

People **We praise your holy name, O God.**
Presbyter You nourish us with your Word and Sacraments, and with all the means of grace; that together we may grow up to maturity in the likeness of Christ.

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* All stand and sing the Gloria in Excelsis.* pg. 371

Closing Prayer & Benediction

Presbyter

May Christ, the Son of God, be manifest in you, that your lives may be a light to the world; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

All respond **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing (all) **235** • O Jesus, I have promised

(Tune: 'DAY OF REST')

Dismissal

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

We have seen His glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude "Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gottes Sohn"
(Christ my Lord, God's only-begotten Son)
"In dir ist Freude" (In Thee is joy)

MARCEL DUPRÉ, Op. 28 (1886-1971)

~~~ Prayer Requests & Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for: greater ecumenical relations and dialogues between Church denominations. 17 to 25 Jan is observed as the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity † Australia, that the bush fires may cease † peace in the Middle East † for the Revd Thomas Jacob & the congregation of St Stephen's Church, Bandra as they celebrate the 175th anniversary of the church's consecration this morning † the Church of North India's Diocese of Amritsar & the Most Revd Dr Samantaroy (former Moderator) † the Church of South India's Diocese of Nandyal & the Rt Revd Pushpa Lalitha † in the Anglican Communion, the Church in Australia & the Most Revd Philip Freier (Archbishop of Melbourne & Primate of Australia.)

- Please make a note that the Mumbai Marathon is scheduled for Sun 19 Jan. In the eventuality of traffic restrictions please explore alternative routes.
- Auditions for children (7 years to 13 years) keen to join the choir, will be held in the Sundays in Jan after the service (10.45 A.M.) Please encourage your children to audition.

