



The Order of Service for Choral Holy Communion

2nd Sunday in Advent

Word of God: Inspired to Inspire

Bible Sunday

December 5, 2021

CELEBRANT: Rev. Navin K John

PREACHER : Rev. Dr. Along Jamir – Director of translation-BSI

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. On Jordan's bank the Baptists' cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh
Awake, and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of Kings.
2. Then cleansed be every breast from sin
Make straight the way for God within
Prepare we in our hearts a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.
3. For thou art our salvation, Lord
Our refuge, and our great reward
Without Thy grace we waste away
Like flowers that wither and decay.
4. To heal the sick stretch out Thine hand
And bid the fallen sinner stand
Shine forth, and let Thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.
5. All praise, eternal Son, to Thee
Whose advent doth Thy people free

Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Ghost for evermore.

Let us pray

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy 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 acceptance, 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*

Absolution

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: Almighty God, the source of life and our being, we offer our praises and thanks for the 'Word incarnate', Jesus Christ. You spoke to your people in the past with our ancestors, the prophets and finally in the end times; You spoke to us through our Son. Your word, has the power to create and bring about order in cosmos. Creator God, we beseech You to break, and re-mould our hearts so that being inspired by Your word we may inspire others, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever more. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE OF PEACE

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Bethlehem Candle or the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, the Messiah and "the Prince of Peace" and the Word became Flesh and dwelt among us. We light the Candle of Peace to remind us that Jesus is the Prince of Peace and that through him peace is found.

All: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, give peace in our hearts. We ask that we will experience Emmanuel God. Prepare our hearts to receive you, to hear your word, and to do your will by sharing your peace with each other. We ask it in the name of the one who was born in Bethlehem. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

Old Testament	: 1 Kings	19: 01-21
Epistle	: Revelation	10: 01-11

Gospel

: Luke

01: 39-45

Here ends the Gospel Reading

Congregation: Praise be to thee, O Christ.

ALLELUIA

CHORUS: Spirit of the Living God

HYMN:

1. What Child is this, who, laid to rest,
On Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
While shepherds watch are keeping?

Refrain : This, this is Christ the King,
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
This, this is Christ the King,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

2. Why lies He in such mean estate
Where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear for sinners here
The silent Word is pleading.

3. So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh
Come, peasant, king, to own Him;
The King of kings salvation brings,
Let loving hearts enthrone Him.

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, let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of God's Holy Churches and for the union of all, Let us pray to the Lord

Congregation : Lord have mercy.

Presbyter : For our Bishops and all other ministers, specially our Bishop and the Moderator of the Church of North India and 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, 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 show forth the excellencies of Him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light, let us pray to the Lord;

Congregation : Lord have mercy.

Presbyter : That, with all his servants who have served him here and are now at rest, we may enter into the fullness of his unending joy, Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation : Lord have mercy.

Let us pray:

Presbyter: Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, who knows 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:

1. Thou didst leave Thy throne and Thy Kingly crown,
When Thou camest to earth for me,
But in Bethlehem 's home there was found no room
For Thy Holy nativity
O come to my heart Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.
2. Heaven's arches rang when the angels sang,
Proclaiming Thy royal degree;
But in lowly birth Thou didst come to earth,
And in great humility.
O come to my heart Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.
3. The foxes found rest and the birds their nest
In the shade of the forest tree;
But Thy couch was the sod, O Thou Son of God,
In the desert of Galilee.
O come to my heart Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.
4. Thou camest O Lord, with the living word
That should set Thy people free;
But with mocking scorn and with crown of thorn,
They bore Thee to Calvary.
O come to my heart Lord Jesus;
There is room in my heart for Thee.
5. When the heavens shall ring and the angels sing
At Thy coming to victory,
Let Thy voice call me home, saying,
"Yet there is room, there is room at my side for Thee"
My heart shall rejoice, Lord Jesus;
When Thou comest and callest for me.

Presbyter: Holy 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 with thy spirit**

Presbyter: Lift up your hearts.

Cong: **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Presbyter: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

Cong: **It is meet and right so to do .**

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 thy glory.

Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

**Blessed is he that hath 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, 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. Thy death O lord we commemorate, The resurrection we confess, and thy coming we await. Glory be to thee, 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 thee, we praise the, we glorify thee, 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. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev'ry heart prepare Him room,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and nature sing,
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.

2. Joy to the earth! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. No more let sins and sorrows grow,
Nor thorns infest the ground;
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.

4. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove;
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,

And wonders, wonders of His love.

GOD BLESS YOU

On Your Birthday...

- 5th Ms. Kamini Williams, Ms. Rita Simha, Ms. Noelene Chirayath,
Ms. Chrusanthe Marcar.
- 6th Ms. Isabella Parwani, Mr. Dhanaraj Benjamin, Mr. Prem Selwyn,
Mr. Manohar Mason, Mr. Vasanth Davis, Mr. Gabriel Kumar,
Ms. Reema Nelson, Ms. R. Mary, Mr. K. Babu.
- 7th Mr. Gavin D'Mello, Mr. Ravikumar Solomon, Mr. Sudip Thomas,
Mr. Josiah Leslie, Mas. Arnold Collins, Ms. Edwina Pacheco.
- 8th Ms. Sheeba David, Mas. Winston Jude, Ms. Cressida Wesley,
Mr. Noel Mannas.
- 9th Ms. Jane Ajith, Dr. Ebenezer Athistam, Mr. Naveen Arul,
Mr. Vijayaanand Nelson, Ms. Jean Samuel, Ms. Mercy Angel,
Mr. Christopher Satish, Mr. David Christopher,
Mas. Jayden O'Kelly, Mas. Abraham Johnson.
- 10th Ms. Joya Franklin, Mr. Andrews Joseph, Ms. Ingrid Yates,
Mr. George Korula, Ms. Laureen Paul, Ms. Tushara Paul,
Mr. George Hall, Mr. Biju Karian.
- 11th Mr. Christopher Shekeran, Mr. Jacob Sunil, Mr. Daniel Devadas,
Mr. Corey Marshall, Ms. Avril Stephen, Ms. Coralie D'Rozario,
Ms. Shamli James.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 5th Mr. & Mrs. Vivek Kuruvila, Mr. & Mrs. David William Shaw
- 6th Mr. & Mrs. Alphonse, Mr. & Mrs. David Diraviam,
Mr. & Mrs. Ravindra Vamane.
- 7th Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Kingston
- 10th Capt. & Mrs. Premkumar Dawson, Mr. & Mrs. Selvam Jaganathan ,
Mr. & Mrs. Devanand Neralla.
- 11th Mr. & Mrs. Amol Pole,

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.

* 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. – **Ph. 9886942735**

* 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.

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- 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, Ms. Lilly Edward, Ms. Margaret Chinoy.

The St. John's Church Calendar - 2022: The calendars are available for sale @**Rs.100/-** each. The proceeds will be utilised towards the restoration of the church.

Offertory 27.11.2021 to 03.12.2021	
Subscription	85,850
Offertory	57,650
Donation Projects	700
Poor Fund	300
Harvest	300
Total	1,44,800

St. John's High School: The application forms are available on line at the school website www.stjohnshighedu.com between 10th to 20th December 2021.

