

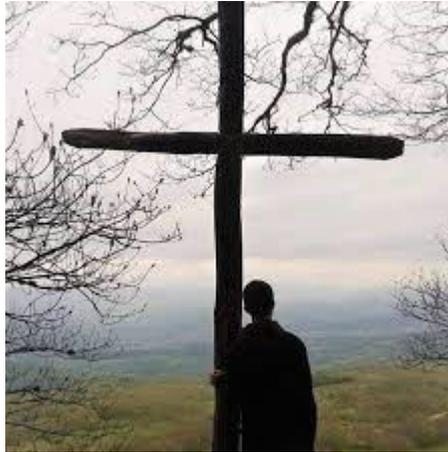


ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI
Since 1718



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



Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them,
“We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets
about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.
He will be delivered over to the Gentiles.
They will mock him, insult him and spit on him;
they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”
Luke 18: 31 - 33

The Sunday before Lent *Quinquagesima*

Sunday 15th 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.

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

Prelude on 'Down Ampney' (Come down, O Love divine) - Henry Ley (1887 - 1962)
Romanza - Simon Clark (b. 1975)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Wonderful grace of Jesus, greater than all my sin;
How shall my tongue describe it,
Where shall its praise begin?
Taking away my burden, setting my spirit free;
O the wonderful Grace of Jesus reaches me!

Wonderful the matchless grace of Jesus,
deeper than the mighty rolling sea,
Higher than the mountain, sparkling like a fountain,
all sufficient grace for even me!
Broader than the scope of my transgressions,
greater far than all my sin and shame!
O magnify the precious name of Jesus!
Praise His name!

Words & Music : Haldor Lillenas (1885 - 1959)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Hear the call to love, for love is from God.

All

We will love, for God is love.

Let us not simply speak of love, but live in its power,
which bears, believes, hopes, and endures all things.

**We gather to worship the God who is love,
in spirit and in truth.**

All join in singing the hymn
Love divine all loves excelling

The Entrance Hymn | # 437

Tune: LOVE DIVINE

Please be seated

All say together

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 353**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 354**

Genesis 9:8 - 17

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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 Foster*

Psalm | **page 71**

26: 1 - 7 Judica me, Domine

After the last verse, all stand for the Gloria Patri

Please be seated

The Epistle | **page 355**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 | # 506

To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love *omit v. 5**

Tune: EPSOM

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 356**

St. Luke 18:31 - 43

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 Revd. Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*



The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

*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

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

**Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,
hear my humble cry;
While on others Thou art calling,
do not pass me by.**

*Refrain: Saviour, Saviour, hear my humble cry;
while on others Thou art calling, do not pass me by.*

² **Let me at a throne of mercy
find a sweet relief,
kneeling there in deep contrition;
help my unbelief.**

³ **Trusting only in Thy merit,
would I seek Thy face;
heal my wounded, broken spirit,
save me by Thy grace.**

⁴ **Thou, the Spring of all my comfort,
more than life to me;
whom have I on earth beside Thee?
Whom in heaven but Thee?**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Tune: PASS ME NOT
Music: William Doane (1832 - 1915)

All say

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Your love is patient;
we give you thanks for all those who have been patient with us
and have taught and cared for us;
and we pray for the patience to love others
as you have loved us. Lord in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

Your love is kind;
give us the courage to be kind to others
and to serve those with patience
who are so often unkind, rude, difficult to love, or our enemies.
They are your children and our sisters and brothers
and they were made in your image. Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Your love is not pompous;
give us insight to speak the truth in love
and for the sake of your kingdom
and not out of a need to appear clever or right
and in all our relationships
give us the wisdom to listen far more than we speak.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your love does not seek its own interests;
we thank you and pray for those who serve the poor
and those in need,
who give tirelessly of themselves and who have much to do
and little time for themselves.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your love is not quick-tempered;
we pray for those who are angry
and for the violent and their victims;
for children who fear, elders who are abused,
and people trapped in relationships that injure and harm.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Your love bears all things;
we remember before you those with heavy burdens,
many cares, much stress, and too little comfort and help.
Open our eyes to those around us and their needs
and give us the wisdom to offer help
without any prying or sense of superiority.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor

Your love never fails;
even death does not trespass on the breadth
and depth of your love.

We thank you for those we have loved in this life
and who now dwell in the peace and joy of your presence
and let your comfort settle on those who are bereaved
or who are lonely this day. Lord in your mercy:

All

Hear our payer.

Everlasting God in the week that lies before us
may we reflect your love in our families, our church
and our community,
so that other people will see that we are transformed by Christ
and be encouraged to turn to him.

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 | *# 152*

Come down, O Love divine

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May your life be characterized by faith, hope, and love,
with love being the guiding force in your actions and character.

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 |# 583

Tell me the old, old story

Tune: TELL ME THE OLD, OLD STORY

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Choral Song in C - Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810 - 1876)

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.

ASH WEDNESDAY **18th February 2026**

7 am Eucharist (*said*)

6:30 pm Eucharist (*sung*)

with imposition of ashes at both services.



