



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
MUMBAI

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*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



## Trinity Sunday

*Holy Communion*

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2025 • 8.45 am

## 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*

Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

*All stand and face the West Door*

## Opening Acclamation

*The Presbyter* Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

*All* **the whole earth is full of His glory.**

You are worthy, our Lord and God,

**to receive glory and honour and power.**

To the One who sits on the throne and to the Lamb

**be blessing and honour and glory and might**

**for ever and ever. Amen.**

*All sing*

The Entrance Hymn | # 365

***All people that on earth do dwell***

*Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH*

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collect for the Day | **page 444**

*Read by the Presbyter*

## The First Reading | **page 444**

*Isaiah 6:1 - 8*

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

*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*

### Adoration of the Trinity

<sup>1</sup> Blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be ascribed to you,

O Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

<sup>2</sup> **By all angels, all men and all creatures, for ever and ever.**

**Amen and Amen.**

<sup>3</sup> Holy are you, O God.

<sup>4</sup> **Holy are you, O God.**

<sup>5</sup> Holy are you, O Immortal.

<sup>6</sup> **Holy are you, O Immortal.**

<sup>7</sup> O Lord, our Redeemer, you were crucified for us;  
have mercy on us.

<sup>8</sup> **O Lord, the Holy Spirit,**  
**have mercy on us and sanctify us.**

<sup>9</sup> O Lord, accept our prayers and praises,  
and have mercy on us and sanctify us.

<sup>10</sup> **To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,**  
**be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Please be seated*

## The Second Reading | **page 445**

*Revelation 4:1 - 11*

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

*At the end of the reading*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing*

## Gradual Hymn | # 162

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!**

*Tune: NICAEA*

*Remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed*

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 446**

*St. John 3:1 - 15*

*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**

*Please be seated*

### Sermon

*The Revered Avinash Rangayya, Cathedral Presbyter*

## Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All stand*

### The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

*Celebrant*      Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from His Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*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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**Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain      This is my story, this is my song,  
                  praising my Saviour all the day long;  
                  this is my story, this is my song,  
                  praising my Saviour all the day long.*

<sup>2</sup> **Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels, descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

<sup>3</sup> **Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Tune: BLESSED ASSURANCE, Phoebe Knapp (1839 - 1908)

*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*Please be seated*

*Intercessor*

We come boldly to the throne of grace,  
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit  
for mercy and grace.

*All*

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Father of heaven, whose love profound  
a ransom for our souls has found:

We pray for the world, created by your love,  
for its nations and governments.

Extend to them your peace, pardoning love,  
mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,  
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:

We pray for the Church, created for your glory,  
for its ministry to reflect those works of yours.

Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath  
the soul is raised from sin and death:

We pray for families and individuals,  
created in your image,

for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying.

Breathe on them the breath of life

and bring them to your mercy and grace.

**We plead before your throne in heaven.**

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,  
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:

We pray for ourselves,

for your Church, for all whom we remember before you.

Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven,  
to receive life and pardon,

mercy and grace for all eternity,

as we worship you, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

**God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Amen.**

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

The Consecration & Proper Preface | *page 277 - 281*

The Communion | *page 284*

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion*

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

*All stand*

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
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 | **# 431**

***Light's abode, celestial Salem***

*Tune: REGENT SQUARE*

The Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

*Presbyter*

*All*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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.



### **A Father's Day Prayer**

Heavenly Father, you entrusted your Son Jesus, the child of Mary,  
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.  
Bless all fathers as they care for their families.  
Give them strength and wisdom,  
tenderness and patience;  
support them in the work they have to do,  
protecting those who look to them,  
as we look to you for love and salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our rock and defender.  
Amen.

### **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. Zara Jadhav (16), Kiaan Millns (16), Aiden Millns (16),  
Mr. Bhaskar Ghose (17), Mrs. Sheila Paul (18), Mr. Shashikant Salve (19),  
Mr. Mani Thomas (21), Mr. Gladston Somervell (21)

### **Wedding Anniversary this Week**

*"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."*

Romans 12:10

Mr. Sathya James Godson & Mrs. Angelina James (17)

### **Notices**

- We express our thanks to Mr. T. Johnson Diraviam for playing the organ at the service this morning. Mr. Diraviam is the organist of St. Paul's Church, Byculla.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children regularly for Sunday School.
- The choir will resume singing from Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> June. If you enjoy singing and can make a weekly commitment, please join.
- The youth in the congregation are encouraged to actively participate in the activities of the youth fellowship.

#### **Cathedral ministries... ..**

*Get involved!*

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| • Sunday School      | Sunday morning during term time                                |
| • Women's Fellowship | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am                   |
| • Youth Fellowship   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir              | Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm during term time            |

## **Hymn story**

### **“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”**

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Bishop Reginald Heber (1783 - 1826)

Bishop Heber was Bishop of Calcutta from 1823 - 1826. He died in Trichy where there is a college named in his memory. This hymn was published after his death and is a popular hymn for Trinity Sunday.

