



**The Order of Service**

Releasing from the Burden of Sin  
**March 13, 2022**

**CELEBRANT & PREACHER: REV NAVIN K JOHN**

**Presbyter:** Let us worship the Lord;  
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. Would you be free from the burden of sin?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you o'er evil a victory win?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

**Refrain :** There is power, power, wonder-working power  
In the blood of the Lamb;  
There is power, power, wonder working power  
In the precious blood of the Lamb.

2. Would you be free from your passion and pride?  
There's power in the blood; power in the blood;  
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide?  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

3. Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?  
There's power in the blood power in the blood;  
Sin stains are lost in its life-giving flow;  
There's wonderful power in the blood.

4. Would you do service for Jesus your King?  
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;  
Would you live daily His praises to sing?  
There's wonderful power in the blood

## 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

I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son. Luke 15:18-19

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. Mark 1:15

For we do have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Hebrews 4:15

Let us kneel and examine ourselves in silence: (after a few moments of silence)

**Cong: Almighty and most merciful God; we have erred, and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.**

**We have offended against your holy laws. 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. 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.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

**Cong: And also be with you**

*(The peace shared through the gesture of Namaskara)*

**COLLECT:** Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid, grant that being regenerated, we may daily be renewed to present our bodies as a living sacrifice, holy acceptable to You, which is our spiritual worship, through Jesus Christ the Lord who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit one God now and for ever more. Amen.

**BIBLE READINGS**

<b>OLD TESTAMENT :</b>	2 Samuel	12: 01-14
<b>EPISTLE</b>	: Acts	08: 09-25
<b>GOSPEL</b>	: Mark	02: 01-12

**ALLELUIA**

HYMN :

1. What can wash away my sin?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
What can make me whole again?  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

**Refrain :** Oh! precious is the flow  
That makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2. For my pardon this I see,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus  
For my cleansing, this my plea,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Naught of good that I have done,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

3. Nothing can for sin atone,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;

4. This is all my hope and peace,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus;  
This is all my righteousness,  
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

**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 :**

**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, as ask you, O Lord; and by your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; 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. I was sinking deep in sin, far from the peaceful shore,  
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;  
But the Master of the sea heard my despairing cry,  
From the waters lifted me, now safe am I.

**Refrain :** Love lifted me ! Love lifted me !  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me.

2. All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing;  
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs

3. Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves;  
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.

**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.**

**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.**

**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. **Amen.**

**Cong: 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, forever and ever.

**Cong: Amen.**

## **OUR LORD'S PRAYER**

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

**Cong: 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. 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.

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,

**Refrain :** On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;

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 !

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...**

- 13<sup>th</sup> Mr. Vinod Aaron, Ms. Aliya Mathew, Ms. Archana Johnson.  
14<sup>th</sup> Ms. Sharon Meneaud, Ms. Priya Williams, Ms. Vijaya Nagappa,  
Ms. Johanna George, Ms. Diandra Gonzago.  
15<sup>th</sup> Ms. Rosalind Meneaud, Ms. Honoreen Bentley,  
Ms. Revina Prabhu, Mr. Jerome Cliford, Mr. Max Benedict,  
Ms. Sheela Charles, Ms. Abigail Benjamin, Ms. Sharon Rajan.  
16<sup>th</sup> Mr. Minoo John, Mr. Daniel Dinakar, Ms. Gunashelly,  
Mr. Samuel Ajith, Ms. Nancy Sylvia, Ms. Angelina Solomon,  
Mas. Kevin Geoffrey, Ms. Roxanna Gurupatham.  
17<sup>th</sup> Mr. Marcus Daniel, Mr. Jason Byford, Ms. Shirin Samuel,  
Mr. Moshinath Justus, Ms. Martha Kingston, Ms. Maria  
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Ms. Anna Elisha.  
18<sup>th</sup> Mr. David Paranjothy, Mr. Premkumar Issac, Ms. Benita Eapen,  
Mr. Vincent Rajkumar, Ms. Ruth Christopher.  
19<sup>th</sup> Ms. Elizabeth David, Ms. Carsheela Williams, Ms. Raji Thomas,  
Mr. Gibin Varghese, Ms. Jemima Edwin, Mr. Ruban Richard,  
Ms. Sangeetha Samuel.

### **... And Your Wedding Anniversary**

18<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. David Paranjothy

### **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 6.30 AM, 8.30 AM AND 6.00 PM.**

**LENTEN DEVOTION :** 16<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2022 6.30 PM - Speaker : Mr. John C Lalhmingmawia -UTC

\* Kindly continue to pray for the ongoing restoration of the Church building.



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- \* Kindly contact the Presbyterian-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:

**THE CHART OF REQUIREMENTS FOR STEPHEN'S HOME** for March 2022 to June 2022 is displayed at the entrance of the church/website. Appreciate your support.

Name of Account: **CSITA St John's Church Stephen's Home for the Aged**  
 Account number:**457702011005477**  
 Name of the Bank: **Union Bank of India.**  
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 (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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**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 05.03.2022 to 11.03.2022	
Subscription	1,03,100
Offertory	36,122
Church Restoration	15,000
Anniversary	5,000
Lent	4,810
Donation Projects	4,100
Donation Medical	1,500

<b>Poor Fund</b>	<b>150</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,69,782</b>