

An aerial photograph of a slum in Bangalore, India. The left side of the image is dominated by a dense cluster of small, makeshift shacks with blue corrugated metal roofs. A dirt road runs vertically through the center. On the right side, there are several larger, multi-story concrete buildings, one of which is identified as St. John's Church. The background shows lush green trees and palm trees.

**ST. JOHN'S CHURCH**  
**BANGALORE**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**

transforming the  
***oppressive***  
structures

**27 MARCH 2022**

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**CELEBRANT & PREACHER: REV. NAVIN KUMAR 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**

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Through eternal ages let His praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,  
Standing on the promises of God.

*Refrain:*

**Standing, standing,  
Standing on the promises, of God my Saviour;  
Standing, standing,  
I'm standing on the promises of God.**

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord,  
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,  
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List'ning every moment to the Spirit's call,  
Resting in my Saviour as my all in all,  
Standing on the promises of God.

### **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

### **CONFESSIONAL PRAYER**

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 Order and justice, we adore You that in Your abundant wisdom You have created the world and helped us to create various social, political, economic systems to sustain the creation and make life beautiful. Grant us Your wisdom to identify

structures that destroy the wellbeing of people; the peace of the world and wholeness of Your creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit now and for ever. **Amen**

**BIBLE READINGS:**

OLD TESTAMENT : Nahum 01:01-15

EPISTLE : Acts 4:32-37

GOSPEL : Luke 13:10-17

**HYMN**

1. Precious Lord, take my hand,  
Lead me on, help me stand  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Thru the storm, thru the night,  
Lead me on to the light, Take my hand,  
Precious Lord, Lead me home.
2. When my way grows drear,  
Precious Lord, linger near;  
When my life is almost gone,  
Hear my cry, hear my call,  
Hold my hand lest I fall; Take my hand,  
Precious Lord lead me home.

**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**

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**

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.**



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. Through all the changing scenes of life,  
In trouble and in joy,  
The praises of my God shall still  
My heart and tongue employ.
2. O magnify the Lord with me,  
With me exalt His name;  
When in distress to Him I called,  
He to my rescue came.
3. O make but trial of His love ;  
Experience will decide  
How blest are they and only they,  
Who in His truth confide.

4. Fear Him, Ye saints, and you will then  
Have nothing else to fear;  
Make you His service your delight;  
Your wants shall be His care.
  
5. For God preserves the souls of those  
Who on His truth depend;  
To them and their posterity  
His blessing shall descend.

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.**

*May we all together say the prayer of the presence:*

**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.**

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:

**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.**

**Accept this our offering of praise and thanksgiving; make us one body Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be to you Almighty Father, world without end. Amen.**

## THE 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

**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.**

**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.

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 among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## **CLOSING HYMN**

1. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
O'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
For we have no help but Thee;  
Yet possessing every blessing,  
If our God our Father be.
2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
All our weakness Thou dost know;  
Thou didst tread this earth before us,  
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
Lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
Through the desert Thou didst go.
3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
Love with every passion blending,  
Pleasure that can never cloy:  
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
Nothing can our peace destroy.



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...**

27<sup>th</sup> Ms. Gitanjali Mathew, Ms. Sheeba Milton, Mr. John Samuel, Ms. Padmini Selwyn, Ms. Caitlyn Christy, Mr. Manbha Rymbai.

28<sup>th</sup> Mr. Earnest Rao, Mr. Ezekiel Kumar, Ms. Juanita Suman, Ms. Rachel Abraham, Ms. Kalavinodhini Martin.

29<sup>th</sup> Mr. Andrew Chopra, Mr. Shayne Manuel, Ms. Resha Ajoy, Mr. Stanley Paul, Mr. Peter Seelan, Ms. Sophia Abraham. Ms. Catherine Satish, Ms. Roselin Manohar, Mas. Ronik Gali.

30<sup>th</sup> Wg. Cdr. Winston Corneille, Ms. Anila Baskar, Ms. Angelina Sigamoney, Ms. Gomathi Chandrashekar. Mr. Daniel Arunkumar. Mr. Rithish Manohar.

31<sup>st</sup> Ms. Elizabeth Abraham, Mr. Nesan David, Mr. Beryl Nelson.

1<sup>st</sup> Mr. Jacob Kuriyan, Mas. Ayush Ajith, Ms. Crystal Jacobie, Ms. Asmitha Abraham.

2<sup>nd</sup> Mr. Sajan Jerome.

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

29<sup>th</sup> Mr. & Mrs. Ramesh

## **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.

**EVERY SUNDAY, REGULAR SERVICE AT 6.30 AM, 8.30 AM AND 6.00 PM.**

**LENTEN DEVOTION:** 30<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2022 6.30 PM

Speaker: Rev. Navin K John

- 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.
- Kindly remit your tithes / offerings / subscriptions / medical fund / education fund, through the online payment portal by using the following links:

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Name of the account: CSITA ST JOHN'S CHURCH

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<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.

**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.

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Offertory	38,552
Donation Projects	2,600
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