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**The Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist & Baptism**



The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 4th December 2022 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

O Root of Jesse This Advent proclamation of the character of Jesus comes from one of Isaiah's most lyrical descriptions of the world put right by God. In Isaiah 11, the prophet speaks of the "shoot" that will come from the "stump of Jesse". The tree that looks dead, looks as though its story is at an end, will blossom again, and with it the new age will dawn.

Paul uses this image of the "root of Jesse" in Romans 15. This story of the house of David is a story for the whole world. "The nations shall inquire of" this root of Jesse, Isaiah says (*Isaiah 11.10*), and Paul says that "in him the Gentiles shall hope" (*Romans 15.12*). the Advent acclamation calls Jesus "the root" of the tree; he is not just its product but also its source.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus draws people back to scripture, asking them to hear it and interpret it more carefully.

The tree of Jesse is the tree from which all life springs, and it has its source and its fulfilment in God. Any and every family tree can bear unexpected fruit, even when it seems defunct or deadly, because its life comes from the life of God.

During the course of the service, we welcome into the fellowship of the church, Edward Suryakant Knox. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

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

Voluntary

‘Wachet auf, ruft uns die Stimme’ J.S. Bach, BWV 645 (1685 - 1750)
(‘Sleeper’s awake’)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

The Great Advent Antiphons

Intoned by the cantors

O RADIX JESSE

O Root of Jesse, which standest for an ensign of the people,
at whom kings shall shut their mouths,
to whom the Gentiles shall seek:
Come and deliver us, and tarry not.

O CLAVIS DAVID

O Key of David, and Sceptre of the house of Israel;
that openest, and no man shutteth;
and shuttest and no man openeth:
Come, and bring the prisoner out of the prison house,
and him that sitteth in darkness, and the shadow of death.

Each of the antiphons addresses Christ by one of His Scriptural names or titles, each one praises the coming of the Saviour by a different name, and each one closes with a petition appropriate to the title.

Seven days before Christmas Eve monasteries would sing the “O antiphons” in anticipation of Christmas Eve when the eighth antiphon, “O Virgo virginum” (“O Virgin of virgins”) would be sung before and after Mary’s canticle, the Magnificat (Luke 1:46b-55).

*All **stand** and join in singing the hymn*

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | # 180

Thou, whose almighty word

Tune: MOSCOW

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**.*

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Presbyter says

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader

We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". As we prepare for your coming in your Son Jesus help us shine as the radiant body of Christ that we may be light for a gloomy broken world Amen.

All Come now, O Prince of peace.

As the candle is lit, the choir sings

Come, thou Redeemer of the earth,
and manifest thy virgin-birth:
let every age adoring fall;
such birth befits the God of all.

Words: St Ambrose

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

Music: adapted M. Praetorius

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 350**

During the Advent Season we sing the Kyrie instead of the Summary of the Law

**Lord, have mercy, Lord have mercy.
Christ have mercy, Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, Lord have mercy.**

From 'Mass of St Thomas'
by David Thorne

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The Old Testament Lesson | **page 400**

2 Kings 22.8 - 10 & 23.1 - 3

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

19: 7 - 15

Sung by the choir to a chant by Monk

Caeli enarrant

⁷ The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; * the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; * sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; * and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how oft he offendeth? * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, * be always acceptable in thy sight,
- ¹⁵ O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

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 400**

Romans 15. 4 - 13

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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 | **# 301**

How beauteous are their feet

Tune: ST THOMAS

Remaining standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **page 401**

St Luke 21.25 - 33

Alleluia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *cf Isaiah 40.3–5*

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

The Order of Service

for

Baptism

The baptism of EDWARD SURYAKANT KNOX

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring this child for baptism.

So we welcome you, Edward, with your godparents and family. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The Introduction

The parents, the godparents with the child to be baptized assemble at the chancel steps near the vessel containing the water for baptism.

The priest says

Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ which tell us of God's love and concern for children: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs." *Mark. 10.14*

If such is God's love for children, then we can with confidence pray, that He will grant them that gift which will enable them to grow up as His own sons and daughters.

We thank God for Edward Suryakant Knox who has come to be baptized today. Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

Let us pray.

O God our loving Father,
you desire that none of your children should perish,
and you have raised up your Church so that
in its common life your children may receive spiritual nourishment
and grow in your likeness.

We thank you for promising new life and fellowship with you
to those who are born of water and the Holy Spirit.

We thank you for the sacrament of baptism
which signifies that in union with Christ they die to sin
and rise again to newness of life.

All say

**O loving Father,
bring this child to you,
who alone can renew and save
those who come to you in faith.
Receive him and make him yours
for ever in the body of Christ;
renew and save him
and make him an instrument
of your redeeming love in the world.**

**We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Decision

Priest Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we can ask or think, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Each parent and sponsor (or godparent) make the promises as follows:

Priest: Do you who have brought this child for baptism promise before God and in the presence of this congregation that you will yourself steadfastly affirm and uphold the faith of the Church?

