

Thanksgiving *for Harvest*



*Then shall the earth yield her increase;
and God, even our own God,
shall bless us. Psalm 67. 6*

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 13th November 2022

8.45 am

**The Second Sunday before Advent
and Remembrance Sunday**

**ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
Mumbai**

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

Thanksgiving for Holy Eucharist

Theologically speaking Eucharist is a harvest festival. Because we offer fruits of the earth and of human labour at every Eucharist. Bread is made out of wheat flour. People work hard to get the harvest of wheat. Wine is made out of grapes. Again people toil hard to get the harvest of grapes from the creeping plant of vine. Here we see how God offers the flesh and blood of His son through our harvest for our spiritual nourishment.

When we go a step further we can learn that all our worship services are harvest festivals. The theological word for worship is called liturgy and this word is derived from 2 Greek words called – λαός – laos (people) and – έργον – ergon (work) The result of work of people is harvest. Therefore in our worship we offer to God the harvest of our God given time, money and resources etc.

It is the belief of Christians that every Eucharist is a small Easter. Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist we are living in the resurrection of the Jesus Christ. Beginning from the early Christians up to date we meet the resurrected Christ in the Eucharist.

According to the theology in the letter of James (James 1:18) resurrected Christ is God's spiritual harvest and the first fruit of all he created.

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

Beautiful Saviour Lani Smith (1934 - 2015) *Traditional Silesian melody*

‘Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier’

(‘Blessed Jesus we are here’) J. S. Bach, BWV 633 (1685 - 1750)

Songs of Praise

The choristers sing

In the dear Lord’s garden,
planted here below,
many tiny flowerets,
in sweet beauty grow.

Words: Ella S. Armitage (1841 - 1931)

Jesus loves the children,
children such as we;
best them when their mothers
brought them to His knee.

Tune: CASTLE EDEN
R. W. Dixon (1806 - 1876)

While seated, all sing

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because He’s given
Jesus Christ, His Son.**

**Give thanks with a grateful heart,
give thanks to the Holy One;
give thanks, because He’s given
Jesus Christ, his Son.**

**And now let the weak say ‘I am strong’,
let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us;
and now let the weak say ‘I am strong’,
let the poor say ‘I am rich’,
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Henry Smith (b. 1952)

**Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honour,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.**

**Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

Words: Anonymous German hymn
Münster Gesangbuch, 1677

Tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN

**O Lord, my God,
when I, in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee;
how great Thou art, how great Thou art!***

Words: Carl Boberg (1859 - 1940) Tune: Swedish folk melody

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit
sung by the choir

Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!
The church with psalms may shout,
no door can keep them out;
but, more than all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing:
My God and King!

Words: George Herbert (1593 - 1632)

Music: Robert McCutchan (1877 - 1958)
arr. Carlton Young

*All **STAND** and join in singing the hymn.*

Hymn at the Entry | # 116

All things bright and beautiful v.v. 1 & 6 Tune: ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

Please be seated

Thanksgiving for the Harvest Gifts

The Presbyter stands beside the harvest gifts and says

Thank you God for your goodness that blesses us and the earth.
You are generous.

All Thank you, God.

Continued. Turn over.

Thank you God for the people
who made this food and those who will share in it.
You are generous.

Thank you God.

Thank you God for this place,
this city, this church and for your
faithful love over many generations
You are generous.

Thank you God.

*During the singing of the hymns the choir and clergy
will process around the Cathedral*

Hymns at the Procession

290 **We plough the fields, and scatter** Tune: WIR PFLÜGEN

289 **Come, ye thankful people come** Tune: ST GEORGE

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

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving | **page 630**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 631**

Deuteronomy 8. 7 - 10

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

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

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

104

Join in singing the refrain

**Refrain (all) *Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.***

¹ Praise the Lord O my soul,
O Lord God, your glory is great:
How manifold are your works,
In wisdom you have made them all.

² All creatures look to you,
To give them their food to eat:
When you open your hand, they are filled with good,
When you hide your face, they pine away.

³ When you take away their breath they die,
And return to the earth whence they came:
When you send forth your spirit, all things spring to life
And the face of the earth in renewed.

⁴ The glory of the Lord shall never cease,
The Lord shall rejoice in all His works:
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God, while my breath remain.

**Refrain (all) *Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.***

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 9. 6 - 15

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

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

Thanks be to God.

All STAND and join in singing

For the healing of the nations

Gradual Hymn | # 361

Tune: ALLELUIA, DULCE CARMEN

Remain standing for the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.
Gather the fruit for eternal life.

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 John.

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

Anthem

sung by the choir

Praise Him! Praise Him! Praise the great Jehovah!
Blessing, honour glory be unto His name.

Praise ye the Lord of the harvest,
Who hath covered the earth with His goodness;
Who sendeth the rain in its season,
Bringing fruit in its time to all.

Praise ye the Lord of the harvest,
For His hand withheld every evil,
His mercy endureth forever,
Let His people before Him fall.

Continued

Oh! that men would praise Him for His great and wondrous works;
And exalt Him in the congregation of the people.
Oh! That men would praise Him for His great and wondrous works;
And exalt Him in the congregation of the saints.

T. F. Seward (1835 - 1902)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All **STAND**

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy and 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 | # 105

All creatures of our God and King

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Verses 1, 2, 3, 4 & 7

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

All sing

The 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 HUNDRETH

Please be seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us offer our prayers to God for the life of the world
and for all God's people in their daily life and work.

God, the beginning and end of all things
in your care and providing for us
you are ever watchful over all creation;
we offer you our prayers
that in us and in all your people your way will be followed,
According to the wisdom and love you showed us
in Christ our Lord.

