

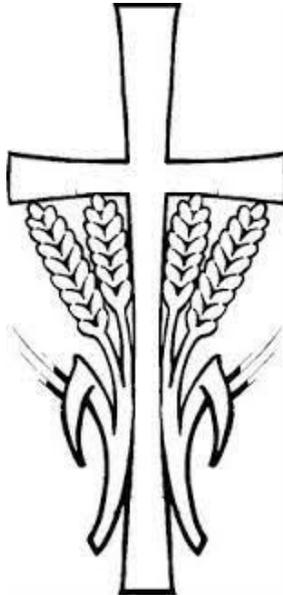


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**The Order of Service
for Holy Eucharist**



Rogation Sunday
with procession to garden

The Sixth Sunday of Easter
Sunday 14th May 2023 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayers for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food. The word "rogation" is from the Latin *rogare*, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest.

Rogation provides us with the opportunity to praise the Creator God, give thanks for our food and those who produce it; to pray a blessing on the communities in which we live and share together. Let us celebrate however we can, in thankfulness for all we have been given.

To all our mothers, as well as those present who have been mothering figures to others in their lives, happy Mother's Day! Today, we are invited and called to give ourselves to God's love and care. We are called to be encouraged and guided by Christ's way, and to seek out God's accompaniment and care in the face of the fears and stumbling blocks that stand in our way.

*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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Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

The Gathering

Voluntary

The Enchanted Garden Maurice Ravel (1875 - 1937)
arr. for organ Alan Ridout

Prelude on 'Melcombe' (New every morning) Healey Willan (1880 - 1968)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome

All stand and face the West Door

Opening Sentences

The Presbyter We come together in this Cathedral Church
to give thanks to Almighty God for the fruits of the earth
which delight the eye and give sustenance to our lives.

God be gracious unto us and bless us:

All **and make His face to shine upon us.**

Let the earth bring forth her increase:

God be gracious unto us and bless us.

and make His face to shine upon us.

All sing

Hymn at the Procession

**Lord of beauty, thine the splendour
Shown in earth and sky and sea,
Burning sun and moonlight tender,
Hill and river, flower and tree:
Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see.**

Continued. Turn over.

² Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow,
While unhasting, undelaying,
Planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
Teach our minds thyself to know.

³ Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning,
Lift our hearts that we may love.

⁴ Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.

Words: C A Alington (1872-1955)

Tune: REGENT SQUARE
H. Smart (1813 - 1879)

All sit

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **Page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **Page 427**

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | **Page 427**

Joel 2: 21 - 27

A reading from the Book of Joel.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and say the text printed in bold

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 66: 7 - end

⁷ Bless our God, O you peoples; ♦
make the voice of His praise to be heard,

⁸ Who holds our souls in life ♦
and suffers not our feet to slip.

- ⁹ For you, O God, have proved us; ♦
you have tried us as silver is tried.
- ¹⁰ You brought us into the snare; ♦
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.
- ¹¹ You let enemies ride over our heads;
we went through fire and water; ♦
but you brought us out into a place of liberty.

Refrain (all) **All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.**

- ¹² I will come into your house with burnt offerings
and will pay you my vows, ♦
which my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.
- ¹³ I will offer you fat burnt sacrifices
with the smoke of rams; ♦
I will sacrifice oxen and goats.

All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.

- ¹⁴ Come and listen, all you who fear God, ♦
and I will tell you what He has done for my soul.
- ¹⁵ I called out to Him with my mouth ♦
and His praise was on my tongue.
- ¹⁶ If I had nursed evil in my heart, ♦
the Lord would not have heard me,
- ¹⁷ But in truth God has heard me; ♦
He has heeded the voice of my prayer.
- ¹⁸ Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, ♦
nor withheld His loving mercy from me.

All the earth shall worship you, O Lord.

**How generous is your goodness, O God,
how great is your salvation,
how faithful is your love;
help us to trust you in trial
and praise you in deliverance;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All sit

The Epistle | **Page 428**

St. James 1:22 - 27

A reading from the letter of James.

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 | # 475

Rejoice, O land, in God thy might

Tune: WAREHAM

Remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed

The Gospel of Christ | Page 428

St. John 16:23 - 33

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.**
Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.
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 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 265

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **and also with you.**

All say

All sit

While seated, all sing

Invocation

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

**Come let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour.**

Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.
Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed.
We ask in faith:

All

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Guide into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.

