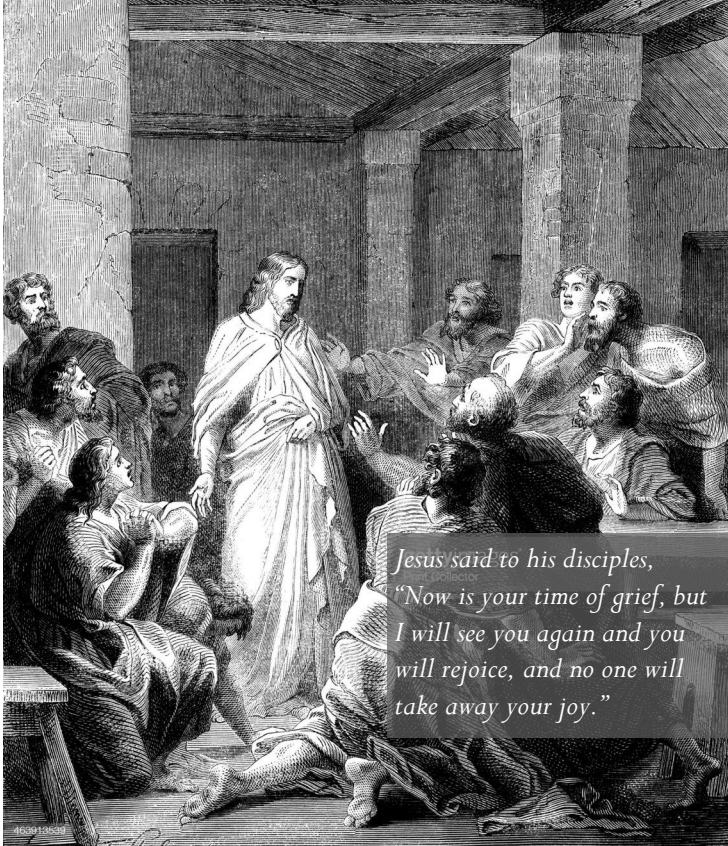




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Holy Eucharist
The Third Sunday after Easter
Sunday 8th May 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

*The risen Lord Jesus will turn our sorrows into lasting joy
as we look to Him in faith and prayer.*

Jesus says, "A little while, and you will no longer see Me; and again a little while, and you will see Me." When Jesus was crucified, the disciples would weep and lament. But after the disciples saw the risen Lord, their sorrow would be turned to lasting joy, which no one could take from them.

The dramatic change in the disciples from grief to lasting joy was founded on seeing the risen Saviour. Everything about the Christian faith — everything — rests on the bodily resurrection of Jesus from the dead. As Paul boldly states (1 Corinthians 15:17), "*If Christ has not been raised, your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins.*" Jesus is the sensitive, suffering, and risen Saviour. He turns our sorrow into joy by showing us the glory of the cross; giving us an eternal perspective; being our Mediator to the throne of grace; and letting us see Him risen from the dead through eyes of faith.

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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

'The Risen Christ'

(based on hymn tunes from Palestrina & 'Lyra Davidica')

Charles Sergisson (1905 - 1988)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

All STAND

Presbyter This is the good news: the grave is empty;
Christ is risen!

All Christ is risen indeed!

Presbyter Do not be afraid,

All Jesus is the first and the last.

Presbyter He was dead, and behold,

All He is alive for forever and ever.

Presbyter Jesus Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed!

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.**

Continued. Turn over.

- ² **Not throned above, remotely high,
untouched, unmoved by human pains,
but daily, in the midst of life,
our Saviour, with the Father reigns.**
- ³ **In every insult, rift and war
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
he suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, though ever crucified.**
- ⁴ **Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love and praise.**

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Tune: TRURO
Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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 498**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **page 498**

A reading from the Book of Genesis
chapter 45 verses 3 - 10.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 112. 1 - 9

Refrain: The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

¹ Alleluia.

Blessed are those who fear the Lord ♦
and have great delight in his commandments.

² Their descendants will be mighty in the land, ♦
a generation of the faithful that will be blest.

³ Wealth and riches will be in their house, ♦
and their righteousness endures for ever.

⁴ Light shines in the darkness for the upright; ♦
gracious and full of compassion are the righteous.

The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

⁵ It goes well with those who are generous in lending ♦
and order their affairs with justice,

⁶ For they will never be shaken; ♦
the righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ They will not be afraid of any evil tidings; ♦
their heart is steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

⁸ Their heart is sustained and will not fear, ♦
until they see the downfall of their foes.

