



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

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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

Reflections on 2 Corinthians 3:4 - 10

The Epistle this morning is part of Paul's defence of his behaviour and of his credentials with the Christian community in Corinth

Paul affirms that: *...the written letters bring death, but the Spirit gives life*. The law tends to bring judgement on people, but the Spirit gives life and renewal. The law points out the limits for people's behaviour – 'Don't do this', 'Don't do that'. The Spirit calls forward to a much deeper level of living.

Spiritual freedom that we have in Christ is the most powerful freedom that there is. It is the freedom of being free from the guilt, burden and bondage of sin. By his death on the cross and his resurrection, Jesus has won the victory over sin and broke the chains of bondage that hold us back from living a life of joy and freedom.

As a result of what Christ accomplished on the cross, we have the freedom of access to God's presence. Just as Moses had the freedom to relate to God without the veil in His presence, so we have freedom because of the presence of the Holy Spirit.

When we have the Spirit of the Lord governing our lives, we are freed from the blindness of the mind, and the hardness of the heart. We are also freed from the yoke of ceremonial law, and from the bond of corruption. The heart is set at liberty, to order life according to God's word, and live it to its fulness.

Jesus said that he had not come to abolish the Law, but to fulfil it. In doing so, he simply left it behind.

For if what was going to fade was glorious, how much more will what endures be glorious.

The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 23rd August 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

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Open my eyes, that I may see
glimpses of truth Thou hast for me;
place in my hands the wonderful key,
that shall unclasp and set me free.
Silently now I wait for Thee,
ready, my God, Thy will to see;
open my eyes, illumine me,
Spirit divine!

Clara Scott (1841 - 1897)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

We come into God's presence
not with hidden faces or fear, but with open hearts.

All

Christ has made us new.

With unveiled faces,
let us look upon the splendour of the Lord.

**As we behold His glory,
the Spirit changes us day by day.**

From glory to glory,
He shapes us into the likeness of His Son.

**Open our eyes, Lord. Fill this place with Your Spirit.
Let us worship God together.**

All join in singing the hymn
Love divine, all loves excelling

The Entrance Hymn | # 131

Tune: LOVE DIVINE

Please be seated

All say together

The Prayer of Preparation | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | page 477

Said together by all

The Lesson | 477

Exodus 34:29 - 35

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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

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

Psalm

119: 89 – 96

In aeternum, Domine

O LORD, thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

⁹⁰ Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

⁹¹ They continue this day according to thine ordinance : for all things serve thee.

⁹² If my delight had not been in thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

⁹³ I will never forget thy commandments : for with them thou hast quickened me.

⁹⁴ I am thine, O save me : for I have sought thy commandments.

⁹⁵ The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider thy testimonies.

⁹⁶ I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

*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

The Epistle| **page 478**

2 Corinthians 3:4 - 10

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 | **# 408**

O God, whose will is life and good

Tune: ST. PETER (# 122)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 478**

St Mark 7:31 - 37

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

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant God will speak peace to His people,
to those who turn to Him in their hearts.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **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

Song at the Offertory

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**When we walk with the Lord
in the light of his word,
what a glory he sheds on our way!
While we do his good will,
he abides with us still,
and with all who will trust and obey.**

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

2. **Not a burden we bear,
not a sorrow we share,
but our toil he doth richly repay;
not a grief or a loss,
not a frown or a cross,
but is blest if we trust and obey.**

Continued

³ **But we never can prove
the delights of his love
until all on the altar we lay;
for the favour he shows,
for the joy he bestows,
are for them who will trust and obey.**

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

⁴ **Then in fellowship sweet
we will sit at his feet,
or we'll walk by his side in the way;
what he says we will do,
where he sends we will go;
never fear, only trust and obey.**

Words: John H. Sammis (1846 - 1919)

Music: Daniel B. Towner (1850 - 1919)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Everlasting God, as you look down on our church family assembled here and online, we thank you for the opportunity to worship together.

Thank you for the love that unites us, for the peace we enjoy today and for the hopes we have for tomorrow.

We thank you too for the health we enjoy,
for the work that keeps us cheerfully occupied,

for the food that sustains us,

for the beauty around us that make our lives delightful
and for our friends in every corner of the world.

Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Lord, we ask you to guide your Church

especially when differences amongst us
seem to threaten our relationships with each other.

We face each other, but often do not see the face.

We too easily make 'an other' of one another.

Continued. Turn over.

