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Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday
of Epiphany

ROMANS 12:21

BE NOT OVERCOME OF EVIL, BUT
OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.

Sunday 23rd January 2022

8.45 am

Welcome

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Paul encourages the Romans to “live in harmony with one another.” Specifically, he says, this means associating with the least powerful in the community, resisting the urge to repay evil for evil, and, whenever possible, living peaceably with everyone.

We show genuine love when we honour the people with whom we work, calling everyone by name regardless of their status, and respecting their families, cultures, languages, aspirations, and the work they do. Each is inherently valuable in his or her own right, so much so that Christ died for each one. This is genuine love, to treat each person as one for whom Christ died and rose again to bring new life.

Every day we face the possibility someone will do us some evil, small or great. But our protection is not to do evil to others in self-defence, nor to be worn down into despair, but to “overcome evil with good” (*Romans. 12:21*). We cannot do this by our own power, but only by living in the Spirit of Christ.

Sourced from <https://www.theologyofwork.org/>

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

The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Mr. Luke R. Stanley (father of Rita, Serah and Kiran Stanley) on the occasion of his death anniversary on 19th January.)

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The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on the hymn tune, 'Crimond'

Jessie Irvine (1836 - 83),
arr. Dale Grotenhuis (1931 - 2021)

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the cantors

Ever secure in His changelessness,
Though the kingdoms of earth may fall,
Bring we the gold of our faithfulness
To the King who is Lord of all.

*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)

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Leader When the world hates,

All **we are called to love.**

Leader When the world rejects the poor,

All **We are called to walk with them.**

Leader When the world does evil,

All **We are called to do good.**

Leader We will not be conformed to the world's pattern,

All **but transformed by God's call
to what is good, and acceptable, and perfect.**

Join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

² **Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,**

Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;

Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,

Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.

³ **Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,**

Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,

Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee

Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

⁴ **Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!**

All thy works shall praise thy name in earth, and sky and sea;

Holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!

God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Amen.

Words: Bishop Reginald Heber (1783 - 1826)

Tune: NICAEA
J. B. Dykes (1823 - 76)

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

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **Page 429**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **Page 429**

A reading from the Second Book of Kings,
chapter 6 verses 14 to 23

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 Kelway

Psalm 15 • *Domine, quis habitabit?*

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

² Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

³ He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

⁴ He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

⁵ He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

⁶ He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

⁷ Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

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.*

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The Epistle | **Page 430**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans
chapter 12 verses 16 to 21.

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

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Fill me with life anew,
That I may love what Thou dost love,
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

² **Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Until my heart is pure,
Until with Thee I will one will,
To do and to endure.**

³ **Breathe on me, Breath of God,
Till I am wholly Thine,
Until this earthly part of me
Glows with Thy fire divine.**

⁴ **Breathe on me, Breath of God,
So shall I never die,
But live with Thee the perfect life
Of Thine eternity.**

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835 - 1889)

Tune: TRENTHAM
Robert Jackson (1840 - 1914)

*Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel*

The Gospel of Christ | **Page 431**

All **Alleluia.**
Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.
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 8 verses 1 to 13.

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

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Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Welcome and Announcements

All **STAND**.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Holy God, bringer of peace, help us embody your word
to one another, as we offer signs 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.*

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.**

**² My soul He doth restore again,
And me to walk doth make
Within the paths of righteousness,
E'en for His own name's sake.**

Continued

³ **Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me, and Thy rod
And staff my comfort still.**

⁴ **My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head Thou dost with oil anoint,
And my cup overflows.**

⁵ **Goodness and mercy all my life
Shall surely follow me;
And in God's house forevermore,
My dwelling place shall be.**

Words: Psalm 23

Tune: CRIMOND
Jessie Seymour Irvine (1836-1887)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

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The Prayers of the People

Leader

For the Church throughout the world, and her leaders especially for Prem Chand our Moderator, Dharamraj 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.

In this, the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, let us pray for our brothers and sisters especially in our City from the Roman Catholic Church, the Methodist Church and from all other denominations. May we all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, Lord, in your mercy,

All

hear our prayer.

