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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist



"Speak, for your servant is listening."

I Samuel 3. 10

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost Sunday 31st July 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

'Speak, for Your servant hears."

Eternal God,

Lover of our souls,

we come to you this morning with a hunger for something from you that will change the rest of our lives.

We come for honesty instead of corruption; for generosity instead of greed.

We come hungering for our neighbours to be fed.

We come this morning yearning for righteousness to flow like rainwater and for justice like ever-flowing streams.

We long to listen to your Word.
We come listening in fear and trembling,
praying that we will have the courage
to respond and act
if we hear a clear word of instruction from you.
Speak, Lord,
for your children are listening.

Amen.

Do not leave this service booklet behind. Take it home 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

Musical clocks movements 1 & 2 Joseph Haydn (1732 - 1809)

Prelude on the hymn tune, 'Laudes Domini' Peter Lutkin (1858 - 1931)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome

Introit

Sung by the choir

Cantate Domino canticum novum. Sing a new song to the Lord. Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Cantate Domino omnis terra. Sing to the Lord all the earth. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Taizé chant by Jacques Berthier (1923 - 1994)

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter ΑII

God, you call each of us to serve you, and we answer,

"Here I am!"

Jesus, you call each of us to follow you, and we answer,

"Here I am!"

Holy Spirit, you call each of us to worship you this day,

and we answer,

Speak, O Lord, for your servant is listening.

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | # 146

When morning gilds the skies

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI (i tune)

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

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Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson

I Samuel 3. I - 10

A reading from the First Book of Samuel.

The Lord calls Samuel

The boy Samuel ministered before the Lord under Eli. In those days the word of the LORD was rare; there were not many visions.

One night Eli, whose eyes were becoming so weak that he could barely see, was lying down in his usual place. The lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the house of the Lord, where the ark of God was. Then the Lord called Samuel.

Samuel answered, "Here I am." And he ran to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

But Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down." So he went and lay down. Again the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

"My son," Eli said, "I did not call; go back and lie down."

Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord: The word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him.

A third time the Lord called, "Samuel!" And Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, "Here I am; you called me."

Then Eli realized that the Lord was calling the boy. So Eli told Samuel, "Go and lie down, and if he calls you, say, 'Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

Continued.

The Lord came and stood there, calling as at the other times, "Samuel! Samuel!"

Then Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening."

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

108. 1 - 6, 11, 12, 13

Sung by the choir to a chant by Russell

Paratum cor meum

- O GOD, my heart is ready, my heart is ready: I will sing and give praise with the best member that I have.
- ² Awake, thou lute, and harp: I myself will awake right early.
- ³ I will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among the people : I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
- ⁴ For thy mercy is greater than the heavens : and thy truth reacheth unto the clouds.
- ⁵ Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.
- ⁶ That thy beloved may be delivered: let thy right hand save them, and hear thou me.
- Hast not thou forsaken us, O God: and wilt not thou, O God, go forth with our hosts?
- ¹² O help us against the enemy: for vain is the help of man.
- ¹³ Through God we shall do great acts: and it is he that shall tread down our enemies.

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 533

Romans 6, 19 - 23

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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

Thanks be to God.

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so; little ones to Him belong; they are weak, but He is strong.

> Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The Bible tells me so.

² Jesus loves me! This I know, as He loved so long ago, taking children on His knee, saying, "Let them come to me."

³ Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me all the way; Thou hast bled and died for me, I will henceforth live for Thee.

Words: Anna Warner (1824 - 1915)

Tune: BRADBURY William Bradbury (1816 - 1868)

The Gospel of Christ | page 533

St Mark 8. 1 - 9

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life. I Samuel 3.9; John 6.68 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospeller

All

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.

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.

The Nicene Creed | Page 354

Please be **SEATED**

Sermon

Mrs. Uma Moses

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All STAND The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Celebrant God will speak peace to His people,

to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

cf Psalm 85.8; I Samuel 12.20

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

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice, and it told Thy love to me; but I long to rise in the arms of faith, and be closer drawn to Thee.

> Draw me nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord, to the cross where Thou hast died; draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessèd Lord, to Thy precious, bleeding side.

> > Continued. Turn over.

- Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord, by the power of grace divine;
 let my soul look up with a steadfast hope, and my will be lost in Thine.
- ³ Oh, the pure delight of a single hour that before Thy throne I spend, when I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God, I commune as friend with friend!
- ⁴ There are depths of love that I cannot know till I cross the narrow sea; there are heights of joy that I may not reach till I rest in peace with Thee.

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Tune: I AM THINE, O LORD William Doane (1832 - 1915)

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

Please be seated

All sing Invocation

Speak, Thy servant heareth! be not silent, Lord; waits my soul upon Thee for the quickening word!

