

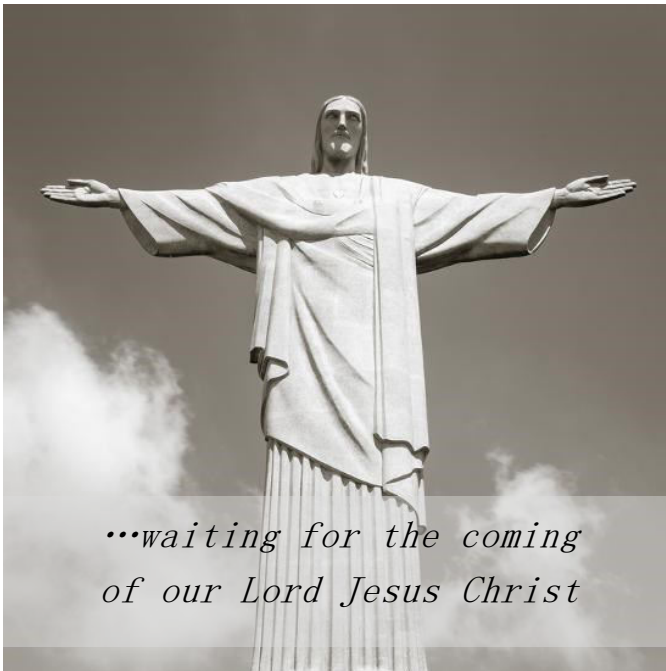


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The Order of Service *for Holy Eucharist*



*...waiting for the coming
of our Lord Jesus Christ*

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 16th October 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

I always thank My God

Reflections on Paul's 1st letter to the Church in Corinth
1: 4 - 8

According to the conventions of ancient letter writing, a greeting was followed by a section in which the author praised the recipient. In this case, Paul expresses his thanks that the Corinthian believers have experienced the grace of God in Christ. The believers in Corinth have been “*enriched in Christ*” so that they “*are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ*”. Paul specifically names two gifts, speech and knowledge, that the Corinthian church enjoyed in abundance.

Paul is convinced that the believers in Corinth have received the spiritual resources they need to fulfil their calling. God has called them, and he has given them gifts that will enable them to be “*blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ*”. Although the day of perfection has not arrived yet, whether at work or anywhere else, Christians already have access to the gifts that will come to complete fruition on that day.

It is hard to imagine that all Corinthian Christians felt as if their work was a special occupation designed individually for them by God. Most of them were slaves or common laborers, as we will see. What Paul must mean is that whether or not each person's occupation seems special, God gives the gifts needed to make everyone's work contribute to God's plan for the world. No matter how insignificant our work seems, no matter how much we long to have a different job, the work we do now is important to God.

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

Voluntary in G, No. 9 Op. 7 John Stanley (1712 - 1786)
“Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier” “Blessed Jesus, at your word”, BWV 706
... .. J. S. Bach (1685 - 1750)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

sung by the choir

Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,
grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
there where the blood of the Lamb was spilt!

Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that will pardon and cleanse within!
Grace, grace, God's grace,
grace that is greater than all our sin!

Words: Julia Johnston (1849 - 1919)

Tune: MOODY

Music: Daniel Towner (1850 - 1919)

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

My soul waits in silence on God alone,

All

from Him comes my salvation.

My soul, waits silently for God,

for my hope is from Him.

Welcome this day to the worship of our Creator.

We worship in hope and with grace.

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | # 199

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Tune: ST. DENIO

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 556

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | page 556

Deuteronomy 6. 4 - 9

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

119. 137 - 144

Sung by the choir to a chant by Revd Helmore

Justus es, Domine

Righteous art thou, O Lord : and true is thy judgement.

¹³⁸ The testimonies that thou hast commanded : are exceeding righteous and true.

¹³⁹ My zeal hath even consumed me : because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

¹⁴⁰ Thy word is tried to the uttermost : and thy servant loveth it.

¹⁴¹ I am small, and of no reputation : yet do I not forget thy commandments.

¹⁴² Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness : and thy law is the truth.

¹⁴³ Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : yet is my delight in thy commandments.

¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting : O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

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 557**

1 Corinthians 1. 4 - 8

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

Gradual Hymn | **# 231**

O for a closer walk with God

Tune: CAITHNESS

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **page 557**

St Matthew 22. 34 - 46

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

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 Matthew.

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 ‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’
 says the Lord, ‘there am I in the midst of them.’
 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 | # 122

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Tune: ST. PETER

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)

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Hidden and mysterious God,
we seek you in our darkness and our unknowing,
so come to us with tender love
as we raise before you our prayers of intercession
and thanksgiving. Lord hear us;

All

Lord graciously hear us.

Father God,
we pray for all church leaders
that as they spend time in prayer and preparation,
they are filled with divine inspiration and revelation,
so that when they speak,
it will be your word which comes in power to
challenge, convict and empower. Lord hear us;

Lord graciously hear us.

Mighty God,
we pray for all who carry civic and political responsibilities
both locally and throughout the world.
Help the leaders of the nations put aside all selfish ambition
as they seek to be the instruments of your will for humanity
and carry out your desire for the welfare of all people,
which will culminate in glory to you and in happier human
lives. Lord hear us; **Lord graciously hear us.** *Continued*

Compassionate God,
your love for humanity was revealed in Jesus,
whose earthly life began in the poverty of a stable
and ended in the pain and isolation of the cross.
Draw near to all those who are struggling
and comfort them in spirit.
Bless those working locally to provide for them,
including food banks and shelters for the homeless.
Lord hear us;

Lord graciously hear us.