~~~ Birthdays this week ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Manju John (13), Rekha Ghose (15), Dilip Ramani (17)

~~~ Wedding anniversary this week ~~~

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

T. Ravichandran & Latha (12)

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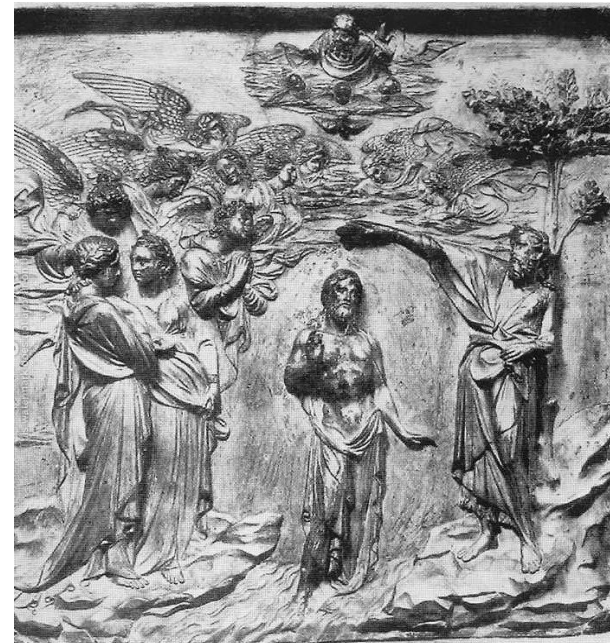
Contact the Presbyter for pastoral visits and administering Communion to the house-bound.

FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION ONLY. TAKE THIS SERVICE BULLETIN HOME WITH YOU.

The Baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ with the Renewal of the Covenant

Sunday 12 January 2020 • HOLY EUCHARIST 7A.M. & 8.45 A.M.

The Season of



About the Covenant Service

The Covenant service goes back to John Wesley's time. He wanted a form of worship which would help people open themselves to God more fully. In 1755, Wesley, created such a service, using material from the writings of the seventeenth-century puritans divines, Joseph and Richard Alleine.

The aim of the service is to help people hear God's offer and God's challenge; to provide space for God to prompt and for people to respond. Yet, more than this, for the Covenant service is not just a one-to-one transaction between individuals and God, it is an act of the whole faith community.

The baptism of our Lord Jesus Christ is observed in the Church calendar during the Season of Epiphany. The baptism of Christ is described in all four Gospels, and marks the beginning of his public ministry. It is one of the four holy days denoted as especially appropriate for baptisms, along with Easter Vigil, Pentecost, and All Saints' Day. It is therefore all the more meaningful that on this day we are invited to renew our covenant vows.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL

THE CHURCH OF NORTH INDIA

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~~~ Welcome ~~~

Please silence all electronic devices.

Join us for fellowship in the porch after the Service.

|The Entrance Rite|

**Voluntary**

“Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele” J.S. BACH, BWV 654 (1685 - 1750)  
*(Adorn yourself, O dear soul)*

Prelude on the tune, ‘Slane’ GORDON YOUNG (1919 - 1998)  
 “Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier” J.S. BACH, BWV 633  
*(Blessed Jesus we are here)*

\* All keep silence and prepare for worship.\*

**Introit**

*Sung by the choir*

Teach me, O Lord, the way of Thy statutes,  
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Words: from PSALM 119  
Music: THOMAS ATTWOOD (1797 - 1838)

\* All stand. \*

**Opening Acclamation**

*Led by the Presbyter from the West Door.*

Presbyter There is one Body and one Spirit;  
 People **There is one hope in God’s call to us;**  
 Presbyter One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;  
 People **One God and Father of all.**  
 Presbyter Let us adore God our Father.  
 Out of His love He has created us; He preserves and  
 sustains us.  
 People **We praise you, O Lord.**



**Hymn in procession (all) 27 • On Jordan’s bank**

\*All sit.\*

✠ The Service begins on pg. 350 of the Book of Common Prayer. ✠

|The Ministry of the Word|

**The Collect for the Baptism of Jesus**

Presbyter

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Saviour; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting.

All respond **Amen.**

**exalted for you or brought low for you;  
 let me be full, let me be empty;  
 let me have all things, let me have nothing;  
 I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure  
 and disposal.  
 And now, glorious and blessed God — Father, Son and  
 Holy Spirit, you are mine and I am yours. So be it.  
 And the covenant now renewed on earth,  
 let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.**

Note: \* "Put me to suffering." This is not asking God to make us suffer, but a prayer that in general we may either actively do or patiently accept whatever is God's will for us.

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**Hymn at the Communion**

*All join in singing*



1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
 I have heard My people cry.  
 All who dwell in dark and sin,  
 My hand will save.  
 I who made the stars of night,  
 I will make their darkness bright.  
 Who will bear My light to them?  
 Whom shall I send?

Refrain: *Here I am Lord, is it I, Lord?*

*I have heard You calling in the night.  
 I will go Lord, if You lead me.  
 I will hold Your people in my heart.*

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
 I have borne my people's pain.  
 I have wept for love of them,  
 They turn away.  
 I will break their hearts of stone,  
 Give them hearts for love alone.  
 I will speak My word to them  
 Whom shall I send? Refrain

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame  
 I will tend the poor and lame.  
 I will set a feast for them,  
 My hand will save  
 Finest bread I will provide,  
 Till their hearts be satisfied.  
 I will give My life to them,  
 Whom shall I send? Refrain

Words: Based on ISAIAH 6: 8 & 1 SAMUEL 3  
Music: DANIEL L. SCHUTTE S.J. (b. 1947)  
(arr. MALCOLM ARCHER)

|The Thanksgiving|

Presbyter You have given us life and reason, and set us in a world filled  
 with your glory. You have comforted us with family and  
 friends, and ministered to us through the hands of our sisters  
 and brothers.  
*Continued overleaf.*

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**  
Leader Your Son gave his life to restore peace and harmony on earth. But even the Church is divided, and its fellowship is weakened or denied.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**  
Leader Your only law is to love you and each other. All our personal sins come to this: that we do not love as we ought.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**  
Leader We acknowledge and confess our offences against our family members, those alongside whom we work, the members of your Church, our friends and our enemies and all those who cannot defend themselves.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**  
Leader We confess our pride and selfishness and all that harms other people, all that is a denial of love.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

Let us all in silence make our own confession to God.

|The Covenant|

The Presbyter addresses the congregation, saying

Father, you have appointed our Lord Jesus Christ as Mediator of a new Covenant. Give us grace to draw near with fullness of faith and join ourselves afresh in a perpetual Covenant with you, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All respond **Amen.**

