



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

The Conversion of Paul the Apostle



Sunday 25th January 2026 • 8.45 a.m.
Choral Eucharist

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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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Fantasia in b minor - Johann Sebastian Bach, BWV 563 (1685 - 1750)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Hail, thou Source of every blessing,
Sovereign Father of mankind!
Gentiles now, thy grace possessing,
In thy courts admission find.

Hail, thou universal Saviour!
Gentiles now their offerings bring,
In thy temple seek thy favour,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and King.

Words: Basil Woodd (1760 - 1831)

Tune: REX GLORIAE
H. Smart (1813 - 79)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Blessed are you, God of heaven and earth,

All

**you have given us a share in the inheritance
of the saints in light.**

You show me the path of life, O God.

**In your presence there is fullness of joy;
at your right hand are pleasures for evermore.**

With Saint Paul and all the saints,

let us worship God

let us praise his name together.

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus be with you.

and also with you.

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn

**All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.**

Refrain **I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour,
I surrender all.**

² **All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
Let me feel Thy Holy Spirit,
Truly know that Thou art mine.**

³ **All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.**

Words: Judson Van DeVenter (1855 - 1939)

Tune: SURRENDER
Winfield Weeden (1847 - 1908)

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 524**

Read by the Presbyter

The First Reading | **page 524**

Joshua 5:13 - 15

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 chants by T. Purcell and J. Turlle*

Psalm | **page 239**
138 Confitebor tibi

After the last verse, all stand for the Gloria Patri.

Please be seated

The Second Reading | **page 525**
Acts 9:1 - 22

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing

Gradual Hymn

I have decided to follow Jesus; ///
No turning back; no turning back.

The world behind me, the cross before me; ///
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, I still will follow; ///
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus? ///
No turning back, no turning back.

Words: attributed to Sadhu Sundar Singh (1889 - 1929)

Music: Traditional melody
from Assam

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Revd Avinash T. Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant Let the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding,
guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus.
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 | # 207

We sing the glorious conquest

Tune: AURELIA (# 489)

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All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Kneel as able or sit

Intercession

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. Turn over.

Intercessor

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and to 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

Here, O my Lord

Hymn at the Communion | **# 312**

Tune: ALL SOULS (Appendix 57)

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

Before the final hymn, the service concludes with the following acclamation, as we give thanks for The Conversion of Saint Paul, and acknowledge our Lord's call to follow the way of Christ today.

The Sending Out

Presbyter

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised:

All

there is no end of his greatness.

In the darkness of this age

your faithful servants make known

the glory of your kingdom.

Your saints are patterns of holy living and holy dying

strengthen us to follow them

in faith, and hope, and love.

You kindle the fire of your love in the hearts of the saints

equip us to bring the Good News of Christ

to a waiting world.

The Blessing

Presbyter

May Christ who called Paul to his service,

and to preach the good news to the world,

strengthen you to witness to his grace and love.

And the blessing of God almighty,

† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

All join in singing

Recessional Hymn | # 643

Onward, Christian soldiers

Tune: ST. GERTRUDE

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

Following God's saints

in the ways of holiness and truth,

let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Fanfare on the tune, "St. Gertrude" ("Onward, Christian Soldiers")

- Gordon Young (1919 - 1998)

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

Ms. Anisha Ghose (25), Mrs. Pooja Sathe (26), Alvina Magar (27),
Mr. Vijay Pandian (28), Mr. Ravi Sathe (29)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

"Do everything in love."

I Corinthians 16:14

Mr. James Baker & Mrs. Deborah Baker (26),
Mr. Sunil Thomas & Mrs. Tessa Thomas (28)

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are
in loving memory of
Mr. George Paul
(26th January 1926 - 14th August 2011)
on his 100th birth anniversary*

*We are grateful for his generosity and affection and
for instilling in us the values that continue to guide us today.*

- In loving remembrance his children and grandchildren.

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

- Sunday School Sunday morning during term time
- Women's Fellowship 2nd Sunday of the month 10.45 am
- Youth Fellowship 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10.45 am
- Choir Sunday 10.45 am and occasionally Saturday

The Conversion of Saint Paul

Saint Paul is one of the most important figures in the history of the Church. His writings are amongst some of the earliest Christian documents that we have. In scripture, 13 of the 27 books of the New Testament are attributed to him. Converted on the road to Damascus, Paul (known before his conversion as Saul) travelled tens of thousands of miles around the Mediterranean world, telling others of the person of Jesus. It was Paul's influence which turned Christianity from small beginnings into a worldwide faith that was open to all.

However, the pre-conversion Saul took much time to become the Paul we associate with our Christian faith. It took him time to understand that his call, to teach of the saving power of the Good News of Christ, was to be a whole life's journey for him.

Today's celebration dates back to the sixth century as Christians recognised the importance of Paul's life and work, and of our call too to see our faith as a life-long journey of discovery and witness.

A Prayer for the Nation

○ God of all nations,
look in mercy, we beseech thee, on our land.
Give wisdom and understanding to the President, the Prime Minister,
and all her rulers, and to her peoples unity and concord.
Guide their policies by the light of thy life-giving Spirit,
that she may go forward in justice and liberty,
prosperity and peace;
and in thy good time grant that she may bring her glory and honour
into the kingdom of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

RETREAT 2026

The annual retreat for the congregation organised by the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)* will be on
Saturday 7th February 2026 at the YMCA, Colaba.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week we pray for Iran and all those affected by political unrest. We remember those whose lives have been innocently lost and ask that your peace may intervene and that all leaders in authority may be moved by your Spirit to meet the needs of the people and act with wisdom in responding to the current situation. We pray that differences may be resolved without violence or cruelty and that wars may cease. Help leaders to carry out their responsibilities without favour or self-interest, so that all people may learn to live together in harmony.

† **OUR COUNTRY** As our nation celebrates her 77th Republic Day tomorrow, we pray for peace, harmony and security of the country.

† **OUR CITY** Let us pray for all who have been elected to serve in the BMC of Greater Mumbai. May those chosen to carry the burden of office be given wisdom to know what is right and just and be strengthened to always work for the common good.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* concludes this week. Pray for church leaders and councils that they may earnestly work for greater ecumenism • In the Anglican Communion for The Anglican Church of Chile and Archbishop Enrique Lago Zugadi.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Chandigarh and Bishop Denzal Peoples • The Diocese of South Karnataka and Bishop Hemachandra Kumar.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Holy Jerusalem Church, Andheri and the Revd Kingsley John Paul.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for all pupils writing their examination and for those preparing for their board examination • May we as the worshipping community reach out and build bridges with churches of different denominations in our vicinity.

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