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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist



*Looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to him,
“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened.”*

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 4th September 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

“Ephphatha,” “Be opened.”

Reflections on Mark 7. 34

There are many times in scripture when people with perfectly good physical hearing do not hear God's voice. In the Letter to the Hebrews Paul says, *Today, if you hear God's voice, do not harden your hearts.* We don't hear God's voice with our ears only, but also with our hearts.

We live in a noisy world and this can make it hard to hear God's voice. But the Bible tells us that there is a deeper cause of our lack of hearing, our hardness of heart. And that is sin. Sin blocks our ears from hearing God's word of hope.

How does Jesus open our hearts, so that we can hear his good news, not just with our ears, but with our hearts?

I want to call these “Ephphatha Moments.” *Ephphatha* being the Aramaic word that Jesus used to open the deaf man's ears. What does an “Ephphatha Moment” look like when it involves the heart? The most famous “Ephphatha Moment” of them is undoubtedly the conversion of Saul or Paul. Most of us don't have a dramatic “Ephphatha moment”. We still need those moments in life that soften our hearts, and help them to hear again, as if for the first time, how very much we are loved by God.

When Jesus healed the deaf man by saying “*Ephphatha,*” he did not just open his ears. He also released his tongue. And this man began zealously proclaiming what Jesus had done.

So, let's pray not just to *have* an “Ephphatha Moment,” but to *be* an “Ephphatha Moment” for someone else. So that they, too, can hear with the ears of their heart, and remember that they are loved by the God who is love.

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

“Schmücke dich, O liebe Seele”

(Adorn yourself, O dear soul)

Johannes Brahms, *Op. 122 No. 5* (1833 - 1897)

Canon in D

Johann Pachelbel (1653 - 1706)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Come oh come, and let us worship,
Gathered in the house of prayer;
Praise the God of our salvation
While He waits to meet us there.

*Come, oh come, and let us worship,
Bringing songs of love and praise,
Unto Him whose loving kindness
Has been o'er us all our days.*

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915) Music: Ira Sankey (1840 - 1908)

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

All

I will give you thanks with all my heart;
I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.
I will bow down toward your holy temple
**and give thanks to your name
for your constant love and truth.**
Silently now I wait for thee,
ready, my God, thy will to see.
**Open my ears, illumine me,
Spirit divine!**

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | # 125

O for a thousand tongues to sing

Tune: RICHMOND

*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 543**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 543**

Exodus 34. 29 - 35

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

119. 89 - 96

Sung by the choir to a chant by Walmsley

In aeternum, Domine

O LORD, thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

⁹⁰ Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

⁹¹ They continue this day according to thine ordinance : for all things serve thee.

⁹² If my delight had not been in thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

⁹³ I will never forget thy commandments : for with them thou hast quickened me.

⁹⁴ I am thine, O save me : for I have sought thy commandments.

⁹⁵ The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider thy testimonies.

⁹⁶ I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

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 544**

2 Corinthians 3. 4 –10

A reading from the Second 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

Gradual Hymn | **# 238**

Blest are the pure in heart

Tune: FRANCONIA

The Gospel of Christ | **page 544**

St Mark 7. 31 - 37

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.
Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
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 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.**

Remain **STANDING**, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | Page 354

Please be **SEATED**

Sermon
The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All **STAND**

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Celebrant

Christ is our peace.
We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to Him through
faith, heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
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

**Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.**

Refrain:

***This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

Continued

² **Perfect communion, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

³ **Perfect submission, all is at rest.
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.**

Words: Frances Crosby

Tune: ASSURANCE

Music: Phoebe Knapp (1839 - 1908)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

All sing

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Tune: OLD 100TH

Please be seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Everlasting God, as you look down on our church family assembled here and online, we thank you for the opportunity to worship together.

Thank you for the love that unites us, for the peace we enjoy today and for the hopes we have for tomorrow.

We thank you too for the health we enjoy, for the work that keeps us cheerfully occupied, for the food that sustains us, for the beauty around us that make our lives delightful and for our friends in every corner of the world.

Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to guide your Church especially when differences amongst us seem to threaten our relationships with each other.

We face each other, but often do not see the face.

We too easily make 'an other' of one another.
Help us now to look again, to see Jesus in the face and
to recognise hopes, aspirations and desires.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Creator God

pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our Diocese:
the laity, clergy and all diocesan institutions.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Father God,

help us always to love our family, friends and neighbours
as ourselves, especially praying for those who do not carry the
cross and follow Jesus as a disciple. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Gracious God,

sometimes life seems out of control,
and we don't know exactly which direction to take,
especially when we are, or someone we know is ill.

