



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

# The Presentation of Christ in the Temple



*Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.*

*For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;*

*Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;*

*To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.*

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 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.

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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 *The English Hymnal*.

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## CANDLEMAS

Forty days ago we celebrated the Incarnation, the birth of Christ. Today we remember how his parents took him to the Temple to present him before God. The child who was manifest to the magi is now recognised by Simeon and Anna. He is both 'a light to lighten the Gentiles' and 'the glory of God's people Israel'. But the redemption he will bring must be won through suffering; the Incarnation is directed to the Passion; and Simeon's final words move our attention away from the celebration of Christmas and towards the mysteries of Easter.

***At the end of the service, we turn and face the font, with our candles lit.***

***We then extinguish them as a sign of our turning from the crib to the cross.***

### **Cathedral ministries... ..**

*Get involved!*

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

# 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

Fugue in D, BWV 580 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

*Andante religioso*, from *Op. 65. No. 4* - Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)

Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

Introit

*Sung by the choir*

Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire,  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord,  
Is shining all around.

David Evans, b. 1957

*All stand and face the West Door*

Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

*All*

I will make you as a light to the nations,

**That my salvation may reach  
to the end of the earth.** *Isaiah 49:6*

Your light shines on us  
and all peoples shall see your glory.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;  
he makes our darkness to be light.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Through the Holy Spirit your love burns within us,  
bearing witness to your truth.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

*Continued*

*Presbyter* As we bear your light,  
may our lips never cease to sing your praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**  
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

*All join in singing the hymn*  
**Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

The Entrance Hymn | # 407

*Tune: ST. DENIO*

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

## The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Candlemas | **page 527**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 528**

*Malachi 3:1 - 5*

A reading from the Book of Malachi.

*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 Walmisley*

Psalm | **page 235**

*134 Ecce nunc*

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

*Please be seated*

The Epistle | **page 528**

*Colossians 1: 19 - 23*

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

*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*  
**God of mercy, God of grace**

Gradual Hymn | # 395

*Tune: HEATHLANDS*

*Remain standing for the Gospel*

## The Gospel Acclamation

*Choir* Today the Lord is presented in the Temple in the substance of our mortal nature.

*All* **Alleluia!**

*Choir* Today the Blessed Virgin comes to be purified in accordance with the law.

*All* **Alleluia!**

*Choir* Today old Simeon proclaims Christ as the light of the nations and the glory of Israel.

*All* **Alleluia!**

**Praise to Christ the Light of the world!**

*Music by Michael Cowgill (b. 1951)*

## The Gospel of Christ | page 529

*St. Luke 2: 22 - 40*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St 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 T. Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*All stand*

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

*Celebrant*

In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high has broken upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and the shadow of death,  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace. *Luke 1:78,79*

*All*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*Members of the congregation greet offer one another a sign of peace.  
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 | # 508

**We love the place, O God**

*Tune: QUAM DILECTA*

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*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*The choir sings*

Canticle

O gladsome light, O grace  
Of our Creator's face,  
The eternal splendour wearing,  
Celestial, holy, blest,  
Our Saviour, Jesus Christ,  
Joyful in thine appearing.

As fades the day's last light,  
We see the lamps of night  
Our common hymn outpouring,  
O God of might unknown,  
You, the incarnate Son,  
And Spirit adoring.

To you of right belongs  
All praise of holy songs,  
O Son of God, Life-giver;  
You, therefore, O Most High,  
The world does glorify,  
And shall exalt forever.

*Words: Phos Hilaron, Greek hymn 3<sup>rd</sup> cent*

*Music: Louis Bourgeois (1510 - 1559)*

*Intercessor*

Let us pray to the Father through Christ  
who is our light and life.

Father, your Christ is acclaimed as the glory of Israel:  
look in mercy on your Church, sharing his light.

Lord, have mercy.

*All*

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ in his temple brings judgement on the  
world: look in mercy on the nations, who long for his  
justice. Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ, who was rich, for our sakes became  
poor: look in mercy on the needy, suffering with him.

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is the one in whom faithful servants find  
their peace: look in mercy on the departed that they may see  
your salvation. Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Father, your Christ is revealed as the one destined to be  
rejected: Look in mercy on us who now turn towards his  
passion. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord God, you kept faith with Simeon and Anna,  
and showed them the infant King.

Give us grace to put all our trust in your promises, and the  
patience to wait for their fulfilment;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers,**

**for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

*The Presbyter*

Lord Jesus Christ,

light of the nations and glory of Israel:

make your home among us,

and present us pure and holy

to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God. **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 | # 574

***I heard the voice of Jesus say***

*Tune: KINGSFOLD*

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing of Light

*As candles are lit, the priest says*

O God, the springing source of everlasting light,  
pour into the hearts of your faithful people  
the brilliance of your eternal splendour,  
that we, who by these kindling flames  
light up this temple to your glory,

*All sing*

**In our darkness light has shone, Alleluia,  
still today the light shines on, Alleluia;  
Word made flesh in human birth, Alleluia,  
Light and Life of all the earth, Alleluia!**

<sup>2</sup> **Christ the Son incarnate see, Alleluia,  
by whom all things came to be, Alleluia;  
through the world his splendours shine,  
Alleluia, full of grace and truth divine, Alleluia!**