\* All stand. \*

Commit yourselves to Christ as his servants. Christ has many services to be done. Some are more easy and honourable, others are more difficult. Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests, others are contrary to both. In some we may please Christ and please ourselves. But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves.

It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant of Christ. Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

All say the Covenant Prayer

**I am no longer my own, but yours.  
Put me to what you will, set me with whom you will;  
put me to doing, put me to suffering\*;  
let me be employed for you or laid aside for you,**



## The Lesson

Isaiah 42:1-7

### The Servant of the Lord

“Here is my servant, whom I uphold, my chosen one in whom I delight; I will put my Spirit on him, and he will bring justice to the nations. He will not shout or cry out, or raise his voice in the streets. A bruised reed he will not break, and a smoldering wick he will not snuff out. In faithfulness he will bring forth justice; he will not falter or be discouraged till he establishes justice on earth. In his teaching the islands will put their hope.”

This is what God the Lord says— the Creator of the heavens, who stretches them out, who spreads out the earth with all that springs from it, who gives breath to its people, and life to those who walk on it: “I, the Lord, have called you in righteousness; I will take hold of your hand. I will keep you and will make you to be a covenant for the people and a light for the Gentiles, to open eyes that are blind, to free captives from prison and to release from the dungeon those who sit in darkness.”

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 13

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sung by the choir to a chant by BATTISHILL

## The Epistle

Hebrews 12:22-25

### Jesus the mediator of a new covenant

But you have come to Mount Zion, to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem. You have come to thousands upon thousands of angels in joyful assembly, to the Church of the firstborn, whose names are written in heaven. You have come to God, the Judge of all, to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See to it that you do not refuse Him who speaks. If they did not escape when they refused Him who warned them on earth, how much less will we, if we turn away from Him who warns us from heaven?

Reader The Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

\* All stand and sing.\*

The Gradual **249** • Take my life, and let it be

\* Remain standing for the Gospel and Creed.\*

**The Holy Gospel**

St Matthew 3: 13 - 17

*The Baptism of Jesus*

At that time Jesus arrived from Galilee and came to John at the Jordan to be baptised by him. But John tried to make him change his mind. "I ought to be baptised by you," John said, "and yet you have come to me!"

But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so for now. For in this way we shall do all that God requires." So John agreed.

As soon as Jesus was baptized, he came up out of the water. Then heaven was opened to him, and he saw the Spirit of God coming down like a dove and alighting on him. Then a voice said from heaven, "This is my own dear Son, with whom I am pleased."

**The Acclamation (all)**

May all who seek to praise aright through purer lives show forth your light. To you, the King of glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.

Words: Latin, 10th cent. (tr. HOUSMAN)  
Music: C. RATCLIFF (tune: ELMHURST)

All recite **The Nicene Creed** pg. 354

All sit for **The Sermon**

**Welcome & Announcements**

\*All stand.\*

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter God has made us one in Christ. He has set His seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

People **and also with you.** The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then join in singing the hymn.

|The Offertory|

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world. Thank you for your generosity.

**Hymn at the Presentation** "Shall we gather at the river?"

1. Shall we gather at the river,  
Where bright angel feet have trod,  
With its crystal tide forever  
Flowing by the throne of God?

Refrain Yes, we'll gather at the river,  
The beautiful, the beautiful river;  
Gather with the saints at the river  
That flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,  
Washing up its silver spray,  
We will talk and worship ever,  
All the happy golden day.

Refrain

3. Ere we reach the shining river,  
Lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits will deliver,  
And provide a robe and crown.

Refrain

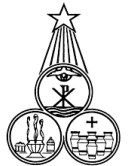
THE REVD LOWRY (1826 - 1899)

All say the **Offertory Prayer** pg. 357

\* All sit.\*

|The Prayers of the People|

**Invocation (all)** Bring we the frankincense of our love to the feet of the holy Child, ever remembering God's great gift of a love that is undefiled. Holy the infant and holy the mother and holy and precious the gifts that we bring; praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit and praise to Christ Jesus our King.



H. KENN CARMICHAEL (1908 - 1996)

**A Time of Self-Examination**

Leader Brothers and sisters, let us now examine ourselves before God.  
God our Father, you have set before us in your Son the true way of life. We confess with shame how little we have learnt from him, and how slow we are to follow him.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

Leader You show us the signs of your goodness in the glory of your creation, but we rarely lift up our eyes to see and praise.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

Leader We confess the poverty of our worship, the weakness of our faith, the selfishness of our prayers.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

Leader For our cold reception of the means of grace. For our neglect of your stern warning, that unless we forgive others, we cannot be forgiven ourselves.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

Leader You call us to be salt and light in the world. But often in our unfaithfulness we conform to the world's own false ways.

People **Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.**

Leader You have provided amply for the needs of all; yet we are not ashamed that some take far too much, while many are naked and starving and sick.

Continued overleaf.