

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

Holding God to His Word

“Have mercy on me, O Lord....help me....even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.”



Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.”

Matthew 15

As we live out our faith through trials and testing, our faith grows into the “Great Faith” which Jesus commends – a Great Faith which invites us to come to Him; empowers us to seek Him every day, in every situation; and enables us to trust Him completely.

May God graciously grant you that kind of faith – “A Faith that Won't Give Up!” – a faith that trusts your Saviour, won't let go of His promises, and carries you safely through this world and eventually into the arms of your loving, waiting Saviour in the world to come!

The Second Sunday in Lent

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 1st March 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.

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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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Agnus Dei (O Lamb of God) - Christopher Tambling (1964 - 2015)

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

Entrance Hymn | # 82

O for a heart to praise my God

Tune: RICHMOND (# 471)

Please be seated

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 362 & page 357**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 362**

Jeremiah 17:5 - 10

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to a chant by S. Wesley

Psalm

130

De profundis

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

² O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

³ If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss :

O Lord, who may abide it?

⁴ For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

⁵ I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

⁶ My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy : and with him is plenteous redemption.

⁸ And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

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 363**

I Thessalonians 4:1 - 8

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

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 the gradual hymn

Gradual Hymn | **# 439**

Tune: OLIVET (Appendix 58)

My faith looks up to thee

Remain standing for the Gospel

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 363**

St. Matthew 15:21 - 28

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

**Trust and obey, for there's no other way
to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.**

Words: John Sammis (1846 - 1919)
Music: Daniel Towner (1850 - 1919)

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together

The Nicene Creed | page 265

Please be seated

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyterian*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the Cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

*Members of the congregation share 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 | # 477

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Tune: REDHEAD NO. 76

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

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

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:
Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:
cleanse Thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

arr. John Scott (1956 - 2015)

Kneel as able or remain seated

Litany

Intercessor

Let us pray:
Lord, have mercy.

All

Lord, have mercy.

We have not loved you with our whole heart
and mind and strength: **Lord, have mercy.**

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves:

Lord, have mercy.

We have not forgiven others as we have been
forgiven: **Lord, have mercy.**

We have been deaf to your call to serve,
as Christ has served: **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess our unfaithfulness,
our pride, hypocrisy and impatience: **Lord, have mercy.**

We confess our envy of those more fortunate
than ourselves: **Lord, have mercy.**

For our intemperate love of worldly goods
and comforts,

and our dishonesty in daily life and work:

Lord, have mercy.

For our negligence in prayer and worship:

Lord, have mercy.

For our blindness to human need and suffering,
and our indifference to injustice and cruelty:

Lord, have mercy.

For our waste and pollution of your creation,
and our lack of concern for those who come after us:

Lord, have mercy.

Restore us, Lord, and let your anger depart from us:

Lord, have mercy.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor Accomplish in us the work of your creation:
Lord, have mercy.
By the cross and passion of your Son, Jesus Christ,
our Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**
And bring us with all your saints to the joy
of his resurrection: **Lord, have mercy.**

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

During the administration of Communion, while seated we sing

Hymn at the Communion | **# 300**

According to thy gracious word

Tune: BANGOR

All stand and say

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Presbyter Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,
that you may find in him crucified
a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sin forgiven;
† 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

I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,
and it told Thy love to me;
but I long to rise in the arms of faith,
and be closer drawn to Thee.

*Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to the cross where Thou hast died;
draw me nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,
to Thy precious, bleeding side.*

² Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,
by the power of grace divine;
let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,
and my will be lost in Thine.

³ O, the pure delight of a single hour
that before Thy throne I spend,
when I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,
I commune as friend with friend!

⁴ There are depths of love that I cannot know
till I cross the narrow sea;
there are heights of joy that I may not reach
till I rest in peace with Thee.

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Music: William Doane (1832 - 1915)

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

Fugue in d minor from Op. 65 No. 6 - Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)

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.

