



St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist



*And Abraham answered
and said, behold now,
I have taken upon me
to speak unto the Lord,
which am
but dust and ashes:*

The Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Last Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 23rd October 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

And Abraham answered and said,

"Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord..." Reflections on Genesis 18.27

Whenever we think about or talk about God, there is a wonderful tension between certainty and mystery.

We use our reason and ecclesiastical traditions to develop frameworks for understanding who God is and how God can be expected to behave and act. Scripture itself confronts us with texts where God acts in ways that cannot be rationally explained away.

The themes of justice and righteousness becomes an important reason why Abraham intercedes the way he does. Abraham understands God as one who will act justly and righteously, and that understanding emboldens Abraham to pray the way he does.

The repetition of the particle, 'abur, "for the sake of," affirms that God is a God who acts for the sake of, on behalf of others.. Based on God's own words, we can say with certainty that God does not operate in a vacuum but out of concern and care for the sake of the righteous.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are placed in loving memory of the late Mrs Chandramathi Moses (beloved mother of Dr Kamal Jadhav) in commemoration of her death anniversary.

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 & Fugue in d minor, *Op. 37 No. 3* Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit
sung by the choir

The God of Abraham praise
who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting Days,
and God of love:
Jehovah, great I AM,
by earth and heaven confest;
we bow and bless the sacred name
for ever blest.

Words: Thomas Olivers (1725 - 99)
based on the Hebrew *Yidgal*

Tune: *LEONI*
Music: Traditional Hebrew melody

All STAND

Call to Worship

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter
All

As Abraham welcomed the strangers
so God welcomes us.
God has set this day before us,
a day set apart,
a day of rest and praise.
God has set our lives before us,
a span of years in which we love,
and learn, and serve.
God has set His seal upon our hearts,
so that we might live fully in deep love.

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | # 143

Jesus shall reign

Tune: TRURO

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 558

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | page 558

Genesis 18. 23 - 32

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

119. 145 - 152

Sung by the choir to a chant by Croft

Clamavi in toto corde meo

I CALL with my whole heart : hear me, O Lord, I will keep thy statutes.

¹⁴⁶ Yea, even unto thee do I call : help me, and I shall keep thy testimonies.

¹⁴⁷ Early in the morning do I cry unto thee : for in thy word is my trust.

¹⁴⁸ Mine eyes prevent the night-watches : that I might be occupied in thy words.

¹⁴⁹ Hear my voice, O Lord, according unto thy loving-kindness : quicken me,
according as thou art wont.

¹⁵⁰ They draw nigh that of malice persecute me : and are far from thy law.

¹⁵¹ Be thou nigh at hand, O Lord : for all thy commandments are true.

¹⁵² As concerning thy testimonies, I have known long since : that thou hast
grounded them for ever.

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 559**

Ephesians 4. 17 - 32

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

**Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
of our life's wild, restless sea;
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,
saying "Christian, follow me!"**

² **In our joys and in our sorrows,
days of toil and hours of ease,
still he calls in cares and pleasures,
"Christian, love me more than these."**

³ **Jesus calls us by Thy mercies,
Saviour, may we hear thy call,
give our hearts to thine obedience,
serve and love thee best of all.**

Words: Cecil Alexander (1818 - 1895)

Tune: *JUDE*
William Jude (1851 - 1922)

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **page 560**

St Matthew 9. 1 - 8

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life. *1 Samuel 3.9; John 6.68*

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 God will speak peace to His people,
to those who turn to Him in their hearts.
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 | # 126

The King of love my Shepherd is

Tune: *DOMINUS REGIT ME*

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

Merciful God,
help us when praying not to be like the Pharisee,
whose prayers were full of pride
showing how good and righteous he is,
but more like the humble Tax Collector
ready to admit to our faults, failures and imperfections.
Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Gracious God,
we pray for your Church throughout the world
and for all Christian people;
for the renewal of the Church in faith, love and service;
for Bijay the Moderator of the *Church of North India*,
Dharmaraj the Moderator of the *Church of South India*,
Sharad the Moderator's Commissary for our diocese
and Avinash our Presbyter;
for the life of this church and diocese.

Continued

We give you thanks for the gift of your word,
the grace of the sacraments and the fellowship of your
people. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Creator God, Lord of all,
we pray for peace in the world
bringing before you the troubles and dangers of people and
nations, particularly Ukraine.
Shower your blessings on communities seeking to rebuild
their lives in peace and hope;
guide and protect refugees fleeing from war and persecution
in their homelands
and direct all rulers, governments and leaders of people
to strive for justice, peace and fair shares
of the rich bounty of their lands.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Father God,
we pray for ourselves.
Give to us an eye that is willing to see meaning in things
and people that are familiar and commonplace,
and always to be sincerely aware of our own faults.
Enable us to see likeable qualities
in those we may not like,
recognise the mistakes in what we thought was correct,
and to understand the strength
in what we choose to see as weakness.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

God of healing,
we pray for the sick and suffering and all who care for them.
We pray for those for whom this day will be long and hard,
for those struggling with despair or depression,
for those in hospital and at home.
We pray especially at this time for Ms Zenobia Surveyor
and Mr. Alan Moses.
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,
we remember in our prayers friends and loved ones
who have enriched our lives and are now departed from us.
We pray for those who have died in recent days —
Mrs. Rajathi Moses, Mr. Desmond Shaw and Mr. Ray
Harbour.

