



St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist

so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you,

being
rooted and
grounded
in love

Ephesians 3:17

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 2nd October 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

"That being rooted and grounded in love, we may be able to comprehend with all the saints what is the length, and width, height and depth of God's love."

Reflections on Paul's Letter to the Ephesians 3. 17

God's chosen dwelling-seat is the inner being of man's heart. It is not simply the thinking brain, the imaginative mind, the articulate tongue, or the various senses – it is the inner being of our new nature in Christ. The ultimate reason, and final result of being rooted and established in the indwelling Christ is love...the unbreakable, threefold love of the triune Godhead.

Being rooted and grounded in Christ's love was the new commandment entrusted to the body of believers - who are the church, the temple of the living God... for we have been commanded, "*Love others as I have loved you.*"

2nd October is the birth anniversary of the Father of the Nation.

Today we give thanks to God for Mahatma Gandhi and his unique contribution to our freedom struggle. The teachings of Jesus had a profound influence on the Mahatma. The service this morning incorporates some of his favourite hymns: "*Abide with me*" (prelude) and "*Lead kindly light*" (introit).

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

Prelude on the tune 'Eventide'

Charles Hubert H. Parry (1848 - 1918)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit
sung by the choir

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom
 lead Thou me on;
the night is dark, and I am far from home
 lead thou me on:
Keep Thou my feet, I do not ask to see
 The distant scene, one step enough for me

Words: Cardinal John Newman (1801 - 1890)

Tune: *LUX BENIGNA*
John B. Dykes (1823 - 1876)

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter
All

Loving Father, may we be more deeply rooted in your word
and established in the love of Christ,
as I abide in Him
and He in me.
Produce in us, O Lord the Holy Spirit's fruit of love.
May we be rooted and grounded in you.

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession

**To God be the glory, great things He hath 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 552**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 552**

1 Kings 17. 17 - 24

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. 121 - 128

Sung by the choir to a chant by Greene

Feci iudicium

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

¹²² Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

¹²³ Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.

¹²⁴ O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.

¹²⁵ I am thy servant, O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.

¹²⁶ It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.

¹²⁷ For I love thy commandments : above gold and precious stone.

¹²⁸ Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

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 553**

Ephesians 3. 13 - 21

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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 | **# 376**

In Christ there is no east or west

Tune: *ST STEPHEN # 29*

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **page 553**

St Luke 7. 11 - 17

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word

that has the power to save your souls. James 1. 21

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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 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 | # 528

Where love and loving-kindness dwell

Tune: BISHOPTHORPE # 22

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be seated

All sing

Invocation

**Into my heart, into my heart,
come into my heart, Lord Jesus;
come in today, come in to stay;
come into my heart, Lord Jesus.**

Words and music: Harry Clarke (1888 - 1957)

Intercessor

Almighty God,
in the noise and confusion of life,
we pray for peace in our hearts.
In these few moments of stillness we bring before you
our prayers, asking for help and guidance as we journey
through our earthly life
and giving thanks and praise for our many blessings.
Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Holy God,
we pray for your Church today,
gathering all round the world in tiny churches
and great cathedrals, to praise you,
to hear your holy word,
and to meet you in bread and wine.
Give us a sense of expectation
as we come and inspiration as we go.
Help us to put our differences behind us
and unite instead behind the great commission of Jesus,
to make disciples of all nations. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Creator God,
we pray for peace in the world;
that every nation may seek the way that leads to peace;
that human rights and freedoms may everywhere be
respected and the world's resources be ungrudgingly
shared. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Father God,
we pray for ourselves.
Give us this day, the eye that is willing to see
the meaning of the ordinary, the familiar, the commonplace;
to see our own faults for what they are;
to see the likeable qualities in those we may not like;
to recognise the mistakes in what we thought was correct;
to understand the strength in what we labelled as
weakness. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Help us to entrust the past to your mercy,
the present to your love and the future to your wisdom.
Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Gracious God,

We pray for those in our congregation who are sick or
suffering at this time especially Zenobia Surveyor, Rajathi
Moses and all those known personally to us.

