



S^{t.} Thomas'
CATHEDRAL

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The Church of North India*

A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

*“Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
or thorns compose so rich a crown?”*



Holy Eucharist
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Sunday 3rd April 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

Beginning our journey to Calvary

A note on Passtiontide

The joy of Easter is almost here, but before that we must accompany Jesus in his Passion. Traditionally the final two weeks of Lent are used as preparation for the sorrowful events of the Easter drama. It is a mini 'season within a season', a period of time to focus more and more on the Passion and death of Jesus and so accompany him on his way to Calvary.

One of the old traditions that typically began with this day is the covering, or veiling, of images in the church building. All icons, even crucifixes, would have some sort of shroud or veil obscuring them. In past days where church buildings were beautifully and vividly decked with visual splendour, this would have been a stark sight to behold. On one level this tradition is easy to understand as an anticipation of the starkness of Holy Week: the mourning of Christ's death on account of our sins and the injustice of his conviction.

The good news is that Passtiontide does not have the last say, and this sombre period of preparation ends quickly so that our hearts can rejoice in the beauty of Christ's resurrection.

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

*Hymns can be found in the **English Hymnal**.*

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.

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Arioso from BWV 1056
Prelude on the tune, 'Rockingham'

J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)
C. Hubert H. Parry (1848 - 1918)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the Cantors

Pange lingua gloriosi
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium
Fructus ventris generosi,
Rex effudit gentium.

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)

*Sing, my tongue,
the mystery of the glorious body,
and of the precious blood,
that for the world's salvation
the fruit of a noble womb,
the King of the nations, shed.*

Music: Anton Bruckner (1824 - 1896)

*All **STAND** and say together.*

Opening Prayer

**May I never boast of anything
except the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
by which the world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world.
Amen.**

All join in singing the hymn at the procession.

Hymn at the Procession| # 107

When I survey the wondrous Cross

Tune: ROCKINGHAM

Please be **SEATED**.

Prayers of Penitence & Absolution

The presbyter invites the people to confess their sins.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and
acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

All sing.

**Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

*Lord, have mercy upon us
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us*

From the liturgy of the Russian Orthodox Church

Presbyter

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collects for the Day | **Page 456 & Page 445**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **Page 457**

A reading from the Book of Exodus 24. 4 - 8

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 C. Martin

Psalm 54. 1 - 4, 6 & 7 • *Deus, in nomine*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake : and avenge me in thy strength.

² Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

³ For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

⁴ Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

⁶ An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord : because it is so comfortable.

⁷ For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

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.

The Epistle | **Page 457**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews 9. 11 - 15

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 | # 106

There is a green hill far away

Tune: HORSLEY

The Gospel of Christ | Page 458

All **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory.**

One does not live on bread alone,
but on every word that comes forth
from the mouth of God.

The Gospeller
All

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John 12. 23 - 33

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller
All

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

All sing

**Amazing love! how can it be
that Thou, my God shouldst die for me.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

Tune: SAGINA

Thomas Campbell (1777 - 1844)

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

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.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the Cross.
We meet in his name and share his 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.

*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.*

Preparation of the Table

Hymn at the Offertory | # 102

○ sacred head, sore wounded

Tune: PASSION CHORALE

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

Please be **SEATED**.

Lent Prose

Refrain (all)

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
For we have sinned against Thee.**

Cantors

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

arr. John Scott (1956 - 2015)

Litany for Passiontide

Kneel as able or remain seated.

Intercessor

All

○ God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,

Have mercy upon us.

○ God the Son, Redeemer of the world,

Have mercy upon us.

○ God the Holy Ghost, Sanctifier of the faithful,

Have mercy upon us.

○ holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,

Have mercy upon us.

Remember not, Lord Christ, our offenses, nor the offenses of our forefathers; neither reward us according to our sins. Spare us, good Lord, spare thy people, whom thou hast redeemed with thy most precious blood, and by thy mercy preserve us for ever.

Spare us, good Lord.

From all blindness of heart; from pride, vainglory, and hypocrisy; from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all want of charity,

Good Lord, deliver us.

From lightning and tempest; from earthquake, fire, and flood; from plague, pestilence, and famine,

Good Lord, deliver us.

By thine Agony and Bloody Sweat; by thy Cross and Passion; by thy precious Death and Burial; by thy glorious Resurrection and Ascension; and by the Coming of the Holy Ghost,

Good Lord, deliver us.

That it may please thee to illumine with true knowledge and understanding of thy Word all bishops, priests, and deacons; and that both by their preaching and living, they may set it forth, and show it accordingly. We pray 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, Avinash our Presbyter and Deacon Paul.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please thee to give to all people increase of grace to hear and receive thy Word, and to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please thee to make wars to cease in all the world;
to give to all nations unity, peace, and concord; and to bestow freedom
upon all peoples,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please thee to forgive our enemies, persecutors,
and slanderers, and to turn their hearts,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please thee to grant to all the faithful departed
eternal life and peace,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

That it may please thee to grant that, in the fellowship of all the saints, we
may attain to thy heavenly kingdom,

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

The Trisagion

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The Consecration | **Page 363**

The Communion | **Page 368**

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

During the administration of Communion, while seated, we sing.