We remember those whose anniversaries occur at this
time – Mrs. Chandramathi Moses (beloved mother of
Dr. Kamal Jadhav).

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

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Faithful God,
as we go out into the world,
help us to entrust the past to your mercy,
the present to your love
and the future to your wisdom.

**Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your son Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

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The Communion | *page 368*

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

**Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
hear my humble cry,
while on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**

*Refrain: Saviour, Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.*

Continued. Turn over.

² **Let me at a throne of mercy
find a sweet relief;
kneeling there in deep contrition,
help my unbelief.**

³ **Trusting only in Thy merit,
would I seek Thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by Thy grace.**

⁴ **Thou the Spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me,
whom have I on earth beside Thee?
whom in heaven but Thee?**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Tune: *PASS ME NOT*
William Doane (1832 - 1915)

The Thanksgiving | *page 371*

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

The Presbyter

The Blessing

Father, we have been way too timid in our prayers,
when we compare ourselves to Abraham.
Help us to know you so well that
we will not feel afraid to ask great things of you.
Grow our faith in you
and lead us to exercise this ever increasing faith in our prayers to you.
† 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 | **# 209**

Through all the changing scenes of life

Tune: *WILTSHIRE*

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Voluntary in D

George Dyson (1883 - 1964)

Birthdays this week

"May God bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work."

2 Corinthians 9:8

Rhea Daniel (25), Patricia Bijlani (28)

Wedding anniversary

"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us." 1 John 4:12

Benoy & Shoba Abraham (26), Gopa & Henry Joseph (28)

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** For countries facing economic hardships. Guide world leaders to make decisions which ensure that the most vulnerable are protected.

● We pray for an easing of tension between North and South Korea. ● Indonesia has banned sale of all liquid medicine for children following unexplained rise in deaths from acute kidney disease, and so we pray for bereaved parents, those who fear and children who are ill.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For all parliamentarians and those whose decisions affects the lives of many.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the Church universal we give thanks to God for the life and witness of the 4th century evangelist Frumentius of Ethiopia (commemorated 27th October) and the Apostles Simon and Jude (commemorated 28th October). They are two of the lesser-known disciples, but though they are not mentioned often in the Gospel, they still are important biblical figures for their closeness to Jesus and his ministry, and for their involvement in the early Church.

● In the *Anglican Communion* the Church in the Congo (*Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo*) and the Most Revd Titre Ande Georges.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Diocese of Nasik and the Rt Revd Sharad Gaikwad. ● The Diocese of Vellore and the Rt Revd Sharma Nithiyandam .

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For the guidance of the Holy Spirit to provide leadership for the Diocese. ● For All Saints' Church, Govandi and the Revd John Thavakumar.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care givers. ● Today on the day of his funeral, we thank God for the life of Mr. Desmond Shaw and his years of service as the Principal of the Cathedral & John Cannon School. ● This week we pray for the Cathedral Youth Fellowship.

Notices

- The Rt Revd Sharad Yuvraj Gaikwad, Bishop of Nasik has been appointed as the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary to the Diocese of Bombay with effect from 15th October 2022.
- **Confirmation Service** will be held on 6th November 2022 at 8:45 am. The confirmands are: Natania George, Ankita Roberts, Alethea Rangayya, Arina Magar and Rebecca John. They will be confirmed by Bishop Sharad Gaikwad. Pray for the confirmands and their families.
- **Retreat** will be conducted on Saturday 5th November 9 am to 4 pm at Retreat House in Bandra. The theme is, "Pursuing Holiness" Hebrews 12: 14. Register with any of the WFCS office bearers (Violet, Nalina, Arpana or Jaisy.) There is a contribution of Rs. 350/ per person.
- **Harvest Festival** will be on Sunday 13th November 2022.
- The WFCS is organising a **Bible quiz** on 4th December 2022 on the Gospel according to Mark and the Book of Esther (*New King James version.*)

Desmond Shaw



Mr. Desmond Shaw served as the Principal of the Cathedral and John Connon School from 1986 to 1996. He was previously the Principal of La Martiniere College, Lucknow. Mr. Shaw passed away last week on Saturday 15th October 2022 in Canada where he and Mrs. Shaw had settled down with their daughters. He is survived by his wife Mrs. Mavis Shaw and daughters Carolyn, Corinne and Colleen. We give thanks to God for the many years of faithful service Mr. Shaw gave the Cathedral School as its Principal. Mr. and Mrs. Shaw were regular worshippers in the Cathedral. His funeral will be held today in St George's Church, Georgetown, Ontario.

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