



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
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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

*"You asked for my hands."*

Joe Seremane

You asked for my hands  
that you might use them for Your purpose.  
I gave them for a moment,  
then withdrew them, for the work was hard.  
You asked for my mouth,  
to speak out against injustice;  
I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.  
You asked for my eyes  
to see the pain of poverty;  
I closed them, for I did not want to see.  
You asked for my life  
that you might work through me.  
I gave you a small part, that I might not get "too involved."  
Father, forgive me,  
renew me,  
send me out  
as a useable instrument  
that I might take seriously  
the meaning of your cross!

# The First Sunday after Trinity

with the Induction and Welcome  
of the Reverend Thomas Jacob

*Choral Eucharist*

Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June 2026 • 8.45 am

## 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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*David: Faithfulness and failure. Uncommon kindness*

It isn't easy to love our enemies. It isn't always easy to stand out as different. But that's what we do when Jesus looks at us with love and says, "Follow me." In David's words and actions, we see a heart finely tuned to the heart of God.

David has solidified his position as Israel's king. David's court is up and running, and at the moment, running like a well-oiled machine.

David's thoughts return to his friend, his soul mate, Jonathan, son of the now dead former king Saul, and the covenant promise he'd made to Jonathan two decades ago. Jonathan died beside his father on the battlefield. No one else had witnessed the covenant between Jonathan and David.

Old Testament scholar Dale Ralph Davis says, "When a new regime or dynasty came to power, the name of the game was purge." The new king always needed to solidify his position. So when David started asking around about any remaining members of Saul's family, particularly descendants of Jonathan, everyone would have figured that he was just doing what new kings do – rooting out parts of the old regime.

But that isn't what David is doing, and he makes that clear to his advisors. He wants to honour his promise and show the kindness of God to a member of Jonathan's family. That certainly wasn't what anyone expected him to do. It made no sense politically. And no one besides David and Jonathan, or David and Saul, knew about the promises David had made two decades earlier.

Well, there was one other who knew. God knew. And David's heart beat first and foremost for God. His passion for God, his love of God, his trust in God, and his desire to serve God were the centre of his life, not the periphery, as they were for Saul. Saul obeyed God when it was convenient for him and served his own goals. David obeyed God when it was inconvenient for him and went against his own desires and goals. When Jesus looks at you and I and says, "Follow me," that's what he means.

When we are following Jesus, generosity takes hold in our hearts. Why? Because God is generous with us. And we know that God gives to us not so that we can accumulate more and more but so that we can give more and more. As more flows in, more must flow out. And when that becomes real in our hearts and lives, we are blessed beyond comprehension. We get to be conduits of the beautiful, amazing, incomprehensible grace of God in the lives of others.

# 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

Voluntary No. 9 in G, Op. 7- John Stanley (1712 - 1786)

Prelude on the tune 'Slane' ('Be thou my vision') - Gordon Young (1919 - 1998)

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

### Introit

*Sung by the choir*

May we enter your gates with thanksgiving.  
May we enter your courts with our praise.  
May we fall at your throne where your glory is shown,  
And be lost in your love and your grace.

Father, we thank you for your love.

Jimmy Owens (1930 - 2023)

*All stand and face the West Door*

### Opening Acclamation

*The Presbyter* Sing to the Lord a new song;

*All* **sing to the Lord, all the earth.**

Sing to the Lord, praise His name;

**proclaim His salvation day after day.**

Declare His glory among the nations,

**His marvellous deeds among all peoples.** *Psalm 96:1-3*

*All sing*

### The Entrance Hymn

**TO GOD be the glory, great things He hath done!  
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,  
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Continued*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

2. **O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,  
To every believer the promise of God;  
The vilest offender who truly believes,  
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**
3. **Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,  
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
But purer and higher, and greater will be  
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Music: George Doane (1799 - 1859)

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

## Induction of Cathedral Presbyter

*Presbyter* We gather in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All* **Amen.**

*Presbyter* Peace be with you

*All* **and also with you.**

*Lay Leader* Presbyters are ordained to work with the Bishop as  
servants and shepherds among the people to whom they  
are sent. They are called to baptise, to proclaim the Word  
of the Lord and to preside at the Eucharist.  
Reverend Thomas Jacob and the congregation, will you  
work together as servants of Christ in St. Thomas'  
Cathedral?

*All* **By the grace of God, we will.**

*Continued*

*Lay Leader*

Thomas, will you seek to enable this congregation to become the people of God;  
will you lead them in worship and in service;  
will you encourage them to share in the life of the Gospel and proclaim God's saving love to the world?

*Presbyter*

*Lay Leader*

**By the grace of God, I will.**

Thomas, may the God of Peace, who brought from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, give you vision, courage and love to do His will; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and all your work done in His name.

*All*

**Amen.**

*While seated we sing*

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that thou art  
Thou my best thought by day or by night;  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

Words: Irish, 6<sup>th</sup> cent.  
attributed St. Dallán Forgaill

Tune: SLANE  
Irish melody

*The Lay Leaders lead the Revd. Thomas Jacob to the Presbyter's seat.*

*Lay Leaders*

Thomas, we pray for you as you take charge as the Presbyter-In-Charge of the Cathedral Church of Saint Thomas the Apostle. May the Lord defend your going out and your coming in, from this time forth for evermore.

*All*

**Amen.**

*All sing*

**Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**



# The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 447**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 447**

*2 Samuel 9:6 - 13*

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel.

*At the end of the reading* This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated as the choir sings  
the psalm to a chant by Fitzherbert*

**Psalm**

*Psalm 119 v.v. 1 - 8*

*Beati immaculati*

Blessed are those that are undefiled in the way : and walk in the law of the Lord.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed are they that keep his testimonies : and seek him with their whole heart.

