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Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist

Sunday next before Lent

And now these
three remain:

*faith, hope,
and love.*

But the greatest
of these is

love.

1 Corinthians 13:13

Sunday 27th February 2022

8.45 am

Welcome

*“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.”*

Reflections on I Corinthians 13. 1 - 13

I Corinthians 13 is a piece of poetry written by Paul. Paul had founded a church in the city of Corinth, and he was trying to help them live in the way of Jesus Christ. They lived in a culture that worshiped a variety of idols that could be bought and sold in the markets of the harbour city of Corinth. Paul saw this and said to them in a letter, *“But now I want to lay out a far better way for you.”* (I Corinthians 12:31) That “far better way” is the way of Christian love.

Paul tells us that love is more of a practiced art, a daily habit needing to be grown in us, a way in which we need to be trained together. It is the practice of learning compromise and cooperation and reconciliation.

The Christian love to which we are called is all about demonstrating small acts of kindness. It is practiced by doing for others without looking for our own glory. It is exercised by naturally seeing from another’s perspective and doing what needs to be done for another, without really needing to think about it.

Let’s practice a life of love like this as if our lives depended on it, because they do!

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

Flowers are in loving memory of Mr. T. Thomas.
(Fourth death anniversary falls on 2nd March.)

Order of Service

The Gathering

Voluntary

Andante cantabile, from 4th organ symphony

Charles Marie Widor (1844 - 1937)

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

The Presbyter offers a prayer for the peace of the world.

Introit

Sung by the cantors

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
wean it from earth through all its pulses move;
stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,
and make me love Thee as I ought to love.

Words: George Croly (1780 - 1860)

Music: Frederick Atkinson (1841 - 1897)

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door.

Presbyter God sets before us this day life and death,
blessings and curses.

All **We will seek God's blessings.**

Presbyter The Law of God is to love God
and to love one another.

All **We join together in our love of God
to worship and follow Jesus.**

Presbyter We have faith, hope, and love

All **but the greatest of these is love.**

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

Hymn at the Procession

¹ **God is Love: let heaven adore him;
God is Love, let earth rejoice;
let creation sing before him,
and exalt him with one voice.
He who laid the earth's foundation,
He who spread the heavens above,
He who breathes through all creation,
He is love, eternal love.**

² **God is Love: and He enfoldeth
all the world in one embrace;
with unfailing grasp He holdeth
every child of every race.
And when human hearts are breaking
under sorrow's iron rod,
then they find that selfsame aching
deep within the heart of God.**

³ **God is Love: and though with blindness
sin afflicts the souls of men,
God's eternal loving-kindness
holds and guides them even then.
Sin and death and hell shall never
o'er us final triumph gain;
God is Love, so Love for ever
o'er the universe must reign.**

Words: Timothy Ress (1874 - 1939)

Tune: BLAENWERN
William Rowlands (1860 - 1937)

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 443**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **Page 443**

A reading from the Book of Genesis 9. 8 - 17

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 Foster

Psalm 26 verses 1 to 7 • *Judica me, Domine*

BE thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently : my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

² Examine me, O Lord, and prove me : try out my reins and my heart.

³ For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes : and I will walk in thy truth.

⁴ I have not dwelt with vain persons : neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the congregation of the wicked : and will not sit among the ungodly.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord : and so will I go to thine altar;

⁷ That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving : and tell of all thy wondrous works.

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.

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians 13. 1 - 13

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

**Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**

***Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry,
while on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.***

**² Let me at Thy throne of mercy find a sweet relief;
kneeling there in deep contrition,
help my unbelief.** **³ Trusting only in Thy merit,
would I seek Thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by Thy grace.**

**⁴ Thou the spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside Thee,
whom in heaven but Thee.**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Tune: PASS ME NOT, O GENTLE SAVIOUR
William Doane (1832 - 1915)

All

Alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

The Gospeller The Lord be with you

All

and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke 18. 31 - 43

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

*lease be **SEATED**.*

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Welcome and Announcements

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All STAND.

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

God has called us to live in 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.*

**Where love and loving-kindness dwell,
there God will ever be:
One Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
in perfect charity.**

² **Brought here together into one
by Christ our Shepherd-king,
now let us in his love rejoice,
and of his goodness sing.**

³ **Here too let God, the living God,
both loved and honoured be;
and let us each the other love
with true sincerity.**

⁴ **Brought here together by Christ's love,
let no ill-will divide,
nor quarrels break the unity
of those for whom he died.**

Continued

**⁵ Let envy, jealousy and strife
and all contention cease,
for in our midst serves Christ the Lord
our sacrament of peace.**

**⁶ Together may we with the saints
thy face in glory see,
and ever in thy kingdom feast,
O Christ our God, with thee.**

Words: from the Latin liturgy for Maundy Thursday
tr. Geoffrey Preston (1936 - 77)

Tune: BISHOPTHORPE
Jeremiah Clarke (1674 - 1707)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be SEATED.

