

² **Though an Infant now we view Him,
He shall fill His Father's throne,
Gather all the nations to Him;
Every knee shall then bow down:**

³ **All creation, join in praising
God, the Father, Spirit, Son,
Evermore your voices raising
To the eternal Three in One. Amen.**

Words: James Montgomery (1771 - 1854)
Tune: REGENT SQUARE, by Henry Smart (1813 - 1879)

The Dismissal

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

J.S. Bach, BWV 605

“Der Tag, der ist so freudenreich”
(The day of gladness now appears)

Happy New Year!

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The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus *and* Thanksgiving for a New Year



Eucharist
Saturday 1st January 2022 • 9 am

Welcome

TEXT FOR THE DAY

When eight days were completed for his circumcision, he was named Jesus, the name given him by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

(Luke 2:21)

Though this day has more secular overtones than Christian ones, it is an appointed day on our liturgical calendar. This day, on the octave of Christmas, we recall an important event in the life of our Lord, when in accord with the Levitical law, He was circumcised and given the name Jesus.

Circumcision was the Old Testament expression of Abrahamic covenant with God. Moses and other prophets reminded Israelites that the physical circumcision becomes meaningful only when one was circumcised in heart by committing oneself to God. Jesus who was physically circumcised on the eighth day according to the Jewish practice, perfected it in his New Covenant. Through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Holy Eucharist we are spiritually circumcised with God and become part of the Mystical Body of Christ, the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church.

Our covenant relationship with God was made in the name of the Most Holy Trinity. The name of Jesus stands for the person and power of Jesus. That is why, we gather to pray in his name and end our prayers in his name. As the Body of Christ we are called to be his Body, taken, blessed, broken and given for the life of the world. And that means our service, our prayer, our love, our compassion, our generosity – which we carry into whatever 2022 may bring for the world, our nation or our own personal circumstances. From all of us here at the Cathedral our wishes to you and your loved ones for a **happy and faith-filled New Year** in the companionship of the One who was given the name Jesus.

Front cover illustration: Vintage drawing of the biblical story of Baby Jesus in the temple with Mother Mary and Joseph, Simeon and Anna.

Luke 2

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 **service bulletin away with you** and dispose it yourself.

Post Communion Prayer

*All **STAND** and say*

**Eternal God,
whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:
grant that we who have shared
in this sacrament of our salvation
may live out our years in the power
of the Name above all other names,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*All remain **STANDING** and sing*

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The Blessing

The Presbyter

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;
and the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

*All **Amen.***

All join in singing the hymn

Carol at the Closing

**Angels from the realms of glory,
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;
Ye who sang creation's story
Now proclaim Messiah's birth.**

**Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the newborn King.**

Continued overleaf

Leader

*Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.*

We pray at the beginning of this new year for renewed discipleship and consecration to the way of the Lord. Pray for the faithful community here at St Thomas's. Renew, restore and revive us to walk in your ways. Lord, hear us.

All

Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader

*Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.*

We remember with thanksgiving all who have loved the name of Jesus. We pray that, surrounded by such a cloud of witnesses, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Merciful Father,

All

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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Please follow the directions of the Servers to proceed to the High Altar.

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

The Gathering

“Jesu, joy of man’s desiring”

Voluntary
J.S. Bach, BWV 147 (1685 - 1750)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

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

Hymn at the Procession

**Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
name all other names above,
unto which must every knee
bow in deep humility.**

² **Jesus! Name decreed of old,
to the maiden mother told,
kneeling in her lowly cell,
by the angel Gabriel.**

³ **Jesus! Name of priceless worth
to the fallen here on earth
for the promise that it gave,
"Jesus shall his people save."**

⁴ **Jesus! Name of mercy mild,
given to the Holy Child
when the cup of human woe
first he tasted here below.**

⁵ **Jesus! Only name that's given
under all the mighty heaven
whereby those to sin enslaved
burst their fetters and are saved.**

⁶ **Jesus! Name of wondrous love,
human name of God above;
pleading only this, we flee
helpless, O our God, to thee.**

*Words: W. How (1823 - 1897)
Tune: MONKLAND
Melody from 'Hymn tunes of the United
Bretheren' (1824)*

Opening Acclamation

Presbyter You will name him Jesus;
All **he will save his people from their sins.**
Presbyter He will be great;
All **he will be called the Son of the Most High.**
Presbyter He will be called Emmanuel:
All **God is with us.**

Please be **SEATED**

✠ *The Service begins on **page 350** of the Book of Common Prayer* ✠

The Liturgy of the Word

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Old Testament Reading | **Page 418**
A reading from the Book of Genesis

At the conclusion of the reading, the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

**⁶ Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.**

*Words: Frances R. Havergal (1836 - 79)
Tune: NOTTINGHAM, by W. A. Mozart (1756 - 91)*

All say

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The Prayers of the People

Leader In and through the name of Jesus let us pray to the Father.
*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.*

We give thanks for the name of Jesus.
We pray for the worship and mission of Christ's Church
and for all Church leaders, especially for Prem Chand our
Moderator, Dharmaraj the Moderator of the *Church of
South India*, Theodosius the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma
Church*, Prakash our Bishop, Avinash our Presbyter and
Deacon Paul.
Today, in a very special way we give thanks for the life
and ministry of Archbishop Desmond Tutu.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Leader *It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.*

We pray for the world and for its healing from the long-
drawn out pandemic. We pray for all who carry heavy
loads. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Continued

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom He favours.

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

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.*

**Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**² Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.**

**³ Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.**

**⁴ Take my silver and my gold; ⁵ Take my will, and make it thine;
Not a mite would I withhold. It shall be no longer mine.
Take my intellect, and use Take my heart; it is thine own;
Every power as thou shalt choose. It shall be thy royal throne.**

Psalm

While seated, all read the refrain

Psalm 40 verses 5 to 10

Refrain: Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

**⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.
How great your designs for us! ♦**

There is none that can be compared with you.

**⁶ If I were to proclaim them and tell of them ♦
they would be more than I am able to express.**

Refrain: Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

**⁷ Sacrifice and offering you do not desire ♦
but my ears you have opened;**

**⁸ Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; ♦
then said I: 'Lo, I come.**

**⁹ 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me
that I should do your will, O my God; ♦
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'**

**¹⁰ I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; ♦
behold, I did not restrain my lips,
and that, O Lord, you know.**

Refrain: Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

**Free us from our sins, O God,
and may our sacrifices be of praise
to the glory of your Son,
our Redeemer, Jesus Christ.**

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A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

*At the conclusion of the reading, the reader says
This is the word of the Lord.*

All Thanks be to God.

All STAND and join in singing the gradual hymn

Gradual Hymn

Now sing we, now rejoice,
now raise to heav'n our voice;
he from whom joy streameth
poor in a manger lies;
not so brightly beameth
the sun in yonder skies.
Thou my Saviour art!
Thou my Saviour art!

² Come from on high to me;
I cannot rise to thee.
Cheer my wearied spirit,
O pure and holy Child;
through thy grace and merit,
blest Jesus, Lord most mild,
draw me unto thee!
Draw me unto thee!

³ Now through his Son doth shine
the Father's grace divine.
Death was reigning o'er us
through sin and vanity
till he opened for us
a bright eternity.
May we praise him there!
May we praise him there!

*Words: Arthur T. Russell (1806-1874)
Tune: IN DULCI JUBILO, German 14th century*

Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel

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Alleluia.

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

All

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
Chapter 2 beginning at verse 15

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

At the conclusion of the reading

The Gospeller

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All

Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

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

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Sermon
The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Announcements

All STAND