



# St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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## The Order of Service *for Holy Eucharist*

*"Let me see."*



## The Sunday Next before Lent

Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2023 • 8.45 am

# Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

*“Lord, let me see again.”*

Reflections on Luke 18. 31 - 43

“Seeing” is an important category in the *Gospel According to Luke* and, indeed, the life of faith more generally. “See,” Jesus says as he tells his disciples – for the third time! – about what awaits him in Jerusalem. But they don’t see. In fact, Luke records, “they understood nothing.”

But always sensitive in his depiction of the disciples, Luke lets us know that what Jesus said “was hidden from them.”

It is no accident, then, that in the very next scene a blind man, calls out and begs Jesus to have mercy. He calls out fervently, desperately, with his whole heart. And Jesus, sensing his earnestness, stops and asks the simplest and perhaps most powerful question in Scripture: “*What do you want me to do for you?*” And the man answers in equally simple and potent words: “*Lord, let me see again.*” And he does, as Jesus heals him and lets him know that his faith has restored him, healed him, made him whole, and saved him.

“*Lord, let me see again.*” I wonder, at times, what would have happened if the disciples had made this request. What would have happened if they could have seen who Jesus really was and understood his purpose and destiny.

We’ll never know; they failed to ask. But we still can.

## Pre-Lenten Season

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*As the Church moves through the Christian Year from Epiphany to Lent she passes through three Sundays, which hold strange titles for modern ears: Septuagesima, Sexagesima, and Quinquagesima are in fact three Latin words which indicate how far away we are from Easter – that is, 70, 60 and 50 days respectively. From the 5<sup>th</sup> century these Sundays emerged as a preparatory cycle for Lent.*

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

Fantasia in c minor ... .. J. S. Bach, BWV 562 (1685 - 1750)  
"Pass me not, O gentle Saviour" ... .. arr. E. L. Ashford (1850 - 1930)

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

**Introit**  
*sung by the choir*

Pleasant are thy courts above  
In the land of light and love;  
Pleasant are thy courts below  
In this land of sin and woe:  
O, my spirit longs and faints  
For the converse of thy Saints,  
For the brightness of thy face,  
For thy fullness, God of grace.

Words: H. F. Lyte (1793 - 1847)

Tune: MAIDSTONE

W. B. Gilbert (1829 - 1910)

**All STAND**

### Opening Responses

*led by the Presbyter from the West Door*

*Presbyter*

Children of God: welcome!  
Welcome to this place of love and grace,  
Welcome to this place of hope and perseverance.

**All**

**God invites all of us**  
**to be a part of the beloved community,**  
**God invites all of us**  
**to share in the good news:**

*Continued*

*Presbyter*

We are welcome, just as we are.

*All*

**We are loved, just as we are.**

**In gratitude for all of this,**

**let us worship God.**

*All sing*

Hymn at the Procession | # 437

**Love Divine, all loves excelling**

*Tune: LOVE DIVINE*

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 for the day | **page 443**

*Read by the Presbyter*

Old Testament Reading | **page 443**

*Genesis 9:8 - 17*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

*At the end of the reading* This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm

*Sung by the choir to a chant by Foster*

Psalm 26:1 - 7 • *Judica me, Domine*

BE thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently : my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

<sup>2</sup> Examine me, O Lord, and prove me : try out my reins and my heart.

<sup>3</sup> For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes : and I will walk in thy truth.

<sup>4</sup> I have not dwelt with vain persons : neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

<sup>5</sup> I have hated the congregation of the wicked : and will not sit among the ungodly.

<sup>6</sup> I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord : and so will I go to thine altar;

<sup>7</sup> That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving : and tell of all thy wondrous works.

**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 444**

*1 Corinthians 13:1-13*

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

*At the end of the reading*      This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All STAND and join in singing*

## Gradual Hymn | **# 506**

**To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love**

*Tune: EPSOM*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.**

We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**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.**

*At the end of the Gospel:*

*The Gospeller*      This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*All*                      **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Remain **STANDING** for the Creed, all reciting together*

## The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Announcements

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**All STAND**

The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

*Celebrant*            Christ is our peace.  
He has reconciled us to God  
in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name 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

**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.**

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

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

<sup>4</sup> **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, O GENTLE SAVIOUR  
William Doane (1832 - 1915)

*All say*

## Offertory Prayer | page 357

*Please be seated*

*While seated, all sing*

## Invocation

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
May I thy consolation share,  
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,  
I view my home, and take my flight:  
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize;  
And shout, while passing through the air,  
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!**

