



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

A Prayer for Rain

ALMIGHTY GOD, we are in need of rain.

Our lives are dependent on you.

After the scorching days of summer,
the parched earth is yearning for rain.

Have mercy on our land
and send rain so that life may flourish.

Then the land will rejoice,
rivers and lakes will sing your praises,
And human hearts will be made glad.

Send us, we beseech thee, in this our necessity,
such moderate rain and showers,
that we may receive the fruits of the earth to our comfort,
and to thy honour; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.



The Third Sunday after Trinity

Holy Communion

Sunday 21st June 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*.



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The Result of real repentance

The story of Manasseh in 2 Chronicles 33:9-16 serves as a powerful example of the transformative power of repentance.

Manasseh led Judah and the people of Jerusalem astray, so that they did more evil than the nations the Lord had destroyed before the Israelites. The Lord spoke to Manasseh and his people, but they paid no attention.

God brought the Assyrian army against him, taking him prisoner in Babylon. In his distress, Manasseh, sought the favour of the Lord his God and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers.

Manasseh's story demonstrates that repentance can lead to transformation and restoration. When we humble ourselves before God and turn from our sin, He can bring about remarkable changes in our lives and communities. May we learn from Manasseh's example and seek to live lives of obedience and worship to God.

Questions to R-E-F-L-E-C-T:

R-ecognizing sins in life

What areas of my life need repentance?

E-mbracing God's discipline

How have I responded to God's correction or discipline in the past, and what can I learn from those experiences?

F-aithfully asking God in prayer

How can I faithfully seek God's favour and humbly ask for His mercy, like Manasseh did in his distress?

L-istening to God's Word

How can I listen to God's response to my prayers and what can I expect from Him when I repent?

E-mulating Manasseh

What changes can I make in my life to emulate Manasseh's transformation and how can I restore my relationship with God?

C-ommitment to obedience

How can I commit to living a life of obedience and worship to God and what steps can I take to ensure I remain faithful?

T-ransformation in living

What areas of my life need transformation and how can I trust God to bring about remarkable changes in me and my community?

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude & Fugue in g minor, BWV 558 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Meditation - Arthur Somervell (1863 - 1937)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome & Opening Prayer

All stand and join in singing

The Entrance Hymn | # 365

All people that on earth do dwell

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 453**

All say together

The Lesson | **page 453**

2 Chronicles 33:9 - 13

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for the Psalm

Turn over

All stand and read the text in bold

Psalm
119: 17 - 24

Retribuere servo tuo

17. **O DO** well unto thy servant : that I may live, and keep thy word.
18. **Open thou mine eyes : that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.**
19. I am a stranger upon earth : **O** hide not thy commandments from me.
20. **My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire : that it hath alway unto thy judgements.**
21. Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from thy commandments.
22. **O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept thy testimonies.**
23. Princes also did sit and speak against me : but thy servant is occupied in thy statutes.
24. **For thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.**

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 454**

| St. Peter 5:5 - 11

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn | **# 499**

There's a wideness in God's mercy v.v. 1, 2, 3 & 4 *Tune: DAILY, DAILY (#568)*

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | page 455

St Luke 15:1 - 7

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to 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.**

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

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

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915) Music: William Doane (1832 - 1915)

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | page 265

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Thomas Jacob, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant God will speak peace to His people,
to those who turn to Him in their hearts.

cf Psalm 85.8; 1 Samuel 12.20

All 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

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

**Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.**

2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.**
4. **When we've been there ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise
than when we'd first begun.**

Words: John Newton (1725 - 1807)

Tune: NEW BRITAIN

Please kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Holy God, you have given us your only Son to be for us, both a sacrifice for sin, and an example of Godly life; give us the grace to thankfully receive this wonderful gift, and to always strive ourselves to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life. Lord in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

Everlasting God, we pray for the Church, both here in The Diocese of Bombay and throughout the world, and all who call themselves Christians, that they may go forward in unity and strength.

Guide us all in our ministries as we live each day.

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

Creator God, we pray for people in parts of the world where life is precarious, whether through disaster, poverty, disease, or war. We pray for peace on earth and goodwill between all people. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Father God, we pray today for our friends, our families and our Christian community, that united by our common baptism we may always welcome the newcomer, the stranger and all who are vulnerable.

Help us always to follow Jesus' words and advice on hospitality and generous giving and realise that accepting someone's help is as good as giving someone help.

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

Gracious God, We pray for all who suffer in body, mind or spirit and for those who care for them.

We pray for the sick; for those who mourn; for those without faith, hope or love.

We especially pray for those who are unwell in our congregation. Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God, we remember before God those who have died and those who are bereaved by their passing.

Your son taught us that life is eternal and that love cannot die.