Response **Yes, I do.**

Do you promise to help this child to believe and trust in God the Father almighty, who created heaven and earth?

Yes, I do.

Do you promise to help this child to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God who for our salvation died on a cross, was raised from the dead, lives now in glory as the Saviour and Lord of all, and will come again to judge the living and the dead?

Yes, I do.

Do you promise to help this child to believe and trust in the Holy Spirit of God who renews, guides and strengthens the people of God?

Yes, I do.

Do you promise that by your prayers for this child, by your own manner of life, you will help him as he grows up to pray and to worship God, to study the Bible, to follow the example and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ, to share generously what he has with others and to take an active part in the Church's witness to Christ?

Yes, I do.

Do you also promise that you will help this child to grow in the knowledge and experience of Christ, that when he comes to the age of discretion, he will make his personal and public profession of faith in Christ and be led into the communicant membership of the Church?

Yes, I do.

Let us pray in silence that the Holy Spirit may enable you to be faithful to your promises.

Do you now wish this child to be baptized?

Yes, I do.

The Blessing of the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that you have called Edward to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and † sanctify this water so that, being baptised in it, he may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May he die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The priest asks the parents (or the sponsors) to name the child.

The priest baptizes the child saying

Edward Suryakant Knox , I baptize you in the name of † God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest makes the sign of the cross on Shalom's forehead and says

Edward, I sign you with the sign of the † cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

All respond **Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

The congregation STANDS

Reception into the Church

Priest God has called you into his Church.

All **We receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father
and as an inheritor of the Kingdom of God.**

All join in singing

**Morning has broken
like the first morning,
blackbird has spoken
like the first bird.
Praise for the singing!
praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing
fresh from the Word!**

Words: Eleanor Farjeon (1881 - 1965)

Tune: BUNESSAN

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Celebrant As we prepare to welcome Jesus as the light of the world,
let us share light with one another with the sign 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 | # 166

Lord, thy word abideth

Tune: RAVENSHAW

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be seated

Advent Prose

Refrain (all)

**Pour down, O heavens, from above
and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

We have sinned and become like one who is unclean; we
have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind
have swept us away. You have hidden your face from us,
and abandoned us to our iniquities.

**Pour down, O heavens, from above
and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

Edited by Stephen Cleobury

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

The voice of God cries out in the wilderness, calling us to a transformed way of living. Let us respond to this invitation through the offering of our prayers, responding to each petition by saying, "Come, Lord Jesus."

Come with your promise to bring a new heaven
and a new earth to your people,
saving us from the fires of sin and despair,
and offering to us the solemn gifts of grace and salvation;
for this we pray.

All

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come into the body of the Church
and make us a baptizing community.
Pray for Edward Suryakant Knox,
his parents, grandparents and godparents.
We give thanks for his fellowship into the Church.
May multitudes hear your message
of repentance and hope,
and receive your free gift of eternal love; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come with your Holy Spirit,
into the hearts of those who are unemployed,
abused, poorly educated,
and who are persecuted for their faith,
and awaken hope; for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to young people everywhere,
that they may have a desire
to study your commandments
and to exercise ministry in the world outside the Church;
for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to our leaders in country and Church,
and to all who exercise offices of authority;
may wisdom be their guide,
and the true love of their people direct their decisions;
for this we pray.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Intercessor Come to those whom we love but see no more,
and gather them into your heavenly rest;
for this we pray.

All **Come, Lord Jesus.**
Come, Lord Jesus, and help us to be a people who honour
your commandments and who live by your law of love,
as we continue our prayers and petitions.
Amen.

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Father of mercies, in thy word

Tune: WESTMINSTER # 102

All say

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members
of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.**

**O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord.
Amen.**

All **STAND** and sing

The Advent Message

**Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,
Amen come Lord Jesus. (2)
O come quickly, come Lord Jesus,
O come quickly, come Lord come,
come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,
Amen, come Lord Jesus.**

choir

The voice of Him that crieth in the wilderness,
prepare ye the way of the Lord,
make straight in the desert, a highway for our God.

**Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus come (2),
Yea come quickly (3), come Lord come,
Amen, come Lord come.**

Martin How (b. 1931)

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May the roots of your faith be deep
during heavy winds,
and may the fruits of your faith be plentiful
during the harvest.
May you prepare the way for the one who will come,
being filled with all joy and peace.
† 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 | # 28

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Tune: HELMSLEY

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Helmsley ('Lo, he comes with clouds descending')

James Vivian (b. 1974)

Birthdays this week

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*

Jeremiah 29: 11

Dhanasekaran Chempaka (4), Kenneth Khan (5), Tanya Gladston (5),
Danika Ponpandian (6), Ankith Kumar (8),
Cheryl Adams (9), Sathia Solomonraj (10)

