



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

Saint Peter and Saint Paul, *Apostles and Martyrs*



Illustration of iconographic symbols for St Peter and St Paul, the Apostles, a sword and keys, with martyrs palm branches and the crown of glory, with a scroll and Latin inscription Sancti Petrus et Paulus.

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 29th June 2025 • 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. 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.

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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SAINT PETER and SAINT PAUL, Apostles

29th June

We owe to the Holy Apostles the priceless treasure of the Christian faith. They handed Christ's teachings down to us. From them, we received the Holy Gospel and the letters of the Apostles. They laid a firm foundation for the Church of Christ.

Simon Peter answered and said, '**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**' Through their hands, God gave to mankind and to every nation within Christ's Church all that belongs to the divine apostolic tradition.

The love of Christ was the chief motive of Peter's apostolic activity, labours and sacrifices. That love finally led him to suffer and die for the sake of his beloved Teacher. A pious tradition relates that he considered himself unworthy to die on the cross as Christ did, and therefore asked to be crucified upside down.

St. Paul did not belong to the original group of the twelve apostles. While Paul was on his way to Damascus, Christ Himself converted him in a miraculous manner and called him to be an Apostle. After his conversion from being a persecutor of Christians, he became, in heart and soul, a zealous and courageous apostle of Christ. From him we have letters addressed to various Churches or persons in which he clearly expounds the teachings of Christ. St. Paul gave up his life for Christ. According to tradition, he died by the sword in Rome on 29th June 65 or 67 A.D.

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

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| • Sunday School | Sunday morning during term time |
| • Women's Fellowship | 2 nd Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.
during term time |

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Choral prelude on, 'Redhead 76' ("Rock of Ages") - Alec Rowley (1892 - 1958)
Fugue, BWV 580 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

HOW firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give you aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

Words: Rippon's Selection of Hymns, 1787

Tune: FOUNDATION
Joseph Funk, 1778 - 1862

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.

Matthew 16.18

All **Jesus said to his disciples,
'I will do whatever you ask in my name,
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.'**

**“Neither death, nor life,” Paul wrote to the Romans,
“nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord”**

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn

- 1. Thanks be to God for His saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim Jesus forever the same,
author of life and salvation.**
- 2. Thanks be to God for His blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.**
- 3. Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in His keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end, Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.**
- 4. Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that name, Jesus forever the same,
forth to His service he sends us.**

Words: Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926 - 2024)

Tune: LOBBE DEN HERREN

Melody from, Stralsund Gesangbuch, 1665

Please be seated

All say together

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Peter & Paul, Apostles

Read by the Presbyter

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading | **page 548**

Ezekiel 3:4 - 11

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to a chant by Troutbeck

Psalm

125

Qui confidunt

THEY that put their trust in the Lord shall be even as the mount Sion : which may not be removed, but standeth fast for ever.

² The hills stand about Jerusalem : even so standeth the Lord round about his people, from this time forth for evermore.

³ For the rod of the ungodly cometh not into the lot of the righteous : lest the righteous put their hand unto wickedness.

⁴ Do well, O Lord : unto those that are good and true of heart.

⁵ As for such as turn back unto their own wickedness : the Lord shall lead them forth with the evil-doers; but peace shall be upon Israel.

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 Second Reading | **page 549**

Acts 10:34 - 48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostle.

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

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn | **# 175**

The eternal gifts of Christ the King

Tune: BRESLAU (# 484)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I do not call you servants but friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.' *John 15.15*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 550**

St Matthew 16:13 - 19

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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, O Christ.**

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. *Ephesians 2.19,17*

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

- ^{1.} The Son of Man has come to save
The lost and dark of mind.
All men and women bound in chains
In Him their freedom find.**
- ^{2.} In Him the blind shall come to see,
The deaf shall understand,
For Jesus guides the erring soul
With His redeeming hand.**
- ^{3.} So Peter learned to call Him Christ,
And Paul to call Him Lord;
So Peter died upon a cross,
And Paul beneath a sword.**

Continued

4. **And on their martyrs' witness grows
The Church of endless days.
Its rock no more denies the Lord
Its foe now leads His praise.**
5. **The Son of Man has come to serve
To seek and save the lost.
Blest be the Lord whose saints reveal
The triumph of His Cross.**

Tune: BISHOPTHORPE (ST. PAUL'S)

See inside front cover for bank details to make your offering.

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Please kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints,
let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord
Jesus Christ.
Father, your Son called men and women
to leave the past behind them
and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross.
Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today,
marks with the cross
and makes his disciples within the Church.
Lord, have mercy.

All

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter
breathed on them his gift of peace.
Look with mercy upon the world into which
he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son formed around him a company
who were no longer servants but friends,
and he called all those who obeyed him his
brother and sister and mother.

Look with mercy upon our families and our friends
and upon the communities in which we share.

Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Continued

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick.
Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good
news of salvation,
and renew among your people the gifts of healing.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son promised to those who followed him
that they would sit on thrones
judging the twelve tribes of Israel
and would share the banquet of the Kingdom.
According to your promise,
look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ
in this life and now have passed through death.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Almighty God,
you have built your Church upon the foundation of the
apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion | **# 573**

I hear thy welcome voice

Tune: I HEAR THY WELCOME VOICE

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
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

Recessional Hymn | # 389

Fight the good fight

Tune: DUKE STREET (# 167)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Toccata on "Duke Street" - Gilbert Martin (b. 1941)

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

*"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

Mr. Ashok Joshi (29)

Wedding Anniversary this Week

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"
Galatians 5:22

Dr. (Mrs.) Samantha Dawson & Mr. Dilip Ramani (3rd July)

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are offered
in loving memory of Mrs. Susy Thomas
(her first death anniversary falls today)*

Notices

- The Episcopal election for the 17th Bishop of Bombay has been declared by the Synod of the Church of North India.
- Deacon D. Daniel will be ordained at Christ Church, Byculla 5 pm today.
- The annual general meeting of the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service* (WFCS) will be held on Sunday 13th July 2025 at 10:45 am.
- The Cathedral's *Youth Fellowship* will meet every second and fourth Sunday.
- Bible quiz on 31st August 2025. Questions will be based on the Book of Daniel and the First Letter of John (*New International Version*). Participation fee ₹100. Register your names with Mrs. Violet Truman.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We continue to pray for a lasting ceasefire and halt to hostilities between Israel and Iran, Israel and Gaza and Ukraine and Russia, praying for the international community to prioritize diplomacy to prevent further conflict and humanitarian crises.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We continue to uphold in our thoughts and prayers the grieving families of all who perished in the terrible tragedy on 12th June. When we weep, may we remember that you weep with us, and that every person is your beloved child.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Church commemorates the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 2nd July. This was the occasion when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth • In the Anglican Communion for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) and Archbishop Stephen Than Myint Oo.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The 19th century evangelist John Newton who served in the Punjab is commemorated on 2nd July • The Church of North India's Diocese of Calcutta and Bishop Paritosh Canning • The Church of South India's Diocese of Medak.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the episcopal election to the See of Bombay. May God in His grace and mercy provide a good shepherd for His flock in the Diocese of Bombay • This week for all churches and institutions dedicated to the Apostles & Martyrs Peter and Paul: St. Peter's School, Mazagaon; St. Peter's Church, Palghar; St. Paul's Church, Byculla (Tamil Pastorate), St. Paul's Church, Dombivili (Tamil); St. Paul's Church, Vakola (Malyalam), St. Paul's Church, Matunga (Marathi).

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** This week for the Cathedral Trustees • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers.

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