

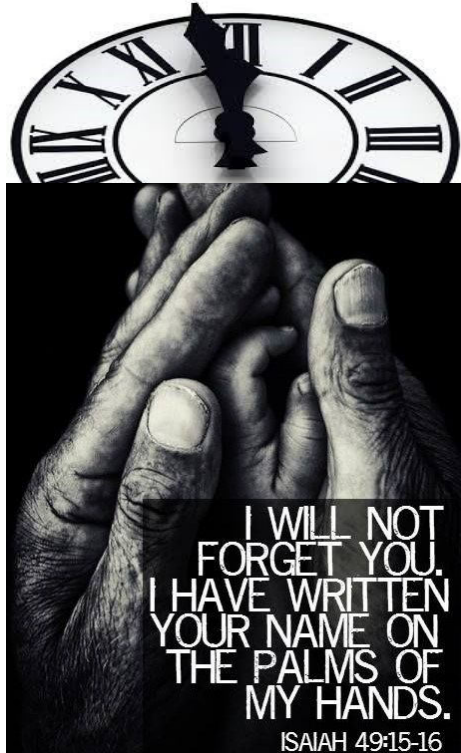


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# The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist



## Watch Night Service

*On New Year's Eve*

Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 • 10.30 pm

## Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

*New life.....New hope..... New opportunities*

Every new season is a testimony of God's grace. Creation itself reminds us of God's great faithfulness as we witness renewal and rebirth. Things can be renewed. Even in a cursed, fallen world, hope for change can exist. In a sense, every day with Jesus is a chance to turn the page on an old way of life and embrace a new one. We are, after all, new creation people, and we serve a King who renews us daily by the Holy Spirit.

A new cycle of life can serve as a reminder to be present and intentional with the time we've been given.

The proper response to the past year, whether good or bad, is not "I made it through" or "Look what I achieved." It should be "Thank you, Lord!" Purposefully remembering God's goodness instead of our own performance is a great way to begin again.

Let us renew our minds and commitments to Jesus. As we make plans for 2023, let us remember that even in our failures, we serve the One who remembers our frame and knows we are dust (*Psalm 103:14*). Trust your future to the King who holds the world in his hands.

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

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The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

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## *The Gathering*

### Music before the Service

Andante Cantabile, *from the 4th organ symphony* Charles-Marie Widor (1844 - 1937)

“Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele” (“Adorn yourself, O dear soul”)

J. S. Bach, BWV 654 (1685 - 1750)

Interlude on, “Amazing grace”

Bryan Hesford (1930 - 1996)

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

### Introit

*sung by the cantors*

For thy mercy and thy grace,  
Faithful through another year,  
Hear our song of thankfulness,  
Father, and Redeemer, hear.

In our weakness and distress,  
Rock of strength, be thou our Stay;  
In the pathless wilderness  
Be our true and living Way.

Words: H. Downton (1818 - 85)

Tune: INNOCENTS  
J. Smith (1800 - 73)

**All STAND**

### Opening Responses

*Led by the Presbyter from the West Door*

*Presbyter*

The Lord is my light, my light and salvation.  
In the beginning, before time,  
before people, before the world began

*All*

**God was.**

Here and now,  
among us, beside us,  
enlisting the people of earth for the purposes of heaven,  
**God is.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

Presbyter

In the future,  
when we have turned to dust  
and all we know has found its fulfilment

**God will be.**

Not denying the world, but delighting in it,  
not condemning the world, but redeeming it,  
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit

**God was,**

**God is,**

**God will be.**

The Lord is my light  
**my light and salvation.**

*All join in singing the hymn.*

Hymn at the Procession | # 365

**All people that on earth do dwell**

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

*Please be seated*

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*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 **The English Hymnal**.*

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*All say together*

The Collect for Purity | **page 350**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

### The Collect

*Read by the Presbyter*

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
whose years never fail  
and whose mercies are new each returning day:  
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,  
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;  
that we may pass the coming year  
in joyful obedience and firm faith;  
through him who is the beginning and the end,  
your Son Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## The Old Testament Lesson

*Ezekiel 36:24-36*

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

For I will take you out of the nations; I will gather you from all the countries and bring you back into your own land. I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you will be clean; I will cleanse you from all your impurities and from all your idols. I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit in you and move you to follow my decrees and be careful to keep my laws. Then you will live in the land I gave your ancestors; you will be my people, and I will be your God.

I will save you from all your uncleanness. I will call for the grain and make it plentiful and will not bring famine upon you. I will increase the fruit of the trees and the crops of the field, so that you will no longer suffer disgrace among the nations because of famine. Then you will remember your evil ways and wicked deeds, and you will loathe yourselves for your sins and detestable practices. I want you to know that I am not doing this for your sake, declares the Sovereign Lord. Be ashamed and disgraced for your conduct, people of Israel!

This is what the Sovereign Lord says: On the day I cleanse you from all your sins, I will resettle your towns, and the ruins will be rebuilt. The desolate land will be cultivated instead of lying desolate in the sight of all who pass through it. They will say, "This land that was laid waste has become like the garden of Eden; the cities that were lying in ruins, desolate and destroyed, are now fortified and inhabited." Then the nations around you that remain will know that I the Lord have rebuilt what was destroyed and have replanted what was desolate. I the Lord have spoken, and I will do it.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*While seated, join in the response  
after every verse intoned by the choir.*

## Responsorial Psalm

145

**Response (all) I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

<sup>1</sup> Great is the Lord, and worthy of all praise,  
His glory is past searching out:  
Men shall recount the might of your deeds,  
And proclaim your majesty.