Hymn | **# 98**

Drop, drop, slow tears

Tune: SONG 46

Hymn

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
with thorns was pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my head
that I may think for thee.**

**²O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
with nails were pierced for me;
O shed thy blessing on my hands
that they may work for thee.**

Continued

³ **O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
with nails were pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my feet
that they may follow thee.**

Words: Father Andrew S.D.C. (1869 - 1946)

⁴ **O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
with spear was pierced for me;
O pour thy Spirit in my heart
that I may live for thee.**

Tune: BELMONT

Adapted from Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies* 1812

All STAND and say.

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God,
you have graciously accepted us
as living members of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May the Father,
who so loved the world that he gave his only Son,
bring you by faith to his eternal life.
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 | # 95

Sing my tongue, the glorious battle

Tune: ST THOMAS

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

All Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Fugue in b minor *on a theme of Corelli*

J.S. Bach, BWV 579

Birthdays this Week

May God bless you abundantly.

Laila Furtado (3), Nalini Cyprian (5), Ravi Joshua (5),
Esther Sinha (6), Rebecca Baker (9)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Pray for

- † all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house bound.
- † peace and reconciliation between Ukraine and Russia.
- † those countries witnessing a surge in covid cases.
- † in the Diocese, for Khrista Prakash Church and the Revd R. D. Ghorpade.
- † the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Phulbani (Odisha) and the Rt Revd Bijay Kumar.
- † the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Krishna-Godavari (Andhra Pradesh) and the
Rt Revd George Cornelious.
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church of Nigeria and the Most Revd Henry C.
Ndukuba.



Bishop Reginald Heber

Today the Church commemorates Bishop Reginald Heber (1783 – 1826). Heber was Bishop of Calcutta from 1823 to 1826. He died on 3rd April 1826 at the young age of 42 after conducting a service in Trichy. He is buried in St John's Church, Trichy. Bishop Heber College is named after him. For most, Bishop Heber will always be remembered as the writer of the hymns, "Holy, Holy, Holy" (# 162), "Brightest and Best" (# 41) and "From Greenland's icy mountains, from India's coral strand" (# 547). We give thanks to God for the life and witness of Bishop Heber.

Pictured above is the memorial to Bishop Heber in St Paul's Cathedral, Calcutta.

Mid week Eucharist during Lent † Wednesday 7.30 am

The Cross of Christ *Readings and Music for Holy Week*

The Cathedral choir with guest musicians.
Saturday April 9th 2022 • 6.30 pm

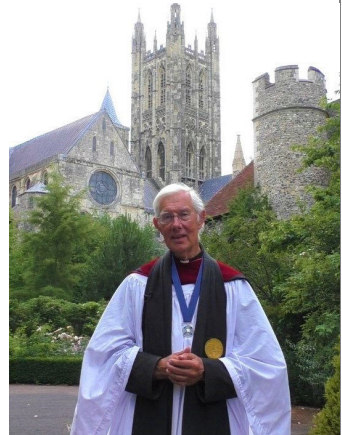
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Bible Study on the Sermon on the Mount

Date Friday 8th April 2022 @ 7pm (IST)
Zoom ID 2292392476
Password 123456
Speaker The Very Revd Robert Willis,
Dean of Canterbury Cathedral

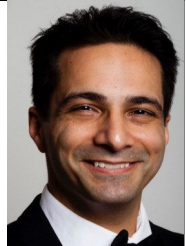
The Very Revd Robert Willis was ordained in 1972. He was installed Dean of Canterbury Cathedral in 2001. Dean Robert has also served as the Dean of Hereford Cathedral before coming to Canterbury. In the early years of his ministry Robert served in the Sudan. He has installed two Archbishops of Canterbury: The Most Revd Rowan Williams and the current incumbent, the Most Revd Justin Welby. Robert will be retiring in May this year. In the words of Archbishop Welby, *“Robert has been one of the most exceptional deans in the post-war period overseeing Canterbury Cathedral’s life of worship, prayer and witness with creativity and imagination.”*



Journey to Jerusalem: Lent Talk Series

Date Wednesday 6th April 2022 @ 7pm (IST)
Speaker Joshua Anand Slater
Topic “Evangelising through music for Passiontide”
Zoom ID 2292392476
Password 123456

Joshua is an Indian-American conductor and composer. He is no stranger to us – having been our Conductor-in-Residence during the Cathedral’s tercentenary celebrations in 2018. Joshua has served as Assistant Director of Music of Trinity Church, Wall Street. Currently, Joshua is the Director of Music at St Paul’s Church, Toronto.



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