



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

Since 1718



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

Sundays 7 a.m. Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 a.m. Eucharist (*sung*)

Weekdays 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a time of quiet prayer and reflection

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Romans 8: 12 - 17

What Paul is saying in his letter to the Romans 8, is for those who have encountered Jesus Christ, there is a completely new identity. In other words, not everybody is a child of God. Some people teach that, and in a sense it's true. When Paul spoke in Athens, he quoted one of their poets: "For we are indeed his offspring" (*Acts 17:28*). What Paul means is that we are all related. Every human being was created by God in his image. But that's not what Paul is talking about in Romans 8. In Romans 8, he is distinguishing between two types of people: those who are children of God, and those who aren't. Not everyone has this privilege. If you have encountered God's grace through Jesus Christ, then you have a completely new identity: you are a child of God. The gospel of John says, "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God" (*John 1:12*).

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 26th July 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 *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude & Fugue in G, Op. 37 No. 2 ... Felix Mendelssohn (1820 - 1891)

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier. BWV 633 ... Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

The Lord is in His holy temple,
let all the earth keep silence before Him.

Words: Psalm 11:4 Music: William J. Kirkpatrick (1838 - 1921)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

As we gather, we come together

All

as people of the cross and resurrection.

We come as children of the Father.

**Reconciled by grace through the Son
and filled with God's love through the Spirit.**

May Your Holy Spirit inspire our praise and our prayers.

**To You alone, life-giving God,
belongs all praise and honour and glory and blessing,
now and to the end of time.**

Amen.

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 145

Come, ye faithful

Tune: NEANDER

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 466**

Said together by all

The Lesson | **page 466**

Jeremiah 23:16 - 24

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

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

Sung by the choir to a chant by Dupuis

Psalm

119: 57 – 64

Portio mea, Domine

⁵⁷ THOU art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep thy law.

⁵⁸ I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.

⁵⁹ I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

⁶⁰ I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep Thy commandments.

⁶¹ The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : but I have not forgotten Thy law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee : because of Thy righteous judgements.

⁶³ I am a companion of all them that fear Thee : and keep Thy commandments.

⁶⁴ The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy : O teach me Thy statutes.

All stand
(sung by the choir)

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

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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

- ^{1.} Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain This is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Saviour all the day long;
 this is my story, this is my song,
 praising my Saviour all the day long.*

- ^{2.} Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending, bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

- ^{3.} Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Saviour am happy and blest;
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Music: Phoebe Knapp (1839 - 1908)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." *John 8:31-32*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 467**

St Matthew 7:15 - 21

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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, 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 Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one
body by the cross. We meet in His name and share His
peace.

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

Soldiers of Christ arise

Hymn at the Offertory | # 219

Tune: ST. ETHELWAD

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

In this time of prayer we thank you
for supplying all our needs
and offer you the love of our hearts
as we pray for our Diocese and Cathedral
with all its varied ministries. Lord, in your mercy:

All

Hear, our prayer.

Creator God we pray for those
throughout the world who are physically hungry.
Help us to be diligent in prayer and generous
in giving to those agencies which try to alleviate their
suffering. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear, our prayer.

Father God, we raise before you
our homes and our relationships for you to work in.
We thank you for the community to
which we belong.

Help us, to make our own contribution to the community
and to learn to be good neighbours at all times.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear, our prayer.

Loving God we place in your hands those who are sick.
Be present with them through the support of friends and in
the care of doctors and nurses. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear, our prayer.

Merciful God we offer our thanks
for lives well lived but now come to an end.

Be close to those bereaved by their passing and console
them with your unfailing love.

Hear, our prayer.

Continued

Presbyter Pray for the youth and everyone gathered at Jantar Mantar in New Delhi.
Pray for wisdom, peace, and restraint.
Pray for the government, our police forces,
and all those entrusted with maintaining law and order.
May truth, justice, and God's peace prevail over our nation.
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 | **# 157**

Breathe on me, Breath of God

Tune: TRENTHAM

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

Please be seated for the announcements

All stand

The Blessing

The Presbyter "There is therefore now no condemnation to them
which are in Christ Jesus, who walk not after the flesh,
but after the Spirit."
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 | # 140

All hail the power of Jesus' name *omit v.v. 2 & 3 **

Tune: MILES LANE

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

“Sing to the Lord” ... Lani Smith (1934 - 2015)

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.



