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The Order of Service for Holy Eucharist



Ecumenical Sunday

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 22nd January 2023 • 8.45 am

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

"One in the Apostles' Teaching, Fellowship, Breaking of Bread and Prayer"

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity18th to 25th January

I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.

John 17:21

At least once a year, Christians are reminded of Jesus' prayer for his disciples that "they may be one so that the world may believe" (see John 17.21). Hearts are touched and Christians come together to pray for their unity. Congregations and parishes all over the world exchange preachers or arrange special ecumenical celebrations and prayer services.

Traditionally the week of prayer is celebrated between 18th and 25th January, between the feasts of St Peter and St Paul. The text of the liturgy is jointly published by the *Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity* and the *World Council of Churches*.

The theme for 2023 is "Do Good, Seek Justice." The theme is inspired by Isaiah 1:12-18, which laments a lack of justice among the People of God. Yet it also promises redemption by encouraging acts of justice. Like Isaiah, we hope to inspire a renewed desire and effort for justice among the Christian peoples around the world.

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

Music before the Service

Prelude on an old Irish church melody
“Let us break bread together”

C.V. Stanford, *Op. 101* (1852 - 1924)
arr. Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit
sung by the choir

Now dear Lord , as we pray,
Take our hearts and minds far away
From the press of the world all around
To Thy throne where grace doth abound.
May our lives be transformed by Thy love,
May our souls be refreshed from above.
At this moment, let people everywhere
Join us now as we come to Thee in prayer.

Ralph Carmichael (1927 - 2021)

All STAND

Opening Responses

led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

. There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.

All

One Lord, one faith, one baptism.
One God and Father of all,
who is above all and through all and in all.

All sing

Hymn at the Procession | # 375

City of God how broad and far

Tune: RICHMOND

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

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The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 429**

Read by the Presbyter

Call to Gather

Sisters and brothers, we gather here
in the name of the Father, of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
By the waters of baptism,
we have become members of the Body of Christ,
yet our sins have caused pain and trauma to each other.
We have failed to do good.
We have not sought justice in the face of grave oppression,
nor heeded God's command to care for the widow and orphan (*Isaiah 1:17*).
As we gather,
let us reflect on our actions and inactions
and learn to do good and seek justice.
We need God's grace to overcome our divisions .
We gather to pray to reinforce the unity that we have as Christians
to "open our hearts, that we may be bold in finding the riches of inclusion
and the treasures of diversity among us.
We pray in faith."

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 1: 12 - 18

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

When you come to appear before me, who has asked this of you, this trampling of my courts? Stop bringing meaningless offerings! Your incense is detestable to me. New Moons, Sabbaths and convocations — I cannot bear your worthless assemblies. Your New Moon feasts and your appointed festivals I hate with all my being. They have become a burden to me; I am weary of bearing them. When you spread out your hands in prayer, I hide my eyes from you; even when you offer many prayers, I am not listening. Your hands are full of blood! Wash and make yourselves clean. Take your evil deeds out of my sight; stop doing wrong. Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow. “Come now, let us settle the matter,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool.

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 Kelway

Psalm 15 • *Domine, quis habitabit?*

LORD, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

² Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

³ He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

⁴ He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

⁵ He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

Continued

⁶ He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

⁷ Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

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 428**

I Peter 1: 13 - 21

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming. As obedient children, do not conform to the evil desires you had when you lived in ignorance. But just as he who called you is holy, so be holy in all you do; for it is written: “Be holy, because I am holy.” Since you call on a Father who judges each person’s work impartially, live out your time as foreigners here in reverent fear. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your ancestors, but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. He was chosen before the creation of the world, but was revealed in these last times for your sake. Through him you believe in God, who raised him from the dead and glorified him, and so your faith and hope are in God.

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

All Thanks be to God.

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

² **In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

³ **Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

⁴ **In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Words: William Dunkerley (1852 - 1941)

Tune: ST PETER # 405
A. R. Reingale (1799 - 1877)

The Gospel of Christ

St. John 1: 29 - 37

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

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.

