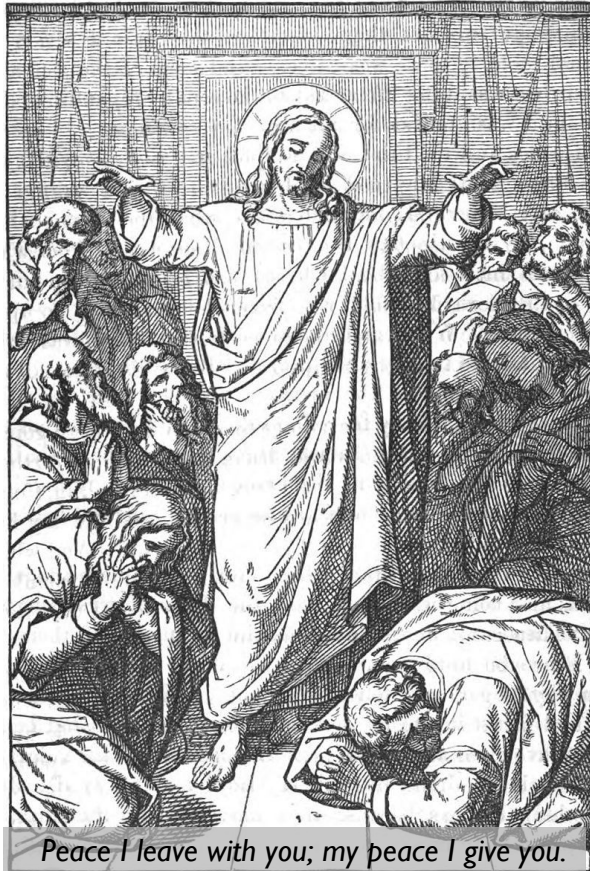




St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

Holy Eucharist
The First Sunday after Easter
Sunday 24th April 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

Get out of the house!

It's been one week since Easter, one week since the chaos and excitement, one week since the empty tomb, one week since our first "Alleluia. Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia."and the disciples are still in the same place they were Easter night, behind the same locked doors.

I wonder, one week after Easter, what has Christ's resurrection done for us? Resurrection takes time. It is not a one-time event. It's something that we grow into. It's a way of being and a life to be lived. By the grace of God we evolve into resurrected people through our relationships and the circumstances of our lives.

The fact of the empty tomb is the starting point for the resurrection story.

We know Doubting Thomas but let's not forget Confessing Thomas. "My Lord and my God!" with those words Thomas has recognized and named a new relationship. Somewhere between Doubting Thomas and Confessing Thomas is the story of resurrection in Thomas' life.

What are the doors that are locked in your life?

He steps into the midst of our house, through the locked doors, and breathes peace and life into us. And that breath of peace is the key that unlocks the door. Let it give you the hope, courage, and strength to unlock and open the doors of your life, and then get out of the house.

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.

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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

“An Easter Alleluya”

Gordon Slater (1896 - 1979)

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord!

Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.

Spread the good news through all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen:

D. Fishel, arr. N. Warren

All STAND

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Presbyter At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow.

All **Alleluia!**

Presbyter Let every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.

All **Alleluia!**

Presbyter Lord Jesus Christ, you are the King of heaven and earth;

All **we worship you.**

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession

**Ye holy choirs, ye sons of light,
Celestial powers and orders bright,
Sing to Jesus, alleluya!
Let earth his festival proclaim;
Ye people, magnify his Name!
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!**

**² Now let high heaven his triumph cry!
He lives, and man no more shall die;
Alleluya, alleluya!
No more shall death's dark reign oppress;
Thy Victor's power, O grave, confess!
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!**

**³ Glory, O risen Lord and praise
To thee shall all creation raise;
Alleluya, alleluya!
To thee, O Father, and to thee,
O Spirit, glory ever be!
Alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya, alleluya!**

Words: Frederick B. Macnutt (1873 - 1949)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Melody from 'Geistliche Kirchengesäng', 1623

Please be SEATED

*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**.*

The Collect for Purity | **page 350**

All say together

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 494**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **page 494**

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel
chapter 37 verses 1 to 10.

At the conclusion of the reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the choir to a chant by Garrett

Psalm 126 • *In convertendo*

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were we like unto them that dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with joy.

³ Then said they among the heathen : The Lord hath done great things for them.

⁴ Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : whereof we rejoice.

⁵ Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.

⁶ They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.

⁷ He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

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.

A reading from the first letter of John
chapter 5 verses 4 to 12.

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 | # 135

Love's redeeming work is done

Tune: SAVANNAH

Remain STANDING for the Gospel.

The Gospel of Christ | page 495

Cantor

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the
living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospeller

The Lord be with you.

All

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
St. John 20. 19 - 23.

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

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 The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

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

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour.

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

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 | # 128 *omit v. 2*

At the Lamb's high feast we sing

Tune: SALZBURG

All say

Offertory Prayer | *page 357*

Please be **SEATED**.

The Intercession | *page 358*

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 | # 302

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES

The Thanksgiving | *page 371*

All **STAND** and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting 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.

Hymn at the Closing

**Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

**² Lo, Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom;
let His church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

**³ No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.**

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.*

Words: Edmund Budry

Tune: MACCABEUS
G. F. Handel (1685 - 1759)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Festal flourish

Gordon Jacob (1895 - 1984)

Birthdays this week

May God bless you abundantly.

Rajathi Moses (26), Deborah Baker (30)

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

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

Mani & Annie Thomas (25), Vijaya & Mukul Gupte (26),
Premanand & Supriya Telgote (29)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for...

† an end to the pandemic.

† peace to be restored between Russia and Ukraine.

† all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house-bound.

† all pupils who will be appearing for their board examinations from next week;
especially remembering the pupils of the Cathedral & John Connon School.

† the ministry of the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)*.

† in the Diocese, St Christopher's Church and the Revd Sunil Awale.

† the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Sambalpur and the Rt Revd Pinuel Dip.

† the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Dornakal and the Rt Revd Padma Rao
Kodirekka.

† in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church in Papua New Guinea and the Most Revd
Nathan Ingen.

- Contributing towards flowers in the sanctuary is a beautiful way to remember loved ones and give thanks for blessings. You can approach the Presbyter if you would like to do so.

The Resurrection Story in Songs

'The Day He Wore My Crown'

By the Stop-Gaps Choral Ensemble

(Conductor - Alfred D'Souza)

Saturday 7th May 2022 • 7pm at St Thomas' Cathedral

All are welcome

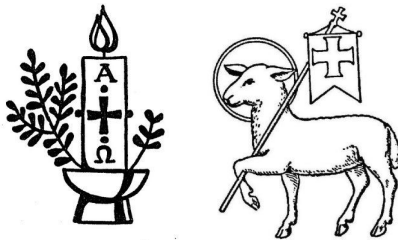
Easter tide – Celebrating the Season

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

Triumphant in his glory now,
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

(Fulbert of Chartres)

The lit Paschal Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season. On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension (this year 26th May). He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost (this year 5th June) completes and crowns the Easter Festival.



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*“My
Lord
and
my God!”*

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