



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

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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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

*But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness,
and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Sermon on the Mount

St. Matthew 6:33

Jesus knows human nature so well. Jesus wants his people to concentrate on what matters most. Look beyond the day-to-day concerns of food and clothing and see the bigger picture, says Jesus in the Gospels. He advises his followers to focus their attention on God, the creator and sustainer of all that is. Food and clothing pale in comparison to the love of God shown through Jesus Christ.

Fully concentrating on day-to-day living issues can lead one away from God. If food, clothing, and shelter become the priority, the person will never have enough or be satisfied with what he or she has right now. In the consumer society in which we live today, there is always the temptation for bigger, more expensive, the latest fashion or technology, and the most popular. Any of these whims could change tomorrow, and the cycle begins anew.

This is why Jesus says the person cannot serve both God and mammon (an Aramaic word meaning, money)! Serving mammon will take one's full undivided attention and all of one's resources.



The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 28th September 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 *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude and Fugue in G - Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847), Op. 37 No. 2

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome

Introit

Sung by the choir

Angel-voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel-harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that Thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that Thou art near us
and wilt hear us?
yea, we can.

Tomorrow is St. Michael & All Angels

Words: F. Pott (1832 - 1909)

Tune: ANGEL VOICES

E. G. Monk (1819 - 1900)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Give us strength and courage to get our priorities straight:

All

help us to seek your kingdom first.

Help us to live faithfully and joyfully in the world,

and to be friends with the people

you call us to serve.

Help us also to remember that our best relationship
is the one we have with you,

We pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All join in singing the hymn

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

The Entrance Hymn | # 192

Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL

Please be seated

All say together

The Prayer of Preparation | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | page 484

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | 484

Joshua 24:14 - 25

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

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 Ouseley*

Psalm

103: 19 - 22

Benedic, anima mea

¹⁹ The Lord hath prepared His seat in heaven,
and His kingdom ruleth over all.

²⁰ O praise the Lord, ye angels of his, ye that excel in strength; * ye that fulfil his
commandment, and hearken unto the voice of his word.

²¹ O praise the Lord, all ye his hosts; * ye servants of his that do his pleasure.

²² O speak good of the Lord, all ye works of his, in all places of his dominion: *
praise thou the Lord, O my soul.

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 486**

Galatians 6:11 - 18

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

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

All stand and join in singing

Chorus

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.
allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

² **Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

³ **Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
allelu, alleluia.**

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

cf Matthew 4. 4

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 486**

St Matthew 6:24 - 34

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 T. Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyterian*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant Blessed are the peacemakers:
 they shall be called children of God.
 We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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 | # 532

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

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

Offertory Prayer | page 270

**Dedication of Members
of the Pastorate Committee**

Members of the Pastorate Committee come forward to the chancel steps

The following are the members of the Pastorate Committee:

The Revd. Avinash T. Rangayya, Mr. Ashok Joshi, Mr. Nishant Daniel, Mr. Samuel Joseph, Colonel Dhyani Mayadas, Mr. Melywn Gladston, Dr. (Mrs.) Kamal Jadhav, Mrs. Violet Truman, Mrs. Uma Moses, Mrs. Supriya Telgote, Mrs. Archana Magar, Mrs. Jaisy Desai.

The Presbyter says

We have come together, in the presence of Almighty God, for the dedication of the members of the Pastorate Committee for this year. They are our chosen leaders and servants in the life and mission of this congregation.

In the *Church of North India*, certain laymen and laywomen are chosen to share with the bishops, presbyters and deacons in the spiritual care, nurture and administration of the Church.

As members of the Pastorate Committee you are called to share in these responsibilities. Remember that all effective service in the Church must be in the Spirit of him who came not to be served but to serve.

I now ask you to answer certain questions, which remind you and us of the responsibilities, which you have undertaken in accepting membership of the Pastorate Committee of this congregation.

Do you promise to carry out your responsibilities in co-operation with the Presbyter and the other members of the Committee?

Answer: I do, with God's help.

Will you at all times set before you the unity and peace of this Pastorate, trying to be an example to the congregation in humility, in sincerity of life and in Christian service?

I will, with God's help.

Since the Church is called to share in fulfilling God's purpose for the world, will you with the Presbyter and your fellow-members try to care for the needs of your neighbours?

Will you both inspire and lead the people of the Pastorate in witness to Christ and in service to those within the Church and outside it?

I will, with God's help.

Will you endeavour always to speak and act as responsible members of the *Church of North India* and of the Diocese of Bombay? And by your commitment to the cause of unity, witness and service, will you encourage others also to follow your example?

I will, with God's help.

Continued

May God strengthen you by His Holy Spirit that you may be able to carry out the promises which you have made

The members of the Pastorate Committee all say together:

**Living Lord,
we thank you for the joy of being called to your service
in the fellowship of your Church.
Help us to respond to your call,
to commit ourselves to you.
as our Saviour and King,
to be obedient to your will,
and to serve you faithfully,
for the glory of your holy name.
Amen.**

The Presbyter and the congregation say to the Committee

**We welcome you with joy
as members of our Pastorate Committee,
and recognize you during your term of office as leaders
and servants in the life and mission of this Pastorate.**

Please kneel as able or sit

An Act of Dedication by the Congregation

Presbyter

In accordance with the revelation of God given in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament: We believe in one God, eternal and almighty; in Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God; and in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life.

