



The Order of
4TH Sunday in
Maranatha– O

Service
Advent
Lord come

December 19, 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. Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply
Echoing their joyous strains.

Refrain : Gloria in excelsis Deo ! Gloria in excelsis Deo !

2. Shepherds why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspire your heav'nly song?

3. Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing;
Come, adore on bended knee
Christ the Lord, the new born King.

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**

Pesbyter: 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 compassion, who promised us Your coming in glory to judge the living and the dead, help us to recognize Your voice among us; animate within us the grace that You have given to us from Your fullness; fill us with Your truth, and instil Your hope in us so that we may stand firm in our faith, do everything in love and await Your coming vigilantly. This we ask in the name of our Lord Jesus, in whom the word became human and dwelt among us and promised to come again in glory to reign with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE of JOY

Today we light the Fourth Candle of Advent, the Candle of Joy. The coming of the Lord fills us with Joy. Like Mary we rejoice at the coming of the Lord to save his people. The Lord comes with healing in his wings to restore and rebuild his people. As we light this candle we celebrate the joy we find in Jesus Christ.

All: Thank you God for the joy you give us. We ask that you will fill us with the joy of your salvation; that we will be animated by your spirit to inspire and encourage others. Help us to do your will by sharing our joy with each other. Amen.

BIBLE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT:	Deuteronomy	18: 15-22
EPISTLE:	I Corinthians	16: 13-24
GOSPEL:	John	01: 01-14

ALLELUIA

HYMN Go Tell it on the mountain

Refrain : Go tell it on the mountain,
Over the hills and ev'ry where;
Go tell it on the mountain
That Jesus Christ is born.

1. While shepherds kept their watching
O'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens

There shone a holy light.
2. The shepherd feared and trembled
When, lo! above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus
That hailed our Saviour's birth.

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: "The First Noel..."

1. The first Noel, the angel did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain : Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.

2. They looked up and saw a star
Shining in the east beyond them far;
And to the earth it gave great light
And so it continued both day and night.

3. And by the light of that same star
Three wise men came from country far;
To seek for a King was their intent

And to follow the star wherever it went.

4. This star drew nigh to the north-west
O'er Bethlehem it took its rest;
And there it did both stop and stay
Right over the place where Jesus lay.

5. Then entered in those wise men three
Full rev'rently upon their knee,
And offered there in His presence
Their gold and myrrh and frank-incense.

6. Then let us all with one accord
Sing praises to our heav'nly Lord,
That hath made heav'n and earth of naught
And with His blood mankind hath bought.

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)

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. Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Give ye heed to what we say:
News ! news ! Jesus Christ is born today !
Ox and ass before Him bow
And He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today !
Christ is born today !

2. Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Joy ! joy ! Jesus Christ was born for this !
He has opened heaven's door,
And man is blessed evermore:
Christ was born for this !
Christ was born for this !

3. Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice;
Now ye need not fear the grave:
Peace ! peace ! Jesus Christ was born to save !
Calls you one and calls you all
To gain His everlasting hall:
Christ was born to save !
Christ was born to save !

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...

19th Ms. Vijaya Pole.
20th Mr. Tony George.

- 21st Mr. David Qadri, Ms. Susana Verghese, Ms. Melonnie Manoahar, Mas. Nitin R, Ms. Arpita Persis, Mr. Jayaraj, Ms. Anju Alexander, Mas. Cainaw Marcar.
- 22nd Mr. Naveen Ravikumar, Ms. Rochelle Allan, Ms. Dores Daniel, Ms. Chloe Chandrashekar, Mas. Ian Janveja, Mas. Kevin Clifford, Mas. Joel Abhishek, Mr. Manoj Kumar.
- 23rd Ms. Constance Smith, Ms. Girija John, Ms. Marykutty George, Dr. Mrs. Gita Muliyl, Mr. Mark Nayar.
- 24th Mas. Aaron Manuel, Ms. Vasanthi Chittaranjan, Mas. Shawn Samuel.
- 25th Ms. Ashna Phillips, Ms. Jessica Sarojam, Ms. Nisha Dennis, Mr. Christy Paul, Mas. John Joyel, Ms. Dora Symss. Mr. Rajeswar Rao.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 20th Rev. & Mrs. Ralph Manmohan Stanley, Mr. & Mrs. Nitin Manohar Advani
Mr. & Mrs. Cyril David, Mr & Mrs. Nelson Eagan,
Mr. & Mrs. Vinod Solomon
- 21st Mr. & Mrs. Arun Nelson, Mr & Mrs. Sandeep Bangara
Mr. & Mrs. Beryl Timothy, Mr. & Mrs. Surendher Sundersingh
- 22nd Mr. & Mrs. Jayant Prabhaker.
- 23rd Mr. & Mrs. Peter Yorke.

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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.

CHURCH SERVICES:

- 19.12.2021 - 6.00 pm - Carols by Candle Light
- 24.12.2021 - 11.30 pm - Christmas Eve Service
- 25.12.2021 - 8.30 am - Christmas service
- 11.30 am - Service for Senior Citizen

- * 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 Presbyterian-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

<p>Once the remittance is done, please mail the transaction details to accounts@stjohnschurchblr.com (Attn: Hannah), and mention the purpose of your contribution</p>	<p>Account Number: 457702011005149 Name of Bank: Union Bank of India Branch: St. John's High School IFSC: UBIN0558923</p>
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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, 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.

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.



Lord God, may we your people, who look forward to the
birthday of Christ experience the joy of salvation
and celebrate that feast with love and thanksgiving.
We ask this through Christ Our Lord. Amen