In your goodness and mercy, grant them health of body,
soundness of mind and peace of heart. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Loving God,

into your hands we commit those who have run the race
and kept the faith,

even if that faith was known only to you
and now have gone to their reward.

May your light shine on them for ever
and our lives be richer because of their memory.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Faithful God

we pray that we being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth;
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

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 | # 246

Just as I am, without one plea

Tune: SAFFRON WALDEN

The Thanksgiving | **page 371**

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 371**

The Presbyter

The Blessing

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith —
that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
of the love of Christ and to know this love that surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **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 | # 224

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Tune: MANNHEIM

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Arnold Cooke (1906 - 2005)

Birthdays this week

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Timothy Gladston (3), Arnold Pasgon (5), Rachel Baker (6), David Long (6),
Monica Palukuri (7), Zenobia Surveyor (8)

Wedding anniversary

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:2

Ajay & Raina Michyari (3), David & Nilima Long (6)

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray for people experiencing significant difficulties following natural disasters; East Coast of the USA following Hurricane Ian, Japan which has been impacted by Typhoon Namadol, and Taiwan recovering from an earthquake. We give thanks for those people and agencies providing recovery and relief. 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, as the UN tries to decide which group truly represents the people.

† **OUR COUNTRY** As the world remembers Mahatma Gandhi on his birth anniversary, let us thank God for the Father of the Nation and his leadership in our freedom struggle and his influence on other leaders and nations.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the Church universal, we offer our thanksgiving for the Apostle Thomas, whose doubt was turned to faith (*commemorated 6th October*). • We give thanks for the life and ministry of the 13th century monk, St Francis of Assisi (*commemorated 4th October*). Pray for the Franciscan brothers and for all institutions named after him. • In the *Anglican Communion* the Anglican Church of Canada and the Most Revd Linda Nicholls.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The leadership in the *Church of North India* and the *Church of South India* at synodical, diocesan and parochial levels.

• The Diocese of Marathwada and the Rt Revd M. U. Kasab. • The Diocese of Thoothukudi - Nazareth Diocese.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our Diocese. For all parishes, clergy and diocesan institutions. For the pupils, staff, Principal and management of St Peter's School, Mazagaon.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** As we approach our Patronal Festival, we thank God for the vision and mission of the founders of the Cathedral. For all clergy, Bishops and the faithful who have worshipped here for over 300 years . • Pray for God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care givers.

Notices

- **Confirmation class** today starting 10.45am.
- **Retreat** 5th November 9am to 4pm in Bandra. Rs. 350/ per person. Register with any of the WFCS office bearers (Violent, Nalinaj, Arpana or Jaisy)
- **The Patronal Festival of St Thomas the Apostle** will be celebrated on Sunday 9th October (transferred from 6th October).
- **Harvest Festival** will be on 13th November..

Remembering the Mahatma:

2nd October is Gandhi Jayanti

During his studies in England, Gandhi became interested in the Christian faith. He had been reading the Bible to keep a promise he had made to a friend. He had difficulties understanding the Old Testament because in it, "he found out so much that he could not reconcile with the bidding of returning good for evil." He was studying for the bar exams in London when he was given the New Testament to read. This made a positive impression on him. The *Sermon on the Mount* as he said "went straight to my heart". He was fascinated by these words: "But I say to you, that ye resist not evil: but whosoever smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also."

Gandhi got two key words from Christianity: the teaching in the Sermon on the Mount and the Symbol of the cross. Gandhi described the Sermon on the Mount as the whole of Christianity for him who wanted to live a Christian life. He understood the cross and believed that when one lived the life Jesus lived, he would probably end up in conflict with the powers that be. For him, Jesus died because of the way he lived. The cross of Christ was therefore the result of his living out his way of life to the end.

One of Gandhi's closest friends was an English priest, Charles Freer Andrews (affectionately called , 'Deenbandhu' — the friend of the poor.) He taught in St Stephen's College, Delhi. Andrews became a great admirer of the philosophy of Gandhi and assisted the Mahatma in the struggle for Indian independence.

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