Continued

The next day John saw Jesus coming toward him and said, “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is the one I meant when I said, ‘A man who comes after me has surpassed me because he was before me.’ I myself did not know him, but the reason I came baptizing with water was that he might be revealed to Israel.” Then John gave this testimony: “I saw the Spirit come down from heaven as a dove and remain on him. And I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water told me, ‘The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and remain is the one who will baptize with the Holy Spirit.’ I have seen and I testify that this is God’s Chosen One.” When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, “Look, the Lamb of God!”

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 354**

Sermon

The Revd Mervyn D’Souza

Our Lady of the Rosary Church, Mazagaon

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All **STAND**

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Jesus said to his disciples,
“Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.”
Do not look upon our sin but on the faith of your Church.
To fulfil your will, grant this peace to your Church
and lead it to perfect unity,
you who live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit
for ever and ever. **Amen.**
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

All

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

Hymns at the Offertory | # 324

O Thou, who at Thy Eucharist didst pray

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 357**

Please be seated

Invocation

sung by the choir

Bring we the frankincense of our love
to the feet of the holy Child,
ever remembering God's great gift
of a love that is undefiled.
Holy the infant and holy the mother
and holy and precious the gifts that we bring;
praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit
and praise to Christ Jesus our King.

H. Kenn Carmichael (1908 - 1996)

Prayers for Church Unity

Intercessor

Creator and saviour God,
we praise you for all church denominations
who together want to confess, through word and deed,
their faith in the risen Christ, who brings us life.
May we so progress in our ecumenical commitment
that we become more united
both in our thanksgiving for creation
and in our concerted action to uphold life.

All

Hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,
we ask forgiveness for the times
we judged those who hold different beliefs and traditions,
focusing on our differences rather than on what unites us.
Lord, have mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray, Lord, for all those who have at heart
the ministry of Christian unity
and who strive to do so in a spirit of love
and understanding.

Strengthen them, Lord, in their endeavours.

Hear our prayer.

Lord of unity,
help us strengthen the spirit of communion by respecting
you and others through our thoughts, words and actions.

Continued

Endow us with the virtue of humility
that opens us to love and friendship
and give us a loyal heart
that helps us be respectful to one another.

Hear our prayer.

Almighty God,

we pray for all Church leaders: Pope Francis,
Bishop Dr Heinrich Bedford-Strohm (the *Moderator of the
World Council of Churches*), the *Archbishop of Canterbury* the
Most Revd Justin Welby, the Most Revd Bijaya Nayak
(the *Moderator of the Church of North India*),
the Most Revd Dharmaraj (the *Moderator of the Church of
South India*), Theodosius Mar Thoma (the *Metropolitan of the
Mar Thoma Church*), Cardinal Oswald Gracias of the *Roman
Catholic Archdiocese of Bombay*, Bishop Sharad Gaikwad (the
Moderator's Episcopal Commissary for the Diocese of Bombay),
Bishop Dr. Anilkumar Servand of the *Methodist Church*, for
Father Mervyn D'Souza and for Revd Avinash Rangayya our
Presbyter.

God grant us the patience to work together,
bring us all together as a family.

Hear our prayer.

God, from whom every perfect gift comes,
we give you thanks that from the dawn of time
from generation to generation
you have never ceased to awaken that cloud of witnesses
which transmitted the faith of the apostles.
We pray that we may be faithful to this faith
we have been entrusted with.

Hear, our prayer.

God, of compassion,

we give you thanks because you have reconciled the world
through the cross of your Son.

Increase our faith,

that it may give our churches and each of us,
with Christ and following his example,
the strength always to stand more effectively
alongside people in their lives, suffering and death.

Hear, our prayer.