Words: William Walford (1772 - 1850)

Music: William Bradbury (1816 - 1868)

The Intercession | *page 358*

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*While seated, we sing*

Hymn at the Communion | **# 439**

***My faith looks up to thee***

*Tunes: OLIVET*

The Thanksgiving | *page 371*

*All STAND and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis

Closing Prayer & Blessing

*All*     **“Lord, let me see.” ... .. you, your will, my neighbour,  
the need all around me,  
the blessings you have given me,  
your call to discipleship,  
your grace and glory revealed in the cross,  
your promise of new life  
and forgiveness in the resurrection,  
your love for us and all the world.  
Lord, let me see.**

*The Presbyter*     † 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 | **# 583**

***Tell me the old, old story***

*Tune: TELL ME THE OLD, OLD STORY*



## Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Postlude

Triumphant March ... .. W. S. Lloyd Webber (1914 - 1982)

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### **Birthdays this week**

*"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"*

2 Corinthians 9:15

Raj Iype (19), Rita Kamal (20), Anjali Salvi (21),  
Joshua Iype (22), William Adams (23)

### **Wedding Anniversary**


*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud.  
It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered,  
it keeps no record of wrongs."*

1 Corinthians 13:4, 5

Rohit & Ashwini Millns (21)

### ***Prayer for the Week***

From the cowardice that shrinks from new truths,  
From the laziness that is content with half-truth,  
From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,  
O God of truth, deliver us.

<p><b>ASH WEDNESDAY</b> First Day of Lent</p> 	22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2023
	<p>† 7 am ... .. Eucharist (said) with imposition of ashes</p> <p>† 6.30 pm ... .. Eucharist (choral) with imposition of ashes</p>

<b>Lenten Bible Study <i>and</i> Devotion <i>schedule</i></b>			
Daily (all 40 days of Lent) ... ..	6am to 6.30 am online ...	Dawn prayer	
Wednesdays ... ..	7pm online ...	Bible study	
Fridays ... ..	7pm ...	House prayer meetings	

- Every year 3<sup>rd</sup> March is observed as the **World Day of Prayer**. There will be a service at 6pm in the Cathedral. All are welcome to attend.
- The Cathedral choir is in need of singers. If you are interested, please drop in for practice after service.
- Please do remember to take this booklet home with you and not leave it behind.

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray for wisdom in management and protection for people in Equatorial Guinea where an outbreak of Marburg Virus (similar to Ebola) has been declared by the World Health Organisation. • As the focus on rescue following the Turkey-Syria earthquake is replaced by the need for shelter and food, we pray for everyone because all will be impacted, and we ask that in the despair felt by all, God will bring hope and people will seek Him. • In the North Island of New Zealand, we pray for good strategies for recovery, and God's strength and encouragement for those facing the clean up after two flooding events and an earthquake and its aftershocks. • We continue to pray for a path to peace for Ukraine and a desire for peace in Russian leadership. •

† **OUR COUNTRY** 20<sup>th</sup> February is observed as the *World Day of Social Justice*. We pray for those who strive for social justice in our country and the many who continue to face social injustice.

† **OUR STATE & CITY** For His Excellency Ramesh Bais the newly appointed Governor of Maharashtra.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** This week with the Church universal we give thanks for the ministry of the Apostle Matthias (commemorated 24<sup>th</sup> February). • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Anglican Church of Rwanda and the Most Revd Laurent Mbanda.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Bhopal and the Rt Revd Manoj Charan. • The Diocese of Cochin and the Rt Revd Baker Ninan Fenn.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the Church of St. Francis, Navi Mumbai and the Revd V. P. Ingle. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in providing leadership to our Diocese.

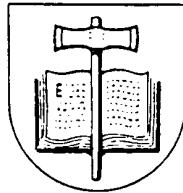
† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For the Cathedral's sextons, security guards, gardeners, dhobhi, stationery suppliers. • For God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care providers. • For all pupils preparing for their public examinations.

## SAINT MATTHIAS THE APOSTLE

24<sup>th</sup> February

O ALMIGHTY God,  
who into the place of the traitor Judas didst choose  
thy faithful servant Matthias  
to be of the number of the twelve Apostles:  
Grant that thy Church,  
being alway preserved from false Apostles,  
may be ordered and guided by faithful and true pastors;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



*Matthias, chosen to take the place of Judas, is symbolized by a battle-ax, with which he was said to be beheaded, and an open Bible.*

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