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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist



The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 25th September 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.

Reflections on Matthew 6

Jesus recognizes the problem of possessions for his first-century audience.

He challenges people to take a position on wealth, a potential threat to God (*Matthew 6:24*). Wealth competes with God for the human heart.

In Jesus' example, God's care for nature is even more attentive than this unnatural acquisition of wealth. But the reality of life in the first century for many people was a challenge to acquire the necessities of life, like food and clothing, through laborious living. Yet, life is more than food and clothing.

To place effort in acquiring goods for one's self may distract from seeking righteousness and justice around us. Jesus' challenge to trust God for daily needs is exactly why he can say to those looking to do good, *"If you wish to be perfect, go, sell your possessions, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me"*. As Mother Teresa famously said, *"If you can't feed a hundred people, then feed just one."*

God will take care of you ... so take care of God's justice in the world

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

Music before the Service

Andante

Jonathan Battishill (1738 - 1801)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit
sung by the choir

O soul, are you weary and troubled?
No light in the darkness you see?
There's light for a look at the Saviour,
and life more abundant and free!

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus,
look full in His wonderful face,
and the things of earth will grow strangely dim,
in the light of His glory and grace.*

Words: Helen Lemmel (1864 - 1961) Tune: LEMMEL
Helen Lemmel

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

Blessed be your name God.
Thank you for the abundance that awaits us in heaven.
**On earth,
help us to seek first your Kingdom,
not our own wealth.**
Teach us to work to expand your Kingdom,
not our own.
**Help us to walk by your word,
not by our own selfishness.**

Continued

God invites all of us to share in the good news:
We are welcome, just as we are.
We are loved, just as we are.
In gratitude for all of this, let us worship God.

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | # 149

Ye servants of God

Tune: PADERBORN

Pease 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 549

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | page 550

Joshua 24. 14 - 25

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

119. 113 - 120

Sung by the choir to a chant by Armes

Iniquos odio habui

I hate them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.

¹¹⁴ Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.

¹¹⁵ Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.

- ¹¹⁶ O establish me according to thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.
- ¹¹⁷ Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.
- ¹¹⁸ Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.
- ¹¹⁹ Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.
- ¹²⁰ My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgements.

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 551**

Galatians 6. 11 - 18

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

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

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.
allelu, alleluia.**

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

² **Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

³ **Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
allelu, alleluia.**

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **page 551**

St Matthew 6. 24 - 34

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

We do not live by bread alone

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

cf Matthew 4. 4

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*

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

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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 | # 249

Take my life, and let it be

Tune: *ST BEES # 244*

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*

Intercessor

Everlasting God,
you are the source of growth
and blessed are those who love you.
We come before you now,
seeking your love, your way, your peace;
offering our love, our choices, our worship;
listening for wisdom, for challenge, for your ways.
Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Faithful God,
you call us to follow,
and you warn us of the cost of discipleship,
as your love overwhelms all our life.
We pray for those who pay a very high cost for faith.
We remember those who cry out for peace as they work in
their communities and across the world to end conflict.
We pray for those who speak up against systems of power,
as they seek to transform
economics and politics for the good of all.
Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony
and fairness flourish among us. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Father God,
we pray today for your creation, paying such a high price
for our development, greed and progress.
We pray for the seas and all that is in them,
where rising temperatures and major changes bring death.
Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Gracious God,
we pray for all those who are sick,
that you may guide and strengthen them
through their illness.

We pray also for those who care for the sick,
those engaged in the caring professions and for family
members who look after loved ones and especially for
children who care for parents. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Merciful God,
as we remember loved ones who have departed this life,
we thank you for all those who have gone before us.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Mighty God,
we trust in you for our time here on this earth
and we place our trust beyond the grave
for our eternal lives in your Spirit.

We ask that you will gather us in with all your loving people,
to worship you forever. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,
make us not to worry about what we are to eat, drink and wear.
Always remind us
that all these things we need will be given unto us
if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Merciful father:

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

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

The Consecration | *page 363*

The Communion | *page 368*

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

**Jesu, the very thought of thee
with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see,
and in thy presence rest.**

Continued. Turn over.

**² Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame,
nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than Thy blest name,
O Saviour of mankind!**

**³ O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
to those who fall, how kind Thou art!
how good to those who seek!**

**⁴ But what to those who find? Ah! This
nor tongue nor pen can show,
the love of Jesus, what it is
none but His loved ones know.**

Words: Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 - 1153)

Tune: *ST AGNES*
John Dykes (1823 - 1876)

The Thanksgiving | **page 371**

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 371**

The Presbyter

The Blessing

Faithful Father,
we cannot serve two masters,
so by faith we will not worry about everyday life.
We will seek Your Kingdom above all else and live righteously.
Help us to make a difference in this world for the glory of your name.
In Jesus' name, we believe and pray. **Amen.**
† 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

Andante Religioso

Felix Mendelssohn, *Op. 65 No. 4* (1809 - 1847)

Birthdays this week

"For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life."
Proverbs 9. 11

Patricia Adams (27), Miriam Joseph (27), Sony Charles (29),
Meghana Moses (1st October), Cyril James (1)

Wedding anniversary

"Do everything in love." ~ 1 Corinthians 16. 14

Raj & Alka Tiwari (30)

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Our prayers this week are for the people of several countries experiencing significant difficulties following natural disasters. Japan has been impacted by Typhoon Namadol, forcing four million people to evacuate, and Taiwan has been struck by a magnitude 6.9 earthquake causing significant damage to structures, but thankfully it seems few lives have been lost. We pray for the plight of refugees everywhere who are unable to find peace and security in their own countries, and we continue to ask God for solutions to the problems of the Rohingyas in Bangladesh. We pray for an end to the impasse in Myanmar and the worsening humanitarian crisis.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For all marginalised sections of our society. May we translate the Gospel into action and reach out to the least of our bretheren.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the Church universal, we give praise to God in union with all the hosts of heaven on the Feast of St Michael & All Angels (29th September). • In the *Anglican Communion* the Church of Burundi and the Most Revd Sixbert Macumi.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA**

In this the centenary year of the anniversary of her death, we thank God for the life and ministry of Pandita Ramabai, 1858-1922 (commemorated 29th September). She was a scholar, feminist, educator and social reformer. Pray for the work of Mukti Mission (in Kedgaon village near Pune) – a Christ centred home where destitute women and children irrespective of their background are accepted, cared for, transformed and empowered to be the “Salt & Light” in the society. This home was started by Pandita Ramabai in 1889. • The newly appointed Moderator of the *Church of North India* the Most Revd Bijay Kumar Nayak (Bishop of the Diocese of Phulbani, Odisha) • The Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad and the Rt Revd Jeyasingh Prince Prabhakaran.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY**

Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our Diocese. For all pastorates, clergy and diocesan institutions. • The church in Wada, Palghar District and the Revd Sanjay Salvi. • The Pandita Ramabai’s Ladies Hostel (of Wilson College).

† **OUR CATHEDRAL**

All candidates preparing for confirmation. • Pray for God’s comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care givers.

Notices

- **Confirmation class** today in the parish hall starting 10.45am.
- **The Patronal Festival of St Thomas the Apostle** will be celebrated on Sunday 9th October (transferred from 6th October). On this day we give thanks to God for the foundation of St Thomas’s Cathedral and for the worshipping community here past and present.
- **Harvest Festival** will be on 13th November..

ST MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS

29th September

O EVERLASTING God,
who hast ordained and constituted
the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order:
Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels
always do thee service in heaven,
so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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