



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
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*The Church of North India*  
*A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion*

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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

*Before you leave your offering at the altar, go and be reconciled first.*  
Matthew 5:24

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Jesus tells His Jewish contemporaries that if someone wishes to offer a gift at the temple altar, they should first reconcile with any brother or sister with whom they have fallen out. Only after making peace should they present their offering. Jesus emphasises that, while going to the temple is important, much of the essential work happens outside its walls. This is where our Christian lives are truly lived, outside the temple walls, by being kind to those around us, by forgiving, and by seeking forgiveness. We are called to take the first step towards reconciliation before approaching God in worship. Of course, Jesus is not suggesting that we must be perfect before entering the temple or church. Rather, he warns against thinking that worship alone defines our faith. What we do outside church is just as important as what we do inside.

## The Sixth Sunday after Trinity

*Choral Eucharist*  
Sunday 27<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

Prelude

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

Introit

*Sung by the choir*

You have come up to the lakeshore,  
looking neither for wise nor for wealthy.  
You only wanted that I should follow.

O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me,  
And, while smiling, have called out my name.  
Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me,  
Now with you I will seek other seas.

Cesáreo Gabaráin (1936 - 1991)

*All stand and face the West Door*

Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

We gather here, where God would teach us

*All*

**to be more compassionate, to be more loving.**

We gather here, where Jesus would teach us

**the wisdom to choose forgiveness,**

We gather here, where the Spirit imparts wisdom

**so we might know how to share grace.**

*All join in singing the hymn*

The Entrance Hymn | **# 131**

**Love divine, all loves excelling**

*Tune: LOVE DIVINE*

*Please be seated*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collect for the day | **page 460**

*Read by the Presbyterian*

The Lesson | **page 460**

*Genesis 4:2 - 15*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

*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 Lemon*

**Psalm**

*119: 41 - 48*

*Et veniat super me*

- <sup>41</sup> LET thy loving mercy come also unto me, O Lord: even thy salvation, according unto thy word.
- <sup>42</sup> So shall I make answer unto my blasphemers: for my trust is in thy word.
- <sup>43</sup> O take not the word of thy truth utterly out of my mouth: for my hope is in thy judgements.
- <sup>44</sup> So shall I alway keep thy law: yea, for ever and ever.
- <sup>45</sup> And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy commandments.
- <sup>46</sup> I will speak of thy testimonies also, even before kings: and will not be ashamed.
- <sup>47</sup> And my delight shall be in thy commandments: which I have loved.
- <sup>48</sup> My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments, which I have loved: and my study shall be in thy statutes.

*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 462**

*Romans 6: 3 - 11*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and join in singing*

**‘Forgive our sins as we forgive’**

## Gradual Hymn # 362

*Tune: MARTYRDOM (# 226)*

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 462**

*St Matthew 5:20 - 26*

*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*

## Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

**Celebrant** Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.  
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.  
*cf Romans 12.9, 17, 18*

**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 | # 109

**When all thy mercies, O my God**

*Tune: CONTEMPLATION*

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*All say*

## Offertory Prayer | page 270

*Please kneel as able or sit*

## The Prayers of the People

**Intercessor** Jesus taught His disciples and us to pray saying:  
“Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.”  
Father God, direct all our living;  
all that we think, say, and do.  
May your name never be a curse or a blasphemy on our lips  
but always a name that is loved, honoured and praised;  
and may the way that we speak of You move our world  
closer to a heavenly kingdom on earth.  
Lord, in your mercy:

**All** **hear our prayer.**  
“Your kingdom come.”

Mighty God, we pray that You will strengthen the ministry  
of the Cathedral and of all church leaders as we seek to  
share our faith.

*Continued*

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We pray for the ministry of Bijaya our Moderator, Reuben the newly elected Moderator of the *Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*, Manoj the Episcopal Commissary to our Diocese and for Avinash our Presbyter.

Lord in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

“Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.”

we pray for those we know who are ill or have died asking that your will not ours be done.

In a moment of silence please bring before God those on our hearts at this moment. Lord in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

“Give us today our daily bread.”

May our eagerness to acquire material possessions pale in comparison to our joy in the wonderful gift of Your Son to be our Saviour. Lord in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

“Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.”

Merciful God, that as your Son Jesus Christ prayed for his enemies on the cross, so may we have grace to forgive those who wrongfully or scornfully use us, that we ourselves may be able to receive your forgiveness.

Lord in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

“And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.”

Almighty God, protect us from the constant dangers and temptations we face each day.

Deliver us from the oppressive evils of apathy, addiction, and abuse. Lord in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

“For the Kingdom and the power and the glory are Yours forever and ever.”

