



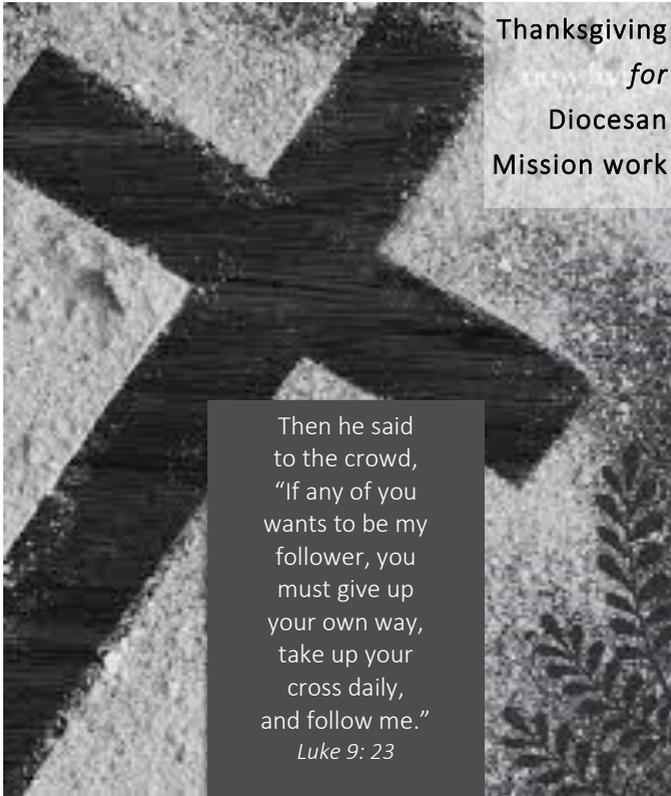
ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
MUMBAI

Established 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



Thanksgiving  
for  
Diocesan  
Mission work

Then he said  
to the crowd,  
“If any of you  
wants to be my  
follower, you  
must give up  
your own way,  
take up your  
cross daily,  
and follow me.”

*Luke 9: 23*

# The First Sunday in Lent

*Choral Eucharist*

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026 • 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 *The English Hymnal*.

The choral setting for the Eucharist is by John Merbecke and Martin Shaw.

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON

*Now is the healing time decreed  
for sins of heart and word and deed,  
when we in humble fear record  
the wrong that we have done the Lord.*

*(Latin, before 12<sup>th</sup> century)*

In the Liturgical Calendar, after a season which focuses on the Incarnation of Christ, the observance of Lent provides a period of preparation for the celebration of the resurrection at Easter. The celebration of Easter was the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent: self examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, whose extension over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan. The calculation of the forty days of Lent has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross.

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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*

### Voluntary

'Ich ruf' zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ', BWV 639 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)  
(I call to you Lord Jesus Christ')

Prelude on 'When I survey the wondrous Cross' - Healey Willan (1880 - 1968)

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

### Trisagion

*While seated, all sing repeating after the Cantor*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

An ancient hymn of the eastern church.  
The term, *Trisagion*, is from the Greek, meaning "thrice holy."

### Opening Prayer

*All stand and sing the opening hymn*

**Forty days and forty nights**

*Please be seated*

**Entrance Hymn | # 73**

*Tune: AUS DER TIEFE*

*All say together*

**Prayer of Preparation | page 260**

*Kneel as able or remain seated*

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord have mercy. ///**  
**Christ have mercy. ///**  
**Lord have mercy. ///**

Setting by John Merbecke (c. 1510 - c. 1585)

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collects for the Day | **page 359 & 357**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Old Testament Reading | **page 359**

*Genesis 3:1 - 6*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated while the choir sings the Psalm  
to chants by Elvey and Crotch*

**Psalm**

*32:1 - 6, 12*

*Beati, quorum*

<sup>1</sup> BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

<sup>3</sup> For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

<sup>4</sup> For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

<sup>5</sup> I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

<sup>6</sup> I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

<sup>12</sup> Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

*All stand*

*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 360**

*2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

A reading from the Second 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 join in singing*

## Gradual Hymn | **# 76**

**Lord, in this thy mercy's day**

*Tune: ST. PHILIP*

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 361**

*St. Matthew 4:1 - 11*

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

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

**All Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the reading*

*The Gospeller*      This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*All*                      **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*All sing*

**There is power, power, wonder-working power  
in the blood of the Lamb;  
there is power, power, wonder-working power  
in the precious blood of the Lamb.**

Lewis E. Jones (1865 - 1936)

*Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together*

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*All stand*

**The Peace**

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you *Romans 5: 1, 2*  
**and also with you.**  
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*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 | # 87**

**Saviour when in dust to thee**

*Tune: ABERYSTWYTH*

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*All say*

**Offertory Prayer | page 270**

*Please be seated*

## Lent Prose

*Cantor*

*All*

Hear us, O Lord,  
**have mercy upon us:**  
**For we have sinned against Thee.**

*Choir*

To thee, Redeemer, on Thy throne of glory:  
Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

arr. John Scott (1956 - 2015)

*Kneel as able or remain seated*

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.  
For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church  
let us pray to the Father.  
For the Church in our country, its councils and leaders.  
We pray for Paritosh our Moderator; Reuben, Moderator  
of the Church of South India, Theodosius Mar Thoma the  
Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, Prabhu our Bishop  
and Avinash our Presbyter.

