

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

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*The Church of North India
A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion*



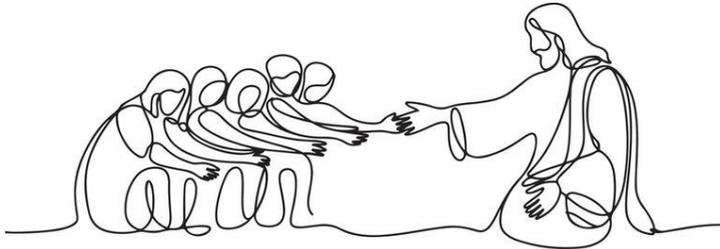
Sundays 7 am Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 am Eucharist (*sung*)
Weekdays 7 am to 6 pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection

Walk in love

Ephesians 5

Our calling, as Ephesians chapter 5 reminds us, is to walk “in love,” be imitators of God and of Christ, who loved with a love beyond compare. Having Jesus Christ as both the ground and model of love (Eph 5:2), such self-sacrificial love is to be the mark of each of us; the “beloved” children of God (5:1).

Ephesians 5 reminds us that we are called to live holy, wise lives, full of the spirit, motivated by God’s love, as children of light (displaying goodness, righteousness and truth), while continually expressing gratefulness to God.



The Third Sunday in Lent

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 8th 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

Prelude on 'When I survey the wondrous Cross' – C.H. H. Parry (1848 - 1918)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Trisagion

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

When I survey the wondrous Cross

Entrance Hymn | # 107

Tune: ROCKINGHAM

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 364 & page 357**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 364**

Numbers 22:21 - 31

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

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 Henley

Psalm

35: 1 - 4, 9 & 10

Judica, Domine

Plead thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me : and fight
thou against them that fight against me.

² Lay hand upon the shield and buckler : and stand up to help me.

³ Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me :
say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

⁴ Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul : let
them be turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief
for me.

⁹ And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation.

¹⁰ All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the
poor from him that is too strong for him : yea, the poor, and him that
is in misery, from him that spoileth him?

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.

The Epistle | **page 366**

Ephesians 5:1 - 14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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 | **# 409**

In the Cross of Christ I glory

Tune: WYCHBOLD

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel Acclamation

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

I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living: O wait for the Lord, stand firm and he will strengthen your heart, and wait, I say, for the Lord.

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 367**

St. Luke 11:14 - 28

The Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

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

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 **At the Cross! at the Cross! where I first saw the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away;
it was there by faith I received my sight,
and now I am happy all the day!**

Words: Isaac Watts

Music: R. E. Hudson (1843 - 1901)

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 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 | # 77

Lord Jesus, think on me

Tune: SOUTHWELL

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Please be seated

Lent Prose

Cantor

Hear us, O Lord,

All

have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against Thee.

Choir

God we implore thee, in Thy glory seated: Bow down and
hearken to Thy weeping children: Pity and pardon all our
grievous trespasses.

arr. John Scott (1956 - 2015)

Intercessor

As we prepare for the Passion of the Lord, may our hearts be filled with integrity and repentance. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

All

We pray that the victims of war and violence, be helped and protected in their need. We pray especially for those who are responsible for the conflicts, that they may be given a change of heart and courage to end all violent acts.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for those displaced and homeless, through armed conflict, the changing environment and political intolerance.

Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

We pray especially for those, who are enslaved and unjustly deprived of liberty and freedom. May we work for justice and salvation in our world. Lord in your mercy;

hear our prayer.

We pray for those afraid and in despair over how they are to live without employment or income, may we come to the aid of the poorest in our society. Lord in your mercy;

hear our prayer.

We remember especially the sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound, those of our own families wherever they may be. May they get the care and treatment they need. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Let us pray for those who have recently died and for all our dead and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. Lord in your mercy; **hear our prayer.**

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.

The Presbyter

Almighty and ever-living God, as we prepare ourselves by a renewal in our practice of the faith, grant that we may follow Jesus' commandments joyfully, and celebrate his Passion, death and resurrection in true righteousness.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

During the administration of Communion, the choir sings

With cold, hard nails He was crucified, a crown of thorns on His head.
They drove a spear into His side. All was dark, now at last He was dead.

They took the body of the Lord and prepared it for the grave.
A borrowed tomb He could not afford; His life He could not save.

Lay Him down gently, the Prince of Peace, thorns His only crown.
Fine linen for His royal robe; with tenderness, lay Him down.