For you are
DUST
and to dust you shall

RETURN

Genesis 3:19

~ 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

Ms. Rachel Miriam Joseph (16), Mr. Raj lype (19), Dr. Srinath Rajasekar (20),
Mrs. Anjali Salvi (21), Sarah Chakraborti (21), Shanaya Sathe (21)

~ Wedding anniversary this Week ~

“Do everything in love.”

I Corinthians 16: 14

Mr. Rohit Millns & Ashwini Millns (21)

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 am |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm |



TAKE UP YOUR CROSS
AND FOLLOW ME

Lent,
Holy Week
and Easter 2026

Lent

Wednesday 18th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00 am Holy Eucharist with the
imposition of ashes

6.30 pm Holy Eucharist with the
imposition of ashes

Sunday 22nd February

First Sunday in Lent

7.00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 1st March

Second Sunday in Lent

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 8th March

Third Sunday in Lent

7.00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 15th March

Mothering Sunday

7.00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Saturday 21st March • 6.30 pm

“The Cross of Christ”

*A Service of Readings
and Music for Passiontide*

Sunday 22nd March

Fifth Sunday in Lent

7.00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Holy Week and Easter

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

29th March

Procession and the Blessing
and Distribution of Palms

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Monday in Holy Week 30th March

6.30 pm Holy Week Meditation
in Word and Organ Music

Tuesday in Holy Week 31st March

6.30 pm ‘Hymns of Faith’

Wednesday in Holy Week 1st April

6.30 pm Holy Week Meditation
in Word and Organ Music

Thursday 2nd April

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY AND THE WASHING OF FEET

6.30 pm Holy Eucharist (choral)

GOOD FRIDAY 3rd April

9 am to 12 noon Meditation on the
Seven Words from the Cross

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 4th April

8 pm Lighting of the Paschal Candle
and the First Eucharist of Easter

EASTER DAY Sunday 5th April
9 am

A joyful sung service of Holy Eucharist with
canticles, hymns, readings and sermon

Notices

- We thank God for the ministry of the missionaries supported by the Cathedral. **Mission Sunday** will be observed next Sunday.
- **World Day of Prayer** this year is on Friday 6th March. This day is a powerful demonstration of global solidarity. It begins in Samoa and moves across the world in a continuous wave of prayer, finishing 38 hours later in American Samoa. It truly is a worldwide day of prayer!
The theme for this year's World Day of Prayer is, "I will give you rest". The order of service has been compiled by the women from churches in Nigeria.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted on Sunday 22nd March 2026 at 10:45 am. Questions will be based on the Second Epistle of John, the Third Epistle of John, the Epistle of Jude and the Book of Nehemiah. Participants have been informed of their respective teams.
- If you are keen on a **prayer meeting** being held in your home (Fridays) please contact the Presbyter.
- The choir has started preparing the music for the Lenten season. If you enjoy singing and can make a weekly commitment you are very welcome to join. Meet the Presbyter if interested.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription before the close of the financial year 31st March 2026.
- Do please remember to take your copy of this service bulletin home with you.

Lenten Bible Study series

Message to the Churches Revelation 2:1 - 3:22

Wed 25/2/26 online 7 pm to 8 pm	Kethoser Aniu Kevichusa, <i>Director of Intercultural Learning and Collaboration for Baptist Missionary Society World Mission</i>
Wed 4/3/26	Revd. Dr. Jacob Thomas
Wed 11/3/26	Deacon Paul George
Wed 18/3/26	Revd Dr Paras Tayade
Wed 25/3/26	Pastor Peter Akbar, <i>Grace Community Fellowship</i>

*Lenten reflections
through the chorale preludes
of Johann Sebastian Bach*

Played on cello and organ
Saturday 14th March 2026 • 7 pm



Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week, we pray for Iran and the wider Middle East, where fear, conflict, and political tension weigh heavily upon daily life. We remember those living under threat of violence, those displaced from homes, those grieving loved ones, and those striving for peace amid deep division. We pray for Jewish people across the world in the face of rising antisemitism — for those who feel unsafe in their streets, schools, and places of worship. Strengthen them in hope, surround them with solidarity, and move the hearts of all people to reject hatred, prejudice, and violence in every form. We hold before you the nations and regions where extreme poverty crushes human flourishing — prosper the work of aid agencies and local leaders and help us to share more justly the resources of this earth. God of mercy, where there is war, bring peace; where there is hatred, sow love; where there is injustice, raise up courage; and where there is despair, kindle hope, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We pray for peaceful ties with our neighbouring country, Bangladesh which will now be led by the newly elected BNP government.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** In the Anglican Communion for The Church of the Province of the Indian Ocean and Archbishop Gilbert Rateloso Rako-tondravelo.

† **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 Kollam-Kottarakkara and Bishop Jose George.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Home of Faith Church (Tamil Pastorate) and the Revd P. Mathew Gnanasigamani.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service* (WFCS) and their ministry • For all pupils writing their board examinations.

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