All

Glory to you, O God.

We believe that salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ and that whoever trusts in him receives forgiveness of sin, and becomes a sharer in eternal life.

Glory to you, O God.

We believe that the Church is the people of God, the fellowship of those who trust in Christ. As the body of Christ, it depends on him as head and is called to manifest his life in the world.

Glory to you, O God.

We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are visible signs of the grace of God, which express our union with Christ and our continual dependence on him, and through which also we confess our faith. **Glory to you, O God.**

Presbyter

Therefore, in accordance with the promises made at our Baptism, we promise God and one another that we will regularly read the Bible, and pray, and will endeavour to live in every way according to the will of God.

All

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

We will make it our aim to live in love and peace in our families, and to bring up our children according to the teaching of Christ, so that they may acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Lord, help us to keep this promise

We will seek in all our dealings with each other, and with our neighbours, to act with justice and with concern for all, and so to share in making known God's love for all people.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

We will seek every opportunity to witness to Christ by deed and word, and to help others to find the salvation which he offers.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

We will join regularly in the worship of the Church and we will participate actively in the life and work of this Pastorate.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

We acknowledge that all we have, whether abilities or possessions, are given by God, and we will use them as His faithful stewards for His glory, by caring for the needy, and by willing service and generous giving for the work of the Church and the extension of His kingdom.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

We will endeavour to live in peace with everyone.

We will avoid unkind criticism of others' faults, and in all humility will be ready to acknowledge our own.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

With the help of the Holy Spirit

we will try to fulfil all these promises. Amen.

Look upon our lives, O Lord our God,

and make them yours in the power of your Holy Spirit:

that we may walk in your way,

faithfully believing your Word

and faithfully obeying your commandments:

faithfully worshipping you,

and faithfully serving our neighbour,

for the spread of your glorious Kingdom;

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

During the administration of Communion, we sing

Hymn | # 472

How shall I sing that majesty

Tune: KINGSFOLD (#413)

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

Closing Prayer & Blessing

Faithful Father,
we cannot serve two masters,
so by faith we will not worry about everyday life.
We will seek Your Kingdom above all else and live righteously.
Help us to make a difference in this world
for the glory of your name.
In Jesus' name, we believe and pray. **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 | # 198

Ye holy angels bright

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

Tomorrow the Church celebrates the Feast of Saint Michael and All Angels

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 |

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

:Royal Knights: A Ceremonial March - Christopher Tambling (b. 1964)

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

Mrs. Sony Charles (29), Ms. Meghana Moses (1st October),
Mr. Cyril James (1), Timothy Gladston (3)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more
in knowledge and depth of insight."*

Philippians 1:9

Mr. Raj Tiwari & Mrs. Alka Tiwari (30th September)

SAINT MICHAEL & ALL ANGELS

29th September

O EVERLASTING God, who hast ordained and constituted
the services of Angels and men in a wonderful order:
Mercifully grant that, as thy holy Angels always do thee service in heaven,
so by thy appointment they may succour and defend us on earth;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning
are offered in loving memory of Beryl
(beloved daughter of late Mr. Alan and Mrs. Rajathi Moses
and loving sister of Alice Dawson)
on the occasion of her birth anniversary 26th (September)*

Pray with us

† **OUR WORLD** God of mercy and hope, we bring before you our troubled world: nations torn by war, communities shattered by violence, and families displaced by disaster. We pray for peace where there is conflict, justice where there is oppression, and relief where there is hunger or hardship. We remember those affected by climate change and natural disasters, and we pray for the healing of our earth. We lift up all who suffer from disease, loneliness, or despair, and those longing for safety and dignity as refugees and asylum seekers. Bless leaders with wisdom and courage to seek the common good, and inspire us all to act with compassion and generosity. Strengthen those who care for the sick, the poor, and the vulnerable, and renew in us the vision of your kingdom, where righteousness and peace embrace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We pray for the city of Kolkatta which has been flooded by its heaviest rainfall in 39 years. Pray for the families of those who have lost their loved ones • As our country celebrates yet another Gandhi Jayanthi on 2nd October, we pray that the Gandhian values of truth and *ahimsa* (non-violence) which is also the essence of our Christian faith, be imbibed by all people.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Tomorrow is St. Michael and All Angels when we praise God in union with all hosts of heaven • Francis of Assisi (Monk & Evangelist, 1226 AD) is commemorated on 4th October. In the Anglican Communion for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the Most Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India's Diocese of Marathwada and the Rt. Revd. Prakash Patole • The Church of South India's Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad and the Rt. Revd. Jeyasingh Prince Prabhakaran.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For the various diocesan programmes for youth, women and on stewardship. This week for the congregation of the Church of St. Michael & All Angels, Kurla and the Revd. Mahendra Kavathekar.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for the members of the Cathedral's Pastorate Committee as they begin a new term in office. Pray for God's guidance as they carry out the responsibilities entrusted to them.

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