Serampore College: Theology Department

Holy Communion Service

Place: CLRC

Date: 06.03.2011

Time: 9.00 A.M.

Call to Worship:

Bhajan:

1. Vandanam Vandanam

Deva Pita Vandanam

3. Vandanam Vandanam Pavan Atma Vandanam

2. Vandanam Vandanam

Deva Putra Vandanam

Invocation:

Almighty God, as we gather together in Your name, help us to fill and experience Your presence in our midst. May Your Holy Spirit guides us and direct us so that we may sing praises into You with all our hearts and listen to Your word with understanding and conviction. We pray this prayer in the name of our Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Adoration:

L: O Lord, open our lips.

C: And our mouth shall declare Your praise.

L: Early in the morning we make our prayer to You O, Lord;

C: Surely You will hear our voice.

L: We, through the abundance of Your steadfast love, will enter Your house.

C: We will bow down towards Your Holy Temple in awe of You.

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation, whom shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

L: What shall I return to the Lord for all His bounty to me?

C: I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

All: Let the words of my mouth and meditation of our hearts be acceptable to You, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. Amen.

Congregational Hymn:

1.Come bless the Lord
All ye servants of the Lord
Who stand by night
In the house of the Lord.
Lift up Your hands
In the Holy place
And bless the Lord
And bless the Lord.

2. Oh taste and see
That the Lord is good
Oh taste and see
That the Lord is good
Oh taste and see
That the Lord is good
And bless the Lord
And bless the Lord.

3. He lifted up me
From the miry clay
And set my feet
On the rock to stay
He put a song
in my heart today
A song of praise
A song of praise

Prayer of Confession:

Heavenly God, we confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbors. We have walked in darkness rather than in light; we have named the name of Christ, but have not departed from iniquity. Have mercy upon us, we beseech you; for the sake of Jesus Christ forgive us all our sins; cleanse us by your Holy Spirit; quicken our consciences; and enable us to forgive others; that we may henceforth serve you in newness of life, to the glory of holy name. Amen.

Absolution:

The Lord says "if my people who are called by my name will humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land" (2 chr.7:14). Therefore, beloved let us be assured that the Merciful God has forgiven our sins and will count them no more.

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord for our Church leaders, friends who helped us to mold our lives....

Congregation: Lord we thank You.

L: For our families, parents, neighbors and relation for their guidance, friendship and support in our weakness.

C: Lord we thank You.

L: For our community, society, those who help us in everyday life, traders, transport workers, police, authorities in local government, security in the college, helper in the garden, cooks in the kitchen...

C: We thank You Lord, help us to be mindful of all those who help us in life. Amen

Offertory Hymn:

Bolo jai, milkar jai Bolo jai, Yishu ki jai Bolo jai jai jai

- Prem tere ki yahi reet
 Man mei bhar de apni preet
 Tere premke gaen geet
- Krus par apna khun bahaya Mujh papi ko di shifa Man mere tu bol sada
- 3. Tere qudrat ki yah shan Khud hi data, khud hi dan Pure kar man ke arman.



Offertory Prayer:

Gracious God You are the source of our life. All good things come from You. As a token of our love and gratitude of all Your blessing we humbly come before You with this small offering. We beseech You to graciously accept this offering and bless it for the extension of Your Kingdom. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Special Song:

The Ministry of the Word:

Old Testament

: Exodus 33: 17-23

New Testament

: Luke 9: 28-36

Sermon: Rev. Dr. Roger Gaikwad (General Secretary of NCCI)

Affirmation of Faith: (Apostle's Creed)

I believe in God, the Father the almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified died and buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 Prayer:

L: Let us pray for the leaders in authority, leaders of political parties that they may work for the welfare of our country without corruption and injustice.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: For the unity of the church-Roman Catholics, Orthodox and protestant Denominations.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: For the harmony of religions that they may live in peace by respecting each other in love.

C: Lord, hear our prayer.