Wedding Anniversary this Week

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"

Galatians 5:22

Mr. Vijay & Mrs. Meagan Pandian (1 March)

Birthdays this week

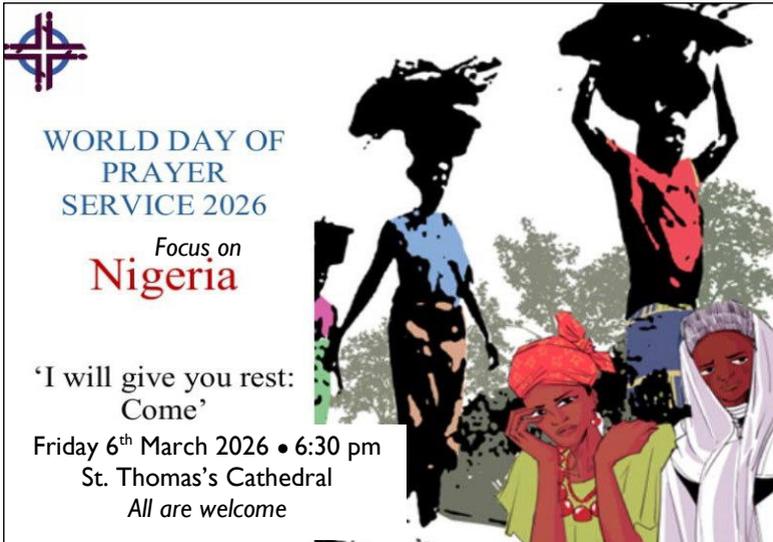
“For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.”

Proverbs 9:11

Mrs. Anna Thomas Chacko (1 March), Ms. Ashra Iype (1),
Mr. Sandeep Pathak (2), Mr. David Cyprian (3), Mrs. Sunita Gladston (3),
Mrs. Ann Iype (3), Mrs. Indira Pastala (4)

Notices

- 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.



The poster features a logo in the top left corner consisting of a blue cross with red and white horizontal and vertical bars. The text on the poster reads: 'WORLD DAY OF PRAYER SERVICE 2026' in blue, 'Focus on Nigeria' in red, and the quote 'I will give you rest: Come' in black. Below the quote, it says 'Friday 6th March 2026 • 6:30 pm', 'St. Thomas's Cathedral', and 'All are welcome'. The background of the poster shows silhouettes of people in traditional African attire, including a woman in a blue and black dress and a man in a red and black shirt carrying a basket on his head. In the foreground, there are two women, one wearing a red headwrap and a yellow top, and another in a white headwrap and white top.

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Nigeria

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The origins of **World Day of Prayer** date back to the 19th century when Christian women in the USA and Canada initiated a variety of cooperative activities in support of women's involvement in mission, at home and abroad. It is from such roots as these that WDP has taken its present shape – *a worldwide ecumenical movement of Informed Prayer and Prayerful Action.*

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

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

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, <i>Grace Community Fellowship</i>

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** In this season of repentance and renewal may we walk with Christ toward the cross with courage, humility, and deeper trust. Pray for places torn by war, political instability, and fear — that leaders may seek wisdom, justice, and the costly work of peace. We uphold before God, refugees, displaced people, and those fleeing violence or climate crisis — that they may find safety, welcome, and dignity among the nations. Pray for communities burdened by poverty, famine, and inequality — that the world's resources may be shared more justly and compassion may triumph over indifference. We pray for our fragile planet — that during this season of self-examination we may repent of careless consumption and become faithful stewards of God's creation.

† **OUR COUNTRY** In the wake of the earthquake in Calcutta on 27th February, we pray for safety and protection from natural calamities.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The third century martyrs, Perpetua and Felicitas are commemorated on 7th March. They were martyred for their faith in Carthage (modern day Tunisia in N. Africa) in about the year 203 A.D. together with three others • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Nippon Sei Ko Kai (The Anglican Church in Japan) and the Most Revd. David Eisho Uehara.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Dooars (West Bengal) and the Rt. Revd. David Roy • Malabar Diocese and the Rt. Revd. Dr. Royce Manoj Victor.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Hume Memorial Congregation and the Revd. Swapnil Uzgare • Pray for God's comforting presence with the family of the Revd. Thomas Jacob (Honorary Diocesan Secretary) whose father the Revd. Jacob Thomas passed away last week.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens, those who are house bound and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • All pupils writing their X & XII board examination • The choir as they prepare the music for Lent and Easter.

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