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Harvest Festival

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Choral Eucharist † Sunday 5th November 2023 • 8.45 a.m.

Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

We are the mother church of the Diocese of Bombay in the Church of North India, a member of the worldwide Anglican Communion. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 300 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

The basis for our worship is the *Book of Common Prayer*, our common liturgical heritage with Anglicans across the world (all churches descended from the Church of England). We are rooted in tradition but celebrate the richness and diversity of the Communion. Music and hymnody represent the best of the Anglican choral tradition.

Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord's Supper from *The Book of Common Prayer* (refer page numbers).

The hymns can be found in *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*



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THANKSGIVING FOR THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Reflections on Harvest Festival

Theologically speaking the Eucharist is a harvest festival. Because we offer fruits of the earth and of human labour at every Eucharist. Bread is made out of wheat flour. People work hard to get the harvest of wheat. Wine is made out of grapes. Again people toil hard to get the harvest of grapes from the creeping plant of vine. Here we see how God offers the flesh and blood of His Son through our harvest for our spiritual nourishment.

When we go a step further we can learn that all our worships are harvest festivals. The theological word for worship is called liturgy and this word is derived from 2 Greek words – λαός – laos (people) and – ἔργον – ergon (work) The result of work of people is our harvest. Therefore in our worship we offer to God the harvest of our God given time, money and resources etc.



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God the harvest of our God given time, money and resources etc. It is the belief of Christians that every Eucharist is a small Easter. Whenever we celebrate the Eucharist we are living in the resurrection of the Jesus Christ. According to the theology in the letter of James (James 1:18) resurrected Christ is God's spiritual harvest and the first fruit of all He created.

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Now thank we all our God

from Cantata No. 79 ... Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

Choral Prelude

While seated, all sing

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
You have fulfilled all your promise to me;
You never fail and your love is unchanging,
All you have been you for ever will be.**

*Great is your faithfulness! Great is your faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed your hand has provided
Great is your faithfulness, Father to me.*

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above;
Join with all nature in eloquent witness
To your great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Words: Thomas Obadiah Chisholm, 1866 - 1960

Music: William Marion Runyan, 1870 - 1957

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit
Sung by the choir

Let the people praise Thee, O Lord.
Then shall the earth yield her increase,
And God, even our own God, shall bless us,
And all the ends of the earth shall fear Him.

John Bunyan Herbert, 1852 - 1927

All stand and face the West Door.

Opening Acclamation

The Presbyter

The land has yielded its harvest:
God our God has blessed us. *Psalm 67:6*
The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it

All

**Let the heavens be glad
and let the earth rejoice.**

Hymn at the Entry

**Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Opening to the sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness;
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day!**

Continued

² **All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays;
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Centre of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Blossoming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

³ **Mortals, join the mighty chorus,
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife;
Joyful music leads us sunward
In the triumph song of life.**

Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1852 - 1933

Tune: ODE TO JOY
Ludwig Beethoven, 1770 - 1827

Please be seated

Thanksgiving for the Harvest Gifts

The Presbyter stands beside the harvest gifts and says

Thank you God for your goodness that blesses us and the earth.
You are generous.

All Thank you, God.

Presbyter

Thank you God for the people
who made this food and those who will share in it.
You are generous.

All

Thank you God.

Thank you God for this place,
this city, this church and for your
faithful love over many generations
You are generous.

Thank you God.

All stand and join in singing

Hymns in Procession

290 ***We plough the fields, and scatter***

Tune: WIR PFLÜGEN

and

**Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine!**

**² Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.**

Continued. Turn over.

**³ Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!**

Words: Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith, b. 1926

Tune: REGENTS SQUARE # 185
Henry Smart, 1813 - 79

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving | **page 583**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 583**

Deuteronomy 8. 7 - 10

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Canticle | **page 16**

Sung by the choir to chants by Hiles and Elvey

Benedicite Omnia Opera

The Epistle

2 Corinthians 9. 6 - 15

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

- "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."
Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,
We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.**
- ² Your rainforests nurture the world that we share.
Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.
Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.
You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.**
- ³ Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.
We take from creation much more than we need,
We threaten your world through indifference and greed.**
- ⁴ May we be good stewards of all that you give,
Protecting creation wherever we live.
May we be a church that renews and restores
And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.**

Words: Revd Carolyn Gillette, b. 1961

Tune: ST DENIO #199
Welsh hymn melody, 1839

*Remain standing for the Gospel
as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond.*

The Gospel of Christ | **page 584**

St John 6. 26 - 35

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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*

All sit

Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya,
Cathedral Presbyter

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **and also with you.**

Members of the congregation greet one another.