L: Let us remember our families, friends, our sponsors and specially we pray for our friend Shibu for his speedy recovery.

C: Hasten Heavenly God, the coming of Your Kingdom, and grant these petitions which we offer in the name of Your Son, Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Congregational Hymn: (William Carey's Bengali Composition)

Jishur preme Jishur preme shukh o shanti pai Pashe thaken drishti rakhen jani sarbodai

Bhalobashen Jishu nath amaay Mone mone pratikkhane gaile pran juraay

Jishur bale Jishur bale hriday rokka pay Tare jakhon daki takhon dukkho dure jay

Jishur hriday Jishur hriday dharon korte chai Prathonate shastropathe roto thaki tai.

THE PREPARATION OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Celebrant: The Lord Jesus in the night in which He was betrayed took bread and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and said, this is my body, which is for you: do this in remembrance of me. In the same way He also took the cup and said, this cup is the new covenant in my blood, do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as you partake this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death till He comes.

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

C: We break this bread that we may share in the body of Christ.

All: We are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

C: The cup which we bless is a sharing of the blood of Christ.

All: His life is in us and we live in Him.

C: As our Saviour Christ has thought us, so we pray:

All: Our God in Heaven, hallowed be Your name, Your Kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Do not bring us to the time of trial, but deliver us from evil. For the Kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours, now and forever. Amen.

Special prayer for the children:

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND WINE:

AFTER COMMUNION

C: Having now with faith received this Holy Sacrament, Let us give thanks to God.

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of Your Son Jesus Christ. Through Him we offer You ourselves to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of Your Spirit to live and work to Your praise and glory. Amen.

C: The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep our hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;

And now may the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon us and remain with us always.

All: Amen

C: Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen.



1. When I look into your holiness, (C)
When I gaze into your loveliness,
When all things that surround
Become shadows in the light of you;
When I found the joy of reaching your heart,
When my will becomes enthroned in your love,
When all things that surround
Become shadows in the light of you
I worship you, I worship you
The reason I live is to worship you,
The reason I live is to worship you.

2.God will make a way (G)
Where there seems to be no way
He works in ways, we cannot see,
He will make a way for me,
He will be my guide.
Hold me closely to His side,
With love and strength for each new day,
He will make a way (2)

3.Majesty, worship his majesty (A)
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise,
Majesty, kingdom authority
Flow from His throne
Unto his own His anthem raise
So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus the king
Majesty, worship His majesty
Jesus who died, now glorified
King of all kings.

4.God sent His son, they called him Jesus (A)
He came to love, heal and forgive
He bled and died to buy my pardon
An empty grave is there to prove my savior lives

Because He lives, I can face tomorrow Because He lives, all fear is gone Because I know, he holds the future And life is worth the living just because he lives.

And then one day, I'll cross the river,
I'll flight life's final war with pain,
And then as death gives way to victory
I'll see the light of glory, and I'll know he lives

5. When the spirit of the Lord moves in my heart (Fm) I will sing like David sang, I will sing (2) I will sing like David sang.

6.Sweep over my soul, sweep over my soul (F-G) Sweet spirit, sweep over my soul My rest is complete as I sit at his feet Sweet spirit, sweep over my soul.

Hymn: Jesus shall reign where'er the sun (E) Does his successive journeys run; His kingdom stretch form shore to shore, Till moons shal rise and set no more.

People and realms of every tongue Declare his love in sweetest song, And children's voices shall proclaim, Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where Jesus reigns-The prisoner leaps to lose his chains; The weary find eternal rest, The hungry and the poor are blessed.

To him shall endless prayer be made, And princes throng to crown his head; His name like incense shall arise, With every morning sacrifice.

Let all creation rise and bring, The highest honours to our king; Angles descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud 'Amen'.

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Jishur icchha Jishur icchha palon korte chai Prio trata jestho bhrata bhalo lage bhai

Jishur seba Jishur seba bhalo lage bhai Sujog peye shukhi hoye karje kal katai

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