It was for me the Saviour died; willingly He bore my shame.
Now they lay Him down in a cold, dark tomb. I am the one to blame.

Lay Him down gently, the Prince of Peace, thorns His only crown.
Fine linen for His royal robe; with tenderness, lay Him down.

Words: John Parker

Music: David Lantz (b. 1950)

All stand and say

Prayer after Communion

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Presbyter

God,
who from the death of sin
raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling
and set you in the presence of His glory;
† 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 | # 397

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

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

Postlude in D - Healey Willan (1880 - 1968)

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

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Mr. Aarin Salvi (9), Mrs. Renuka David (10),
Mrs. Rebecca Roberts (11), Mr. Rohit Millns (11)

MOTHERING SUNDAY (15th March 2026)

The fourth Sunday in Lent is observed as Mothering Sunday (in churches with an Anglican heritage) in honour of Mother Mary and now, all mothers. People customarily made it a point of visiting their nearest Mother Church. Cathedrals are the 'mother church' of all other churches in an area ('diocese').

The guest preacher on Mothering Sunday will be Dr. Adelaide Vaz. Dr. Vaz retired as Principal of St. Xavier's Institute of Education. Prior to that she taught at Bombay Teachers' Training College.

"Prayer at Dawn"

Daily morning prayer for half an hour (6 am to 6:30 am) during Lent (except on Sundays).

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The Cross of Christ

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

With the Cathedral Choir

Saturday 21st March 2026 • 6:30 pm

All are welcome



Notices

- Please remember to pay your annual **subscription** before 31st March 2026.
- 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.
- A medical camp will be held on 13th March in Neha village.
- If you are keen on a **prayer meeting** being held in your home (Fridays) please contact the Presbyter.

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

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



Lenten Bible Study series Message to the Churches Revelation 2:1 - 3:22
online 7 pm to 8 pm • zoom ID: 875 9250 2710 (passcode 880734)

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>

The theologian **Thomas Aquinas** (1274) is commemorated today. His influence on Western thought is considerable, and much of modern philosophy was conceived as a reaction against, or as an agreement with, his ideas, particularly in the areas of ethics, natural law, metaphysics, and political theory. He is regarded as the patron of all universities and students.

*“To one who has faith,
no explanation is necessary.
To one without faith,
no explanation is possible.”*

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sunday School • Women’s Fellowship • Youth Fellowship • Choir | <p>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</p> |
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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)

Saturday 14th March • 6:30 pm
Lenten reflections (Bach chorale
preludes: baritone, cello, organ)

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, hymns
and choral 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

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** God of justice and compassion, we pray for the peoples of Iran and the nations of the Middle East in this time of conflict and fear. We pray, too, for South Sudan, Myanmar and all places of unrest. Have mercy on all who suffer from violence, loss, and uncertainty. Protect the innocent, comfort the grieving, and strengthen those who offer aid and seek peace. Guide the leaders of nations away from hatred and retaliation, and grant them wisdom, restraint, and the courage to pursue reconciliation. May your Spirit bring healing to wounded lands and hope to troubled hearts, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Today on *Women's Day* our thoughts and prayers are directed to all those women in our land who live in the despair of poverty, violence, trafficking, slavery and abuse. May the light of your love bring them hope • As we pray for peace in the Middle East we pray for the safety of the many Indians in this region. We pray for protection against the economic fall-out of the ongoing war.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Church commemorates Gregory the Great (bishop, theologian 604 AD) on 12th March. Only two popes, Leo I and Gregory I, have been given the popular title of "*the Great*." He was the first of the popes to come from a monastic background. He is considered a saint in the Roman Catholic Church, Eastern Orthodox Church, Anglican Communion, and some Lutheran churches. The Protestant reformer John Calvin admired Gregory and declared in his '*Institutes*' that Gregory was the last 'good pope'. He founded a school for the training of church musicians. The mainstream form of Western plainchant, standardized in the late 8th century, was attributed to Pope Gregory I and so took the name of Gregorian chant • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and The Middle East and the Most Revd Hosam Naoum.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Mathura Nath Bose (Convert, Evangelist) is commemorated on 14th March • The Diocese of Durgapur and Bishop Sameer Khimla • The Diocese of South Kerala.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Jubilee Church, Sanpada (Tamil Pastorate) and Reverend Jebas Augustin.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell and housebound. Pray for their care providers • All pupils writing their standard X and XII board examination • The children and teachers of the Sunday school • Pray for the medical camp which will be held on 13th March.

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