



The Order of Service for Holy Matins
1st Sunday after Christmas
Family as Healing Space
December 26, 2021

LEADER & PREACHER: REV NAVIN K JOHN

CALL TO WORSHIP AND OPENING PRAYER

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. Hail to the Lord's Anointed,
Great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
His reign on earth begun!
He comes to break oppression,
To set the captive free,
To take away transgression,
And rule in equity.
2. He comes with succour speedy
To those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy,
And bid the weak be strong;
To give them songs for sighing,
Their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying,
Were precious in His sight
3. He shall come down like showers
Upon the fruitful earth,
And love, joy, hope, like flowers,
Spring in His path to birth:
Before Him on the mountains
Shall peace, the herald, go;
And righteousness in fountains
From hill to valley flow.
4. Kings shall bow down before Him,
And gold and incense bring;
All nations shall adore Him,
His praise all people sing:
To Him shall prayer unceasing
And daily vows ascend;
His kingdom still increasing,
A kingdom without end.

PRAISE

Presbyter: Let us worship God.

Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.

Congregation: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Presbyter: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

Congregation: For He is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to His voice

Presbyter: Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place?

Congregation: Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.

Presbyter: To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by not following His laws, which He set before us by His servants the prophets.

Congregation: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Presbyter: Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest".

Congregation: I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you".

All: Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable to you, O Lord, my rock, and my redeemer.

CONFESSION

Presbyter: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. He will not always accuse, nor will he keep his anger forever. He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as the heavens are high above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far, he removes our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion for his children, so the Lord has compassion for those who fear Him.

Let us confess our sins in silence (after a moment of silence)

All: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation and sustain in me a willing spirit. 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.

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.

BIBLE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT:	GENESIS	33: 01-11
EPISTLE:	EPHESIANS	06: 01-09
GOSPEL:	LUKE	15: 11-24

ALLELUIA

HYMN

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded,
For with blessing in His hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
Our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
As of old on earth He stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture—
In the Body and the Blood—
He will give to all the faithful
His own self for heavenly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
Spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of Light descendeth
From the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish
As the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraphs,
Cherubim with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the Presence,
As with ceaseless voice they cry,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia ! Lord most high.

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.

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Presbyter: For the peace that is from above and for the salvation of our souls, for God's guidance, for God's grace, strength, and courage. 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, for the union of all, for God's grace upon all countries of the world who are suffering and fighting the corona virus, for the welfare of all people in all communities and societies, and for the welfare of all those who work in the medical department, for all the paramedical people who serve the sick and suffering. Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For our Bishops and all ministers, especially our Moderator of the CHURCH of SOUTH INDIA, our Bishop Rt. Rev. Dr. P.K. Samuel, the Moderator of the Church of North India, The Metropolitan of the Marthoma Church, that with a 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 the Republic of India, for our Prime Minister, for the Governor of our State, for our Chief Minister and all those who serve in the government, especially for all those who are involved in containing the corona pandemic, for all those who serve in the government. Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For the sick, the suffering, sorrowful and dying. Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For the poor, the hungry, orphans, widows, the daily labourers, them that suffer persecution. Let us pray to the Lord.

Congregation: Lord have mercy.

Presbyter: For those who are in their homes, for all those who work, children who are struggling with their academics, elders, especially who are home-bound, and all those who struggle to go on in life, that we may continue to show forth the excellencies of God who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light, who gave us grace and hope to go on in our lives. 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

OFFERTORY HYMN:

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

PRAYER

OUR LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who 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.

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

GOD BLESS YOU ON YOUR BIRTHDAY...

26th Dr. Colin John, Mr. Ashwin Paul, Mr. Peter Yates,
Mr. Sundaresan Gunarathnam, Ms. Miriam Davis, Ms. Christiana Elisha.

- 27th Ms. Shanthi Chacko, Ms. Ana Priyadarshini, Mr. Dallas Daniells,
Ms. Deziree Paranjothy, Ms. Dawn Taylor.
- 28th Mr. Mark Garnet, Ms. Geetha Devakumar, Ms. Kiara Prince.
- 29th Ms. Joan Mckenzie, Mr. Israel M, Mr. Mervyn Solomon,
Ms. Sarah Kumar, Mr. Ajay Muliyl.
- 30th Ms. Sheiba Silas, Ms. Janet, Ms. Divya Jacob, Mr. Allen Benjamin,
Ms. Rita Anand.
- 31st Mr. John Mckenzie, Mr. M. Vincent, Ms. Charlotte Reay, Ms. Cherry Ojha.
- 1st Ms. Leelamma Eapen, Dr. Joshua Peter, Ms. Jyothi Reuben, Mas. Aarav Vamane,
Ms. Julia Devanandham.

... And Your Wedding Anniversary

- 26th Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Verghese , Mr. & Mrs. Sandeep Boggulu
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Francis, Mr. & Mrs. Brian Yates
Mr. & Mrs. Ephraim Selvaraj, Mr. & Mrs. Maxwell Rose
Mr. & Mrs. Mitra David Vergis, Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Chacko
Mr. & Mrs. Vikram Peter.
- 27th Mr. & Mrs. Vinoth Chandra Rai, Mr. & Mrs. P A Abraham
Mr. & Mrs. Jeffery D'Costa, Mr. & Mrs. John Mammen
Mr. & Mrs. George Korula, Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Moses,
Mr. & Mrs. Charles Nelson, Mr. & Mrs. K M Thomas,
Mr. & Mrs. John Samuel, Mr. & Mrs. Inbakumar Joshua G,
Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Williams.
- 28th Mr. & Mrs. Vijay Alphonse, Mr. & Mrs. Israel M
Mr. & Mrs. Gnanakkan Sarguna Durai
Mr. & Mrs. David Anilkumar, Mr. & Mrs. Ashish Phillips.
Mr. & Mrs. Sam Christopher, Mr. & Mrs. Jonathan Cleur,
Mr. & Mrs. Praveen Paul Thomas.
- 29th Mr. & Mrs. Neville Pacheco, Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Davidson
Mr. & Mrs. Sundaresan Gunarathnam, Mr. & Mrs. M C Silas
Mr. & Mrs. Lingson George, Mr. & Mrs. Shayne Manuel
Mr. & Mrs. Philip Pothan, Mr. & Mrs. J. Clarence Jerome
- 30th Mr. & Mrs. Sudarshan Raj , Mr. & Mrs. Augustine Peter
Mr. & Mrs. David Rajendra, Mr. & Mrs. Rajesh Madhu
Mr. & Mrs. Clement Williams, Mr. & Mrs. Premkumar Issac
Mr. & Mrs. Johnson P Thomas, Mr. & Mrs. Ricardo Ryan Gonzago
- 31st Mr. & Mrs. Anbu Samuel.

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.

CHURCH SERVICES:

- 26.12.2021 - 6.00 pm - Communion Service
31.12.2021 - 11.30 pm - Watch night Service
01.01.2022 - 8.30 am - New Year 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
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.

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, 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 utilized towards the restoration of the church.

Offertory 18.12.2021 to 23.12.2021	
Church Restoration	1,00,000
Subscription	78,400
Offertory	59,600
Donation Projects	11,610
Medical	1,500
Total	2,51,110