



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
MUMBAI  
Since 1718



*The Church of North India*  
*A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion*

Sundays 7 am Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 am Eucharist (*sung*)  
Weekdays 7 am to 6 pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection



Wheat and Tares – This design is based on Matthew 13:24-30 and 36-43 in which Jesus tells the parable of the wheat and tares sown together.

Tares is taken from the Arabic word *zawan* which is widely accepted to mean noxious weed. Having both wheat and weeds within us, we acknowledge that we should place our hope in God's promise and receive grace and strength from the Lord's table so that we may show justice and mercy in the world.

## The Fifth Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2025 • 8.45 a.m.

*Choral Eucharist*

## 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. For over 300 years, the people of St. Thomas' Cathedral have sought to be a body through which the light of Christ is seen, his life is shared, and his work is done.

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.

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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 *The English Hymnal*.

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# Order of Service

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

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## *The Gathering*

### Voluntary

'Humble us by Thy goodness', from *Cantata No. 22* - Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

### Introit

*Sung by the choir*

Awake, my soul, and with the sun  
Thy daily stage of duty run;  
Shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise  
To pay thy morning sacrifice.

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.

Words: Bishop Thomas Ken, 1637 - 1711

Tune: MORNING HYMN

*All stand and face the West Door*

### Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

Come O Lord, and scatter the seeds of Your Word  
in our hearts today.

*All*

**Hear our cries O Lord, and quiet our spirits.**

God has scattered the seed of love and compassion  
lavishly into this world.

**But some seed is wasted; fallen into ruin and decay.**

Open our eyes to see God's wondrous love active and  
growing in our lives.

**Come; open our hearts and spirits to God's loving  
presence.**

We come with confidence and hope in the presence of  
God. **Amen.**

*All join in singing the hymn*  
**Immortal, invisible God only wise**

The Entrance Hymn | # 407

*Tune: ST. DENIO*

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

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## The Liturgy of the Word

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*Read by the Presbyter*

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 343**

*Hosea 6:4 - 6*

A reading from the Second Book of Hosea.

*At the conclusion of the reading:* This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated while the choir sings  
the Psalm to a chant by Aldrich*

Psalm  
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*Exaudi te Dominus*

- <sup>1</sup> The Lord hear thee in the day of trouble: the Name of the God of Jacob defend thee;
- <sup>2</sup> Send thee help from the sanctuary: and strengthen thee out of Sion;
- <sup>3</sup> Remember all thy offerings: and accept thy burnt sacrifice;
- <sup>4</sup> Grant thee thy heart's desire: and fulfil all thy mind.
- <sup>5</sup> We will rejoice in thy salvation, and triumph in the Name of the Lord our God: the Lord perform all thy petitions.
- <sup>6</sup> Now know I that the Lord helpeth his Anointed; and will hear him from his holy heaven: even with the wholesome strength of his right hand.
- <sup>7</sup> Some put their trust in chariots and some in horses: but we will remember the Name of the Lord our God.
- <sup>8</sup> They are brought down and fallen: but we are risen and stand upright.
- <sup>9</sup> Save, Lord, and hear us O King of heaven: when we call upon thee.

*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 343**

*Colossians 3:12 - 17*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing*

## Gradual Hymn

**Almighty God, your Word is cast  
like seed into the ground;  
now let the dew of heaven descend  
and righteous fruits abound.**

**<sup>2.</sup> Let not the foe of Christ and man  
this holy seed remove,  
but give it root in every heart  
to bring forth fruits of love.**

Words: John Cawood, 1775 - 1852

**<sup>3.</sup> Let not the world's deceitful cares  
the rising plant destroy,  
but let it yield a hundredfold  
the fruits of peace and joy.**

**<sup>4.</sup> Whene'er the precious seed is sown,  
life-giving grace bestow  
that all whose souls the truth receive  
its saving power may know.**

Tune: ST. PETER  
A. R. Reinagle, 1799 - 1877

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

*Gospeller*      The Lord be with you.

*All*              **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew.

**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,**

*Remain standing, all reciting the Creed*

## The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

Deacon Paul George

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**The Peace**

*All stand*

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

*Celebrant*

God will speak peace to his people,  
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

*cf Psalm 85.8; 1 Samuel 12.20*

*All*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**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.*

All join in singing

## Hymn at the Offertory

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1. **Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,  
Hear my humble cry,  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.**
2. **Let me at a throne of mercy  
Find a sweet relief;  
Kneeling there in deep contrition,  
Help my unbelief.**

*Refrain: Saviour, Saviour,  
Hear my humble cry;  
While on others Thou art calling,  
Do not pass me by.*

3. **Trusting only in Thy merit,  
Would I seek Thy face;  
Heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
Save me by Thy grace.**
4. **Thou the Spring of all my comfort,  
More than life to me,  
Whom have I on earth beside Thee?  
Whom in heav'n but Thee?**

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Music: William Doane, 1832 - 1915

All say

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Kneel as able or sit

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*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion*

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion | **# 42**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!**

Tune: WAS LEBET, WAS SCHWEBET

*All stand and sing*

The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

*Presbyter*

We pray that you will help us to reach out to  
the uprooted and rejected, the lonely and the outcast,  
and to develop and grow the good in ourselves,  
in others and in the world.

