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The Order of Service *for Holy Eucharist*



*“Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.”*

The Fifth Sunday of Lent

Sunday 26th March 2023 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

Today is the fifth Sunday of Lent, which marks the beginning of what is traditionally called 'Passiontide' in many Christian churches. This is the time when we turn our attention toward the last days of Jesus before he suffered on the cross on Good Friday.

Although many great minds have attempted it, there is no definitive answer to the problem of suffering in our world. But the Christian story in Passiontide may help us to understand, not why we suffer, but how to respond to it.

The story from now until Easter Day, is the story of Jesus engaging in our human suffering and his steadfast response to it. Which is unconditional love. The sort of love many of us applauded on Thursday evening. The sort of love that in the face of suffering and death, shows that even these can be transformed. Not taken away, but transformed by love, a love that is born of great passion.

*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**.*

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

Prelude on the tune, 'Rockingham' C. Hubert H. Parry (1848 - 1918)

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, *BWV 737* Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)
(My heart is filled with longing)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

*All **STAND** and sing*

Hymn at the Procession | # 106

There is a green hill far away

Tune: HORSLEY

*Please be **seated***

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 456 & Page 445**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **page 457**

Exodus 24: 4 - 8

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the choir to chant a by Wickes

Psalm 54: 1 - 4, 6 & 7 • *Deus, in nomine*

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake : and avenge me in thy strength.

² Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

³ For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

⁴ Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

⁶ An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name,
O Lord : because it is so comfortable.

⁷ For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

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

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

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

**O dearest Lord, thy sacred head
with thorns was pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my head
that I may think for thee.**

² **O dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
with nails were pierced for me;
O shed thy blessing on my hands
that they may work for thee.**

³ **O dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
with nails were pierced for me;
O pour thy blessing on my feet
that they may follow thee.**

⁴ **O dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
with spear was pierced for me;
O pour thy Spirit in my heart
that I may live for thee.**

Words: Henry Ernest Hardy (1869 - 1946)

Tune: BELMONT

William Gardiner (1770 - 1853)

The Gospel of Christ | **Page 458**

St. John 12: 23 - 33

All

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ
King of endless glory.**

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains a single grain.

**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. John.
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*

The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

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

The altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine. 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 | **# 107**

When I survey the wondrous Cross

Tune: ROCKINGHAM

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be seated

Lent Prose

Refrain (all)

Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:

Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,

save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

arr. John Scott (1956 - 2015)

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us pray to the Father through his Son

who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church.

Give to Christian people everywhere

a deep longing to take up the cross
and to understand its mysterious glory.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship
at this solemn time.

In the preaching of the word

and the celebration of the sacraments

draw your people close to you.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die.

Strengthen those who work to share

the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ

to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice.

Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the

dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,

and in his passion to know their salvation.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Continued

All

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in
your friendship.

According to your promises,
bring them with all your saints
to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and
resurrection.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

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

Glory be to Jesus

Hymn at the Communion | **# 99**

Tune: CASWALL

All **STAND** and say

Prayer after Communion

**Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Closing Prayer & Blessing

The Presbyter

This day reminds us of the worst and the best we see when we look in the mirror. On the one hand, we see the selfishness, the fear, the avarice and the cowardice that made Calvary inevitable. On the other hand, we see the selflessness, the confidence, the grace and the courage that made Calvary possible. As we praise the One who hung on the cross, let us not spurn the path that led him there. **Amen.**

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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

**All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.**

*Refrain: I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.*

² **All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.**

Continued

³ **All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.**

Words: Judson W. Van DeVenter (1855 - 1939)

Tune: SURRENDER
Winfield S. Weeden (1847 - 1908)

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

Fugue in B Minor on a theme by Corelli, BWV 579

Johann Sebastian Bach

Birthdays this Week

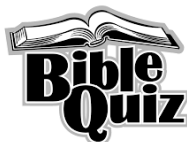
*“The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusts in him, and he helps me.
My heart leaps for joy, and with my song I praise him.”*

Psalm 28:7

Shantha Kumar (25), Ria George (28), Natanya George (31),
Ashwini Millns (1st April), Sarah Cleventine (1) , Mervyn Pengal (1)

Lenten Bible Study *and* Devotion *schedule*

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



10:45 am today in the nave.

Questions will be from the Gospel of John and the Acts of the Apostles (New King James version).

† Holy Week and Easter 2023 †

Saturday 1 st April	6.30 pm	“The Cross of Christ” <i>An evening of sacred music for Passiontide, hymns and readings from the Bible</i>
Sunday 2 nd April	8.45 am	Palm Sunday <i>Holy Eucharist with procession & blessing of palms</i>
Monday 3 rd April	6.30 pm	Holy Week devotion <i>(lasting approximately 30 minutes)</i>
Tuesday 4 th April	6.30 pm	Holy Week devotion
Wednesday 5 th April	6.30 pm	Organ music for Passiontide with readings from the Bible and poems
Thursday 6 th April	6.30 pm	Maundy Thursday <i>Holy Eucharist with feet washing ceremony</i>
Friday 7 th April	9 am to 12 noon	Good Friday <i>Meditations on the seven last words of Christ</i>
Saturday 8 th April	8 pm	Easter Vigil <i>Lighting the Paschal Candle with Holy Eucharist</i>
Sunday 9 th April	9 am	Easter Day <i>Festival Holy Eucharist</i>



“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** Today our prayers focus on Asia. We give thanks for the visit of China's President Xi Jinping to Russian President Putin with a positive plan for concluding the war with Ukraine, and we pray that it will result in continuing scaling down of violence and eventually lead to peace. • For the many migrants and refugees from Myanmar, we continue to ask God for peace in their country with a softening of Thai support for military leadership in Myanmar. • In the light of a United Nations report, we give thanks for the findings that the world has the resources to counter the negative effects of greenhouse gas emissions, but with insufficient action so far, we are urged to globally and urgently implement the many effective options suggested by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change.

† **OUR COUNTRY** 24th March is observed as World T. B. Day. India's ambitious goal to end tuberculosis as a public health problem has gained momentum in the past year. Pray for those afflicted and for their healing.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** As we approach Holy Week pray for all the faithful as we make our journey to the Cross. • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Anglican Church of South America and the Rt Revd Nicholas Drayson.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** We remember today the 19th century evangelist Mathura Nath Bose (*baptised 1865*). • The Diocese of Cuttack and the Rt Revd Surendra Kumar Nanda. • The Diocese of Coimbatore and the Rt Revd Timothy Ravinder.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the Holy Spirit to lead and guide proceedings at the Diocesan Council to be held on 21st and 22nd April. Pray for God's guidance to provide a Bishop for our Diocese. • This week for the Church of Righteousness and the Revd Clietus Edward.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all pupils writing their public examinations. • For all young people in our congregation and the ministry of the Cathedral's Youth Fellowship. • For God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care providers.

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