*All*

Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**  
For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**  
For those preparing for baptism and confirmation  
and for their teachers and sponsors,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**  
For peace in the world.  
We pray for lasting peace in the Holy Land  
and all areas experiencing conflict,  
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation  
may grow among nations and peoples,  
let us pray to the Father. Lord of compassion,  
**in your mercy hear us.**

*Continued ... ..*

*Intercessor*

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;  
that they may be relieved and protected,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

*All*

**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives  
and to further the reign of God,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

In communion with all those who have walked in the way  
of holiness, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father,

in your love and goodness

you have taught us to come close to you in penitence

with prayer, fasting and generosity;

accept our Lenten discipline,

and when we fall by our weakness,

raise us up by your unfailing mercy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

The General Confession & Absolution | *pages 275, 276*

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.*

*The choir sings*

Create a pure heart in me, O Lord.

Grant me a new and steadfast spirit.

Do not drive me away from thy presence,

or take thy Spirit from me.

Revive in me the joy of deliverance.  
Grant me a steady soul to uphold me.  
Open thou my lips, everlasting Lord,  
that my mouth may sing thy praises.

Thou takest no delight in sacrifice,  
nor hast thou any wish for whole offering.  
My sacrifice, Lord, is a broken soul,  
my offering, a contrite heart.

Words: from Psalm 51

Music: Susan Matsui (b. 1959)

*All stand and say*

## Prayer after Communion

**Lord God,  
you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;  
by it you nourish our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love:  
teach us always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## The Blessing

*Presbyter* Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him.  
† 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*

## Recesionnal Hymn | # 567

***Beneath the Cross of Jesus***

*Tune: BENEATH THE CROSS*

From the West Door the Presbyter says:

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ. Amen.**

## Postlude

“Beloved Jesus”, No. 2 Op. 122 - Johannes Brahms (1833 - 1897)

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 through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.”*

Proverbs 16:11

Mr. William Adams (23), Mrs. Monica Moses (26), Mrs. Shreyaa Uzgare,  
Mr. M. U. Chacko (27), Tiana John (27)

### Lenten Bible Study series

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

online 7 pm to 8 pm • Zoom ID 229 239 2476

Wed 25/2/26	Revd Dr. Wilson Paluri
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, Grace Community Fellowship

### The Cross of Christ

A Lenten devotion on the Passion of the Holy Redeemer  
in scripture, verse and music

*With the Cathedral Choir*

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026 • 6:30 pm**

*All are welcome*



### 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 am                   |
| • Youth Fellowship   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir              | Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm                             |

Lenten reflections  
through the chorale preludes  
of Johann Sebastian Bach

Played on cello and organ  
**Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> March 2026 • 7 pm**



## Notices

- We thank God for the ministry of the missionaries supported by the Cathedral.
- **World Day of Prayer** will be observed on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 6:30 pm. The theme for this year 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We continue to pray for all places of war, civil unrest and terrorism, especially Ukraine, Eastern Europe, Israel, Palestine, and the wider Middle East, Iran, Sudan and South Sudan, and Myanmar. During this Lenten season of reconciliation with God and neighbour, we pray for improved international diplomacy and peace negotiations, the work of the United Nations and humanitarian agencies, grassroots peacebuilders and faith leaders and truth-telling and reconciliation movements. We pray that there might be a spirit of repentance amongst the nations that all may turn away from violence to mercy.

† **OUR COUNTRY** India hosted the AI Impact Summit 2026 at New Delhi. The six-day event brought together innovators, startups, industry leaders and public institutions under one roof. We pray for the ethical and productive use of AI for the good of society.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** For the Church universal as the faithful prepare themselves for the season of Lent • In the Anglican Communion for the Church of Ireland and Archbishop John McDowell.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Delhi and the Rt. Revd. Dr. Paul Swarup. The Diocese of Madhya (Central) Kerala and the Rt. Revd. Malayil Cherian.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for Holy Immanuel Church (Malayalam Pastorate), Vasai and the Revd Johnson John.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • All pupils writing their std X and XII board examination.

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