⁹ They have given freely to the poor;
their righteousness stands fast for ever; ♦
their head will be exalted with honour.

The righteous will be held in everlasting remembrance.

**Generous God,
save us from the meanness
that calculates its interest and hoards its earthly gain;
as we have freely received,
so may we freely give;**

in the grace of Jesus Christ our Lord.

A reading from the first letter of Peter
chapter 2 verses 11 - 17.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

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

Gradual Hymn | page # 134

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Tune: ST ALBINUS

Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel.

The Gospel of Christ | page 499

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 16. 16 - 22

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

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.

*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

All join in singing the hymn.

**I serve a risen Saviour; He's in the world today.
I know that He is living, whatever men may say.
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him He's always near.**

**He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.**

Continued overleaf

In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary I never will despair.
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast;
The day of His appearing will come at last.

*He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives! He lives! Salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.*

Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian! Lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ, the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.

A. H. Ackley (1887 – 1960)

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

Please be SEATED.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be
perfected by his prayer.
Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.
We pray for Prem Chand our Moderator,
Dharmaraj the Moderator of the *Church of South India*,
Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma
Church*, Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter.
Lord, hear us.

All

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle
rule.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow.
We uphold before your throne of mercy all people displaced
because of war and conflict, especially the people of Ukraine.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your promises.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us
for work in your service.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

The Consecration | *page 363*

The Communion | *page 368*

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion | **# 320**

My God, and is thy Table spread

Tune: ROCKINGHAM

The Thanksgiving | *page 371*

All **STAND** and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
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 | # 127

Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

Tune: ODE TO JOY

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

Alla Danza
from Water Music

G. F. Handel (1685 - 1759)
arr. J. Stuart Archer

A Prayer for Mothers

*Let us pray for all the mothers among us today;
for our own mothers, those living and those who have passed away;
for the mothers who loved us and for those who fell short of loving us fully;
for all who hope to be mothers some day
and for those whose hope to have children has been frustrated;
for all mothers who have lost children;
for all women and men who have mothered others in any way—
those who have been our substitute mothers
and we who have done so for those in need;
for the earth that bore us and provides our sustenance.
We pray this all in the name of God, our great and loving Mother.
Amen.*

Birthdays this week

May God bless you abundantly.

Priya David (9), Aarvind Charles (9), Jaisy Desai (11)

Wedding anniversaries this week

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

Reuben & Kamal Jadhav (8), Sathia & Nalina Solomonraj (11)

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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.

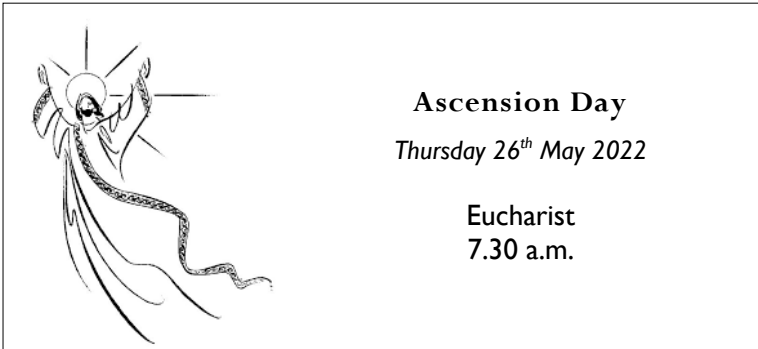


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Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for...

- † God's healing hand on all people and places affected by the pandemic.
 - † peace to be restored between Russia and Ukraine.
 - † relief from the ongoing heatwave conditions in the country.
 - † the bereaved family of Mr. Prabhakaran Thomas who passed away last Saturday. Pray for his daughters Dr. Zarine Immanuel and Ms. Sherna Ruth. Mr. Prabhakaran Thomas will be greatly missed by all of us. We give thanks to God for his quiet and steadfast witness.
 - † all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house-bound.
 - † all pupils who are writing their board examinations.
 - † the support staff of the Cathedral: the sextons, security guards, gardeners.
 - † for God's presence with all those who are travelling during the holidays.
 - † in the Diocese, St James's Church, Thane and the Revd Bhonsle and Revd Karkada.
 - † all schools and colleges in the *Church of North India* and the *Church of South India*.
 - † in the *Anglican Communion*, for the Church in Rwanda and the Most Revd Laurent Mbanda.
- Guidelines concerning sponsorship to *Christian Medical College* Vellore and *Ludhiana* for various courses have been circulated. If you want further information, kindly contact the *Presbyter*.



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