



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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

*Elisha then left his oxen and ran after Elijah. "Let me kiss my father and mother goodbye," he said, "and then I will come with you.*

*I Kings 19:20*

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Change or transition is hard, but we can face it bravely and powerfully with God's help. The transition in leadership from Elijah to Elisha reminds us that we can be obedient to what God is calling us to do without understanding all the details.

Elijah was one of the great prophets of the Old Testament, bold, daring, full of faith. Elisha succeeded Elijah. Elisha was an ordinary man who was living at home with his parents, working on a farm when God called him to do something incredible.

God is going to speak to somebody and give you the faith to believe that he's calling you to something new. You may be looking at oxen rears today, but in your faithfulness, God may call you to do something even greater for his kingdom. You have to have the faith to go and you don't have to understand fully to obey immediately. Those that God uses the most, are those who hold on to the least.

Will you trust and obey?

## The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

*Choral Eucharist*  
Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July 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.

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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 *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*.

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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

Prelude, Op. 37 No. 1 - Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

### Introit

*Sung by the choir*

O Master, let me walk with Thee  
In lowly paths of service free.  
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear  
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

In hope that sends a shining ray  
Far down the future's broadening way.  
In peace that only Thou canst give.  
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836 - 1918)

Tune: MARYTON  
H. Percy Smith (1825 - 1898)

*All stand and face the West Door*

### Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

*All*

**We must be willing to help others.**

Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

**Create in us hearts for ministries of  
compassion and kindness.**

*All join in singing the hymn*

### The Entrance Hymn | # 149

**Ye servants of God**

Tune: PADERBORN

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collect for the day | **page 458**

*Sung by the choir  
to a setting arranged from Mozart by G. Holden*

The Lesson | **page 458**

*1 Kings 19:19 - 21*

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

*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 Jone*

**Psalm**

*119: 33 - 40*

*Legem pone*

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

<sup>34</sup> Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

<sup>35</sup> Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

<sup>36</sup> Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.

<sup>37</sup> O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.

<sup>38</sup> O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.

<sup>39</sup> Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgements are good.

<sup>40</sup> Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness.

*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 458*

*I St. Peter 3:8 - 15*

A reading from the first letter of Peter.

*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 # 176

**Happy are they, they that love God**

*Tune: BINCHESTER*

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

“Come be my disciples”, says the Lord.

Let us fear not and follow Jesus.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel of Christ | *page 459*

*St Luke 5:1 - 11*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**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*

## Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

**Celebrant** We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
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.*

*All join in singing*

## Hymn at the Offertory | # 249

**Take my life, and let it be**

*Tune: NOTTINGHAM*

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*All say*

## Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*Please kneel as able or sit*

## The Prayers of the People

**Intercessor** Everlasting God,  
we pray today for your blessing to be upon this  
congregation and upon this cathedral church.  
We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit  
for our Diocese.  
Guide all Church leaders. We pray for Bijaya the  
Moderator of the *Church of North India*, the bishops, clergy  
and laity of the *Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar  
Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*,  
Manoj the Episcopal Commissary of the Diocese of Bombay  
and for Avinash our Presbyter.  
Lord, in your mercy:  
**All** **hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Eternal God,  
Light of the nations,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
guide our nation through the inspiration of your Spirit.  
We pray for the Chief Justice of India, the President,  
the Prime Minister, all parliamentarians, the Governor,  
Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Ministers of this State.  
Give us grace to build bonds of trust that together we may  
work for the dignity and flourishing of all; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Lord, in your mercy:

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

Father God,  
we pray for young people in our families,  
churches and communities.  
May they grow up knowing love and hope,  
valuing life and respecting others.

Lord in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God,  
we pray for your healing touch to rest upon those who are  
sick; your strength to be felt by those who are tired;  
your wisdom and your love to encourage those who live  
with despair and fear. Lord in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Mighty God,  
through the ministry of your son Jesus Christ you have  
freed us from the grip of the tomb.  
We pray for those who have departed this life and ask You,  
through your loving kindness,  
to have mercy on their souls.

Lord in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, as we heard in the Gospel this morning,  
you call us to follow you.  
Give us the courage to live our commitment.  
Teach us to go beyond our borders.  
Merciful Father

**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. 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 | **# 157**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God**

*Tune: TRENTHAM*

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

Surround us with your love,  
fill us with your grace,  
and strengthen us for your service.  
Empower us to respond to the call of Jesus –  
to deny ourselves,  
to take up our crosses,  
and to follow.  
Make us your disciples. **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*

Hymn at the Closing | **# 345**

**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice**

*une: GELOBT SEI GOTT*

Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

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



Trumpet tune in G major - Jon Roberts

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

Sarah Solomon (20), Eva Issac (21), Mr. Roop Kamal (22),  
Mr. Ravichandran Thayanandhan (22), Mrs. Archana Magar (25)

