy 26: 04-11

Epistle : Acts 02: 43-47

Gospel : Matthew 13: 33-35

ALLELUIA

HYMN :

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down;
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion,
Pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation,
Enter ev'ry trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit
Into ev'ry troubled breast !
Let us all in Thee inherit,
Let us find that promised rest.
Take away our bent to sinning,
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its beginning,
Set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return, and never,
Never-more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

4. Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation
Perfectly restored in Thee.
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise !

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: Banns

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. My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain : On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
All other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.

2. When darkness hides His lovely face,
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil.
3. His oath, His covenant, His blood,
Support me in the 'whelming flood;
When all around my soul gives way,
He then is all my hope and stay.
4. When He shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in Him be found,
Clothed in His righteousness alone,
Faultless to stand before the throne

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 I 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. When we walk with the Lord
In the light of His word,
What a glory He sheds on our way,
While we do His good will,
He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.

Refrain : Trust and obey, for there's no other way,
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

2. Not a burden we bear,
Not a sorrow we share,
But our toil He doth richly repay;

Not a grief or a loss,
Not a frown or a cross,
But is blest if we trust and obey.

3. But we never can prove
The delights of His love
Until all on the altar we lay;
For the favour He shows
And the joy He bestows
Are for them who will trust and obey.

4. Then in fellowship sweet
We will sit at His feet,
Or we'll walk by; His side in the way;
What He says we will do,
Where he sends we will go;
Never fear, only trust and obey.

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**

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GOD BLESS YOU On Your Birthday...

- 24th Ms. Nadia Henry, Ms. Nikita Henry, Mas. Aaron Augustine,
Ms. Renita Edwin, Ms. Ninette Livingstone, Mr. Santosh Ebenezer.
- 25th Ms. Shanthy Cariappa, Ms. Elsie Vaseekaran, Ms. Jisha Peters, Ms. Joyce James.
Ms. Anshuka Charles, Mr. Selvam Jaganathan, Ms. Abigail Norman,
Ms. Kiara Kingston, Ms. Leanne Reay.
- 26th Ms. Sharon Gonzago, Mas. Nikhil Arun, Ms. Fenella Yates, Ms. Nalini Rajendra,
Ms. Jemimah Rajan, Ms. Keziah Rajan, Ms. Darshana Karian.
- 27th Ms. Ann Bentley, Rev. David Selvaraj, Ms. Marietta Manuel,
Ms. Ranjini Kailath, Mas. Elden Samuel.
- 28th Mr. Prasad Sundaram, Mr. Gideon Benjamin, Mas. Allwin Andrew,
Ms. Abigail Charis.
- 29th Ms. Roslyn George, Ms. Annie Paul, Mr. David Salagundla, Mrs. Annie Paul,
Ms Priyanka Praveen, Ms. Christy Durai.

30th Ms. Geetha Joshua, Mas. Mark Patrick, Ms. Felicia Simson, Ms. Rachel Mammen, Ms. Mary Orlando.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

24th Mr.& Mrs. Stanley Edward Paul, Mr. & Mrs. Sean Lincoln
25th Brig. & Mrs. P I Abraham
27th Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Kumar
29th Mr. & Mrs. Ruban Jesudass
30th Mr. & Mrs. S. Balakrishnan

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ANNOUNCEMENT

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.

Confirmation service: will be held today 24th October 2021 at 4.00 pm.
The confirmation candidates are requested to be present at 3.30 pm.

There will be no evening service today.

Harvest Thanksgiving service: will be held on **31st October 2021** at the 9.00 am service. Sale Counters will be held at the Basketball court between 10.00 am – 2.00 pm. Further details kindly get in touch with the Rev. Navin K. John- Presbyter in charge – **Ph. 9886942735.**

- * 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:

LINK FOR THE ONLINE PAYMENT PORTAL	Bank details
https://donate.stjohnschurchblr.com/ .	Name of the account: CSITA ST JOHN’S CHURCH

Once the remittance is done, please mail the transaction details to accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com (Attn: Hannah), and mention the purpose of your contribution

Account Number: 457702011005149
Name of Bank: Union Bank of India
Branch: St. John's High School
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.

Education Scholarship Fund: Contribution towards the Church scholarship fund is requested.

Applications are invited: For Church Scholarship & Barbara Hereford Scholarship for Higher education. Please collect the application from the Church Office. Last date to submit the application -27th October 2021.

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

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

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 Mr. Winston Gonzago Mrs. Eunice Leonhard and Mr. Vinod David.

Offertory 16.10.2021 to 22.10.2021	
Subscription	44,700
Offertory	28,000
Church Restoration	5,000
Medical	4,500
Donation Projects	4,300
Total	86,500