

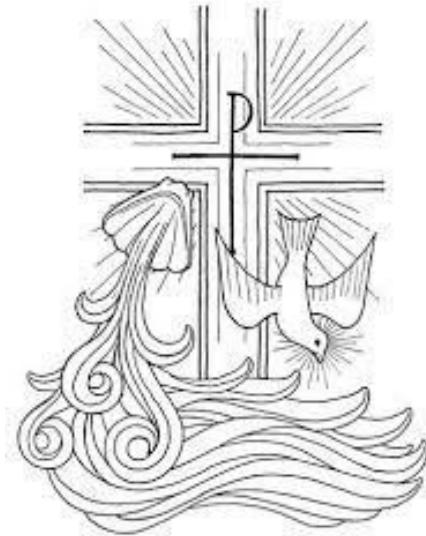


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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist & Baptism



*Marvellous, infinite matchless grace
Freely bestowed on all who believe!*

The Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 28th August 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

*Marvellous, infinite matchless grace.
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receive?*

As it was for Paul, the grace of God should necessitate our action. We should also work harder to proclaim the gospel, so that others may come to believe. Paul reminds the church in Corinth that the gospel not only saves them, but they can also stand on it. They can be sure of it. It is the firm foundation upon which we also stand and can continue to build the Kingdom of God.

Resurrection power enlivens us and propels us to strive for the better, to work harder. Standing firmly on the rock that is Christ Jesus, we can proclaim the good news so that others may come to believe and that together may all see the goodness of God in the land of the living.

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During the course of the service, we welcome into the fellowship of the church, Olivia Anna Joseph . 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

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude & Fugue in D

Dieterich Buxtehude, *BuxWV 139* (1637 - 1707)

“Let us break bread together”

arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.

Words: Psalm 119. 33 *Music:* Thomas Attwood (1797 - 1838)

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

It is by God's grace that we gather for worship.

All

And it is by God's grace that our lives are changed.

To Jesus we cry: Cleanse us, O Lord!

By the mercy of Christ we are made clean.

This is the hope that we proclaim:

That Jesus Christ is risen from the dead.

All join in singing the hymn

Hymn at the Procession | # 99

O God, our help in ages past

Tune: ST ANNE

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

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1 Kings 3. 5 - 15

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

119. 81 - 88

Sung by the choir to a chant by Garrett

Defecit anima mea

MY soul hath longed for thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of thy word.

⁸² Mine eyes long sore for thy word : saying, O when wilt thou comfort me?

⁸³ For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget thy statutes.

⁸⁴ How many are the days of thy servant : when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

⁸⁵ The proud have digged pits for me : which are not after thy law.

⁸⁶ All thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely; O be thou my help.

⁸⁷ They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not thy commandments.

⁸⁸ O quicken me after thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of thy mouth.

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

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I Corinthians 15. 1 - 11

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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

All **STAND** and join in singing

Song

**In Christ alone my hope is found;
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This cornerstone, this solid ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My comforter, my all in all –
here in the love of Christ I stand.**

² **In Christ alone who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones He came to save.
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied;
for every sin on Him was laid –
here in the death of Christ I live.**

³ **There in the ground His body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain.
Then bursting forth in glorious day,
up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
for I am His and He is mine –
bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

Keith Getty (b. 1974) & Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

Remaing standing for the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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.

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*

*Please be **SEATED***

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

The Order of Service

for

Baptism

The baptism of OLIVIA ANNA JOSEPH

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, Olivia, 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 Olivia Anna Joseph who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves her and welcomes her 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 her and make her yours
for ever in the body of Christ;
renew and save her
and make her 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 her as she grows up to pray and to worship God, to study the Bible, to follow the example and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, to share generously what she 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 help this child to grow in the knowledge and experience of Christ, that when she comes to the age of discretion, she will make her personal and public profession of faith in Christ and be led 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 Olivia 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, she may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May she 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

Olivia Anna Joseph, 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 Olivia's forehead and says

Olivia, 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

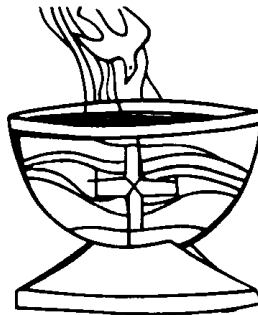
Priest God has called you into his Church.