Words: Emily Crawford (1864 - 1927)

Tune: QUIETUDE Harold Green (1871 - 1931)

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Today may we reflect with wonder and awe upon revelations of the divine majesty of God.

Let us pray with the listening heart of Samuel: Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

Jesus, you promised that those who followed you in trust might *come and* see.

Help us to always "listen" and "see" so that we might walk

in your ways. Lord in your mercy:

All Hear our prayer.

In wonder and humility, we pray for the Church that it may always be filled by a vision of your transcendent majesty and glory and by the assurance of the Holy Spirit at work among us.

Lord, bless all who are a part of the ministry that goes out from this church and this diocese.

We pray for 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. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Through the prayer and ministry of the Church in the world may a touch of your glory be seen.

As the bishops of the *Anglican Communion* meet for the Lambeth Conference, may they be guided by the Holy Spirit to discover what it means to be "God's Church for God's world." Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray that in all the barren and dark places your light might shine out, bringing hope.

We hold before you, Lord Jesus, especially the people of Afghanistan, Syria, Ukraine, Sri Lanka and all other people who are experiencing hardships.

Lord, have compassion for the injustices that are being done and for all the suffering through violent conflicts destroying lands and their peoples. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Within our own nation we pray for our new President and all in government. Surround, O Lord, our leaders with sound, wise counsel to direct they as they lead our nation. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus, you said,

"Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

This morning as the Diocese observes Sunday school Sunday, in a special way, we uphold in our prayers the Sunday school ministry.

We give thanks to God for the children and teachers of our own Sunday school. May more be led to volunteer their time and talent as teachers and we pray that parents will encourage their children to be a part of this ministry. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have now passed into the nearer presence of God, trusting, Lord Jesus, in your promise: Very truly I tell you, you will see heaven opened.

We give thanks for the life and ministry of the Revd Ashok Patet who for many years served as the Chaplain of Wilson College. Pray for God's comforting presence with his family.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, thank you for the example of Samuel who was open to hearing your voice calling to him in the night and was obedient to your call.

We pray that like Samuel, our eyes, ears, heart, and will, may be open to your call. Merciful Father

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

You have come up to the lakeshore, looking neither for wise nor for wealthy. you only wanted that I should follow.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, and while smiling have called out my name. Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me, now with you I will seek other seas.

You need the caring of my hands, through my tiredness, may others find resting. You need a love that just goes on loving.

You, who have fished other oceans, ever longed for by souls who are waiting, my dear and good friend, as thus you call me.

Words: Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936 - 1991) trans. Gertrude Suppe, George Lockwood Tune: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES Cesáreo Gabaráin harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo

The Thanksgiving | page 371

All **STAND** and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | page 371

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Go out this day open to

the mystery and presence of God in our world.

With God's grace, be ready to see the face of God in the stranger.
Ready to hear the voice of God in the cries of those in need.
And ready to share the love of God with all whom we encounter.
† 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 | # 235

O Jesus, I have promised

Tune: DAY OF REST

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

"In Thee is Gladness"

David Lasky (b. 1957)

Birthdays this week

"For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life."

Proverbs 9:11

Daniel Sathia Raj (31), Mishal Charles (1st August), Reuben Jadhav (1), Stavan Telgote (2), Gabriel Samuel (3),

Wedding Anniversary

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Colossions 3:14

Elizabeth & P.V. George (31)

Notices

- The Annual General Body Meeting of St Thomas' Cathedral (CNI). will be held next Sunday 7th August 2022 at 10:15am. The agenda and final voters' list is displayed on the notice board.
- A Bible quiz will be conducted by the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) on Sunday 28th August 2022 on the Gospel of St Luke at 10:45 am. Approach the Presbyter if you would like to participate.

Pray with us

- † THE WORLD We continue to uphold the people of Sri Lanka and pray for the new leadership to restore normalcy.
- † OUR COUNTRY For our new President. Pray for the safety of our security personnel who guard our borders.
- † THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH May the Holy Spirit guide proceedings at the Lambeth Conference where church leaders from all over the *Anglican Communion* are engaging in dialogue and discussion. The Church of the Province of West Africa and the Most Revd Jonathan Bau-Bau Bonaparte Hart.
- † THE CHURCH IN INDIA The Diocese of Cuttack and the Rt Revd Surendra Nanda The Diocese of Cochin and the Rt Revd Baker Ninan Fenn.
- † THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY All Sunday schools, their children and teachers.
- Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to all synodical and diocesan representatives as they work at resolving the current situation in the Diocese.
- St Stephen's Tamil Church, Bhandup and the Revd John Thavakumar.
- † OUR CATHEDRAL All pupils who cleared their Board examinations and are now planning for their higher education. We thank God for their results.
- For the children of the Sunday school and their teachers.

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