We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon aid agencies send a blessing, O Lord.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.
We ask in faith:

All **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**
We ask you to hear us, good Lord,
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

A Prayer for Mothers

(14th May is Mother's Day)

All say together

**Thank you God for the love of our mothers;
thank you God for their care and concern;
thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;
thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;
thank you God for all that they give us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The General Confession & Absolution | **Page 275, 276**

The Consecration & Proper Preface
Pages 277, 279, 281

The Communion | **page 284**

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

While seated, we sing Hymn at the Communion | **# 304**

Bread of heaven on thee we feed

Tune: BREAD OF HEAVEN

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and say

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May He that provides seed for sowing,
hands for working, and hearts for loving,
surround you with His love,
visit you with His mercy, and make you perfect to do His will;
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 | # 587

All things bright and beautiful

Tune: ALL THINGS BRIGHT & BEAUTIFUL

*The congregation walks in procession through the north door
into the church garden*

Blessing of the Church Garden

Presbyter

Bless the Lord all that grows in the ground:
praise Him and magnify Him for ever.
Let us pray. O Lord God,
who causes fruit bearing trees and shrubs,
flowers and vegetables to flourish upon the earth,
to provide beauty to the eye and food for all people,
bless all farmers and those who cultivate that they may
exercise their skills for the welfare and benefit of all and to
your glory and praise. **Amen.**

All sing

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.**

² **Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

Words: Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

Presbyter

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour His blessing upon all things created,
and upon you His children,
that you may use His gifts to His glory
and the welfare of all peoples. **Amen.**

All sing

**O Lord, my God when I, in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art
Then sings my soul, my Savior God to Thee
How great Thou art, how great Thou art.***

Words: Carl Boberg

Music: Swedish folk tune

Dismissal

Presbyter

All

God the Father, Lord of creation,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son, through whom all things were made,
have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,
have mercy upon us.

Presbyter
All

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God,
have mercy upon us.

Remember, Lord, your mercy and loving-kindness towards us.
Bless this good earth, and make it fruitful.
Bless our labour, and give us all things needful for our daily lives.
Bless our homes and all who live within them.
Bless our common life and our care for our neighbour.
Hear us, good Lord.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*Please stay back after the service for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee.
Introduce yourself to the Presbyter if you are worshipping with us for the first time.*



Celebrate

The Ascension

with Eucharist in the Cathedral garden

Thursday 18th May at 7.30 a.m.

Birthdays this Week

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Ephesians 2:10

Mercy Karkada (15), Kala Chempaka (17), Evangeline Samuel (18),
Malcolm Desai (19), Vidyut Tiwari (20)

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

Dhanasekaran & Kala Chempaka (15), Colin & Alice Dawson (18),
Samuel & Malathy Joseph (19), Roshan & Smita Thomas (20)

Notices

- The Presbyter will be on leave from the afternoon of Sunday 21st May to Thursday 1st June. The celebrant and preacher on Pentecost Sunday (28th May) will be the Reverend Keith Pasgon.
- It has sadly 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 choristers are on their annual summer break and will resume singing on Pentecost Sunday. If you can make a weekly commitment and enjoy singing, we would be happy for you to sing in the Cathedral choir.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** 15th May is designated as the *United Nations International Day of Families*. Let us pray for families worldwide. May they be protected from poverty, discrimination, and abuse, and sheltered from environmental destruction.

- Let us pray for people to live together in unity and peace. May they be united in difference and diversity (16th May is the *UN International Day of Living Together*.)
- Pray for solutions for the Arctic facing melting sea ice resulting from climate change, and for the work of the Arctic Council to be effective for both inhabitants and the environment.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For a peaceful solution to the ongoing conflict in Manipur.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the Church universal we give thanks for the life and witness of Matthias the Apostle (14th May). • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Church of the Province of West Africa and the Most Revd Dr Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Church of North India's Diocese of Delhi and the Right Reverend Paul Swarup. • For the Church of South India's Diocese of Tirunelveli and for the Right Reverend A.R. Barnabas.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for All Saint's Church, Malabar Hill and the Revd John Roland. • For the clergy and laity on various Diocesan committees.

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