Continued

Lord of consolation,
we bring to you those
who are unable to see goodness in themselves,
in those around them and in the world.
May your gentleness allow them to change their perspective
and to open their heart to your spirit of renewal.
Enable us the members of the body of Christ.
May the Spirit stir up in our hearts
a desire to be united as one,
in the bond of peace and fellowship.
This we ask in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion

We break this bread
To share in the body of Christ. (2)

Though we are many
We are one body
Because we all share
We all share in one bread. (2)

We drink this cup
To share in the body of Christ. (2)

Words: from The Alternative Service Book, 1980

Music: Chris Rolinson (b. 1958)

**Let us break bread together on our knees.
Let us break bread together on our knees.**

Refrain: **When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.**

² **Let us drink wine together on our knees.
Let us drink wine together on our knees.**

African-American spiritual

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept

STAND and say

**God of glory,
you nourish us with your Word
who is the bread of life:
fill us with your Holy Spirit
that through us the light of your glory
may shine in all the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 371**

The Presbyter

The Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you. And give you peace.
† And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All sing **Amen.**

All join in singing

Hymn at the Closing | # 489

The Church's One Foundation

Tune: AURELIA

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

We have seen His glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Trumpet tune in D major

David N. Johnson (1922 - 87)

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

Samuel Joseph (22), Miriam John (22), Anisha Ghose (25),
Sudhir Isaacs (25), Alvina Magar (27), Vijay Pandian (28),

Wedding Anniversary

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"

Galatians 5:22

James & Deborah Baker (26)

- The Cathedral's *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service* (WFCS) is organising a **medical camp** on Saturday 28th January 2023 at Kholekar Pada. If you would like to contribute and/ or volunteer for the medical camp, please get in touch with the office bearers of the WFCS. The details of where you can pay are on the inside front cover of this booklet.
- The next **Bible quiz** will be conducted on Sunday 26th March 2023 starting 10.45 am. The questions will be based on the Gospel of John and the Acts of the Apostles (*New King James version*). Participants will be divided into six teams.
- On national days there is a flag hoisting ceremony in the Cathedral compound. You are warmly invited for this on **Republic Day** Thursday 26th January 8.30 am
- Lent this year begins on February 22nd. There will be two services on **Ash Wednesday** 7am (said Eucharist) and 6.30pm (choral Eucharist). There will be imposition of ashes at both services.
- The Cathedral choir is in urgent need of singers. If you like church music and can make a weekly commitment, please stay back for choir practice and introduce yourself, Children who are musically inclined are very welcome to join.
- We express our thanks to the Revd Father Mervyn D' Souza for sharing in our worship and giving the sermon this morning

The Conversion of Paul

25th January

O GOD, who, through the preaching
of the blessed Apostle Saint Paul, hast caused
the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world:
Grant, we beseech thee, that we,
having his wonderful conversion in remembrance,
may shew forth our thankfulness unto thee for the same,
by following the holy doctrine which he taught;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We ask God's comfort for those who have lost loved ones in the recent plane crash in Nepal. • 27th January is *International Holocaust Memorial Day*. On this annual day of commemoration, the UN urges every member state to honour the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and millions of other victims of Nazism and to develop educational programmes to help prevent future genocides. Pray for all those places in the world where human rights of people are violated. • In the face of ongoing fighting in Ukraine we earnestly pray for peace, and for political, diplomatic and grassroots intervention to broker a peace agreement.

† **OUR COUNTRY** As our country celebrates Republic Day on 26th January, let us pray for our nation, those in government, farmers and workers, the armed forces. May we pledge ourselves anew to be responsible citizens.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** This coming week the Church offers thanksgiving for Paul's wonderful conversion (*commemorated 25th January*). • As the Church observes *The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, let us pray for greater ecumenism between different denominations. • We give thanks for the life and ministry of Polycarp of Smyrna (*Bishop and Martyr, c. 155 commemorated 26th January*). He was probably the last surviving person to have known an apostle, having been a disciple of St. John.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Moderators and Synod office bearers of the *Church of North India* and the *Church of South India*.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week, we pray for St. Peter's Church, Mulund (Tamil congregation) and the Revd Suresh Kumar. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in providing leadership for our Diocese.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for Mr. Allen Moses and others known to us who are unwell. For all senior citizens and their care providers. • For all pupils who are preparing for public and entrance examinations. • For more singers to join the choir. We give thanks for all who down the years have shared their time and talent for His glory.

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