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CATHEDRAL

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*Jesus said to his disciples,  
“My Father will give you whatever you ask in my name.”*

Holy Eucharist  
**Rogation Sunday**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2022 • 8.45 am

## Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

*“Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice,  
for the Lord has done great things!”  
(Joel 2. 21)*

*Rogation Sunday* is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayers for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food. The word “rogation” is from the Latin *rogare*, “to ask.” Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. Few of us today directly derive our livelihood from the production of food, yet it is good to be reminded of our dependence upon those who do and our responsibility for the environment.

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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

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

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## The Gathering

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

### Opening Acclamation

*All STAND*

*Led by the Presbyter from the West Door*

*Presbyter* For the gift of creation:

*All* **We praise you, O Lord.**

For the inheritance in creation, from generations past:

**We praise you, O Lord.**

For our existence in creation:

**We praise you, O Lord.**

For those who represent us all in tending creation:

**We praise you, O Lord.**

For Christ's blessing of bread,  
for revealing the divine presence in earthly things:

**We praise you, O Lord.**

*All join in singing the hymn.*

Hymn at the Procession |# 536

Praise to the Lord verses 1, 2, 3 and 7

*Tune: HAST DU DENN, JESU*

*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 502**

*Read by the Presbyter*

Old Testament Reading | **page 502**

A reading from the Book of Joel  
chapter 2 verses 21 - 27

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

### Psalm

Psalm 84. 1 - 5, 11 - 13

- <sup>1</sup> How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts! ♦
- <sup>2</sup> My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord;  
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- <sup>3</sup> The sparrow has found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: ♦  
at your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are they who dwell in your house: ♦  
they will always be praising you.

*Refrain:* **Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are those whose strength is in you, ♦  
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
- <sup>11</sup> I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God ♦  
than dwell in the tents of ungodliness.
- <sup>12</sup> For the Lord God is both sun and shield;  
he will give grace and glory; ♦

no good thing shall the Lord withhold  
from those who walk with integrity.

13 O Lord God of hosts, ♦  
blessed are those who put their trust in you.

**Blessed are they who dwell in your house.**

**Lord God,  
sustain us in this vale of tears  
with the vision of your grace and glory,  
that, strengthened by the bread of life,  
we may come to your eternal dwelling place;  
in the power of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

The Epistle | *page* 502

A reading from the letter of James  
chapter 1 verses 22 - 27

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

All **STAND** and join in singing

Gradual Hymn | # 475

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might

*Tune:* WAREHAM

Remain **STANDING** for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | *page* 503

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.  
All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
St. John 16. 23 - 33

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**, all reciting the Creed

## 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.*

*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

**Oh Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder,  
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made;  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;  
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur  
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

**3 And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing;  
sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in;  
that on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

**4 When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
and take me home – what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration  
and there proclaim, ‘my God, how great thou art!’**

Words: Carl Gustaf Boberg (1859-1940)

Music: Swedish folk melody

tr. from the Russian by Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

*Please be SEATED*

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

Let us ask God to have mercy on our tired land,  
and to prosper the work of our soiled hands.  
Let us ask God to forgive our delusion of self-sufficiency  
so that we may praise him for his provision and goodness.  
Lord, you give us this good earth,  
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All*

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

*Intercessor*

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we squander its rich resources.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All*

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we fail to share your bounty  
with all of your children.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Let us ask the God of creation  
to send a blessing upon us.

Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Let the earth be fruitful  
and its resources be hallowed.

We ask in faith:

**we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.

Prosper the work of our hands;  
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;  
free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith:

**we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.

Guide into a sustainable future,  
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

We ask in faith:

**we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.

Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,  
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

We ask in faith:

**we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.

Where the earth is parched  
and the well has run dry;

where war brings want, and children go hungry;  
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,

give hands to care and heal,

and compel us to be generous.

We ask in faith:



**we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

We ask you to hear us, good Lord,  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

The Consecration | *page 363*

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*While seated, we sing*

Hymn at the Communion | **# 304**

Bread of heaven

*Tune: BREAD OF HEAVEN*

The Thanksgiving | *page 371*

*All STAND and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

*The Presbyter*

The Blessing

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who is the source of all goodness and growth,  
pour His blessing upon all things created,  
and upon us His children,  
that we may use His gifts to God's glory  
and the welfare of all peoples;  
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*

Hymn at the Closing | **# 587**

All things bright and beautiful

*Tune: ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL*

## 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.**

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### **Birthdays this week**

*May God bless you abundantly.*

Aryan Jadhav (22), Olivia Joseph (22), Revd Arpana Rangayya (23),  
Kora Ipe (25), Joshua Desai (26), Suganth Samuel (26),  
Swapnika Browne (28), Violet Truman (28)

### **Wedding anniversaries this week**

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

Shantha & Ramani Kumar (26), Jaiboy & Leena Phillips (27)



*“God has gone up with a shout”*

### **Ascension Day**

Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Eucharist  
7.30 a.m.

*“Come Holy Spirit”*

### **The Day of Pentecost**

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
Eucharist  
7 a.m. and 8.45 a.m.



## Prayer Requests & Announcements

*Your prayers are requested for...*

- † God's healing hand on all people and places affected by the pandemic.
- † peace and a return to normalcy in Sri Lanka.
- † peace to be restored between Russia and Ukraine.
- † all places experiencing severe climatic change.
- † a normal monsoon this year.
- † all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house-bound.
- † for God's presence with all those who are travelling during the holidays.
- † in the Diocese, the Church of St John the Evangelist (Afghan War Memorial Church), Colaba and the Revd Swapnil Uzgare. .
- † the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Agra and the Rt Revd Dr Prem Prakash  
Habil.
- † the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Krishna-Godavari Diocese (Andhra Pradesh) and the Rt Revd George Cornelious.
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Church of the Province of South East Asia and the Most Revd Melter Jiki Tais (Archbishop of S. E. Asia and Bishop of Sabah.)
- We express our thanks to Meeta Moses for playing the organ and Meagan Pandian for playing the piano at the service this morning.
- The choir will resume singing, after their break, from next Sunday.
- Please remember to carry this service bulletin home with you. You can reflect on the readings and prayers in your family devotions.

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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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Music plays a vital role in making the liturgy come alive. Our Cathedral has been blessed to have had a rich choral tradition from the time of its foundation in the 18<sup>th</sup> century. Infact the Cathedral School was founded as a choir school to provide choristers to sing at divine service.

During the long days of lockdown and subsequently, like many other activities, choral singing too has been adversely affected. Thanks to a small group of dedicated choristers we “just about” manage to sing to the Lord no threadbare song!

Do you enjoy singing?

We enthusiastically encourage you to drop in for choir practice (11 a.m.) and have a “sing along”. If you feel you can make a weekly commitment we would be very happy for you to consider joining the Cathedral choir.

If you know of musically-inclined children, please encourage them to come along.

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