This we pray in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*

**Amen.**

*All join in singing*

Recessional Hymn

**My hope is built on nothing less  
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;  
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,  
But wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;  
All other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.*

- When darkness veils His lovely face,  
I rest on His unchanging grace;  
In every high and stormy gale,  
My anchor holds within the veil.**

*Continued*



**3: His oath, His covenant, His blood,  
Support me in the whelming flood;  
When all around my soul gives way,  
He then is all my hope and stay.**

**Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:  
all other ground is sinking sand;  
all other ground is sinking sand.**

**4: When He shall come with trumpet sound,  
O may I then in Him be found;  
Dressed in His righteousness alone,  
Faultless to stand before the throne.**

Words: Edward Mote, 1797 - 1874

Tune: SOLID ROCK  
William Bradbury, 1816 - 1868

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

**Dismissal**

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

*All reply*    **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Postlude**

Trumpet tune on "In dir ist freude" ("In Thee is Gladness") - David Lasky, b. 1957

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.

**~ Birthdays this Week ~**

*"I thank my God every time I remember you.  
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."*

Philippians 1:3, 4

Ms. Lena Khan (9), Ms. Rebekah Paul (11), Rhea John (12),  
Mayon Pastala (15)

~ **Wedding Anniversary this Week** ~

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

Galatians 5:22

Mr. Sanjay & Dr. Sonal Parmar (10), Mr. Raj & Ann lype (11)

## Notices

- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 10:45 am. Questions will be based on the Book of Ruth and the Epistle to the Hebrews (*New King James version*).
- **Confirmation service** will be held on Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> April 2025. Classes will begin from today 10:45 am. All confirmands are expected to attend.
- The Sunday School is looking for volunteers to teach. Please contact the Presbyter if you are interested.
- Those who enjoy singing and can make a weekly commitment, are welcome to join the choir. With some of our senior choristers having left for their higher studies, we will be happy for new singers to join.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription before the close of the financial year 31<sup>st</sup> March 2025.

### **Church calendar**

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> March

**Third Sunday before Lent**

**Second Sunday before Lent**

**Sunday before Lent**

**Ash Wednesday**

*with imposition of ashes*

7 am Eucharist (*said*)

6:30 pm Eucharist (*sung*)

**World Day of Prayer**

**The First Sunday in Lent**

**The Second Sunday in Lent**

**The Third Sunday in Lent**

**The Annunciation of Mary**

**The Fourth Sunday in Lent**

**(Mothering Sunday)**

## World Leprosy Day

The last Sunday in January is observed as *World Leprosy Day*. In the CNI Lectionary this year Leprosy Sunday has been transferred from 26<sup>th</sup> January to 9<sup>th</sup> February.

This date was chosen by French humanitarian, Raoul Follereau as a tribute to the life of Mahatma Gandhi, who did much work with persons affected by leprosy and died at the end of January in 1948.

*The Leprosy Mission* was founded in 1874 as 'The Mission to Lepers' by an Irishman named Wellesley Cosby Bailey, in Ambala, Punjab. Subsequently in 1973, *The Leprosy Mission Trust India (TLMTI)* was registered as a Society. TLMTI is the largest leprosy-focused non-governmental organisation in India and is headquartered in New Delhi, India. The organisation works with people affected by leprosy and other neglected tropical diseases (NTDs), people with disabilities, and marginalised communities, especially women. Visit their website to learn more <https://www.leprosymission.in>

*Dear Heavenly Father,*

*I pray for those being told today that they have leprosy. Help them to cope with the physical and social effects that this news will bring to their lives. Comfort them in this difficult time, and help them to find you in the midst of their despair. Amen.*



### Cathedral ministries... ..

*Get involved!*

- Sunday School
- Women's Fellowship
- Youth Fellowship
- Choir

Sunday morning during term time  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am  
Saturday 5.30 pm

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week our prayers focus on the Americas. Pray for those struggling to find a place to live and for the many immigrants threatened with deportation that a generosity of spirit might develop. Pray too for those affected by various forms of addiction that they might be able to place their hopes and terrors in your hands and approach what lies ahead with quiet hearts • Pray for those affected by flooding in Northern Australia and those affected by the bush fires in Southern Australia that they might receive the help they need in a timely manner.

† **OUR COUNTRY** As the country witnesses the deportation of illegal immigrants from the US, pray for an end to illegal immigration. Pray for the rehabilitation of all migrants.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** In the Anglican Communion, for The Anglican Church of Australia and Archbishop Geoffrey Smith.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Tomorrow the Church gives thanks for the life and ministry of the 19<sup>th</sup> century hymn-writer priest, Revd Narayan Vaman Tilak. Tilak was disappointed with the caste system. He was drawn to the teachings of the Gospels and after a series of life changing events he decided to be a follower of Jesus Christ in 1895. Tilak introduced using “*Bhajans*” and “*Kirtan*” in to the Marathi church • The Scottish Presbyterian missionary Dr. Alexander Duff (1806-1878) is commemorated on 12<sup>th</sup> February. Duff was a pioneer of Christian education in India and a foremost leader of the world missionary movement of his day. The inception of what is now known as Scottish Church College (estd 1830) in Calcutta is interlaced with the life of Duff who was the first overseas missionary of the Church of Scotland to India • Christian Frederick Schwartz (1726 - 1798) is commemorated on 13<sup>th</sup> February. Schwartz was a Lutheran missionary who served for 11 years at Tranquebar, where he mastered Tamil, Portuguese, and English. He contributed significantly to the strengthening of an indigenous church in India. He made every effort to find and train young Indians for the ministry, often supporting them from his own pocket. Schwartz died in Tanjore • The Diocese of Chandigarh • The Diocese of East Kerala and Bishop V. S. Francis.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** The Church of the Holy Trinity, Goregaon and the Reverend D. Jeyaraj.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for all pupils preparing for their board examination.

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