Notices

- Captain John Isaacs (husband of late Mrs. Hilda Issacs) passed away in Chennai on 1st December 2022. Captain and Mrs. Isaacs worshipped regularly in the Cathedral before relocating to Tanjore. May he rest in peace and rise in glory. Pray for their son.
- The *Church of North India* was inaugurated on 29th November 1970 in All Saint's Cathedral, Nagpur. This was a historic moment in church ecumenism with six denominations "coming together". To commemorate this day and to give thanks to God, **CNI Day** is held annually. This year **CNI Day** is today (4th December 2022). There will be a service of thanksgiving in the Church of St Mary the Virgin, Lower Parel at 5.30 p.m.
- The Synod of the *Church of North India* is scheduled to be held from 7th to 9th December 2022.
- The Bible quiz which was to be held today has now been rescheduled to next Sunday 11th December 10.45 a.m. in the parish hall. Questions will be on the Gospel according to Mark and the Book of Esther (*New King James version*.)
- **Prabhu Yeshu Janmotsav** - Mumbai Christmas Music Festival is an annual event organised at Chowpatty beach. This year it is being held next Sunday 11th December 2022 at 5 p.m.
- **"Sharing the Joy of Christmas"** is a diocesan initiative to reach out to clergy and missionaries in the various dioceses in Maharashtra. Provision bags comprising rations are distributed. Please get in touch with the Presbyter if you would like to gift a bag. .

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Peace in Mozambique, Ethiopia, Syria, Afghanistan, Belarus, Hong Kong, Peru, Armenia and Azerbaijan; for the safety of children, for protection against those who would exploit them; safety for those in Covid-19 hotspots around the world, for effective public health policy to protect populations; safety of families and a commitment from our community to preventing family violence.

† **OUR COUNTRY** India assumed the G20 presidency from Indonesia for one year. The country will host the G20 leaders' summit for the first time next year, and also hold 200 different meetings in various locations. Pray for inclusive growth and compassionate leadership.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the Church universal we give thanks to God for St Andrew the Apostle and Martyr; his call and witness to Jesus (St Andrew's Day was on 30th November.) Pray for all churches and institutions named after Andrew. • In the Anglican Communion, the Reformed Episcopal Church of Spain and Bishop Carlos López Lozano.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Synod of the *Church of North India* (CNI) as its councils, leaders and diocesan representatives from across the CNI prepare to meet in the coming days in New Delhi. May the Holy Spirit guide all deliberations. • The Diocese of Patna and the Rt Revd Francis Hansda. • The Diocese of Dornakal (Telangana) and the Rt Revd Dr Padmarao Kodirekka .

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** May the Holy Spirit guide all those entrusted with decision-making. Pray for all clergy, diocesan office bearers and laity. This week we pray for St Andrew' Church and the Revd S. G. Mhaske.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** The Presbyter the Revd Avinash Rangayya, the Trustees and members of the Pastorate Committee and their families. • Our prayers and blessings for Edward Suryakant Knox, his parents (Pritam and Ernest) and his god parents. • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers. • For God's healing hand on all who are unwell: Mr. Allen Moses, Mr. David Roberts, Mr. William Millns and others known to us.

Advent and Christmastide at the Cathedral



Sunday 27th November 2022
7 am & 8.45 am
7 pm

First Sunday of Advent
Choral Eucharist
A service of compline

Sunday 4th December 2022
7 am & 8.45 am

Second Sunday of Advent
Choral Eucharist

Sunday 11th December 2022
7 am & 8.45 am

Third Sunday of Advent
Choral Eucharist

Friday 16th December 2022
9 am

Carol Service
of the Cathedral & John Connon School

Saturday 17th December 2022
6.30 pm

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols
by the Cathedral choir & guest singers

Sunday 18th December 2022
7 am & 8.45 am
10.45 am

Fourth Sunday of Advent
Choral Eucharist

Nativity Play *by the Sunday school*
and Christmas party

Saturday 24th December 2022
10 pm
10.30 pm

Christmas Eve
Christmas music & carols
Festival Choral Eucharist with blessing of the crib

Sunday 25th November 2022
9 am

The Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ
Festival Choral Eucharist

Saturday 31st December 2022
10.30pm

Watch night service
Choral Eucharist

Sunday 1st January 2023
7 am & 8.45 am

The Naming of Jesus
and Thanksgiving for the New Year
Choral Eucharist

Friday 6th January 2023
6.30pm

The Feast of the Epiphany
Evening Prayer



The *Church of North India*, is a “uniting and united” church formed in 1970 with the merger of six Christian denominations:

- The United Church of Northern India (Presbyterians)
- The Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (Anglicans)
- The British and Australian Methodist churches
- The Council of Baptist Churches in Northern India
- The Church of the Brethren
- The Disciples of Christ



All Saint's Cathedral, Nagpur where church union took place.

A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols

The Nativity in scripture, carol and verse
with the Cathedral choir and guest singers

Saturday 17th December 2022 • 6:30 p.m.

All are welcome to attend

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