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Ascension Sunday Holy Eucharist



Sunday 29th May 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

Eternal God, the king of glory, you have exalted your only Son with great triumph to be Lord of all; leave us not comfortless; but send to us Thy Holy Spirit to comfort us, and exalt us unto the same place where our Saviour Christ is gone before.

Surely it must have felt like loss to Jesus' companions, who had seen Jesus leave them once before; no wonder that they anticipated his second coming within their lifetimes. It can also feel like loss to us today, two millennia later, like an empty house after the guests have gone or a return to daily life after the excitement of travel. The waiting and the celebrating are over, leaving a gap in our lives.

Today's collect reminds us, though, that we are not left alone or left comfortless. Jesus has been exalted to heaven, but as he promised his disciples he is sending the Holy Spirit. And through the work of the Holy Spirit, we have the hope that one day we, too, will be exalted to be with Jesus forever.

And so on this Sunday, between the Ascension (celebrated last Thursday) and Pentecost, we can take time to transition from the highs of Eastertide into ordinary time. Jesus has ascended and we remain here on earth, but he promises that we will one day join him and, until then, we have the Holy Spirit with us.

As we meditate on the ascension of Jesus, then, let us also anticipate the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives during the coming months. May the Spirit comfort and sustain us as we go forth into the world and live our lives as the people of God.

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prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude, Fugue & Chaconne in C

D. Buxtehude, *BuxWV 137* (1637 - 1707)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introduction

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the Kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his Kingly yet loving rule, let us offer him the praise and glory worthy of his name.

Introit

Sung by the choir

O clap your hands, all you people;
shout unto God with a voice of triumph,
for God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of the trumpet.

Sing praise to God,
sing praise unto our King.
Sing praise to God,
for God is the King of all the earth.

Words: Psalm 47

Music: Wiley Beveridge & Bill Shehee

Opening Acclamation

All **STAND**

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

All

**Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Presbyter

For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm.

All

**God is King over the nations;
God sits on His holy throne.**

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | # 143

Hail the day that sees him rise Alleluya! *v. v. 1, 2, 6 & 7*

Tune: LLANFAIR

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

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 350**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 511**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **page 511**

A reading from the Second Book of Kings
chapter 2 verses 9 - 15

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

Response (all): **Jesus reigns, our Lord and King.**

¹ Let all nations clap their hands,
Sing to God with hymns of praise,
For the Lord is high and to be adored,
The great King over all the earth.

² He is gone up with shouts of joy,
The trumpet sounds as the Lord ascends:
O sing praises to our God,
Sing praises to our King.

³ For God is King of all the earth,
His mighty acts shall be proclaimed:
The Lord is King over all the world,
He reigns in glory on His throne.

Response (all): **Jesus reigns, our Lord and King.**

The Epistle | *page 512*

A reading from the first letter of Peter
chapter 4 verses 7 - 11

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All **STAND** and join in singing

Gradual Hymn | **# 424**

King of glory, King of peace

Tune: GWALCHMAI

Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | *page 513*

Gospeller
All

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Father we praise you as Lord,
all of the earth gives you worship,
for your majesty fills the heavens, fills the earth.

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Words: Fintan O'Carroll (1922-81)
and Christopher Walker (b.1947)

Tune: CELTIC ALLELUIA

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John 15. 26, 27 and 16. 1 - 4.

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, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

Please be SEATED

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All STAND

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Celebrant Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give
to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to
the Father.' Alleluia.

All The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you. Alleluia.

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.
Thank you for your generosity.*

Preparation of the Table Hymn at the Offertory | # 301

All join in singing

Alleluya, sing to Jesus

Tune: HYFRYDOL

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be SEATED

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Heavenly Father,

help us to understand the meaning of the Ascension
and to accept it, in all its wonder, along with the glorious
fact of your life on earth.

May our vision of it become fuller and sharper every day;
so that we may share the blessings of your first disciples.

We pray for all church leaders, especially for Prem Chand
our Moderator, Dharmaraj the Moderator of the *Church of
South India*, Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan of the
Mar Thoma Church, Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our
Presbyter. Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Mighty God,

help us to accept your going from the world, and to
understand it not as deprivation but as the pathway to
power unlimited by time and space.

Focus our eyes to look for your coming,

not in flesh that we see and touch,

but by your dwelling in our places of worship

and by your Spirit in our minds, hearts and souls.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Creator God by the gift of that same Spirit,

help us to live a life on earth which will give to all people

everywhere a full, clear vision of your grace and truth, your

beauty and your reality, here and now,

until you come at the end of the ages as judge and king.

