

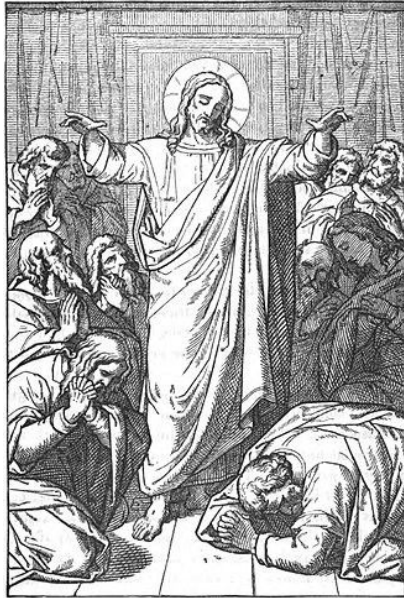


St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist



Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

St. John 16.:23

The Third Sunday after Easter

Sunday 30th April 2023 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

Sorrow turned to joy

A Gospel Reflection

In the Gospel this morning we hear Jesus telling his disciples: "For a little while you will not see me, but after a while you will see me." The disciples looked at one another and asked: "What does Jesus mean when he says he is going to the Father? The disciples were confused by Jesus' words.

The disciples did not understand that Jesus was appointing them to be the messengers who would carry His words and teaching to the whole world. Jesus was empowering them and calling them to share his message of love and salvation with the people of the world. Jesus promised that He always would be with them, although it would be in a very different way.

At times, we may not understand Jesus' instructions to us. We may become confused and afraid. However, if we trust in Jesus, His plan for us will unfold and we will sense that Jesus is walking beside us and guiding us! Today and every day, may we pray for one another that we will trust Jesus in all things.

*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

The Risen Christ Charles Sergisson (1905 - 1988)

Incorporating hymn tunes from Palestrina & 'Lyra Davidica'

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

In resurrectione tua, Christe,
Cœli et terra lætentur.

*In your resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice.*

Taizé chant

All stand and face the West Door

Opening Sentences

The Presbyter

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 | # 129

Christ the Lord is risen again!

Tune: WIRTEMBERG

All sit

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **Page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **Page 421**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **page 422**

Genesis 45:3 - 10

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 George Elvey

Psalm 112: 1 - 9 • *Beatus vir*

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; * he hath great delight in his commandments.

² His seed shall be mighty upon earth; * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

³ Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴ Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

⁵ A good man is merciful, and lendeth; * and will guide his words with discretion.

⁶ For he shall never be moved: * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

⁸ His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his enemies.

⁹ He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor. * and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

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 423**

I St. Peter 2: 11 - 17

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

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 | # 134

Jesus lives!

Tune: ST. ALBINUS

Remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed

The Gospel of Christ | **Page 423**

St. John 16:16 - 22

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.**
I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living
one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.
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

**And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain—
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

*Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?*

**² He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.**

*'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.*

**³ Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

*My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.*

**⁴ No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

*Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

Tune: SAGINA
Thomas Campbell (1800 - 1876)

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.**

**We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live forever.**

Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

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.
We pray for Bijay our Moderator,
Dharmaraj the Moderator of the *Church of South India*,
Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma
Church*, Paul the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary for the
Diocese and Avinash our Presbyter.

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.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or
sorrow. We uphold before your throne of mercy all
people displaced because of war and conflict.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Intercessor

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us
for work in your service.

Lord, hear us.

All

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.**

The Communion | *page 284*

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 |# 319

Lord enthroned in heavenly splendour

Tune: BRYN CALFARIA

All stand and sing

The Blessing

The Presbyter

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ
has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
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 | # 127

**Alleluya! Alleluya! Hearts to heaven
and voices raise**

Tune: ODE TO JOY

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

Hornpipe, from Water Music HWV 348

George Frideric Händel (1685 - 1759)



Contributing towards flowers in the sanctuary is a beautiful way to remember loved ones and give thanks for blessings. You can approach the Presbyter if you would like to do so.

Birthdays this Week

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Lamentations 3:22, 23

Deborah Baker (30), Michelle Pasgon (1st May), Premanand Telgote (1), Roshni Jadhav (1), Nalina Sathia Raj (3), Pratik Kachhap (4), Allen Moses (4), Alina Philip (4), Sathia Solomonraj (4), Kamal Jadhav (5)

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and His love is made complete in us.

1 John 4:12

Bhaskar & Rekha Ghose (1st May)

Notices

- It has come to our notice that there have been instances of money being lent by worshippers, leading to bad debts. Worshippers are advised to use their own discretion in this matter,
- The office bearers of the Executive Committee of the Diocese are:
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Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray for world issues and aid agencies this week. • We thank God for the work of the W.H.O. seeking to promote equality in health outcomes for all people. • For the ceasefire in Sudan to hold against violence and chaos. • We give thanks for the life of Harry Belefonte and for his active promotion of civil rights. • For the people of the United Kingdom and the nations of the Commonwealth as the coronation of Charles III takes place later this week.

† **OUR COUNTRY** God of justice, we pray for all workers, that they would receive fair compensation and treatment in their labour (1st May is Labour Day.)

† **OUR STATE** As Maharashtra Day is observed tomorrow, pray for our State.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** We give thanks with the Church universal for the ministry of St. Philip and St. James (commemorated 3rd May). • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Episcopal Church of the United States of America and the presiding Bishop the Most Reverend Michael Curry.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Church of North India's Diocese of Chotanagpur and the Right Reverend B. B. Baskey. For the Church of South India's Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad and the Right Reverend Dr. Jeyasingh Prabhakaran.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the Church in Govandi and the Reverend Shekhar Jadhav. • For all Diocesan officebearers.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For the Cathedral Trustees. • For God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their care providers.



“Sing to the Lord a new song.”

Psalm 96

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in our Cathedral dating back to over 300 years.

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