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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist



The Naming of Jesus *and* Thanksgiving for a New Year

Sunday 1st January 2023 • 9 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

The name 'Jesus' comes via the Greek language from the Hebrew 'Yeshua'. This Hebrew name means 'The Lord God saves'. It is the same name as Joshua, the young protégé of, Moses, who led the Israelites in the successful settlement of the land of Canaan. To celebrate the 'Naming' of Jesus is not about commemorating an event in the life of the child Jesus. It is about claiming an identity, a name if you will, that is ours through our choice to follow the way of Jesus. As we begin yet one more year of ministry in this place, may we continue to be true to the identity we assumed at our baptism. Let our hearts, our hands and our minds be open to God's call to us in Jesus, son of Mary, son of Joseph, son of God, for his name is our name, his mission our mission and his future our future. Amen.

*God bless this new year
in which love overcomes.
He is always with us
and unfolds great possibilities.
Happy New Year!*

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

Jesu, joy of man's desiring

J. S. Bach, BWV 147 (1685 - 1750)

Interlude on, "Amazing grace"

Bryan Hesford (1930 - 1996)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

sung by the cantors

Another year is dawning,
Dear Master, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with thee.
Another year of leaning
Upon thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Words: Frances Havergal (1836 - 79)

Tune: AURELIA
S. S. Wesley (1810 - 76)

All STAND

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

You will name him Jesus;

All

he will save his people from their sins.

He will be called Emmanuel:

God is with us.

A new day dawns.

How majestic is God's name throughout the earth.

A new season of life begins.

Continued. Turn over.

Presbyter God's glory shines in the heavens
and shimmers on the waters.

All **A new year calls us
into Christ's glorious future.**

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession | # 407

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 **The English Hymnal**.*

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 350**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect | **page 417**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 418**

Genesis 17. 3 - 10

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

40: 5 - 10

Refrain: **Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.**

⁵ Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

How great your designs for us! ♦

There is none that can be compared with you.

⁶ If I were to proclaim them and tell of them ♦

they would be more than I am able to express.

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

- 7 Sacrifice and offering you do not desire ♦
but my ears you have opened;
- 8 Burnt offering and sacrifice for sin you have not required; ♦
then said I: 'Lo, I come.
- 9 'In the scroll of the book it is written of me
that I should do your will, O my God; ♦
I delight to do it: your law is within my heart.'
- 10 I have declared your righteousness in the great congregation; ♦
behold, I did not restrain my lips,
and that, O Lord, you know.

Great are the wonders you have done, O Lord my God.

The Epistle | **page 418**

Ephesians 2. 11 - 18

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 | **# 419**

Jesu, the very thought of thee *v.v 1 - 5*

Tune: ST. AGNES

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **page 419**

St Luke 2. 15 - 21

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
so that we might receive adoption as children.

Alleluia, alleluia, 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

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All **STAND**

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favours.
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 | # 405

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

Please be seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

In and through the name of Jesus
let us pray to the Father.

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!*

*It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.*

We give thanks for the name of Jesus.

We pray for the worship and mission
of Christ's Church.

Lord, hear us.

All

Lord, graciously hear us.

*It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.*

We pray for the world and for its healing.

At this time we pray for China and other
countries who are facing a surge in COVID cases.

We pray for all who carry heavy loads.

We pray for areas of the world experiencing
conflict; especially praying that there be
restoration of peace between Ukraine and Russia.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

*Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.*

We pray at the beginning of this new year
for renewed discipleship and consecration to the
way of the Lord.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

*Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.*

Continued. Turn over.

We remember with thanksgiving
all who have loved the name of Jesus.
We pray that, surrounded by
such a cloud of witnesses,
we may run with perseverance
the race that is set before us.
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

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.**

**²'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed.**

**³ Through many dangers, toils, and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**

**4 When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.**

Words: John Newton (1725 - 1807)

Tune: NEW BRITAIN

All say

Post Communion Prayer

**Eternal God,
whose incarnate Son was given the Name of Saviour:
grant that we who have shared
in this sacrament of our salvation
may live out our years in the power
of the Name above all other names,
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

The Presbyter

The Blessing

Every season in life is a blessing from God.
We go forth, rejoicing in God's blessings.
Every purpose under heaven can lead us into life.
We leave to bring about God's purposes.
Every act of kindness is a kindness done to Christ.
We go, determined to make a difference in our world.
† 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 | **# 450**

O God, our help in ages past

Tune: ST. ANNE

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go forth into the new year, trusting in God's promises.
And may God, the alpha and the omega,
be with you always.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Con moto maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 65 No. 3 (1809 - 1847)

Birthdays this week

*“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you
and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”*

The Book of Numbers 6: 24 - 26

Deepali Furtado (1), Rahul Jadhav (6), Varun Patole (6)

Wedding Anniversary

“The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.”

Psalm 126: 3

Paul & Sheila George (7)

Notices

- The **Feast of the Epiphany** Friday 6th January 2023 - Evening Prayer 6.30 pm
- **Covenant Sunday** will be observed on 8th January 2023.
- We express our gratitude to Mrs. Anita Almeida (a parent of the Cathedral School) for having gifted the vestments, altar frontal and curtains for the Advent Season.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** For all places experiencing conflict. Pray for dialogue and diplomacy. Pray for a peaceful settlement to the long-drawn out war between Ukraine and Russia. • As we recall the flight of the Holy Family to Egypt; let us remember and pray for the safety and well-being of all who seek refuge.

• For countries facing economic hardship and high cost of living.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For the safety of our soldiers as they guard our borders to ensure our safety and security. • For God's guidance to all those whose decisions affects the lives of many. Pray for the marginalised sections of our society and those working to improve their condition.

† **OUR CITY** For the city's municipal authority, law enforcers and all those who ensure our safety and well being.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** 6th January is the beginning of Epiphany. On this day we rememebr the visitation of the Magi to the Christ Child. May the light of Christ be revealed to the world. • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Anglican Church in Mexico (*La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico*) and the Rt Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Synods, Councils and leaders of the *Church of North India*, the *Church of South India* and the *Mar Thoma Church*. Pray for Christ-centered leadership at all levels: synodical, diocesan and pastorates.

• For ecumenism between different church denominations.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for all clergy, laity and pastorates. For God's guidance in the leadership of the diocese. • For All Saint's Home, Mazagaon.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for God's comforting presence with all who are unwell, especially Mr. Alan Moses, Mr. David Roberts and Mr. William Millns. • For all members of the congregation and the many who visit the Cathedral as pilgrims and tourists through the week. May God's hand guide and protect them as we step into a new year.



The Collect
for the Naming & Circumcision of Jesus

Almighty God,
whose blessed Son was circumcised in obedience to the law for our sake
and given the Name that is above every name:
give us grace faithfully to bear his Name,
to worship him in the freedom of the Spirit,
and to proclaim him as the Saviour of the world;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

But those who hope in
the LORD will renew

their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles, they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.

Isaiah 40:31

A New Year's Prayer

Lord, You make all things new
You bring hope alive in our hearts
and cause our spirits to be born again.
Thank you for this new year
for all the potential it holds.
Come and kindle in us a mighty flame
so that in our time,
many will see the wonders of God
and live forever to praise Your glorious name.
Amen.

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