*The Collect for*

**Mary Magdalene**

22<sup>nd</sup> July

Almighty God,  
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body  
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:  
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,  
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are offered  
in loving memory of late Mr. G. S. N. Paul  
(husband of Mrs. Lilian Paul and  
father of Mrs. Nalina Sathia Raj)  
on the occasion of his death anniversary.*

## Notices

- The Episcopal election for the 17<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Bombay has been declared by the Synod of the Church of North India.
- The annual general meeting of the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service* (WFCS) was held last Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The office bearers are:  
President - Mrs. Jaisy Desai  
Vice President - Revd (Mrs.) Arpana Rangayya  
Secretary - Mrs. Archana Magar  
Treasurer - Mrs. Violet Truman
- The Cathedral's *Youth Fellowship* will be meeting coming Sunday at 10:30 am. Young people are encouraged to attend.
- 10<sup>th</sup> August will be observed as *Children's Ministry Sunday*. We look forward to the children of our Sunday School taking part in the service. Dr. Michelle Philip will be the guest preacher.
- A Bible quiz will be conducted on 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025 at 10:45 am. 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.  
The written quiz will comprise of two parts: the first part (15 minutes) will be based on 1 John. There will be objective-type questions.  
The second part will be an open book quiz based on Daniel. Objective type answers have to be completed in thirty minutes.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children regularly for Sunday School classes.
- The Cathedral choir needs more voices (particularly soprano). If you enjoy choral music and can make the weekly commitment to sing at the 8:45 am choral Eucharist; please attend choir practice after the service.
- A comprehensive set of guidelines and instructions for those who are assigned readings at the 8:45 am Eucharist has been displayed on the notice board. Do please read these.
- Conservation work is being carried out on the Cathedral's beautiful stained glass windows which are located in the apse. Hopefully this should be completed by next week when once again we marvel at the radiance of God's glory.

### 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 a.m.                   |
| • Youth Fellowship   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Choir              | Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.<br>during term time       |

*"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God."*

David Long (1950 - 2025)

We give thanks to God for the life and work of Mr. David Long who passed away on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2025. David was an alumnus of the Cathedral & John Connon School where he later returned to teach maths and science in the Middle School (2000 - 2009). He was also the Housemaster of Savage house. David began his teaching career in Christ Church School, Byculla. He then changed careers to become a bank officer with the State Bank of India and was posted in Panama.

David was a dedicated member of the Cathedral Choir. He was a boy chorister under the legendary Cathedral Organist & Choirmaster, Mr. Charles Vellu. On his return to India, David sang in the bass section and was a pillar of the choir. Failing eyesight prevented him from doing what he liked best - singing in the choir stalls.

David leaves behind his wife Mrs. Nilima Long, son Rahul and sisters Liza and Sandra. We pray for God's comforting presence to be with the family at this time. Let us give thanks to God for David's faithful service through music, singing for the divine services in the Cathedral and for the many lives he impacted as a teacher in the Cathedral & John Connon School.



### **Prayer for the Election of a Bishop**

Heavenly Father,  
In your Son, Jesus Christ,  
the whole Body of the Church is joined together as one  
with Christ as the Head,  
Be with us, by your Holy Spirit,  
as we pray for the appointment of a new bishop.  
Preserve our unity and guide all involved in the election process,  
that with prayer and honest reflection,  
they may discern your will  
that your Kingdom may come,  
in this diocese, and in the world  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Pray with us

### † THE WORLD

We pray for global peace: conflicts in the Middle East, Africa, and Ukraine—particularly we pray for protection of civilians and paths to reconciliation. We pray for unity across different cultural and economic groups.

### † OUR COUNTRY

Astronaut Shubhanshu Shukla, who created history by becoming the first Indian ever to set foot on the International Space Station (ISS), has returned to Earth last week. We thank God for his safe return and for the tremendous advancements made in space research.

### † THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH

With the worldwide Church, we offer thanksgiving for the example of devotion shown by Mary Magdalene who is commemorated on 22<sup>nd</sup> July • In the Anglican Communion, for The Church of Pakistan and the Most Revd Dr. Azad Marshall.

### † THE CHURCH IN INDIA

On 23<sup>rd</sup> July the Church commemorates Lal Behari Dey. He was a Bengali Indian journalist, who converted to Christianity, and became a Christian missionary himself. From 1855 to 1867 Dey was a missionary and minister of the Free Church of Scotland • The Church of North India's Diocese of Chotanagpur and Bishop B. Baskey • The Church of South India's Diocese of North Karnataka and Bishop Martin Borgai.

### † THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY

Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in choosing a new Bishop to lead his flock in the Diocese of Bombay • For God's hand of healing on the Revd Dyvasirvadham (Presbyter of Afghan Church and Wesley Church) as he recuperates after his surgery • This week for Jeevan Shanti Church, Vikhroli and the Revd. Nitin Dethe.

### † OUR CATHEDRAL

Uphold the bereaved family of Mr. David Long • This week for the Presbyter and his family • Prayers for the successful completion of the conservation work on the Cathedral's stained glass windows and for the experts carrying this out • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers.

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