<sup>3</sup> Even they who do no wickedness : and walk in his ways.

<sup>4</sup> Thou hast charged : that we shall diligently keep thy commandments.

<sup>5</sup> O that my ways were made so direct : that I might keep thy statutes!

<sup>6</sup> So shall I not be confounded : while I have respect unto all thy commandments.

<sup>7</sup> I will thank thee with an unfeigned heart : when I shall have learned the judgements of thy righteousness.

<sup>8</sup> I will keep thy statutes : O forsake me not utterly.

**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 448**

*1 St. John 4:7 - 21*

A reading from the First Letter of John.

*At the end of the reading*

*All*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing*

**Be thou my Guardian and my Guide**

## Gradual Hymn | **# 369**

*Tune: ABRIDGE*

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

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 450**

*St Luke 16. 19 - 31*

*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 for the Creed, all reciting together*

## The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Thomas Jacob, *Cathedral Presbyter*

# Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All stand*

The Peace

*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.

*All*

**and also with you.**

*Members of the congregation greet one another with 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 | # 467

**Oft in danger, oft in woe**

*Tune: UNIVERSITY COLLEGE*

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*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*Kneel as able to sit*

The Intercession | **page 270**

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

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The Communion | **page 284**

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion*

*While seated, we sing*

Hymn | # 312

**Here, O my Lord, I see thee face to face**

*Tune: ALL SOULS*

*All stand*

The Blessing

*Bishop*

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you,  
may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you,  
may the gifts of the Spirit equip you  
to serve and worship God;  
† 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 | **# 259**

**Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go**

*Tune: DUKE STREET (# 167)*

The Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

*Presbyter*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All*

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

Postlude

Postlude in D - Healey Willan (1880 - 1968)

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The congregation is requested to REMAIN in their seats till the postlude is over. The **welcome felicitation** for our new Presbyter, the Revd. Thomas Jacob, his wife Dr. (Mrs.) Sybil Thomas and their children Ashray and Alisha will take place **soon after the service.**

After the felicitation all proceed to the porch for coffee and cake.

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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.



## Felicitation to Welcome the Revd Thomas Jacob and family

### **Getting to know our new Presbyter      The Reverend Thomas Jacob**

The Revd Thomas Jacob completed his Bachelor of Divinity (BD) in 1996. He has done his Master of Theology (M.Th.) in Christian Ministry (Christian Education) from the Senate of Serampore.

Father Jacob has worked among university and college students through the *Union Evangelical Students of India (UESI)* affiliated to the *International Fellowship of Evangelical Students (IFES)*, for 11 years.

Father Jacob has been a presbyter in the Diocese of Bombay since 2007. He has been the Diocesan Secretary since 2023 and is currently the Secretary of the Liturgical Commission of the Synod of the Church of North India.

His wife, Dr. Sybil Thomas is the Principal of St. Andrew's College, Bandra. Their son Ashray is working and their daughter Alisha is a student.

Father Thomas Jacob will serve this Cathedral in a long line of Cathedral Chaplains and Presbyters going back all the way to 1718.

We pray for Father Thomas Jacob and his family as they begin their ministry in the Cathedral.

### ~ Birthdays this Week ~

*"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."*

Psalm 118. 24

Kingston Singh (7), Rekha Solomon Raj (7), Olive Singh (8), Aditya Salvi (9),  
Reuben Paul (9), M. Junoliya Raj (9), Soni Singh (10), Rohan Banja (11),  
Susan Frazer (11), Joanna Dawson (12), Ankita Roberts (13)

### ~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

*"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another,  
God lives in us and His love is made complete in us." | John 4:12*

Revd. Thomas Jacob & Dr. (Mrs.) Sybil Thomas (12),  
Mr. Sandeep Pathak & Mrs. Hephzibah Pathak (13)

## Notices

- After today the choir will be on their annual summer break. They will resume singing Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2026. We encourage more people to join. If you like singing and can make a weekly commitment, please meet the Presbyter.

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Grant wisdom and integrity to the leaders of nations, compassion to those who exercise power, strength to aid workers and peace-makers, and hope to all who suffer. Draw the peoples of the world into your kingdom of justice, mercy, and peace, that swords may be beaten into plough-shares, fear may give way to trust, and all people may know the dignity and freedom that you desire for them.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for the grieving families of victims of fires in a hotel in south Delhi and an apartment in Noida. Pray for greater accountability and responsibility in implementing fire safety measures • For the bereaved families who lost their loved ones in the Jabalpur boat tragedy. • For relief from the scorching heatwave being experienced in many parts of the country. As the South West Monsoon advances, we pray for safety from flash floods and landslides.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** St. Barnabas, Apostle is commemorated on 11<sup>th</sup> June • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Scottish Episcopal Church and Archbishop Mark Strange.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Pune and Bishop Alfred Tiwade • The Diocese of Krishna-Godavari and Bishop Tanteputi George Cornelious.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For the newly ordained presbyters in the Diocese: Revd Marshal Dhinakaran, Revd Richa Uzgare, Revd Sagar Bansode and Deacons: Mr. Jerin Titus, Mr. K. Prince Joseph Soundararaj. For all those presbyters who have been assigned charge of new pastorates beginning this month: Revd. T. Jacob (the Cathedral), Revd. A. Rangayya (St. Stephen's Church, Bandra), Revd. K. I. Dyvasirvadham (All Saints' Church, Malabar Hill) and Revd J. Roland (Afghan church, Wesley church and the chaplaincy of Wilson College).

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all senior citizens and their care providers • For the Revd. Thomas Jacob as he begins his ministry in the Cathedral. Pray for him and his family.

### 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 during term time            |

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