

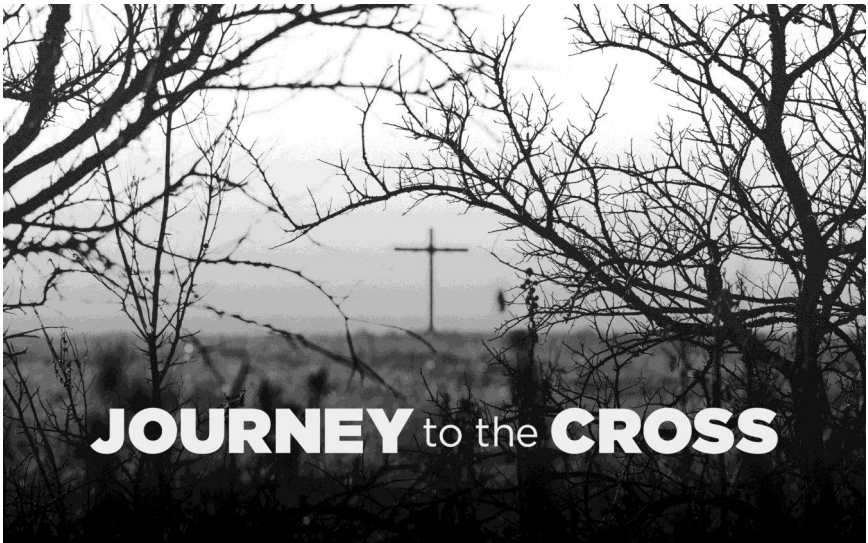


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**The Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist**



The Third Sunday of Lent

Sunday 12th March 2023 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

*A Lenten Poem
by Ann Weems*

Lent is a time to take time to let the power
of our faith story take hold of us,
a time to let the events get up
and walk around in us,
a time to intensify our living unto Christ,
a time to hover over the thoughts of our hearts,
a time to place our feet in the streets of
Jerusalem or to walk along the sea and
listen to his Word,
a time to touch his robe
and feel the healing surge through us,
a time to ponder and a time to wonder....
Lent is a time to allow
a fresh new taste of God!
Perhaps we're afraid to have time to think,
for thoughts come unbidden.
Perhaps we're afraid to face our future
knowing our past.
Give us courage, O God,
to hear your Word
and to read our living into it.
Give us the trust to know we're forgiven
and give us the faith
to take up our lives and walk.

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

Ich ruf zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ, *BWV 639*
(*I call to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*)

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Prelude on the hymn tune, 'Eisenach'
(*O love, how deep, how broad, how high!*)

Johann Gottfried Walther (1684 - 1748)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

All sing

Hymn at the Procession | # 459

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!

Tune: EISENACH

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

**Almighty God,
unto whom all hearts be open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hid:
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love Thee,
and worthily magnify Thy holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

While seated or kneeling, all sing

Kyrie eleison

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

*The Salisbury Setting
by Ian Hubbard & Neil Cocking*

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collects for the Day | **Page 451 & Page 445**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **page 452**

Numbers 22:21 - 31

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

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 Henley

Psalm 35:1 - 4, 9 & 10 • *Judica, Domine*

Plead thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me : and fight
thou against them that fight against me.

² Lay hand upon the shield and buckler : and stand up to help me.

³ Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me :
say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

⁴ Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul : let
them be turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief
for me.

⁹ And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation.

¹⁰ All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the
poor from him that is too strong for him : yea, the poor, and him that
is in misery, from him that spoileth him?

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 453**

Ephesians 5:1 - 14

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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 | **# 385**

Father, hear the prayer we offer

Tune: SUSSEX

The Gospel of Christ | **Page 453**

St. Luke 11:14 - 28

All **Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory.**
Speak, Lord your servants are listening:
you have the words of eternal life.
**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory.**

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Remain STANDING for the Creed, all reciting together

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Liturgy of the Sacrament

All STAND

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Christ 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 | # 80

My God, I love thee

Tune: WESTMINSTER # 44 |

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

Please be seated

Lent Prose

Refrain (all)

**Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:
For we have sinned against Thee.**

Cantor

God we implore thee, in Thy glory seated: Bow down and
hearken to Thy weeping children: Pity and pardon all our
grievous trespasses.

arr. John Scott (1956 - 2015)

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

We pray to the Lord for courage
to give up other things
and to give ourselves to him this Lent.
Give your Church the courage
to give up her preoccupation with herself
and to give more time to your mission in the world.
Lord, meet us in the silence,

All

give us strength and hear our prayer.

We pray for the ministry of Bijyaya Nayak the Moderator of the *Church of North India*, Dharmaraj the Moderator of the *Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*, Sharad the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary for our Diocese and Avinash our Presbyter. Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give your world the courage
to give up war, bitterness and hatred,
and to seek peace.

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus,
once scourged by soldiers,
bear the burden of political and military conflict in our
world. Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage
to give up quarrels, strife and jealousy in our families,
neighbourhoods and communities.

May the presence of the risen Jesus,
his body once broken and now made whole,
bring peace and direction as we live with one another.
Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer.

Give us the courage
to give up our selfishness as we live for others,
and to give time, care and comfort to the sick.
May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch,
and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

give us strength and hear our prayer.