<sup>2</sup> The Lord loves all that He has made,  
His mercy is over all his works:  
All your works speak your praise,  
And your people give you thanks.

<sup>3</sup> Your right hand raises those that fall,  
And those bowed down are lifted up:  
All creatures wait on you for food,  
And from your hand their wants are  
filled.

<sup>4</sup> The Lord is near to those who call,  
He hears their cry and brings them help:  
My mouth shall tell the praise of God,  
And let all flesh His name adore.

**I will bless your name for ever, my God and king.**

## The Epistle

*Romans 8:31–39*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all the day long; we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered." No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

All **STAND** and join in singing

## Gradual Hymn

**Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what Thou dost love,  
And do what Thou wouldst do.**

<sup>2</sup> **Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Until my heart is pure,  
Until with Thee I will one will,  
To do and to endure.**

<sup>3</sup> **Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
Till I am wholly Thine,  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with Thy fire divine.**

<sup>4</sup> **Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
So shall I never die,  
But live with Thee the perfect life  
Of Thine eternity.**

Words: Edwin Hatch (1835 - 1889)

Tune: TRENTHAM  
Robert Jackson (1840 - 1914)

*Remain standing for the Gospel*

## The Gospel of Christ

*Luke 12:35 – 40*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.**

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last,  
the beginning and the end.

**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 Luke.

**Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said: “Stay dressed for action and keep your lamps burning, and be like men who are waiting for their master to come home from the wedding feast, so that they may open the door to him at once when he comes and knocks. Blessed are those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. Truly, I say to you, he will dress himself for service and have them recline at table, and he will come and serve them. If he comes in the second watch, or in the third, and finds them awake, blessed are those servants! But know this, that if the master of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have left his house to be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

*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 Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*All **STAND***

The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

*Celebrant*              Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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 | # 502

**Through all the changing scenes of life**

*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

*Please be seated*

Invocation

**In His time (2),  
He makes all things beautiful in His time.  
Lord, please show me every day,  
As You're teaching me your way,  
That You do just what You say in Your time.**

Diane Ball

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

We pray for God's faithfulness to be known  
in our world.

In a world of change and hope,  
of fear and adventure, faithful God  
**glorify your name.**

*All*

In human rebellion and obedience,  
in our seeking and our finding, faithful God  
**glorify your name.**

In the common life of our society,  
in prosperity and need, faithful God  
**glorify your name.**

As your Church proclaims your goodness  
in words and action, faithful God  
**glorify your name.**

Among our friends and in our homes, faithful God  
**glorify your name.**

In our times of joy,  
in our times of sorrow, faithful God  
**glorify your name.**

In our strengths and triumphs,  
in our weakness and at our death, faithful God  
**glorify your name.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

*Intercessor*

In your saints in glory  
and on the day of Christ's coming, faithful God  
**glorify your name.**

*All*

As we run the race set before us,  
we look to Christ for endurance,  
and we sing to the Lord a new song.

**For He has done marvellous things.**

As we mourn those who have died in the past year,  
we look to Christ for comfort,  
and we sing to the Lord a new song,

**For He has done marvellous things.**

As we lay down our brokenness  
at the foot of the cross,

we look to Christ for victory,  
and we sing to the Lord a new song,

**For He has done marvellous things.**

**Amen.**

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

The Consecration | *page 363*

The Communion | *page 368*

*While seated, we sing*

Hymn at the Communion | **# 548**

**God is working His purpose out** (*verses 1, 3 & 4*)

Tune: BENSON

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out  
in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work  
to your praise and glory.  
Amen.**

*The Presbyter*

The Blessing

May God the Father keep you in all your days.  
 May God the Son shield you in all your ways.  
 May God the Holy Spirit bring you healing and peace.  
 May God the Holy Trinity drive all darkness from you  
 And pour upon you blessing and light.  
 † and the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.

All sing **Amen.**

All join in singing

Hymn at the Closing | # 426

**Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us**

Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

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

Postlude

*Music for the Royal Fireworks*

Overture

The Rejoicing

G. F. Handel (1685 - 1759)

**Birthdays this week**

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,  
 which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Ephesians 2: 10

Raina Michyari (25), Gayatri Long (25), Anjali Isaacs (27), Viveka Truman (27),  
 M. John (29), Reuben Baker (30), Suresh Patil (30)

**Wedding Anniversaries**

*“And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.”*

Colossians 3: 14

Jeffry & Susan Frazer (27), M. John & Manju (27), Sudheer & Priya Deekollu (28),  
 Malcolm & Jaisy Desai (28), Ernest & Pritam Knox (28), Jai & Aradhna Knox (28),  
 Rahul & Roshni Jadhav (29), Revd Avinash & Revd Arpana Rangayya (29),  
 Vivek & Miriam John (30), Minnal & Shilpa Pastala (30),  
 Sunita & Gladston Somervell (31)

## Prayer at Midnight on the Eve of a New Year

Wonderful God, at the beginning of everything, you said:  
'Let there be light' and there was light and life in all the earth.

And when men and women had grown tired,  
weary of the darkness of anxiety, confusion and sin,  
you came into that darkness,  
in Jesus, the true light  
who lightens everyone born into our world.

Once again it is dark –  
not just dark at midnight but dark within and among us:  
the darkness of doubt and fearfulness,  
of warfare and hunger and illness,  
the darkness of conflicting voices, the darkness of death.

Once again, we welcome you.  
Make your home among us again, we pray;  
be our guest, in heart and home and city,  
and light up our world once again  
with the new hope and the new life that faith in you still brings.  
We pray in Jesus's name, and for his sake.

Amen.

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