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

*Tune: GWALCHMAI (# 424), Joseph David Jones (1827-1870)*

*The priest blesses the candles, saying:*

Lord Jesus Christ, true light  
that enlightens every man who comes into this world,  
bestow thy blessing upon these candles,  
and sanctify them with the light of thy grace  
through Jesus Christ, the Saviour of the world. **Amen.**

*All join in singing*

Recessional Hymn

**In His temple now behold Him;  
See the long-expected Lord!  
Ancient prophets had foretold him;  
God hath now fulfilled His word.  
Now to praise Him, His redeemed  
Shall break forth with one accord.**

*Continued*

<sup>2</sup> **In the arms of her who bore Him,  
Virgin pure, behold Him lie,  
While His aged saints adore Him,  
Ere in perfect faith they die:  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Lo, the incarnate God most high!**

<sup>3</sup> **Jesus, by Thy Presentation,  
Thou, Who didst for us endure,  
Make us see Thy great salvation,  
Seal us with Thy promise sure;  
And present us in Thy glory  
To Thy Father cleansed and pure.**

<sup>4</sup> **Prince and author of salvation,  
Be Thy boundless love our theme!  
Jesus, praise to Thee be given  
By the world Thou didst redeem,  
With the Father and the Spirit,  
Lord of majesty supreme!**

Words: Henry J. Pye (1827 - 1903)

Tune: REGENT SQUARE (#431)  
Henry Smart (1813 - 79)

## The Final Responsory and Blessing

*All turn and face the baptismal font*

*Presbyter*

Here we stand near the place of baptism.  
**Help us, who are marked with the cross,  
to share the Lord's death and resurrection.**

Here we turn from Christ's birth to his passion.  
**Help us, for whom Lent is near,  
to enter deeply into the Easter mystery.**

Here we bless one another in your name.  
**Help us, who now go in peace,  
to shine with your light in the world.  
Thanks be to God. Amen.**

May God give you grace to follow the light of Christ,  
wherever you are led and however long the road.  
And the blessing of God almighty,  
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*All*

Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

All reply

Festal voluntary - Gordon Jacob (1895 - 1984)

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 ~**

*'Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.'* Psalm 90:12

Mrs. Helen Ponpandian (1), Mr. Sanjay Gupta (1), Shalom Pandian (1),  
Mrs. Smita Thomas (2), Mr. Rajiv Jadhav (3), Mr. Koilpillai Ponpandian (4),  
Ms. Valentina Mathew (6), Dinesh Sathia Raj (6)

**~ Wedding Anniversary~**

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

Colonel Dhyan Mayadas & Dr. (Mrs.) Jyotsna Mayadas (4)

Notices

*In memoriam*

*Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them*

**Florence Harbour** (born 17<sup>th</sup> December 1950)



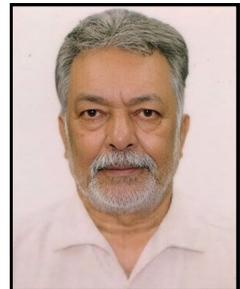
One for the oldest members of the Cathedral congregation, Florence passed away last week. She was christened with the name, Florence, and as luck would have it she became a nurse; like Florence Nightingale, who was the inspiration behind the name. Florence began as a student nurse at Bombay Hospital and retired as Director of Nursing. A kind-hearted person, she involved herself in helping anyone she could and that is her lasting legacy. Florence will always be remembered as being a faithful worshipper at the 7 a.m. Eucharist. We pray for her sister

Deidre and the entire family.

**Captain Nishikant Robert Salvi**  
(18<sup>th</sup> February 1948 to 29<sup>th</sup> January 2026)

The funeral will be this afternoon 3 p.m.  
at Sewri Christian Cemetery.

Pray for the bereaved family members,  
Swaroopini, Prashant, Namrata & Anyah, Aditya, Swati & Aarin and all members of the Salvi family.



## RETREAT 2026

The annual retreat for the congregation organised by the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)* will be on

**Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026** at the YMCA, Colaba.

Register with the office bearers of the WFCS at the earliest.

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** As we celebrate the Lordship of the Prince of Peace, on the Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple, we pray for all who hold authority among the nations: that wisdom may be given where hard decisions are needed, courage where the resolve to work for peace is fragile, and restraint where power is easily misused. We remember all whose lives are marked by conflict, displacement or fear, and those who labour patiently for reconciliation and justice.

† **OUR COUNTRY** 30<sup>th</sup> January was Martyrs Day. We give thanks for the life and leadership of the Father of the Nation.

† **OUR STATE** We uphold in prayer the bereaved families of the Deputy Chief Minister, Shri Ajit Pawar and the others who died in the ill-fated aircraft which crash landed in Baramati. Pray for political stability in the state.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Martyrs of Japan (1597) are commemorated next week. On 5<sup>th</sup> February, 1597, twenty-six Christians—six European Franciscan missionaries, three Japanese Jesuits and seventeen Japanese laymen including three young boys—were executed by crucifixion in Nagasaki • Titus, companion of Paul is commemorated on 6<sup>th</sup> February • In the Anglican Communion for the Church of England and the Archbishop of Canterbury the Most Revd and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Chhattisgarh and Bishop Sushma Kumar • The Diocese of East Kerala and Bishop V. S. Francis.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** The Church of the Holy Cross, Umerkhadi and the Reverend Anandaraju J. Katamala.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers •  
• For the Sunday School. Pray that people will give their time and service to volunteer as Sunday School teachers • Pray for all pupils writing their examination and for those preparing for their board examination.

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