Thank you for overseeing our lives
and prompting us in the right way
through your word and your spirit.

We raise before you now those on our prayer lists and those
causing us concern. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Merciful God,

remember, those who have died
and for those who are saddened by their passing.

Be with the bereaved in their loneliness
and give them the faith to look beyond their present troubles
to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again
and who lives for evermore. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Faithful God,

we praise you for all you have done in the past;
we look forward with thankfulness
for all you will do in the future,
and we thank you for today
and all your blessings we experience.

Continued

The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.
May he soon touch our ears to receive his word,
and our mouth to proclaim his faith,
to the praise and glory of God the Father.
Ephphatha, be opened!

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

**Though your sins be as scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow; (2)
Though they be red like crimson,
They shall be as wool;
Though your sins be as scarlet, (2)
They shall be as white as snow. (2)**

**² Hear the voice that entreats you,
O return ye unto God! (2)
He is of great compassion,
And of wondrous love;
Hear the voice that entreats you, (2)
O return ye unto God! (2)**

**³ He'll forgive your transgressions,
And remember them no more; (2)
"Look unto Me, ye people,"
Saith the Lord your God;
He'll forgive your transgressions, (2)
And remember them no more. (2)**

Words: Frances Crosby

Music: William Doane (1832 - 1915)

The Thanksgiving | **page 371**

All **STAND** and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 371**

The Presbyter

The Blessing

Let grace and peace be upon our lives
even as we depart from this place.
“Ephphatha,” that is, “Be opened!”
If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.
† 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 | **# 220**

Fight the good fight

Tune: DUKE STREET

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Toccata on the tune, “Duke Street”

Gilbert Martin (b. 1947)

Based on the tune by, John Hatton (1710 - 1793)

Birthdays this week

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

Proverbs 9. 11

Kriya Pastala (5), Divyal Salvi (5), Sanjana Deekollu (6),
Paul George (9), Vivek John (9), Swapnita Mane (10)

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** A third of Pakistan has been completely flooded, leading to loss of lives and livelihood. Since June, Monsoon rains have caused flash floods which have devastated communities washing away roads, homes, and crops. Pray for those affected and for relief agencies.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for all teachers and mentors who influence the minds and lives of young people. As the nation observes *Teacher's Day* tomorrow we give thanks for the service of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan (the 2nd President of India) in whose honour this day is observed. May all have access to quality education in our country.

† **OUR STATE & CITY** For stability in government.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the Church universal we commemorate the *Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary* on 8th September. • We give thanks for the life and witness of Palakunnathu Abraham Malpan, an Indian cleric and theologian known for the Reformation movement within the Malankara Church during the 19th century (commemorated 7th September). • The Church in Australia and the Most Revd Geoffrey Smith.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Jabalpur and the Most Revd P. C. Singh (*Moderator of the Church of North India*) • The Diocese of Coimbatore and the Rt Revd Timothy Ravinder.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our Diocese. For all pastorates, clergy and diocesan institutions. • Wesley Church, Colaba and the Revd Elvyn Enos.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for God's healing hand on all who are unwell in our congregation and all senior citizens. • We thank God for enabling us to share our services with an online community all over the world. Pray for Leona Michyari and Laukik Telgote who faithfully record and upload the service each week.

A Prayer for Teachers

5th September is observed as Teacher's Day in India

Lord Jesus Christ,
you were a Teacher to the many who listened to you
proclaim the Kingdom of God.

We bring before you administrators, principals, professors, teachers,
school secretaries, support staff, and maintenance staff
of our schools and colleges.

In their vocation as educators,
may they continue the teaching ministry of Christ.

We pray for your blessings over their lives, their work and their families.

May they be empowered by your Spirit
to see the needs of their students
and to inspire those under their care.

Most of all, we bring before you all pupils.

Enlighten their minds.

May they grow in grace and wisdom.

Keep them safe from all illnesses and protect them from all harm.

Notices

- **Sunday school teachers' day** is being celebrated this morning in St Stephen's Church, Bhandup (W). We give thanks to God for our own Sunday school teachers. May God bless their ministry,
- A new batch of Probationers is being inducted into the choir (Alvina Magar, Nathanael Samuel, Sarah Solomonraj & Sarah Chakravarthy). We thank God for their musical talent and faithfulness.
- **Confirmation classes** will begin from today. Meet in the parish hall at 10,45am.
- Last Sunday's flowers were contributed by Ria & Joseph Lonappan.

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed
in loving memory of the late Mrs. Padma Solomonraj.*

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