



ST. JOHN'S CHURCH
BANGALORE - 5



**"Anyone who believes in Christ
is a new creation.
The old is gone!
The new has come!"**

2 Corinthians 5:17 NIRV

**ORDER OF SERVICE
FOR
NEW YEAR EVE 2021 AND NEW YEAR 2022**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Presbyter: In the darkness, God's light shone and the world was born.

**All (singing): The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases,
His mercies never come to an end;
They are new every morning,
New every morning,
Great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
Great is Your faithfulness.**

Presbyter: Streaming down through the ages, the prophets witnessed God's love and hope to the world as God continually reached out to God's creation.

All (singing): "The steadfast love of the Lord..."

Presbyter: In the fullness of time God's wondrous light was given to us in the form of a young child that we should come to know God's tender loving care.

All (singing): "The steadfast love of the Lord..."

Presbyter: Now again, in the midst of darkness, we stand, eagerly and hopefully, looking into the new world to which God calls us.

All (singing): "The steadfast love of the Lord..."

PRAISE & ADORATION

Presbyter: Let us give thanks for the gift of life and for the presence of the Holy One among us. Let us worship God together.

All: He is our God we are the sheep of his pasture, the people of his care.

Presbyter: We have come to this worship in thanksgiving, celebration and hope.

We have come to thank God for all His blessings in the past year and to look forward in hope

All: He is our God, we are the sheep of His pasture, the people of His care.

Presbyter: Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and the earth, let us worship Him.

All: He is our God, We are the sheep of His pasture, the people of His care.

HYMN:

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the op'ning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home.

CONFESSIOAL PRAYERS (all kneeling)

Presbyter: This is a true and faithful saying that Christ Jesus came into this world to save sinners. For our Lord Himself says, the Son of Man is come not to be ministered, but to minister and give life a ransom for many. Then let us approach the mercy

seat of God with boldness in Jesus and pray for the forgiveness of our sins.

Presbyter: God, forgive our incompleteness: not growing in Christ, not expanding our knowledge of the Scriptures, not developing all our talents.

All: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

Presbyter: God, forgive our disinterest, our lack of concern and apathy to the needs around us, our blindness to hurts we could help to heal

All: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

Presbyter: God, forgive our dishonesty, in taking the easy way rather than the right way, in speaking in one manner while living another, silencing truth to preserve tranquility, settling for less instead of the best, loving tradition more than obeying your pioneering Spirit.

All: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

Presbyter: God, forgive our loudness, in talking when we should be listening, proclaiming when we should be studying, busying ourselves with new tasks when we should be finding a quiet place to rest.

All: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

Presbyter: God, forgive our silence, in feeling love and failing to whisper it, reeling with joy and not shouting hallelujah, knowing truth and forfeiting an opportunity to share it, sensing a need to share our faith and suppressing the impulse. God, please forgive us.

All: Lord in your mercy, forgive us.

Presbyter: At this moment when we come to you with broken and contrite hearts, remorseful and repentant, look down upon us in mercy, as Jesus did look with compassion on Peter when he denied his Lord, and in the same love forgive all our sins. In Jesus name, we pray.

All: Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Presbyter: We are forgiven and reconciled with God, let us be reconciled with one another. Lord have mercy upon us, and forgive us, that we may live close to you and be with you forever in eternity, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

THE PEACE IS EXCHANGED

COLLECT

New Year Eve Service

Everlasting God, who is the Creator and Sustainer of whole universe in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, though the year ends Your steadfast love that sustains, protects and guards will never abandon us; great is Your faithfulness. We praise You for Your helping hand in the times of trials, healing hand during the times of weakness and we are grateful to You for the promise of Your presence in the year to come. Grant us grace to live with You all the days of our life in the midst of every uncertainty until we join You in eternity; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You in unity with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

New Year's Day Service

Gracious and merciful God, we thank you for coming to us through your son Jesus Christ and accepting us as people of the New Covenant. Grant us grace that we will remain in your covenantal love throughout this year and be committed to do your will just as your Son has obeyed and set a model for us. We beseech you to instill a clean and right spirit that obeys you and serves you, through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

New Year Eve Service

OLD TESTAMENT	ISAIAH	01: 11-20
EPISTLE :	ACTS	16: 19-34
GOSPEL :	LUKE	19: 01-10

New Year's Day Service

OLD TESTAMENT	EXODUS	03: 01-14
EPISTLE	ACTS	16: 06-10
GOSPEL	JOHN	12: 20-32

HYMN: I Surrender all

1. All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.

Refrain : I surrender all, I surrender all.
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.

2. All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.
3. All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,

May I know Thy power divine.
4. All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.

