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**The Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist**



**The First Sunday after Trinity
Second Sunday after Pentecost**

Sunday 19th June 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

God is love

The epistle this morning is from 1 John 4. It is here that we find John's pure distilled Gospel of Love. The heart of John's message and the Gospel proclamation of the church is found in v.10: "This is love: not that we have loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins." When John writes that "God is Love" this is what John means. God's love precedes and negates any idea of merit or reciprocity on our part.

John ends this short discourse on love by circling back around to his beginning statement: *Agapētoi agapōmen allēlous* – "Beloved, we should love one another." God's love for us is wholly unconditional without an expectation of merit or reciprocity by us. He loves us as he finds us, not as we will be. This is the standard, John tells us, of how we should love each other. We should love one another unconditionally without an expectation of merit or reciprocity from the other person. We should love one another as we find one another, not despite but including our imperfections and failings. This is the love John requires of his community and which he requires of us.

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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Cantabile

César Franck (1822 - 1890)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome

Introit

Sung by the choir

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes,
may now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise.

Give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real,
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Words & music: Dave Bilbrough (b. 1955)

All STAND

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

All

Beloved, let us love one another.

We love because God first loved us.

There is no greater love than this:

to lay down one's life for one's friends.

This is the new commandment in Christ:

As Jesus loves us, so let us love one another.

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | # 365

God is Love: let heaven adore Him

Tune: BLAENWERN

*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**.*

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 350**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 519**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 519**

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel
chapter 9. 6 - 13

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the choir to a chant by Fitzherbert

Psalm 119 v.v. 1 - 8 • *Beati immaculati*

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.

² Blessed are they that keep his testimonies : and seek him with their whole heart.

- ³ For they who do no wickedness : walk in his ways.
⁴ Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.
⁵ O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep thy statutes!
⁶ So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all thy commandments.
⁷ I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.
⁸ I will keep thy ceremonies : O forsake me not utterly.

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 520**

A reading from the First Letter of St John
chapter 4. 7 - 21

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 | **# 374**

Help us to help each other, Lord

Tune: DUNFERMLINE

Remaing standing for the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord.

No one comes to the Father except through me.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

St Luke 16. 19 - 31

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 God is love and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.

The peace of Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

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

Preparation of the Table

At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.

Thank you for your generosity.

All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory | # 133

Immortal Love for ever full

Tune: BISHOP THORPE

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be seated

All sing

Invocation

**This is my Father's world,
O let me ne'er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world:
why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
God reigns: let earth be glad!**

Words: Maltbie Babcock (1858 - 1901)

Tune: TERRA PATRIS
Franklin Sheppard (1852 - 1930)

All say

A Prayer for Fathers

**Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.
Amen.**

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

In peace, let us pray to Jesus our Lord,
who ever lives to make intercession for us.
Saviour of the world,
be present in all places of suffering, violence and pain,
and bring hope even in the darkest night.
Inspire us to continue your work of reconciliation
today. Lord, hear us.

All

Lord, graciously hear us.

Lord of the Church,
empower by your Spirit all Christian people,
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; for
Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter.
Pray for the work of your Church in every land.
Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully in word and
deed. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Shepherd and Guardian of our souls,
guide and enable all who lead and serve this community
and those on whom we depend for our daily needs.
Grant that we may seek the peace and welfare of this
place. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Great Physician,
stretch out your hand to bring comfort, wholeness and
peace to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit.
Fill us with compassion, that we may be channels of your
healing love. Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

From the beginning we have known you as 'Father', and all
our families have their origin in you.
We pray for all who show a father's love in our world.
Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

As we heard in the first letter of John, help us to love our
neighbours, friends, enemies, coworkers, family, and
strangers the same way you have loved us.

Help us to be a beacon of your love, so others can understand how much you love us. Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Conqueror of death,

remember those whom we love but see no longer.

Help us to live this day in the sure and certain hope of your eternal victory. Lord hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Amen.