Continued

Give us the courage
to give up our fear of death
and to rejoice with those who have died in faith.
May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus, once nailed to the
cross, walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their
agony, and walk with us and all your Church
through death to the gate of glory.
Lord, meet us in the silence,
**give us strength and hear our prayer,
here and in eternity. Amen.**

All sing the Trisagion

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

The Preparation for Communion | **page 361**

The Consecration | **page 363**

Sanctus

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Benedictus

**Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Communion | **page 368**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us,
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us,
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

While seated, we sing

Lighten the darkness of our life's long night

Hymn at the Communion | **# 430**

Tune: ALL SOULS

All **STAND** and say

Prayer after Communion

Presbyter

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All

**We thank you Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

The choir sings

Christ be with me,
Christ within me,
Christ behind me,
Christ before me,
Christ beside me,
Christ to win me,
Christ to comfort and restore me,
Christ beneath me,
Christ above me,
Christ in quiet,
Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.

Words: "St. Patrick's Breastplate"
Attributed to St. Patrick (372 - 466)

Music: from an ancient Irish hymn melody

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Go forth among your neighbours as ambassadors of the Lord
your eyes enlightened with God's commandments,
your minds quickened with God's testimonies,
your hearts rejoicing in God's law,
and your souls aflame with God's love
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

**Would you be free from the burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.**

**Refrain: There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.**

**² Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide –
There's wonderful power in the blood.**

**³ Would you do service for Jesus, your King?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.**

Words: Lewis Jones (1865 - 1936)

Tune: POWER IN THE BLOOD
Music: Lewis Jones

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Remain standing as the procession makes its way to the West Door

Postlude

Fantasia and Imitation in B Minor, BWV 563

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Birthdays this week

“Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.”

Psalm 90:12

Yohan James (15), Rebecca Chempaka (16)

Notices

- The *Cathedral Youth Fellowship* meets (online) every Saturday 9 pm.
- Bible Quiz on 26th March after the 8.45 am service. Questions will be from the Gospel of John and the Acts of the Apostles (*New King James version*).
- Annual subscription to be paid before 31st March 2023.

For many years the Fourth Sunday in Lent has been observed as Mothering Sunday. The tradition arose from a sentence in St Paul's Letter to the Galatians, which for many centuries was read in the Epistle of this Sunday: in it St Paul writes of "Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all". So, on this day we give thanks to God who gives us New Birth,



and for the Church which, like a mother, nurtures us in the life of the Spirit. We also give thanks for our own human mothers, and for all the qualities of mothering, given and received in this congregation.

Next Sunday 19th March is Mothering Sunday.

Lenten Bible Study and Devotion schedule

Daily (all 40 days of Lent)	6am to 6.30 am online ...	Dawn prayer
Wednesdays	7pm online ...	Bible study
	Zoom ID 229 239 2476	"Transformed lives"
	Passcode 123456	
Fridays	7pm ...	House prayer meetings



"The Cross of Christ"

A Lenten devotion on the Passion of the Holy Redeemer in scripture, verse and music.

Saturday 1st April 2023
6.30 pm

All are welcome

Holy Week Reflections

Wednesday 5th April 2023
7pm

Music will feature Bach's chorale preludes for Lent & Passiontide with readings from the Bible and much-loved poetry.



Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Our prayers continue for refugees, as the UK intends to stop people arriving from across the Channel without authorization. Those supporting refugee rights are critical of government action. • We continue to offer prayers of support for those suffering after the earthquakes in Turkey and Syria where devastation has been very extensive.

† **OUR COUNTRY** As we observed Women's Day on 8th March, let us pray for an end to discrimination based on gender. May the girl child have the right to equal opportunities.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the Church universal we give thanks for the life and witness of Pope Gregory the Great (commemorated 12th March). Gregory is credited with re-energizing the Church's missionary work among the non-Christian peoples of northern Europe. He is most famous for sending a mission, often called the Gregorian mission, under Augustine of Canterbury to evangelize the pagan Anglo-Saxons of England. • On 17th March the Church commemorates St. Patrick, the 5th century missionary and bishop. Patrick began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland, converting many. He and his disciples preached and converted thousands and began building churches all over the country. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message. • Cyril, a 4th century theologian of the early Church is commemorated on 18th March. He is highly respected in the Palestinian Christian community. Cyril became well-known for his charitable works in the City of Jerusalem. Cyril followed in the example of St. Augustine where the bishop fed the poor even by means of selling the church treasury. • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Church of South India and the Most Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The 19th century theologian Nehemia Goreh is commemorated on 14th March. Goreh travelled widely around India and spent sixteen months in England, primarily as the personal tutor of the recently deposed young maharaja of Lahore, Duleep Singh. Goreh returned to India in 1855 to translate texts and teach languages to CMS (Church Missionary Society) missionaries. After one and a half years of studying at Bishop's College, Calcutta Goreh was ordained as a deacon of the Church of England. • We give thanks to God for the ministry of the evangelist Vedappan Solomon – 'The Apostle of Nicobar' (commemorated 15th March, the day he landed in Car Nicobar in the year 1895.) • The Diocese of Chhattisgarh and the Rt Revd Ajay James. • The Diocese of Malabar and the Rt Revd Royce Victor.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Luke's Church (Tamil Pastorate) and the Revd. Ananda Maharajan. • Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in providing a Bishop to our Diocese.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For the many pilgrims and tourists who visit the Cathedral during the week. • For God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care providers.

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