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**The Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist**



The First Sunday after Easter

Sunday 16th April 2023 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

We are resurrection people

Reflections on St. John 20. 19 - 23

The disciples were meeting in Jerusalem in a room with the doors shut when Jesus appeared among them. This dramatic scene provides the content for John's last reference to the Spirit in his gospel. Jesus bestows the Holy Spirit who will help the disciples in many ways. Jesus and the Spirit restore their faith, empower the disciples, and help them proclaim a powerful message.

Jesus breathed on the disciples and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit." The Holy Spirit is the great teacher who illuminates the message of Christ to our hearts.

Many times we face circumstances in life that test our faith. The disciples had just gone through a severe test. The Spirit would help them. He will help you as well. No matter where you are today in your spiritual experience, let the Spirit draw you closer to Christ.

*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

An Easter Alleluya Gordon Slater (1896 - 1979)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Surrexit Dominus vere, alleluia.
Surrexit Christus hodie, alleluia.

Jesus the Lord, is risen! Alleluia
Jesus the Lord, is risen today! Alleluia

Taizé chant (sung in Latin)

All stand and face the West Door

Opening Acclamation

The Presbyter

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who according to his great mercy hath begotten us again
unto a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from
the dead. *1 Peter 1.3*

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He has given us new life and hope.

He has raised Jesus from the dead.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

All sing

Hymn at the Procession

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

² **In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

³ **Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

⁴ **Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Tune: TRURO # 420
Psalmody Evanelica, 1789

All sit

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **Page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **Page 417**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **page 417**

Ezekiel 37:1 - 10

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Ezekiel.

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 Turle

Psalm 126 • *In convertendo*

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were we like unto them that dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with joy.

³ Then said they among the heathen : The Lord hath done great things for them.

⁴ Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already :
whereof we rejoice.

⁵ Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.

⁶ They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.

⁷ He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with 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.*

All sit

The Epistle | **page 418**

I St. John 5:4 - 12

A reading from the first letter of John.

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

All Thanks be to God.

All STAND and join in singing

The strife is o'er, the battle done

Gradual Hymn | # 625

Tune: VICTORY

Remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.**
Jesus said, "You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."
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. 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*

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Liturgy of the Sacrament

All STAND

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.
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 | # 135

Love's redeeming work is done

Tune: SAVANNAH

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

All sit

While seated, all sing

Invocation

**Alleluia, Alleluia,
give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia,
give praise to His name.**

**Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.**

Donald Fishel

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be
perfected by his prayer.
Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.
Lord, hear us.

All

Lord, graciously hear us.
Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle
rule.
Lord, hear us.
Lord, graciously hear us.

Continued

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or
sorrow.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your promises.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in
your service.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your
feet;

for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Preparation for Communion | *page 275*

The Consecration & Proper Preface *pages 277, 279. 281*

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.***

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

Hymn at the Communion

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

² **Perfect submission, perfect delight,
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels, descending, bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

³ **Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Music: Phoebe Knapp (1839 - 1908)

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life.
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

**He is risen, He is risen!
Tell it out with joyful voice:
He has burst His three days' prison;
Let the whole wide earth rejoice:
Death is conquered, we are free,
Christ has won the victory.**

**² Come, ye sad and fearful hearted,
With glad smile and radiant brow!
Death's long shadows have departed;
Jesus' woes are over now,
And the passion that He bore —
Sin and pain can vex no more.**

**³ He is risen, He is risen!
He hath opened heaven's gate:
We are free from sin's dark prison,
Risen to a holier state;
And a brighter Easter beam
On our longing eyes shall stream.**

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 – 1895)

Tune: NEANDER # 380
Joachim Neander (1650 – 1680)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Jubilation (*Toccatina*)

Donald Callender (1921 - 2010)

Birthdays this Week

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

Numbers 6: 24 - 26

The Reverend Avinash T. Rangayya (17), Susan Karkada (18),
Anuradha Patil (19), Smita Patole (19),
Gopa Khandwala (21), Arina Magar (21)

Notices

- The Bishop of Nagpur the Right Reverend Paul B. P. Dupare has been appointed as the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary for the Diocese of Bombay. Bishop Paul is also the Deputy Moderator of the Church of North India.
(Whenever a bishopric of the Church falls vacant, the Moderator appoints a Presbyter or a Bishop as his Episcopal Commissary to carry on the day-to-day administration of that Diocese on his behalf under his direction.)
- Dr. (Mrs.) Vijaya Gupchup passed away yesterday. Dr. Gupchup was a teacher and later Headmistress of the Cathedral & John Connon Infant School at Malabar Hill (1979 to 1998.) Her link with the Cathedral will forever be remembered for her authorship of the book, "St. Thomas's Cathedral – a Witness to History". The late Mr. T. Thomas had commissioned Dr. Gupchup to write this authoritative historical account on St. Thomas's Cathedral. In the course of her research, Dr. Gupchup had accessed the archives of the British Museum in London. The book was released on Easter Day 2005.
Pray for God's comforting presence with the family at this time.
- The 49th Ordinary meeting of the Bombay Diocesan Council will be held at St. Peters School, Mazagaon on 21st and 22nd April 2023. Pray for all representatives who will be attending the Council meeting.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week our prayers are with the people of Africa. In Africa, we pray for the safety of desperate migrants and refugees trying to cross the Mediterranean, seeking refuge or better economic opportunities in Europe. • The United Nations estimates half of Somalia's population will need humanitarian assistance, and our hearts and prayers go out to these people, particularly the children, caught up in the consequences of such a severe drought. Kenyans and Ethiopians are also affected. • World Earth Day is observed on 22nd April. Pray for all who making efforts to save the environment and tackle climate change.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For all non governmental organisations and charities working to improving the living conditions of the poorest of the poor.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** As we rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, let us prayerfully support all those who face persecution for their faith. • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Anglican Church of Tanzania the Most Reverend Maimbo Mndolwa.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For all hospitals and nursing homes under the management and care of the *Church of North India* and the *Church of South India*.

† **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 St. James's Church, Boisar (Tamil pastorate) and the Reverend Kingsley John Paul.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For our sextons Johnson and Prakash, the security guards, gardeners, florists, photocopiers and dhoobi. We thank God for their faithfulness and dedicated work in the upkeep of the Cathedral. • For God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care providers.



"Sing to the Lord a new song."

Psalm 96

If you enjoy singing, the choir needs you!
Help preserve and uphold the tradition of choral music
in our Cathedral dating back to over 300 years.

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