Help us now to look again, to see Jesus in the face
and to recognise hopes, aspirations and desires.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Creator God

pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for Paritosh, our
Moderator; Reuben, the Moderator of the Church of South
India; for Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the
Mar Thoma Church; for Prabhu our Bishop
and Thomas our Presbyter. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Father God,

help us always to love our family, friends and neighbours
as ourselves, especially praying for those
who do not carry the cross

and follow Jesus as a disciple. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Gracious God,

sometimes life seems out of control,
and we don't know exactly which direction to take,
especially when we are, or someone we know is ill.
Thank you for overseeing our lives
and prompting us in the right way
through your word and your spirit.

We raise before you now those on our prayer lists
and those causing us concern. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Merciful God,

we remember, those who have died
and for those who are saddened by their passing.
Be with the bereaved in their loneliness
and give them the faith

to look beyond their present troubles
to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again
and who lives for evermore. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Faithful God,

we praise you for all you have done in the past;
we look forward with thankfulness
for all you will do in the future,

Continued

and we thank you for today
and all your blessings we experience.
The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.
May he soon touch our ears to receive his word,
and our mouth to proclaim his faith,
to the praise and glory of God the Father.
Ephphatha, be opened!

Merciful Father:

All

**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 | **# 261**

Once, only once and once for all

Tune: ALBANO

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

Let grace and peace be upon our lives
even as we depart from this place.
“*Ephphatha*,” that is, “Be opened!”
If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.
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 | # 458

Forth in the peace of Christ we go

Tune: DUKE STREET

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

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 ~

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Ephesians 2: 10

Mr. Vasanth Moses (23), Mr. Sean Mathew (25),
Mr. Harshad Wairagar (26), Ms. Maya Chacko (26), Mrs. Agrima Bhasin (26),
Miss Almara Khan (26), Mr. Kevin Gladstone (26)

~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more
in knowledge and depth of insight."*

Philippians 1:9

Mr. Charles Aravind & Mrs. Sony Pandian(24),
Mr. Joseph Lonappan & Mrs. Ria George (24)

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

• 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

Announcements

- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted this morning 10:45 a.m. 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/-
- **Confirmation classes** will commence shortly. Candidates who are interested, and are above 14 years, may give their names to the Presbyter.
- We thank Mr. John Sunil Samuel Raj for playing the organ at the service this morning. John is the organist of St. Stephen's Church, Bandra.
- The **Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service** (WFCS) is organizing a one day seminar on the theme "Grow in Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). This will be on Wednesday 26th August from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. James's Church, Thane. Registration Fee: ₹100/-.
- **.Drawing Competition** for Sunday school children - Stage one in respective churches this morning during Sunday school classes. Stage two (final round) on 14th September at the Diocesan level (venue to be announced).
- Carry this service bulletin home with you and share it with a friend. Please do not leave it behind.

The Collect for

SAINT BARTHOLOMEW

24th August

O Almighty and everlasting God,
who didst give to thine apostle Bartholomew
grace truly to believe and to preach thy Word:
Grant, we beseech thee, unto thy Church to love what he believed
and to preach what he taught;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee
and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Pray with us

† **FOR THE WORLD** We continue to pray for areas in the world affected by natural calamities • Pray for a lasting solution to the long drawn out conflict between Russia and Ukraine • For an end to the hostilities in the Middle East • We pray for wisdom for those managing Ebola outbreak in the Republic of Congo

† **FOR OUR COUNTRY** Pray for communities in Gujarat and Rajasthan grappling with the Chandipura Virus disease outbreak and for the response of health workers • For all who guard our coasts and borders • Prayers for the security forces conducting search operations in Poonch, Jammu & Kashmir and for peace and protection for civilians in the region • Prayers for children and families affected by online harm • As we remember those most vulnerable in our country, let us pray: For God's comforting presence to the grieving, healing to the injured, protection to those in harm's way and wisdom to those in positions of leadership.

† **FOR THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Feast Day of St. Bartholomew, Apostle and Martyr falls tomorrow. St. Bartholomew, a doctor in the Jewish law, was a dear friend of St. Philip the Apostle. Because Bartholomew was a man "*in whom there was no guile*" his mind was open to the truth. He went willingly with Philip to see Christ, and recognized the Saviour immediately as the Son of God • In the worldwide *Anglican Communion* for The Church of the Province of West Africa and Archbishop Dr. Cyril Kobina Ben-Smith

† **FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Chandigarh (CNI) and Bishop Darbara Singh • The Diocese of Kollam-Kottarakkara (CSI) and Bishop Jose George.

† **FOR THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Francis's Church, Panvel and the Revd Anand Borde.

† **FOR OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for the ministry of the Cathedral's Youth Fellowship.

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