Remain standing to sing the offertory hymn.

At this time the altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine and the gifts of the people are gathered and presented. Thank you for your generosity.

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All sing

Hymn at the Offertory

**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 Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!*

² **When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.**

³ **And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

⁴ **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!**

Words: Carl Boberg, 1859 - 1940

Music: Swedish folk melody

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

All sing

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Tune: OLD HUNDRETH

Please be seated

Anthem
Sung by the choir

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God.

Therefore the children of men
put their trust, they put their trust
under the shadow of Thy wings.

They shall be abundantly satisfied
with the fullness of Thy house.

And Thou shall make them drink of the river of thy pleasures.

O continue Thy loving-kindness
unto them that know Thee;
and Thy righteousness to the upright in heart.

How excellent is thy loving-kindness, O God.

William James Kirkpatrick , 1838 - 1921

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us pray to God the almighty, the King of creation.
God said, 'Let there be light.'
Eternal God, we thank you for your light and your truth.
We praise you for your fatherly care
in creating a universe which proclaims your glory.
Inspire us to worship you, the creator of all,
and let your light shine upon our world.
God of life:

All

hear our prayer.

Continued

Presbyter

God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the heavens.'

We thank you for the vastness of the universe and the mysteries of space.

We pray for all scientists and astronomers who extend the boundaries of our knowledge.

As we contemplate the wonder of the heavens, confirm us in the truth that every human being is known and loved by you.

God of life:

All

hear our prayer.

God said, 'Let the waters be gathered together, and let dry land appear.'

We thank you for the beauty of the earth, for the diversity of land and sea, for the resources of the earth.

Give us the will to cherish this planet and to use its riches for the good and welfare of all.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

God said, 'Let there be lights in the sky to separate the day and the night.'

We thank you for the warmth of the sun, the light of the moon, the glory of the stars.

We praise you for the formations of clouds, the radiance of dawn and sunset.

Save us from wasting or abusing the energy on which all life depends.

Open our eyes to behold your beauty, and our lips to praise your name.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

God said, 'Let the waters bring forth living creatures, and let birds fly across the sky.'

We thank you for the teeming life of the seas, and the flight of the birds.

Help us to protect the environment so that all life may flourish.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of every kind.'

We rejoice in the variety of animal life.

Grant us grace to treat all animals with respect and care;
to protect endangered species,
to preserve the variety of habitats,
and to honour the delicate balance of nature.

God of life:

hear our prayer.

God said, 'Let us create human beings in our own image.'

We pray for the human family.

We exult in its diversity and giftedness,

we repent of its sins, divisions and violence.

By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us,
through Christ who came to remake us
by his death and resurrection.

God of life:

hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty:

open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your

works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation,

we may learn to serve you with gladness;

for the sake of him through whom all things were made,
your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

During the administration of Communion, while seated we sing.

**I am the bread of life;
he who come to Me shall not hunger;
he who believes in Me shall not thirst.
No one can come to Me
unless the Father draw him.**

***And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up
and I will raise him up on the last day.***

Continued. Turn over.

² **The bread that I will give
is My flesh for the life of the world,
and if he who eats of this bread,
he shall live forever,
he shall live forever.**

³ **Unless you eat of the
flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of His blood,
and drink of His blood,
you shall not have life within you.**

***And I will raise him up,
and I will raise him up
and I will raise him up on the last day.***

⁴ **I am the resurrection,
I am the life.
even if he die,
he shall live for ever.**

⁵ **Yes, Lord, we believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come into the world.**

*Words: Adapted from John 6
by S. Suzanne Toolan*

Music: S. Suzanne Toolan, b. 1927

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

You have given yourself to us, Lord.

All

Now we give ourselves to others.

Your love has made us a new people.

