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**The Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist & Baptism**



The Third Sunday after Trinity

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 3rd July 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

*Grace, grace, God's grace
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within!
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!*

In the Old Testament lesson this morning we read the story of King Manasseh. We learn that what is impossible with man is possible with God.

Manasseh was the most wicked king in the history of Judah. Yet he was converted. He found God's mercy when he repented, and so can you. Manasseh "humbled himself greatly" before God. Humility is at the heart of repentance.

A poor woman who had never seen the ocean before, burst into tears when she first saw the ocean. Those around her thought it was strange that she should cry. "Why in the world are you crying?" they asked. Pointing to the ocean she answered, "This is the only thing I have ever seen that there was enough of." God has oceans of mercy. There is enough of it for the worst of sinners. There is enough of it for you and me!

No one is beyond hope, because God's grace is greater than all our sin!

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During the course of the service, we welcome into the fellowship of the church, Shalom Daniel Pandian. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

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Order of Service

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The Gathering

Voluntary

Voluntary in F Major

John Bennett (1735 - 1784)

Pass me not, O gentle Saviour

arr. Emma L. Ashford (1850 - 1930)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome

Introit

Sung by the choir

Come, thou fount of every blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure
sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
of my Lord's unchanging love!

Words: Robert Robinson (1735 - 90) Tune: NETTLETON
American folk melody

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

All

Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

His mercy endures for ever.

By your grace, forgive us;

through your love, renew us;

and in your Spirit, lead us;

so that we may live and serve you in newness of life.

Amen.

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession

**To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,
and give Him the glory great things He hath done.*

² **O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
to every believer the promise of God;
the vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

³ **Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer, and higher, and greater will be
our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

*Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY
William Doane (1832 - 1915)*

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 **Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard**.*

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 350**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 524**
Read by the Presbyter

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles.

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 Rimbault

Psalm 119 v.v. 17 - 24 • *Retribuere servo tuo*

O DO well unto thy servant : that I may live, and keep thy word.

¹⁸ Open thou mine eyes : that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

¹⁹ I am a stranger upon earth : O hide not thy commandments from me.

²⁰ My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire : that it hath always
unto thy judgements.

²¹ Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from
thy commandments.

²² O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept thy testimonies.

²³ Princes also did sit and speak against me : but thy servant is occupied in
thy statutes.

²⁴ For thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.

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 524**

1 St Peter 5. 5 - 11

A reading from the First Letter of St Peter.

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 | # 212

Who would true valour see

Tune: MONKS GATE

Remaing standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **page 525**

St Luke 15. 1 - 7

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke
chapter 15. 1 - 7

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 Order of Service

for

Baptism

The baptism of SHALOM DANIEL PANDIAN

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring this child for baptism.

So we welcome you, Shalom, with your godparents and family. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The Introduction

The parents, the godparents with the child to be baptized assemble at the chancel steps near the vessel containing the water for baptism.

The priest says

Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ which tell us of God's love and concern for children: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs." *Mark. 10.14*

If such is God's love for children, then we can with confidence pray, that He will grant them that gift which will enable them to grow up as His own sons and daughters.

We thank God for Shalom Daniel Pandian who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

Let us pray.

O God our loving Father,
you desire that none of your children should perish,
and you have raised up your Church so that
in its common life your children may receive spiritual nourishment
and grow in your likeness.

We thank you for promising new life and fellowship with you
to those who are born of water and the Holy Spirit.

We thank you for the sacrament of baptism
which signifies that in union with Christ they die to sin
and rise again to newness of life.

All say

**O loving Father,
bring this child to you,
who alone can renew and save
those who come to you in faith.
Receive him and make him yours
for ever in the body of Christ;
renew and save him
and make him an instrument
of your redeeming love in the world.**

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Decision

Priest: Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we can ask or think, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Each parent and sponsor (or godparent) make the promises as follows:

Priest: Do you who have brought this child for baptism promise before God and in the presence of this congregation that you will yourself steadfastly affirm and uphold the faith of the Church?

Response **Yes, I do.**

Do you promise to help this child to believe and trust in God the Father almighty, who created heaven and earth?

Yes, I do.

Do you promise to help this child to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God who for our salvation died on a cross, was raised from the dead, lives now in glory as the Saviour and Lord of all, and will come again to judge the living and the dead?

Yes, I do.

Do you promise to help this child to believe and trust in the Holy Spirit of God who renews, guides and strengthens the people of God?

Yes, I do.

Do you promise that by your prayers for this child, by your own manner of life, you will help him as he grows up to pray and to worship God, to study the Bible, to follow the example and teaching of O God on the Lord Jesus Christ, to share generously what he has with others and to take an active part in the Church's witness to Christ?

Yes, I do.

Continued. Turn over.

Do you also promise that you will so help this child to grow in the knowledge and experience of Christ, that when he comes to the age of discretion, he will be led to make his personal and public profession of faith in Christ and be into the communicant membership of the Church?

Yes, I do.