MESSAGE

WORDS OF ASSURANCES FOR THE NEW YEAR (*to be omitted in the new year eve service*)

Presbyter: Dear people of God, we have experienced the love and care of our Ebenezer God during the year that is just ended. We are fully aware that He is our Emmanuel. God who will accompany us into the unknown tomorrow. May we then raise our voices in thanksgiving to praise our God for the New Year and the promise he gives to us.

Praise be to you, Lord God the Almighty (**El - Shaddai**), you revealed your power to Abraham when he faced an impossible situation. We thank you Lord God Almighty for you will continue to empower us to face any crisis with confidence.

All: Praise and thanks be to the Lord God Almighty.

Presbyter: Praise be to you, Lord of Presence, (**Jehovah- Shammah**), you provided an inheritance to the 12 tribes and declared your presence there. We thank you for your presence at all times guiding and guarding us all our days.

All: Praise and thanks be to the Lord of Presence.

Presbyter: Praise be to you, Lord our provider (**Jehovah-Jireh**), you provided a ram for sacrifice to Abraham. God, we thank you for your providence which satisfies all our needs.

All: Praise and thanks be to the Lord, our Provider.

Presbyter: Praise be to you, Lord our banner, and protector (**Jehovah-Nissi**), your protection was experienced by the Israelites when the Amalekites came up against them. We thank you for being our banner and protector all through our lives.

All: Praise and thanks be to the Lord, our Protector.

Presbyter Praise be to you, Lord our Peace (**Jehovah-Shalom**). You revealed to Gideon, your determination to establish peace in the land: it is your peace that makes us a whole person. We thank you because you are our peace.

All: Praise and thanks be to the Lord, our Peace.

Presbyter: Praise be to you, the Lord our good shepherd (**Jehovah-Rohi**). The psalmist experienced your shepherding guidance and tender care in his life. We thank you Lord for you are truly our good shepherd who leads us to good pastures.

All: Praise and thanks be to the Lord, our Good Shepherd.

Presbyter: Praise be to you **Alpha and the Omega**, all our beginnings are in you and through you. We thank our eternal God, for you who have begun the good work in us, will continue to be available to us in all situations.

All: Praise and thanks be to the Eternal God.

CREED:

We believe in one God, the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

BREAKING OF THE BREAD:

Presbyter: How very good and pleasant it is when people of God live together in unity.

All: Now I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the Lord.

OFFERTORY

HYMN “He leadeth me”

1. He leadeth me! O blessed thought!
O words with heav'nly comfort fraught!
What e'er I do, where'er I be,
Still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me!

Refrain : He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me !
His faithful foll'wer I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.
2. Sometimes 'mid scenes of deepest gloom,
Sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom
By waters still, o'er troubled sea,
Still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.
3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
Nor ever murmur nor repine;
Content, whatever lot I see,
Since 'tis my God that leadeth me.
4. And when my task on earth is done,
When, by Thy grace, the vict'ry's won,
E'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
Since God through Jordan leadeth me.

DOXOLOGY

OFFERTORY PRAYER:

Presbyter: O God, may we go forward into the coming year confident of your guidance and your love that binds us together. Loving God, people have benefitted throughout the centuries because your nature is to bless abundantly. We respond to your blessings to us by offering these gifts, that they and we may be used to bless others, to share burdens and to spread the gospel in word and deed. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen

All: **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:

All: **And also with you.**

Presbyter: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Presbyter: Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

All: **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 sing your glory:

All: **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.**

Presbyter: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night, in which He was betrayed, took bread and when he had given thanks to you, 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. The same way after supper, He took the cup and when 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 forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me

All: Lord we commemorate your death on the cross, we celebrate your resurrection and we await your coming.

Presbyter: Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us and over these earthly gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the communion of the Body and Blood of Christ, and that we may become one in Him. May His coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer, strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread. Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

All: Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Presbyter: As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

All: 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, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE 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?

All: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

Presbyter: When we lift the cup, do we not share in the life-blood of Christ?

All: We seek to share your life, gracious God.

Presbyter: The things of God for the people of God:

All: 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.

Presbyter: The things of God for the people of God.

- The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life

- The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, the

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING *(after all have received the Holy Communion)*

Presbyter: Having now by faith received the sacrament of the Body and Blood of Christ let us give thanks.

All: **Merciful God of all creation, Holy Father of all people through our Lord Jesus Christ who 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, that 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 unto our God, for ever and ever. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Presbyter Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion which cannot be moved but abides forever As the mountains are round about Jerusalem so the Lord is round about his people from thistime forth and forever

And the Blessing of God Almighty The Father Son and Holy Spirit be with us and Peace be to all people Amen

CLOSING HYMN

1. Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;
Hold me with Thy pow'rful hand;
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.
2. Open now the crystal fountain,
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire, and cloudy pillar

Lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Bear me through the swelling current,
Land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Dismissal

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

**The LORD your God is with you, he is mighty to save.
He will take great delight in you, he will quiet you
with his love, he will rejoice over you with singing.**

- Zechariah 1:17 -