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

All STAND

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

**And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?
*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?***

² **He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.
*'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.***

³ **Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

*My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.*

⁴ **No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

*Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

Tune: SAGINA
Thomas Campbell (1777 - 1844)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us. Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit and renew your Church with power from on high. Your name be hallowed.

All

Your Kingdom come.

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. Your name be hallowed.

Your Kingdom come.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth, we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.

Your name be hallowed. **Your Kingdom come.** *Turn over*

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak.
Grant healing, O Lord, to Mrs. Renuka David, Mrs. Rajathi
Moses, Ms. Zenobia Surveyor and others known to us who are un-
well. Heal and restore your creation. Your name be hallowed.

Your Kingdom come.

Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism;
as Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world
and enfold us in the joy of heaven, where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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Proceed to the High Altar

Motet

Tenor solo

Panis angelicus,
fit panis hominum.
Dat panis caelicus
figuris terminum.
O res mirabilis!
Manducat Dominum
Pauper, pauper,
servus et humilis.

*May the bread of angels,
become bread for mankind.
The Bread of Heaven puts
all foreshadowings to an end;
O, thing miraculous!
The body of the Lord will nourish
the poor, the poor,
the servile, and the humble.*

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)

Sung in Latin
Music: César Franck (1822 - 1890)

While seated all sing

Jesu, lover of my soul

Hymn | # 123

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH

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All **STAND** and sing

The Blessing

The Presbyter The God of all grace,
who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus,
establish, strengthen and settle you in the 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

Hymn at the Closing

**Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!
Sing, O earth, his wonderful love proclaim!
Hail him, hail him! Highest archangels in glory!
Strength and honor give to his holy name!
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children.
In his arms he carries them all day long.**

*Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness.
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song.*

² **Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!
For our sins, he suffered, and bled, and died.
He our rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
hail him, hail him! Jesus, the crucified.
Sound his praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,
love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong.**

³ **Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever!
Crown him, crown him! prophet, and priest, and king!
Christ is coming, over the world victorious.
Power and glory unto the Lord belong.**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Tune: JOYFUL SONG
Chester Allen (1838 - 1878)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Birthdays this week

“Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.” Psalm 37. 4

Angelina James (30), James Baker (31)

Wedding Anniversary

“Do everything in love.” 1 Corinthians 16. 14

Koilpillai & Helen Ponpandian (1st September)

Notices

- **Quiz** on the Gospel of St Luke today from 10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. in the parish hall.
- **Prayer meeting** on Saturday 3rd September at 6.30 p.m. in memory of the late Mrs. Padma Solomon Raj at the residence of Mr. Sathia Raj.
- **Confirmation classes** will begin from Sunday 4th September 2022 after the 8.45 a.m. service. Candidates desiring to be confirmed must submit their original baptism certificate together with a photocopy of the same to the vestry. The tentative date for the confirmation service is 6th November 2022.
- We welcome Mr. Harin Amirthanathan this morning. He is the conductor of the *Colombo Philharmonic Choir*. Harin has recently been appointed the Associate conductor of the *Paranjoti Academy Chorus*. His grandfather (the late Mr. Joseph A. Amirthanathan) sang in the St Thomas’s Cathedral choir under the late Mr. Charles Velu (from about 1944 - 47).
- *A correction...* On 15th August the *Cathedral Youth Fellowship* visited Sharan, a home for women and children run by the Andheri branch of the YMCA and not Sharan in Vashi as had been incorrectly mentioned.

Pray with us

- † **THE WORLD** Following a Russian attack on a Ukrainian train station, we continue to pray for peace after six months of war. ● For refugees and displaced people everywhere, especially the Rohingya people in Burma.
- † **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** In the *Anglican Communion* the Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and the Most Revd Philip Richardson.
- † **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Gujarat and the Rt Revd Silvans Christian ● The Diocese of South Kerala and the Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam.
- † **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the ongoing dialogue between synodical and the diocesan representatives. ● Jeevan Shanti Church, Vikhroli and Revd M.D. Borde.
- † **OUR CATHEDRAL** The Cathedral’s *Women’s Fellowship for Christian Service*. ● For Olivia Anna Joseph, her parents (Riya & Joseph Lonappan), grandparents and her god parents. ● For all senior citizens and their care providers.

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