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Continued

Lord Jesus,
we thank you that you ascended as King of heaven and earth
and that you are in control of all things.
Help us to trust you when life is difficult and obey you at all times.
We pray for the sick and troubled,
for the fearful and for those who live alone.
We pray that all who suffer, may feel the Spirit's healing presence.
Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Merciful God,

we pray for those kept fresh in our memory and for those long forgotten. May they find rest in the Spirit's embrace and we commend them to your keeping for ever.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

God of heaven and earth,

companion in life, Spirit of truth, to you alone we turn our eyes and lift our hearts to your ascended Son.

Help us as we go out into the world to keep your commandments and to love one another as you love us.

Merciful Father:

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

The Consecration | *page 363*

The Communion | *page 368*

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion | **# 147**

The head that once was crowned with thorns

Tune: ST MAGNUS

The Thanksgiving | *page 371*

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

The Presbyter

The Blessing

God the Father,
who has given to his Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out His abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.

Amen.

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

Hymn at the Closing | # 476

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit
go in the peace of Christ.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Finale on the tune, 'Hyfrydol'

Henry Coleman (1888 - 1965)

Birthdays this week

May God bless you abundantly.

Joy Moses (31), Aleisha John (1 June), Ajay Michyari (1),
Serena Deekollu (2)

Wedding anniversaries this week

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

Vasant & Uma Moses (1 June), Augustine & Indira Pastala (1)

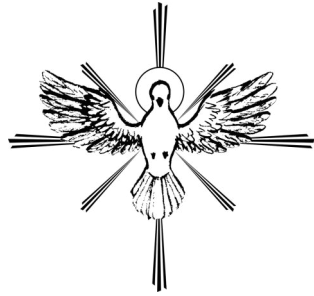
“Come Holy Spirit”

The Day of Pentecost

Sunday 5th June 2022

Eucharist

7 a.m. and 8.45 a.m.



Anglican Communion Sunday

Today we celebrate being part of the Anglican Communion, one of the world's largest and most diverse Christian communities. While the word “Anglican” originates in *ecclesia anglicana*, a medieval Latin phrase dating to at least 1246 A.D. and meaning the “English Church,” the tradition has been adopted around the world over the past two centuries.

The Communion is a global family with over 500 cultures and ways of looking at the world. Eighty-five million people in over 165 countries call themselves Anglicans, and between them they speak more than 2,000 languages. The Communion is spread across 39 autonomous churches, which are all in communion/reciprocal relationship with the Archbishop of Canterbury, currently The Most Reverend Justin Welby, who is the Communion's spiritual head. Both the Church of North India and the Church of South India are part of the worldwide Anglican Communion.

We also join in supporting the worldwide Anglican Communion in *Thy Kingdom Come*, a campaign initiated by the Archbishop of Canterbury calling for prayer by individuals, congregations, and families. *Thy Kingdom Come* is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day (May 26) and Pentecost (June 5) for more people to come to know Jesus.

The Collect for Anglican Communion Sunday

Almighty God, you call disciples from every nation and people, language and culture. We thank you for the witness of the worldwide Anglican Communion, for our common history, and the common life we share in you.

Strengthen the Communion in the bonds of love that the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ may be proclaimed to the ends of the earth. Grant that enriched by our diversity, the Communion may become a beacon of truth and compassion with deeds of justice and mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for...

- † an end to the financial crises in Sri Lanka.
- † peace to be restored between Russia and Ukraine.
- † the bereaved families of those killed in the Texas school shooting. Pray that leaders may have the courage and conviction to bring a change in legislation.
- † a normal monsoon this year.
- † all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house-bound.
- † for God's presence with all those who are travelling during the holidays.
- † in the Diocese, the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Parel and the Revd Arpana Rangayya.
- † the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Amritsar and the Most Revd Dr P. K. Samantaroy (former Moderator of CNI).
- † the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Nandyal (Andhra Pradesh) and the Rt Revd Pushpa Lalitha
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the *Church of South India* and the Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam (Moderator of CSI and the Bishop of South Kerala).
- A warm welcome to those of you who are worshipping with us for the first time. Please do stay back after the service for a time of fellowship.
- It is good to have the choir back after their break. If you enjoy singing and can make a weekly commitment, consider joining the choir.
- Remember to carry this service bulletin home with you. You can reflect on the readings and prayers in your family devotions.

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