Lord of the harvest,

hear our prayer.

God, we are thankful for all our food and drink
We pray for schemes everywhere
that try to help feed the hungry.

We remember all those who are hungry today,
Lord of the harvest,

hear our prayer.

God, we are thankful for the farmers
who put care and effort into
growing and harvesting the food
which we use in our everyday lives.

We pray for those in parts of the world
where the harvest has failed
because of extreme weather conditions.

Bless organisations seeking to help them
and make us more generous in our giving.

Lord of the harvest,

hear our prayer.

God, we pray for all those
working for a fairer world,
especially those developing Fairtrade,
so that farmers and growers across the world
may receive fair prices for their crops.

May your Spirit work in the hearts
of all those who make decisions of power
in the rich countries of the world. Lord of the harvest,

hear our prayer.

Continued

Intercessor

God, we pray for those who are ill,
remembering those in hospital and nursing homes
and all who are known to us.
We pray for all who care for them.
Give skill and understanding
to all who work for their wellbeing.
Lord of the harvest,
hear our prayer.

All

God, we remember those who have died,
and we entrust them to your eternal love
in the hope of resurrection to new life.
Lord of the harvest,
hear our prayer.
God of grace,
as you are ever at work in your creation,
so complete your wise and loving plan in us
and in all for whom we pray,
that with them and in all that you have made,
your glory may be visible to all
and the whole earth may give praise to you,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

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At this time the choir sings

My Shepherd will supply my need,
Jehovah is His Name.
In pastures fresh He makes me feed
beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back
when I forsake His ways.
He leads me for His mercy's sake
in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death,
Thy presence is my stay.
One word of Thy supporting breath
drives all my fears away,
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes,
doth still my table spread.
My cup with blessings overflows,
Thine oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God
attend me all my days,
O may Thy House be my abode
and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest,
while others go and come,
no more a stranger or a guest,
but like a child at home.

Words: based on Psalm 23
Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

Music: Traditional hymn tune from the
Southern part of the USA
Arranged by Virgil Thomson (1896 - 1989)

While seated, all sing

Hymn | # 271

Bread of heaven

All say

Post Communion Prayer

**God of abundance,
you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ.
Amen.**

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | page 371

Act of Remembrance

Presbyter They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm **We will remember them.**

** All remain standing as the 'Last Post' is played.**

** Wreaths are placed at the war memorial.**

Act of Commitment

All **Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves to serve Thee and all mankind,
in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of Thy name.
Guide us by Thy Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope
and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

The Presbyter

The Blessing

May God our creator, who clothes the lilies and feeds the birds of the air,
bestow on you His care and increase the harvest of your righteousness;
† 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 | # 205

Now thank we all our God

Tune: NUN DANKET

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Marche Triomphale on, Nun Danket 'Now thank we all our God'

Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Op. 65 (1877 - 1933)

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We give sincere thanks that at last, Russia is making a withdrawal from the Ukraine city of Kherson where Russian troops have been in occupation for eight months. We hope and pray, along with Ukrainians, that this will be a turning point of the war. • We give thanks for COP27 delegates meeting in Egypt from 6th to 18th November, and pray that lasting decisions to reverse climate change damage will be. • We thank God that a place of safety has been afforded to the distressed 250 refugees and migrants initially rejected by Italy. They were rescued from the Central Mediterranean by a humanitarian rescue ship.

• We pray for God's comfort for the people of Iran in light of the protests and violence after the death of Zhina Mahsa Amini. • We earnestly pray for governments to address measures to curb inflation and alleviate high energy costs.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for the new Chief Justice of India as he assumes office. • For all in Government as India takes on the Presidency of G20. The focus will be on how to deal with food and energy insecurities. Pray that policies will always be inclusive and help the most vulnerable in our society.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** • In many countries of the world the Sunday closest to 11th November (Armistice) is observed as *Remembrance Sunday*. We remember and honour the memory of those who have fallen in all wars. Bless those who strive for reconciliation, mediation and peace. In the *Anglican Communion* for the Diocese of Hokkaido (Japan) and the Right Revd Maria Grace Tazu Sasamori (Bishop Maria is Japan's first woman bishop.)

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Today the *Communion of Churches in India* observe *Unity Sunday*. Pray for the Synods and leaders of the *Church of North India*, the *Church of South India* and the *Mar Thoma Syrian Church*.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** We particularly pray for the laity and pastorates of the Diocese. May they listen to the promptings of the Holy Spirit in decisions they make. • Emmanuel Marathi Church, Vasai and the Revd Graham Engineer.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for God's comforting presence with all who are unwell, especially Mr. Alan Moses and Mr. David Roberts. • This week we pray for the pupils, staff, Principal and Board of Governors of the Cathedral and John Connon School as they observe their 162nd Founders' Day tomorrow. The School was founded in 1860 during the episcopacy of Bishop Harding (1851 - 1869) the second Bishop of Bombay.

Notices

- Founders' day service of The Cathedral & John Connon School tomorrow at 9 am.
- Memorial service for the late Mrs. Rajathi Moses 20th November, 10.45 am.
- The Church begins a new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent which falls on 27th November this year.
- The *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (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.*)

Birthdays this week

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

Proverbs 9:11

Aradhna Knox (13), Samantha Dawson (14), Leona Michyari (14) ,
Roshan Thomas (17), Raj Tiwari (18), Rahul Long (19)

Wedding anniversary this week

"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love."

I Corinthians 13:13

Nikhil and Ramola Mengde (17)

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