Everlasting God, we make all these requests because You are King of kings and Lord of lords, Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end. 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*

Song at the Communion

***Broken for me,  
broken for you;  
the body of Jesus  
broken for you.***

**<sup>1.</sup> He offered His body,  
he poured out His soul;  
Jesus was broken  
that we might be whole.**

**<sup>2.</sup> Come to My table  
and with Me dine;  
eat of My bread  
and drink of My wine.**

**<sup>3.</sup> This is My body  
given for you;  
eat it, remembering  
I died for you.**

**<sup>4.</sup> This is My blood  
I shed for you,  
for your forgiveness,  
making you new.**

*Janet Lunt (b. 1954)*

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

Heavenly Father,  
Fill my heart with Your love  
and teach me to forgive as You forgive.  
May my actions reflect Your mercy  
and draw me closer to Your Kingdom. **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

**Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
Sing, O Earth, his wonderful love proclaim!  
Hail him, hail him! Highest archangels in glory!  
Strength and honour give to his holy name!  
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard his children.  
In his arms he carries them all day long:**

*Refrain: Praise him! Praise him! tell of his excellent greatness.  
Praise him! Praise him! ever in joyful song!*

**2. Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer!  
For our sins, he suffered, and bled, and died;  
He our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,  
hail him, hail him! Jesus, the Crucified.  
Sound his praises, Jesus who bore our sorrows,  
love unbounded, wonderful, deep, and strong:**

**3. Praise him, praise him! Jesus, our blessed redeemer!  
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!  
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth forever and ever!  
Crown him, crown him! Prophet, and Priest, and King!  
Christ is coming! over the world victorious.  
Power and glory unto the Lord belong:**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Tune: JOYFUL SONG  
Chester Allen (1838 - 1878)

## Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

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

## Postlude

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 I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord,  
plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*  
Jeremiah 29: 11

Mr. Colin Dawson (27), Dr. (Mrs.) Jyotsna Mayadas (29),  
Ms. Mahima Moses (30), Mr. Joshua Sinate (31), Mr. Daniel Sathia Raj (31),  
Mishal Charles (1<sup>st</sup> August), Captain Reuben Jadhav (1), Mr. Stavan Telgote (2)

**~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~**

*"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another,  
God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."*  
1 John 4:12

Mr. P. V. George & Mrs. Elizabeth George (31<sup>st</sup> July)

*The Collect for*

**St. James the Apostle**

25<sup>th</sup> July

GRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James,  
leaving his father and all that he had,  
without delay was obedient unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ,  
and followed him;  
so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections,  
may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



## Notices

- The *Church of South India (CSI)* in a special session of the Synod convened on 21<sup>st</sup> July 2025, received the official declaration of the new Moderator the Most Revd Dr. K. Reuben Mark. He is the Bishop of the Diocese of Karmannagar (Telengana).
- The election process for the 17<sup>th</sup> Bishop of Bombay commenced with the notification on 18<sup>th</sup> June 2025 by the Synod of the *Church of North India*. The episcopal election is expected to take place in mid-September this year.
- Colonel Dhyana and Dr. Jyotsna Mayadas have been blessed with a grandson - Eric Joshua Mayadas Williams on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2025 in Toronto. The happy parents are Jaya and Shawn Williams.
- The Cathedral's *Youth Fellowship* will meet this morning 10:40 a.m.
- 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 a.m. 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.
- A seminar on 'Stewardship of Time' for the office bearers of the *Youth Fellowship* of churches in the Diocese was conducted yesterday by The Diocesan *Stewardship Committee*. The guest speaker was Mr. Aaboo Varghese. He is the founder of *Purnata* - an NGO which works at using research and innovative measures to end human trafficking by focussing on prevention and ensuring wholeness for all.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children regularly for Sunday School classes.
- If you enjoy choral music and can make the weekly commitment to sing at the 8:45 a.m. choral Eucharist; please attend choir practice after the service.
- A comprehensive set of guidelines for readers at the 8:45 a.m. Eucharist has been displayed on the notice board. Do please read these instructions.

### 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       |

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We continue to pray for the peace of the world, especially in Gaza, Yemen, Sudan, Syria, Lebanon, Ukraine and Afghanistan • We pray for Texas and New Mexico where there have been flash floods claiming lives and destroying homes. We pray for those affected by wildfires in Western Canada, France and drought-affected regions • We pray, too, for Christians from hostile regions, especially in the Middle East and North Korea who face hostility and/or persecution for their faith.

† **OUR COUNTRY** It is with great sadness the nation learnt the news of the collapse of a school building in Rajasthan's Jhalawar district yesterday leading to the death of seven children and several getting injured. Pray for God's comforting presence with the families who lost their loved ones • With the resignation of Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, the post of the Vice President of India has fallen vacant. Pray for the selection of a suitable person for this post • Pray for ethical and democratic electoral process in the country in the backdrop of the Bihar polls • While we thank God for sending rain "in its season", we pray for the many affected by the torrential rains in Maharashtra and other states.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** We give thanksgiving for James, the brother of John, the first of the twelve to die as a martyr (25<sup>th</sup> July) • Martha and Mary of Bethany are commemorated on 29<sup>th</sup> July • Ignatius Loyola the 16<sup>th</sup> century monk and evangelist (founder of the *Society of Jesus*) is commemorated on 31<sup>st</sup> July. We give thanks for the ministry of the Jesuits particularly in the field of education • In the Anglican Communion for The Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and The Rt Revd Nathan Ingen.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India's Diocese of Cuttack and Bishop Surendra Nanda • The Church of South India's Diocese of South Karnataka and Bishop Hema Chandra Kumar.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election of a new Bishop to lead his flock in the Diocese of Bombay • For God's continued hand of healing on the Revd Dyvasirvadham as he recuperates after his surgery • This week for the congregation of St. James's Church, Thane and the Revd Rajendra Bhonsle. This is their bicentennial year.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Prayers for the ongoing 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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