Heber wished to create a set of hymns suitable for each Sunday of the liturgical church year. “Holy, Holy, Holy” was written for Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. Heber’s hymn draws largely from *Revelation 4:1-11*, part of John’s heavenly vision of angelic worship, which relates closely to Isaiah’s vision in *Isaiah 6*. It contains the glorious “Holy, Holy, Holy,” known throughout history as the *kedusha*, *trisagion*, *tersanctus* (or simply *Sanctus*), or thrice-holy. One unique feature of Heber’s text is the persistent rhyme of the same sound (y/ee) at the end of all sixteen lines.

The most common tune setting, practically inseparable from Heber’s text, *NICAEA*, was written by the Revd John Bacchus Dykes (1823 - 1876). The tune *NICAEA* is fittingly named after the Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) at which the Trinity was upheld as an essential doctrine of Christianity. Nicaea was an ancient Greek city in north-western Asia Minor (located in modern day Turkey.)

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## **Ecclesiastical Trivia**

The celebration of Trinity Sunday was approved for the western church by Pope John XXII in 1334. This feast is associated with Thomas Becket (c. 1118-1170), who was consecrated bishop on Trinity Sunday, 1162. His martyrdom may have influenced the popularity of the feast in England and the custom of naming the remaining Sundays of the church year “Sundays after Trinity.” The Sarum Missal (this was the liturgical form used in most of the churches in England prior to the introduction of the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549) and earlier editions of the Book of Common Prayer named these Sundays the Sundays after Trinity. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer identifies this portion of the church year as the season after Pentecost, and names these Sundays the Sundays after Pentecost. This is the current practice in most churches including the Church of North India and the Church of South India.

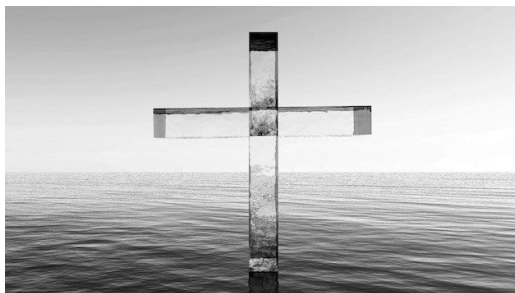
## **St. Augustine's puzzle: how can we understand the Trinity?**

Some of us might be familiar with the story of St. Augustine walking along the beach one day, taking a break from writing his treatise on the Trinity. The great scholar just couldn't get his mind around this great mystery. The story goes that he saw a little boy digging a hole in the sand, and then running to the ocean, filling up his hands with the seawater, running back to the hole and emptying the water into the hole. Augustine watched as the child went back and forth several times. Finally he said to the boy, "What are you doing?" The boy said, "Trying to fill that hole with the ocean." And Augustine said, "You'll never fit the ocean in that hole." And the boy said, "Neither will you be able to fit the Trinity into your mind."

It's true that the concept of God as three "Persons" is a mystery. And yet if we reflect on it, we can see also that it is the way that God has been revealed to us, as **Father** or Creator; as the **Son**, Jesus; and as the **Holy Spirit** or the Advocate. It's also clear that one of the fundamental attributes of the Trinity is that it is about relationship between those three, and with us. So this week, perhaps take some time to meditate on the place of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit in your life, and while you're not going to "fit" that mystery of the Trinity into your mind, you might find a greater place for it in your spiritual life.

The Revd. James Martin, S.J

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## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Pray for lasting peace in the Middle East • O Lord, may the ongoing peace talks between Ukraine and Russia bring all people to the humanity you give us, and to the reconciliation and healing for which you give your life.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for peace at our borders and the safety and security of our armed personnel.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Today is Trinity Sunday. The Christian teaching about the Trinity is not meant to be an explanation of God, rather it is a way of describing what we know about God, even though we know that humanly speaking it is beyond our reason. God is the Creator of the Cosmos, was human in Jesus Christ and lives in our hearts today through the Holy Spirit.

*Holy God, faithful and unchanging: enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth, and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love, that we may truly worship you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*

• In the Anglican Communion for La Iglesia Anglicana de Mexico (the Anglican Church of Mexico) and the Most Revd Enrique Treviño Cruz.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** This week for the Church of North India's Diocese of Barrackpore and the Right Reverend Subrata Chakrabarty • For the Church of South India's Diocese of Rayalaseema and the Right Reverend Peyyala Issac Vara Prasad.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for Christ Church (Tamil pastorate), Ulve and the Reverend David Paramanandham.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for all who serve at the altar—the Lay Readers and Servers.

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