Prayers for the Peace of the World

Intercessor God of love,
turn our hearts to your ways;
and give us peace. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor O Lord our God,
source of all goodness and love,
accept the fervent prayers of your people;
in the multitude of your mercies look with
compassion upon the people of Ukraine.
Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Living God,
deliver us from a world without justice
and a future without mercy;
in your mercy, establish justice,
and in your justice, remember the mercy
revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Continued

Intercessor Almighty Father,
whose will is to restore all things
in your beloved Son, the King of all:
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority.
Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We pray for the United Nations,
and for all governments and their leaders.
Pray for worldwide agencies which bind wounds and feed
the hungry;
for all who seek to transform systems that wound;
for all who work for justice and peace.
Give peace in our time, O God.
Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor O God,
who would fold both heaven and earth in a single peace:
let the design of thy great love
lighten upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows:
and give peace to thy Church,
peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings,
and peace in our hearts:
through thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All **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

**Jesus, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the gathering waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
Hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O, receive my soul at last.**

**² Other refuge have I none;
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah! leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenseless head
with the shadow of thy wing.**

**³ Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cleanse from every sin;
let the healing streams abound;
make and keep me pure within:
thou of life the fountain art;
freely let me take of thee;
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 88)

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH
Jospeh Parry (1841 - 1903)

All STAND and say.

Post Communion Prayer

**Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

All sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | **Page 371**

The Blessing *The Presbyter*

Go now into the world,
inspired by the extravagant love of God.
Live generously, with open hands,
loving one another as if your lives depended on it.
Be good stewards of the gifts you have received,
so that God may be glorified in all that you say and do.
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

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.**

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

² **Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

³ **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!**

Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866 - 1960)

Tune: FAITHFULNESS
William Runyan (1870 - 1957)

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

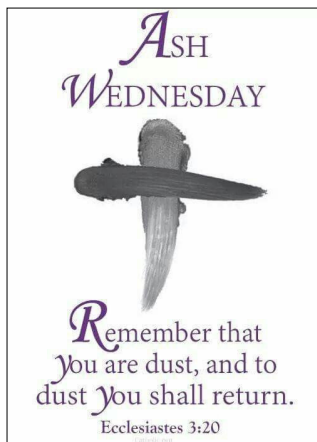
Voluntary in D

George Dyson (1883 - 1964)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for

- † God's hand of protection as life slowly returns to normal.
- † restoration of peace between Russia and Ukraine.
- † in the Diocese, Holy Immanuel Church, Vasai and the Revd Johncy Varghese.
- † the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Marathwada and the Rt Revd M. U. Kasab.
- † the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Thoothukudi - Nazareth and the Rt Revd Samuel Devasahayam.
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church in Kenya and the Most Revd Jackson Sapit.



Wednesday 2nd March 2022

7 am Eucharist (said)
6.30 pm Eucharist (choral)
with imposition of ashes at both services.

A box is kept at the entrance in which you can put palm crosses from previous years.

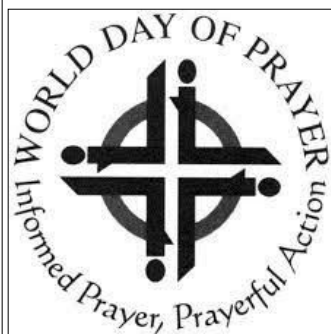
Friday 4th March 2022 • 6.30 p.m.

'I know the plans I have for you.'
Jeremiah 29:11

The material for this year's service has been drawn up by the World Day of Prayer Committee of England, Wales & Northern Ireland.

In these uncertain times, the theme for 2022 emerges like a balm of confidence. It is an invitation to place our trust in God in times of suffering.

All are welcome to attend the service.





Lent 2022

† Midweek Eucharist	<i>Lady Chapel</i>	Wednesdays	7.30 am
† Bible study	<i>Online</i>	Fridays	7.00 pm
<i>Sermon on the Mount</i>			
† Lenten talks	<i>Online</i>	Wednesdays	7.00 pm

The lenten talk series will be led by guest speakers.

Together we will explore how the Passion of Christ has had such a powerful influence on the creative arts in every time and age.

Topics will cover the influence of the Passion of Christ on literature, theatre and music.

Zoom links will be sent nearer the time.

- As a Cathedral congregation we extend our warm birthday greetings to Mr. M. Chacko who turns 95 today – indeed a momentous occasion. We pray for him and the family.

Birthdays

May God bless you abundantly.

M. Chacko (27), Tiana John (27), Anna Chacko (1 March), Ashra Iype (1),
Nalini Isaacs (2), David Cyprian (3), Sunita Gladston (3),
Indira Pastala (4), Meagan Pandian (5)

Wedding Anniversary

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Vijay and Meagan Pandian (1 March)

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Some intercessory prayers are drawn from <https://una.org.uk>

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.

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