



**St. Thomas'**  
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Order of Service  
for Holy Eucharist

**The Third  
Sunday before Lent**



Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2022

8.45 am

*Welcome*

*“The last will be first and the first will be last.”*

Reflections on the Parable of the Workers in the Vineyard  
*Matthew 20*

The Gospel this morning is about the parable of the workers in the vineyard. In a very real sense this parable is about coveting. *We covet what God chooses to give to others.*

The owner of the vineyard asks those who have worked longest and (presumably) hardest for him, *“Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?”* The point is that God’s grace, mercy, and forgiveness are God’s to give away as God sees fit. The parable of the labourers in the vineyard is about coveting, about our frustration with the grace of God as it applies not to us, but to others.

The parable itself displays a reversal of expectations — *“the last will be first and the first will be last”*; this is not only the summary of the parable (20:16), but a critical aspect of New Testament theology.

This element of the parable is taken up in the other Gospels and in Revelation; this scandalous reversal of expectation, of our sense of justice, and even of our hopes, is a central piece of the New Testament. Whoever wants to be first must be last, and servant of all (*Mark 9:35*). And it is Jesus, who is first *and* last (*Revelation 1:17*), who tells us that we need not fear; for in the one who is both first and last, the first and the last are brought together when we are called to lay down the burdens of our days and find our home with God.

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The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

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*Contribute flowers in memory of loved ones and in thanksgiving.*

For your safety please respect others and give one another space.



Please use **face covering** at all times during the service.



Please use **hand sanitiser** on the way in and out.



Please **take this order of service with you**  
to reflect on the prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.

# Order of Service

## The Gathering

“Beautiful Saviour”  
(based on a traditional Silesian melody.)

**Voluntary**  
Lani Smith (1934 - 2015)

*All keep silence and prepare for worship.*

**Introit**  
*Sung by the cantors*

Fairest Lord Jesus,  
ruler of all nature,  
O thou of God and man the Son!  
Thee will I cherish,  
Thee will I honour,  
Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown!

Words: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677

Tune: CRUSADERS' HYMN  
H.A. Hoffmann von Fallersleben's  
Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

**All STAND**

## Opening Acclamation

*Led by the Presbyter from the West Door*

Presbyter	Come at dawn!
All	<b>Come at noon!</b>
Presbyter	Come late in the day! Come to the vineyard,
All	<b>where the last and the first harvest God's good fruit together.</b>
Presbyter	Come!

*All join in singing the hymn at the procession. Turn over.*

## Hymn at the Procession

- worship the King all glorious above;  
○ gratefully sing His power and His love;  
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,  
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**
- <sup>2</sup> ○ tell of His might, ○ sing of His grace,  
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;  
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,  
and dark is His path on the wings of the storm.**
- <sup>3</sup> The earth with its store of wonders untold,  
Almighty, Thy power hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,  
and round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.**
- <sup>4</sup> Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?  
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;  
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,  
and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.**
- <sup>5</sup> Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,  
in Thee do we trust, nor find Thee to fail;  
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!  
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.**
- <sup>6</sup> ○ measureless might, ineffable love,  
while angels delight to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,  
with true adoration shall sing to Thy praise.**

Words: Based on Psalm 104  
Robert Grant (1779 - 1838)

Tune: HANOVER  
William Croft (1678 - 1727)

*This hymn has a Bombay connection!*

*Sir Robert Grant (after whom Grant Road and Grant Medical College are named) was Governor of Bombay from 1835 to 1838. He would have worshipped here at St Thomas's. Grant is buried in front of the altar in St Mary's Church, Pune.*

**Please be SEATED**

**Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord's Supper in *The Book of Common Prayer* (refer page numbers).**

The Presbyter reads † **The Collect for Purity** † on page 350.

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **Page 438**

*Read by the Presbyter*

Old Testament Reading | **Page 438**

A reading from the Book of Genesis chapter 1 verses 1 to 5.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*Sung by the cantors to a chant by Hayes*

Psalm 30 verses 1 to 5, 13 • *Exaltabo te, Domine*

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made my foes to triumph over me.

<sup>2</sup> O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.

<sup>3</sup> Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life from them that go down to the pit.

<sup>4</sup> Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his : and give thanks unto him for a remembrance of his holiness.

<sup>5</sup> For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

<sup>13</sup> Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

**All STAND.**      *Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:  
World without end. Amen.*

**Please be SEATED.**

The Epistle | **Page 438**

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians  
chapter 9 verses 24 to 27.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

All **STAND** and join in singing the gradual hymn.

## Gradual Hymn

**I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
I have decided to follow Jesus;  
No turning back, no turning back.**

**<sup>2</sup> The world behind me, the cross before me;  
the world behind me, the cross before me;  
the world behind me, the cross before me;  
no turning back, no turning back.**

**<sup>3</sup> My cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
my cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
my cross I'll carry, till I see Jesus;  
no turning back, no turning back.**

**<sup>4</sup> Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?  
No turning back, no turning back.**

Words: Attributed to Sadhu Sundar Singh (1839 - c. 1929)      Music: Assamese folk tune

Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel.

## The Gospel of Christ

**All Alleluia.**  
"So the last will be first, and the first will be last." Jesus said.  
"Whatsoever is right I will give you."      (Matthew 20)  
**Alleluia.**

*The Gospeller*    The Lord be with you  
**All and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew chapter 20 verses 1 to 16.