Continued

Open our eyes to see more clearly,
and draw us closer to you, so that we may know
we are nearer to our loved ones, who are with you.
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer** .

Faithful God in the week that lies before us
may we reflect your love in our families,
our church and our community and in doing so,
show everyone we meet that we are followers of Christ
with a true desire to draw them into our Christian faith.

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 | **# 574**

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Tune: KINGSFOLD

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May the God of all grace, who heard the cries of
Manasseh in his deepest affliction, meet you in your own
places of distress.

Go forward in His immeasurable mercy—turning away from
former things and walking in the transforming grace that
makes all things new.

† And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

**There shall be showers of blessing;
This is the promise of love;
There shall be seasons refreshing,
Sent from the Savior above.**

*Refrain: Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.*

2. **There shall be showers of blessing,
Precious reviving again;
Over the hills and the valleys,
Sound of abundance of rain.**
3. **There shall be showers of blessing:
Send them upon us, O Lord;
Grant to us now a refreshing,
Come and now honour Thy Word.**
4. **There shall be showers of blessing:
O, that today they might fall,
Now as to God we're confessing,
Now as on Jesus we call.**

Words: D. W. Whittle (1840 - 1901)

Music: James McGlanahan (1840 - 1907)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Trumpet tune on, 'Kingsfold'
('I heard the voice of Jesus say') - Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

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 ~

"May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."

Psalm 20:4

Mr. Mani Thomas (21), Mr. Gladston Somervell (21),
Mr. Daniel Francis (23), Mr. Veeradasari Jayapaul (23), Mr. Daniel Phillips (26),
Mr. Laukik Telgote (26), Mr. Vijay Godwin (27)

Notices

- The ordination service of Deacon K. Prince Joseph Soundararaj will take place on Thursday 25th June 2026 at 11 a.m. in the Church of St John the Evangelist (Afghan War Memorial), Colaba.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children regularly for Sunday school classes. Classes have resumed last week.
- The Cathedral choir will resume singing from next Sunday after their summer break. More voices are welcome. Please meet the Presbyter if you like singing and can make a weekly commitment.
- A book on the history of the Cathedral is available. Contact the Presbyter.

THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

24th June

ALMIGHTY GOD, by whose providence your servant John the Baptist was wonderfully born, and sent to prepare the way of your Son our Saviour by preaching repentance: Make us so to follow his teaching and holy life, that we may truly repent according to his preaching; and, following his example, constantly speak the truth, boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

A Prayer for Father's Day

21st June



Thank you, God,
for all who show a father's love in our world.
Thank you for those who are special to us.
Be close to those who are sad today.
Help us know that you, our Father, are always close.
In Jesus' name.
Amen.

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 a.m. |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.
during term time |

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** God of peace, we give thanks for every sign that violence may be restrained and lives spared in the Middle East. Where commitments to end military operations have been made, may they be honoured by all parties; may trust be built, and destroyed homes and lives restored. We continue to pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia. May a just and lasting settlement be negotiated for the benefit of all afflicted by that conflict: the homeless, the children living in fear, and the families who mourn. Shape us as people of peace in our own homes and communities. Make us ready to listen, steady in support, and generous in comfort, that your healing purpose may be known through us.

† **OUR COUNTRY** The Monsoons have not yet reached all parts of the sub-continent this year. Let us pray in earnest for adequate rainfall. Pray for farmers in particular. As the government takes preventive action to conserve water; may there be a spirit of responsibility and understanding among people • Pray for families who have lost loved ones in Assam, Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim due to floods and landslides. Pray for relief and rescue operations • Three Indian seafarers were killed when the US military struck their tanker. A fourth, Second Officer died while awaiting medical evacuation after his ship was diverted. Pray for the bereaved families and for the safety of all seafarers in the Gulf region • May God give wisdom to all in government as they balance crises response (Hormuz deaths, floods), pressures on the economy and upcoming diplomatic engagements

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** On 24th June with the Church universal we give thanksgiving for John the Baptist, the forerunner of Christ • 25th June is observed as World Seafarer's Day. Pray for the work and mission of *The Mission to Seafarers* . This is an organisation working in over 200 ports providing help and support to the 1.89 million crewmen and women who face danger every day to keep our global economy afloat • In the Anglican Communion, for The Church of South India and the Most Revd Reuben Mark (Moderator).

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Diocese of Nagpur and its newly consecrated Bishop the Rt Revd Paranjyothy Sandela • The Diocese of Rayalaseema and Bishop P. I. Vara Prasad.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the work and mission of the branch of *The Mission to Seafarers* in our City (Ballard Estate) and the Chaplain Revd Nitin Dethé.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For the office bearers of the Pastorate Committee.

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