Leader

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favourable weather and clean water, and for the wellbeing of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth. May we be responsible stewards of God's creation. Lord, in your mercy,

All

hear our prayer.

Leader For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for non-profit and nongovernmental organizations, that God will guide them to take the right decisions during these challenging times. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Leader For all schools in the City as they open tomorrow, especially for the Cathedral and John Connors School and schools and colleges in the Diocese. Pray for the health and well being of all pupils and teachers. Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Leader For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief (especially the people in the island Kingdom of Tonga in the Pacific following the recent volcanic eruption), that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, Lord, in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Leader For our congregation and community here at St Thomas's, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships. For all senior citizens and their care givers, that they may be confident of God's abiding presence. We pray for those celebrating their birthday and wedding anniversary this week,

All **Our Heavenly Father,
help us to overcome evil with good works.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
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, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

**And now, O Father, mindful of the love
that bought us, once for all, on Calvary's tree,
and having with us him that pleads above,
we here present, we here spread forth to thee
that only offering perfect in thine eyes,
the one true, pure, immortal sacrifice.**

**² Look, Father, look on his anointed face,
and only look on us as found in him;
look not on our misusings of thy grace,
our prayer so languid, and our faith so dim:
for lo, between our sins and their reward
we set the Passion of thy Son our Lord.**

**³ And then for those, our dearest and our best,
by this prevailing presence we appeal:
O fold them closer to thy mercy's breast,
O do thine utmost for their souls' true weal;
from tainting mischief keep them white and clear,
and crown thy gifts with strength to persevere.**

**⁴ And so we come: O draw us to thy feet,
most patient Saviour, who canst love us still;
and by this food, so awful and so sweet,
deliver us from every touch of ill:
in thine own service make us glad and free,
and grant us never more to part with thee.**

Words: William Bright (1824 - 1901)

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES
W. H. Monk (1823 - 89)

*All **STAND** and say.*

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work
to your praise and glory. Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his Kingdom;
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Hymn at the Closing

**Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.**

**² Run the straight race through God's good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek His face;
Life with its way before us lies,
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.**

**³ Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.**

**⁴ Faint not nor fear, His arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.**

Words: J. S. B. Monsell (1811 - 75)

Tune: DUKE STREET
Attributed to J. Hatton (1710 - 93)

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 In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Toccata on the hymn tune, 'Duke Street'

Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

Birthdays this week

May God bless you abundantly.

Anisha Ghose (25), Sudhir Isaacs (25), David Palukuri (26), Alvina Magar (27),
Vijay Pandian (28), Augustine Pastala (29)

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

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

James & Deborah Baker (26)

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested for

- † God's healing hand on the many who are unwell. Pray for an end to the pandemic.
- † our country as we celebrate *Republic Day* on 26th January. Pray that the ideals of the Constitution will be upheld, for our leaders, the armed forces
- † God's comforting presence with Mrs. Balid and members of the family. The Revd Sharadchandra Lazarus Balid, a long-serving senior presbyter, passed away on Friday 21st January. Revd Balid had served in many parishes in the Diocese. We give thanks for his ordained ministry and long years of faithful service.
- † the Church of the Holy Nativity, Matunga and the Revd Alfred Tiwade.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of The Eastern Himalayas and the Rt Revd Sandeep Vibhute.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of South Kerala and the Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam (the current Moderator of the CSI.)
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church in Hong Kong and the Most Revd Andrew Chan.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

This is traditionally observed from 18th (*the Confession of St Peter*) to 25th January (*the Conversion of St Paul*).

The theme for the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* in 2022 was chosen by the Middle East Council of Churches. Christians of the Middle East offer these resources conscious that the world shares many of the travails and much of the difficulties that they experience. More than ever, in these difficult times, we need a light that shines in the darkness and that light, Christians proclaim, has been manifested in Jesus Christ.

The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* has a history of over 100 years, in which Christians around the world have taken part in an octave of prayer for visible Christian unity. The *Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity* and the *World Council of Churches (WCC)* coordinate this ecumenical prayer movement.

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