**As a people of love,
we will serve you with joy.**

Your glory has filled our hearts.

Help us to glorify you in all things.

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 | # 205

Now thank we all our God

Tune: NUN DANKET

From the West Door the Presbyter says

The Dismissal

Presbyter

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Marche Triomphale on, 'Nun Danket'

(‘Now thank we all our God’) Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Op. 65, 1877 - 1933

Please stay back after the service for a time of fellowship and patronise the stalls. Introduce yourself to the Presbyter if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

Birthdays this Week

"For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life."

Proverbs 9:11

Amelia Knox (11)

Remembrance Sunday

12th November 2023



*Remembering all who have lost their life in conflicts
past and present.*

WHEN YOU GO HOME
TELL THEM OF US
AND SAY
"FOR YOUR TOMORROW,
WE GAVE OUR TODAY."

- Bishop Prakash Patole has been appointed as the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary to the Diocese of Bombay with effect from 25th October 2023.
- The **Founders' Day service of the Cathedral and John Connon School** will be held this coming Thursday 9th November 2023 at 9a.m. here in the Cathedral.
- 11th November marks Armistice. It was on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month that the First World War came to an end. A service is held in all Commonwealth countries to honour the memory of the fallen in wars on this day. This coming Saturday 11th November the British Deputy High Commission is organising a **Remembrance Day service** in the Cathedral at 10.30 a.m. Representatives from the armed forces and the diplomatic corp will be in attendance.
- As a congregation we will honour the fallen in war at the Eucharist service next Sunday, **Remembrance Sunday** 12th November 2023.

World Mission Sunday : Council for World Mission

5th November 2023

Theme: Preaching is useless, if it is contradicted by the way we live.

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Unity Sunday

12th November 2023

Pray for the Communion of Churches in India

(The Church of North India, The Church of South India & the Mar Thoma Church)



Advent and Christmas at the Cathedral 2023

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| • First Sunday of Advent | 3 rd December | Eucharist | 7 am, 8.45 am |
| • “Come, Lord Jesus” | 3 rd December | An Advent Sequence | 6.30 pm |
| • Second Sunday of Advent | 10 th December | Eucharist | 7 am, 8.45 am |
| • Concert by the Paranjoti Academy Chorus | 10 th December | Seasonal choral music | 6.30 pm |
| • Cathedral School Carol Service | 15 th December | | 9 am |
| • Third Sunday of Advent | 17 th December | Eucharist | 7 am, 8.45 am |
| | | Nativity Play by Sunday school | 10.45 am |
| • Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols | 17 th December | | 6.30 pm |
| • Organ music for Advent & Christmas | 22 nd December | | 7 pm |
| • Fourth Sunday of Advent | 24 th December | Eucharist | 7 am, 8.45 am |
| • Christmas Eve | 24 th December | Eucharist | 10.45 pm |
| | | Music before service | 10 pm |
| • The Nativity of our Lord : | 25 th December | Eucharist | 9 am |



† **THE WORLD** Pray for lasting peace in the Holy Land. For all who are enabling dialogue and peace and reconciliation in areas of conflict.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For the families of those who lost their life in the bomb blast in Cochin. • Pray for areas which are vulnerable to earthquakes and other natural calamities.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** All Saints' Day was on 1st November. 'God is glorified in His saints, in whom we see the riches of His grace' • The faithful departed were commemorated on All Souls' Day (2nd November) when we are reminded of our fellowship in Christ with the faithful departed • In the Anglican Communion - La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (The Anglican Church of Mexico) and the Most Reverend Enrique Treviño Cruz.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Cuttack and the Right Reverend Surendra Kumar Nanda • The Diocese of Tiruchirappalli Thanjavur and the Right Reverend Dhanraj Chandrasekaran • For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the selection of the Moderator of the Church of South India.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** The Pandita Ramabai Church and the Reverend Ulhas Devkule.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for all care providers • This week for the Cathedral & John Connon School as they observe their 163rd Founders' Day with a thanksgiving service.

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

- Sunday School Sunday morning during term time
- Women's Fellowship 2nd Sunday of the month 10.45 am
- Youth Fellowship 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10.45 am
- Choir Sunday 10.45 am and occasionally Saturday

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