Living God,
where there is sickness
turn weakness into strength,
suffering into compassion,
sorrow into joy,
and pain into comfort.
Help all who suffer to trust in your goodness
and hope in your faithfulness,
even in the middle of their suffering.
Let them be filled with patience and joy in your presence
as they wait for your healing touch.

Pray for God's comforting presence with
Ms Zenobia Surveyor, Mr. Alan Moses and for others
known to you. Lord hear us; **Lord graciously hear us.**

Everlasting God,
we remember all those who have gone before us,
walked the same path that we tread,
and, by their example, encouragement, wise words
and teaching led others into your Kingdom
and so we offer our grateful thanks particularly for those
whose anniversary falls at this time.

We give thanks this morning for the faithful witness of
Mrs. Rajathi Moses and Mr. Ray Harbour.

May the souls of the righteous rest in peace
and rise in glory.

Grant comfort, O Lord, to the bereaved families.

Lord hear us; **Lord graciously hear us.**

Faithful God,
your word is a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.

Thank you that we can live in Your light
and walk in Your truth.
May the things that you have revealed
and thoughts that we have shared
dwell in our hearts and stir us to action.

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 | **# 237**

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Tune: *BRESLAU*

The Thanksgiving | *page 371*

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

The Presbyter

The Blessing

Almighty God,
we thank you for the grace which you gave in Christ Jesus.
In every way you have enriched us in all speech and all knowledge - even
as the testimony of Christ has been confirmed before our eyes - so
that we are not lacking in any spiritual gift,
as we wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ.

† 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 | # 367

God of grace and God of glory

Tune: CWM RHONDDA # 214

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Trumpet tune David Johnson (1922 - 1987)

Birthdays this week

*“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”*

Numbers 6: 24 - 26

Christopher Karkada (16), Alethea Rangayya (18), Supriya Daniel (20),
Uma Moses (21), Nihal Thomas (21)

Wedding anniversary

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"*

Galatians 5: 22

Johnson & Sarah Issac (16),
Ashok & Rekha Joshi (18),
Suresh & Anuradha Patil (18)

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** For all displaced people; for countries experiencing food insecurity and the effects of climate change. • Our prayers for the people of Burkina Faso for stability, security and relief for some 2 million refugees, as the country suffers its second coup in eight months.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For those working with the marginalised sections of society and transforming lives.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Today the Church commemorates the evangelist, Henry Martyn an Anglican priest and missionary to the peoples of India and Persia. Martyn arrived in India in 1806, where he preached and occupied himself in the study of linguistics. He translated the whole of the New Testament into Urdu, Persian and Judaeo-Persic. He also translated the Psalms into Persian and the *Book of Common Prayer* into Urdu. We thank God for the work of the *Henry Martyn Institute* in Hyderabad. This is an interfaith centre for reconciliation and research. • With the Church universal we offer our thanksgiving for St. Luke (*commemorated 18th October*). Luke was a physician and the inspired author of the third Gospel and of the Acts of the Apostles. He is known as the patron saint of physicians. • In the *Anglican Communion* the Episcopal Church of Central America (*Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America*) and the Most Revd Julio Murray.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The leadership in the *Church of North India* and the *Church of South India* at synodical, diocesan and pastorate levels. • For the new Bishop of Delhi, the Rt Revd Dr Paul Swarup. Bishop Paul was consecrated yesterday and will be installed in the Cathedral Church of the Redemption, New Delhi this evening. • The Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore and the Rt Revd Dhanraj Chandrasekaran.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our Diocese. For all pastorates, clergy and diocesan institutions. • For St Columba Girls' High School, Tardeo.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** We give thanks as a congregation for the life and faithful witness of the late Mrs. Rajathi Moses. Pray for Mr. Alan Moses, their daughter Alice and the entire family. • Pray for Florence Habour who lost her brother Mr. Ray Habour. May God grant comfort and strength to the bereaved family. • Pray for God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care givers. • This week we pray for the Cathedral Trustees.

Notices

- Mrs. Rajathi Moses wife of Mr. Alan Moses passed away on 12th October 2022. The funeral was held at the Sewery Christian Cemetery the next day. Before her retirement, Mrs. Rajathi Moses was a maths teacher at the Holy Name High School in Colaba. She was a much-loved teacher and cared deeply for her pupils. Her lasting “gift” to the many she encountered was her reaching out in prayer. A faithful “prayer warrior”, Mrs. Moses together with a few ladies would pray over the many prayer requests which pour in during the course of the week in the prayer request book kept in the chapel at the entrance to the Cathedral. We uphold the family in our prayers.
- Mr. Ray Harbour (brother of Florence Harbour) passed away on 14th October 2022. Whenever in Mumbai, he would attend services in the Cathedral. We pray for Florence and the family.
- **Confirmation class** today starting 10.45 am. The date for the Confirmation service is tentatively Sunday 6th November 2022.
- **Retreat** will be conducted on Saturday 5th November 9 am to 4 pm at Retreat House in Bandra. Rs. 350/ per person. Register with any of the WFCS office bearers (Violet, Nalina, Arpana or Jaisy.)
- **Harvest Festival** will be on Sunday 13th November 2022.

ST. LUKE THE EVANGELIST

18th October

ALMIGHTY God, who calledst Luke the Physician,
whose praise is in the Gospel, to be an Evangelist,
and Physician of the soul:

May it please thee that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed; through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Book of Common Prayer

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