Let us pray in silence that the Holy Spirit may enable you to be faithful to your promises.

Do you now wish this child to be baptized?

Yes, I do.

The Blessing of the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that you have called Shalom to new birth in your church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and † sanctify this water so that, being baptised in it, he may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May he die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The priest asks the parents (or the sponsors) to name the child.

The priest baptizes the child saying

Shalom Daniel Pandian, I baptize you in the name of † God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest makes the sign of the cross on Shalom's forehead and says

Shalom, I sign you with the sign of the † cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

All respond **Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

The congregation STANDS

Reception into the Church

Priest God has called you into his Church.

All **We receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father
and as an inheritor of the Kingdom of God.**

All sing

**The Lord bless thee and keep thee:
the Lord make His face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee,
and be gracious unto thee:
The Lord lift up His countenance,
His countenance upon thee,
and give thee peace.**

Words: Book of Numbers 6: 24 - 26 *Music:* Lucy Meyer (1849 - 1922)



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Celebrant We are baptized into Christ:
let us live in the Spirit of Christ.
The peace of the 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 | **# 394**

Lord of all hopefulness

Tune: SLANE

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be seated

All sing

Invocation

**Speak, Lord, in the stillness,
while I wait on Thee;
hushed my heart to listen
in expectancy.**

Words: Emily Crawford (1864 - 1927)

*Tune: QUIETUDE
Harold Green (1871 - 1931)*

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

High and holy God,
robed in majesty,
Lord of heaven and earth,
we pray that you will bring justice, faith
and salvation to all peoples.

All

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

You chose us in Christ to be your people
and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit;
we pray that you will fill your Church with vision and
hope.

We Pray for all church leaders, especially Prem Chand
the Moderator of the *Church of North India*; 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.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

Your Spirit enables us to cry, 'Abba! Father!',
affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ
and pleads for us in our weakness;
we pray for all who are in need or distress.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

In the baptism and birth of Jesus,
you have opened heaven to us
and enabled us to share in your glory:
the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
from before the world was made.

We pray for Shalom Daniel Pandian, his parents,
grandparents, god parents and give thanks for his
fellowship in the Church.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

May your whole Church, living and departed,
come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

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

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

The Consecration | *page 363*

The Communion | *page 368*

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

**Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**

*Refrain: Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry,
while on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.*

² **Let me at Thy throne of mercy
find a sweet relief;
kneeling there in deep contrition,
help my unbelief.**

³ **Trusting only in Thy merit,
would I seek Thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by Thy grace.**

⁴ **Thou the spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside Thee,
whom in Heaven but Thee.**

Words: Frances Crosby

Tune: PASS ME NOT
William Doane

The Thanksgiving | *page 371*

All **STAND** and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

The Blessing

The Presbyter May God, who in Christ gives us
a spring of water welling
up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of His glory;
† 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 | # 367

God of grace and God of glory

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Improvisation on the hymn tune, 'Cwm Rhondda'

Paul Manz (1919 - 2009)

Birthday this week

*"He has made everything beautiful in its time."
Ecclesiastes 3:11*

Nikhil Joshi (7)

Wedding Anniversary

*"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."
Ephesians 4. 2, 3*

Samantha & Dilip Ramani (3)

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Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** As the people of the island nation of Sri Lanka continue to face increased hardship, pray that the financial crises there will ease. • We continue to pray for the Russian leadership in the words of Psalm 34, “Depart from evil and do good: seek peace and pursue it”. For leaders of other countries, we ask that their response to the desperate needs of Ukraine citizens will be measured and will not further antagonise the violence they have already suffered. • Amidst predictions of a slowdown in the global economy, we ask that you give all leaders the wisdom to guide their countries and the world to avoid an economic crisis. Help us to protect the poor and all those who are struggling during this difficult time.

† **OUR CITY & STATE** With the formation of a new State Government, we seek your guidance for all elected representatives in the State Assembly. Pray for stability and compassionate governance. • Lord, grant comfort to the family members of all those who have lost their lives in buildings which collapsed in Kurla and Kalbadevi. Pray for the safety of all who are particularly vulnerable during the monsoon season.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Today is St Thomas the Apostle in some church lectionaries (we have traditionally observed this day on 6th October). We give thanks for the ministry of St Thomas and for his bringing the Gospel to these lands. • In the Anglican Communion, the Church in Tanzania and the Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Calcutta and the Rt Revd Paritosh Caning. • The Diocese of Central Karnataka and the Rt Revd Prasana Samuel.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** May the Holy Spirit guide all those entrusted with decision-making. Pray for all clergy, diocesan office bearers and the laity. This week we pray for St Paul’s Church (Malayalam pastorate) & the Revd Rejeev Sugu.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** The Presbyter, the Revd Avinash Rangayya, the Trustees and members of the Pastorate Committee. • Our prayers and blessings for Shalom Daniel Pandian, his parents (Meagan & Vijay) and grandparents (Helen & Pon Pandian; Maria & Rosario Alphonso) and his god parents. • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers.

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