The Collect for

ST JAMES THE APOSTLE

25th July



GRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James,
leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient
unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him;
so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections,
may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 |

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are placed
in loving memory of Mrs. Vijaya Mayadas
(mother of Colonel Dhyani Mayadas) and
Colonel Parvez Andrews
(father of Dr. Mrs. Jyotsna Mayadas)*

The birth anniversaries of whom fall on 27th July

~ Birthdays this Week ~

*"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy
in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."*

Psalms 16:11

Mr. Colin Dawson (27), Dr. (Mrs.) Jyotsna Mayadas (29),
Ms. Mahima Moses (30), Mr. Daniel Sathia Raj (31),
Captain Reuben Jadhav (1st August), Mishal Aravind (1)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Mr. Ravi Sathe & Mrs. Farah Nariman (27),
Mr. P.V. George & Mrs. Elizabeth George (31)

Announcements

- The **annual general meeting** (AGM) of the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (**WFCS**) will be held on Sunday 9th August 2026 immediately after the 8:45 am service.
- There is a **Eucharist service** (said) every **Sunday at 7 am**. Let family and friends know if they would like to attend an earlier service on Sundays.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted on Sunday 23rd August 2026 at 10:45 am. The quiz will have objective type questions based on Psalm 119: 1 - 72 (open Bible), the Book of Haggai and the Book of Zephaniah. Refer the *New King James Version (NKJV)*. Please register your name with Ms. Violet Truman by paying ₹100/-.
- Carry this service bulletin home with you and share it with a friend. Kindly avoid leaving it behind.

Commemorating the Church Fathers

IGNATIUS LOYOLA 1491 – 1556 (*commemorated by the Church on 31 July*): founded the order of the Jesuits (the Society of Jesus). Ignatius was chosen as the first Superior General of his religious order, invested with the title of *Father General* by the Jesuits. He sent his companions as missionaries to create schools, colleges, and seminaries.

Prayer for Generosity

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Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you deserve;
to give and not to count the cost,
to fight and not to heed the wounds,
to toil and not to seek for rest,
to labour and not to ask for reward,
save that of knowing that I do your will.

~ Ignatius Loyola

We give thanks to God for the life and witness of Ignatius Loyola and remember in our prayers the mission and work of the Jesuits especially in the field of education.

MARTHA & MARY of BETHANY

commemorated 29 July

O God, heavenly Father, your Son Jesus Christ
enjoyed rest and refreshment in the home of Mary and Martha of Bethany:
Give us the will to love you, open our hearts to hear you,
and strengthen our hands to serve you in others for his sake;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.

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Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany were a family and very close friends of Jesus. Mary and Martha were disciples of Jesus who offered him hospitality. Martha provided him food and other courtesies. Mary, who chose the “better part,” sat at Jesus’ feet and listened to his teaching. The story shows clearly that these two women were disciples of Jesus (Luke 10:38-42). The Gospel of John (11:1-44) records that Jesus restored Lazarus to life after Lazarus had died and been in the tomb for four days. Prior to this miracle, Martha states her belief that Jesus is “the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world” (Jn 11:27). In some traditions, Mary is identified with Mary Magdalene. Very little is known about the family outside the biblical stories. The Lutheran calendar includes Lazarus in this commemoration. The two sisters are commemorated in the Anglican calendar of the church year on 29th July.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Pray for peace in all areas of the world facing conflict and war. For all displaced communities. Pray for those working towards peace and reconciliation.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray at this time for the protests being held by the youth of our country. Let those whose policies affect the lives of many, listen with empathy and act with kindness keeping the interests of people in their hearts. Pray for safety and restraint on all sides amid the protests; wisdom for leaders navigating this unrest; healing for the injured. Pray for justice and reconciliation across the nation • Jammu & Kashmir, Nagaland and Assam have been hit by flash floods and landslides. We pray for the grieving families and for the safety of all people.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** We remember with the Church universal Martha and Mary (commemorated 29th July) • Thanksgiving for the life and witness of Ignatius Loyola (31st July) and the ministry of the Jesuits • In the worldwide *Anglican Communion* for the Anglican Church of Tanzania and Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Pray for greater transparency and accountability in matters of property. The Diocese of Barrackpore (CNI) and Bishop Subrata Chakrabarty • the Diocese of North Karnataka (CSI) and Bishop Martin Borgai

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for Saint James's Church, Thane and the Revd Rajendra J. Bhonsle.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for the ministry of the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS).

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