**All Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

*The Gospeller*    This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
**All Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain **STANDING** for the Creed, all reciting together.

## The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

Please be **SEATED**.

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

## Welcome and Announcements

All **STAND**.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All **STAND**.

The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.*

## Preparation of the Table Hymn at the Offertory

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.  
Thank you for your generosity. All join in singing the hymn.*

**There's a wideness in God's mercy,  
like the wideness of the sea.  
There's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.  
There is no place where earth's sorrows  
are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth's failings  
have such gracious judgement given.**

*Turn over.*

<sup>2</sup> **For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of man's mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.  
But we make his love too narrow  
by false limits of our own;  
and we magnify his strictness  
with a zeal he will not own.**

<sup>3</sup> **There is plentiful redemption  
in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members  
in the sorrows of the Head.  
There is grace enough for thousands  
of new worlds as great as this;  
there is room for fresh creations  
in that upper home of bliss.**

**If our love were but more simple,  
we should take him at his word;  
and our lives would be all gladness,  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.**

Words: Frederick W. Faber (1814 - 1863)

Tune: CORVEDALE  
Maurice Bevan (1921 - 2006)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be **SEATED**

## The Prayers of the the People

That this day may be holy, good and joyful:

**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That we may offer to you our worship and our work:

**we pray to you, O Lord.**

That your Holy Spirit may inspire and guide all Church leaders; especially Prem Chand our Moderator, Dharmaraj the Moderator of the *Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*, Prakash our Bishop, Avinash our Presbyter and Deacon Paul, that they may proclaim



your life-giving Word and rightly and duly administer your Holy Sacraments:

*All*                    **we pray to you, O Lord.**

*Intercessor*        That we may strive for the well-being of all creation:

*All*                    **we pray to you, O Lord.**

*Intercessor*        That in the pleasures and pains of life,  
we may know the love of Christ and be thankful:

*All*                    **we pray to you, O Lord.**

*Intercessor*        That we may reach out in Christian fellowship to those  
who are unwell and lonely:

*All*                    **we pray to you, O Lord.**

*Intercessor*        That we may be bound together by your Holy Spirit,  
in communion with all your saints,  
entrusting one another and all our life to Christ:

*All*                    **we pray to you, O Lord.**

*Intercessor*        Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,  
to the mercy and protection of God:

*(Silence is kept.)*

*All*                    **God of the last, God of the first,  
God of all those in between,  
hear these concerns  
as we seek your presence in our lives  
and in a world in need. Amen.**

The Preparation for Communion | **Page 361**

The Consecration | **Page 363**

The Communion | **Page 368**

*Communicants are requested to leave space on either side of them  
when they receive Communion.*

*While seated, all join in singing the hymn.*

## Hymn at the Communion

**Just as I am, without one plea,  
But that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

<sup>2</sup> **Just as I am, though tossed about  
With many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings within, and fears without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

<sup>3</sup> **Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

<sup>4</sup> **Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,  
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

<sup>5</sup> **Just as I am, Thy love unknown  
Hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,  
O Lamb of God, I come.**

Words: Charlotte Elliot (1789 - 1871)

Tune: WOODWORTH  
William Bradbury (1816 - 1868)

*All **STAND** and say.*

## Post Communion Prayer

**Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him  
at his table in the Kingdom,  
where he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

Go out from here  
as workers in God's upside-down Kingdom,  
where the last are first and the first are last,  
where needs are met in miraculous ways,  
and there is grace enough for all!  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*All join in singing the hymn at the closing.*

## Hymn at the Closing

***All things bright and beautiful,  
All creatures great and small,  
All things wise and wonderful:  
The Lord God made them all.***

**<sup>2</sup> Each little flower that opens,  
Each little bird that sings,  
He made their glowing colours,  
He made their tiny wings.**

**<sup>3</sup> The purple-headed mountains,      <sup>4</sup> The cold wind in the winter,  
The river running by,                      The pleasant summer sun,  
The sunset and the morning              The ripe fruits in the garden,  
That brightens up the sky.              He made them every one.**

**<sup>5</sup> He gave us eyes to see them,  
And lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty,  
Who has made all things well.**

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 - 95)

Tune: ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL  
W.H. Monk (1823 - 89)

## Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Postlude

Menuet from 'Suite Gothique'

Léon Boëllmann, *Op. 25* (1862 - 1897)

### Birthdays

*May God bless you abundantly.*

Sunil Thomas (2), Mayon Pastala (15), Rachel Joseph (16), Raj Iype (19)

### Prayer Requests & Announcements

*Your prayers are requested for*

- † God's healing hand on those who are unwell. Pray for an end to the pandemic.
- † restoration of peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- † in the Diocese, The Church of the Holy Cross, Umerkadi and the Revd Anandaraju.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Kolhapur.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Madras and the Rt Revd Jayaraj George Stephen.
- † in the Anglican Communion, the Church in Japan (*The Nippon Sei Ko Kai*) and The Most Revd Luke Kenichi Muto.
- Mission Sunday will be observed coming Sunday on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2022.
- Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on 2<sup>nd</sup> March. There will be Eucharist at 7a.m. and 6.30 p.m. with imposition of ashes.
- World Day of Prayer on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March, 6.30 p.m.

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