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

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The Communion | *page 368*

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion | # 247

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Tune: KINGSFOLD

The Thanksgiving | *page 371*

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

All

The Lord God almighty is our Father:

he loves us and tenderly cares for us.

The Lord Jesus Christ is our Saviour:

he has redeemed us and will defend us to the end.

The Lord, the Holy Spirit is among us:

he will lead us in God's holy way.

† 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 | # 172

Glorious things of thee are spoken

Tune: AUSTRIA

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Choral Song

Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 - 76)

Birthdays this week

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Psalm 118. 24

Shashikant Salvi (19), Susan Mathew (20), Mani Thomas (21),
Gladston Somervel (21), Susy Thomas (22)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for...

- † peace and goodwill among all nations.
- † the containment and management of COVID cases in the city and state.
- † all senior citizens in our congregation and their care givers.
- † in the Diocese, St Paul’s Church (Tamil congregation), Byculla and the Revd P. Abraham.
- † the *Church of North India’s* Diocese of Bhopal and the Rt Revd Manoj Charan.
- † the *Church of South India’s* Diocese of Medak and the Rt Revd Avulamanda Christopher Solomon Raj.
- † in the *Anglican Communion*, the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Most Revd Justin Badi Arama.
- † Bishop Anthony Pogo, the newly appointed secretary-general of the *Anglican Communion*. Prior to this, Bishop Anthony was the Archbishop of Canterbury’s adviser on Anglican Communion affairs.

The secretary-general leads the staff team at the Anglican Communion Office in London, which serves the four Instruments of Communion: the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Primate’s Meeting, the Anglican Consultative Council, and the Lambeth Conference. Both the CNI and the CSI are member churches of the Anglican Communion.

- The **Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)** will have their annual general body meeting next Sunday (26th June) after the 8.45 am service.
- Use this service bulletin to reflect on the readings and prayers in your family devotions. Many of these booklets are still being left behind. We encourage you to take your copy home with you.
- 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.

**Nativity of
St. John the Baptist**
24th June

Almighty God,
by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully
born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour
by preaching repentance:

Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life,
that we may truly repent according to his preaching;
and, following his example, constantly speak the truth,
boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
for ever and ever. Amen.



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The lives of notable Christians

Aaron of Tranquebar

(Convert, Evangelist) baptised 1718

Commemorated on 24th June

*Freed to become the first pastor in India in the 18th century:
the story of young Aaron*

Arumugam Pillai, (1698 -1745), was the first Indian Lutheran pastor. His father traded with the English East India Company, but after suffering a great loss moved his family to Arasapuram, a Tamil-speaking region in South India. The poverty of the family was so severe that Pillai had to work in the fields. He was resolved to approach the Lutheran missionaries in Tranquebar (Tharangambadi) for help.

Tranquebar (on the Coromandel coast) was the site where the first Pietist missionaries from Halle (Germany), Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg and Heinrich Plüschau, had landed in 1706. When Pillai was about 19 years old, he met Savarimuthu, a Tamil Christian school teacher who introduced Pillai to the Lutheran Christians. Shortly after that Pillai moved to Tranquebar because he wanted to know more about the life and teachings of Jesus.

At age 20, Pillai asked Ziegenbalg for baptism and took the name Aaron. He became a student at the first Tamil theological school, where he excelled in studying the Bible that was being translated by Ziegenbalg from Hebrew and Greek into Tamil. Aaron was a good student of Christian history and rhetoric. In 1719, he was appointed an assistant catechist at the New Jerusalem Church in Tranquebar. His communication skills and interpersonal relationships enabled him to provide spiritual comfort to countless people. He was known for reconciling conflicts in families and effectively bridged the gap between European missionaries and the local community.

His life and work impressed the German missionaries so much that they realized that Tamil Christian leaders like Aaron could accomplish far more than they could ever even dream of. They proposed an ordination. Aaron was ordained on 28th December 1733 as the first Indian Lutheran pastor.

Excerpts from Daniel Jeyaraj: *Abundant Harvest: stories of Asian Lutherans*

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