



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

We are all neighbours:

reflecting on the parable of the Good Samaritan

A lawyer stood up to put Jesus to the test, saying, "Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?" He said to him, "What is written in the Law? How do you read it?" And he answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself." And he said to him, "You have answered correctly; do this, and you will live."



Gentle God,
fill us with compassion
so we may imitate your love
caring for our neighbours,
both near and far.
Amen.

The Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 30th 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

Fantasia Samuel Scheidt (1587 - 1654)

Adagio from Op, 65, No. 1 Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

When all thy mercies, O my God,
my rising soul surveys,
transported with the view, I'm lost
in wonder, love, and praise.

Words: Joseph Addison (1672 - 1719)

Tune: Contemplation
Frederick A. G. Ouseley (1825 - 89)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

All

Gather us in, Lord, and hear our prayers.

**We have come to this place
in need for healing and hope.**

Jesus tells us to love the Lord our God with all our heart,
soul, strength, and mind—and to love our neighbour as
ourselves.

**Lord, open our eyes
to see the needs of those around us.**

When the wounded and the weary are passed by,
Christ calls us to stop, to care, and to draw near.

Let us go and do likewise.

Let us worship God together.

All join in singing the hymn

God is Love

Please be seated

The Entrance Hymn | # 365

Tune: adapted BLAENWERN, 464

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | page 479

Sung by the choir to a setting by John Goss (1800 - 80)

The Lesson | 479

Leviticus 19:13 - 18

A reading from the Book of Leviticus.

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 J. Turle*

Psalm

119:97 - 104

Quomodo dilexi!

LORD, what love have I unto thy law : all the day long is my study in it.

⁹⁸ Thou through thy commandments hast made me wiser than mine enemies : for they are ever with me.

⁹⁹ I have more understanding than my teachers : for thy testimonies are my study.

¹⁰⁰ I am wiser than the aged : because I keep thy commandments.

¹⁰¹ I have refrained my feet from every evil way : that I may keep thy word.

¹⁰² I have not shrunk from thy judgements : for thou teachest me.

¹⁰³ O how sweet are thy words unto my throat : yea, sweeter than honey unto my mouth.

¹⁰⁴ Through thy commandments I get understanding : therefore I hate all evil ways.

*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 480**

St. James 2:14 - 18

A reading from the letter of James.

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 | **# 374**

Help us to help each other, Lord

Tune: DUNFERMLINE

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

God is love;

let us love one another as God has loved us.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 480**

St. Luke 10:23 - 37

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.

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Thomas Jacob, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

As we are forgiven and reconciled to God
through Christ Jesus, let us be reconciled to each other.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

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 | # 244

Hark, my soul, it is the Lord

Tune: ST. BEES

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All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Through these prayers we come with openness to
express our concerns for the Church and the world,
to the God of compassion and gracious understanding.

Lord in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

Continued

Intercessor

Everlasting God,
whenever we start to get offended by your generosity
or open-mindedness, give us the grace to repent
and join your rejoicing.

Guard the Church against self-righteousness
and all rules and limits which you would not own,
but keep always before us the rule of love.

Lord in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

Creator God,

increase in us love not only for the victims
but for the perpetrators of evil and violence in our world;
for all governments which run on corruption and fear.

We pray for a change of heart and attitude,
an awakening to a better way of living,
and the courage to reject wrong principles.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Father God,

we pray for our children and grandchildren who have begun
college or will be shortly going to colleges and universities
to continue their education,

help us pass on to them the wisdom that has been passed
down to us from the generations before us.

Help all students in their daily lessons;

give them the wisdom to listen and learn.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Loving God,

we pray for all offenders in prison,

that on release they will not re-offend but find enough
support to start a new life in the community.

We pray for all who are vulnerable and unable to cope
with the demands of life, for alcoholics, drug addicts
and all who are sick in mind.

We pray for proper, compassionate help for them.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Continued

Intercessor

At this time we offer our prayer for all those affected
by the devastating flash floods in Nepal and Tibet.
We pray for those who are grieving,
and for those who are still waiting for news
of their missing loved ones.
We pray for the emergency workers in the region,
operating in immensely difficult conditions
to rescue people and bring relief.
We pray for those who are injured,
and for the doctors and nurses working tirelessly
to bring healing and rebuild lives.
Into the hands of our loving God,
and in the name of Jesus Christ,
we place all those who watch, wait and weep.
Lord in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God,
we pray for those who have died alone,
un-mourned and unnoticed.
Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

God of love,
may we always see the world through the eyes
of the Good Samaritan
and be filled with your deep compassion.
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 | # 433

When I needed a neighbour

Tune: NEIGHBOUR

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

Show us, O Lord what it means to live in a
community of faith.
You call us to care for the poor
and those in need.
You remind us that a living faith
includes faithful actions and deeds.
Deepen our faith and strengthen our works.
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 | # 515

There's a spirit in the air

Tune: adapted MONKLAND, 204

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Paen Peter Hurford (1930 - 2019)

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 ~

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

Psalm 118:24

Ms. Nita Elizabeth Thomas (30), Mr. James Baker (31),
Mr. Alexander Pankaj (2nd September), Ms. Divyal Debora Salvi

~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness."

Galatians 5: 22

Mr. Koilpillai Ponpandian & Mrs. Helen Ponpandian (1st September)

A Prayer for Teachers

5th September is observed as Teacher's Day in India

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God of love, thank you for every teacher who notices a child's special gift.

Thank you for teachers who are listeners and gentle guides.

Thank you for teachers who expect much and love enough to demand more.

Thank you for the special teacher each one of us remembers.

God of mercy, sustain teachers who give everything they have.

Strengthen teachers who assume the blame

for so many problems beyond their control.

Help exhausted teachers rest.

God of strength, encourage teachers to care and inspire them to nourish.

God of justice, help and support teachers in their special calling,

wherever they teach and whatever obstacles they must face.

We pray these things in the name of our great teacher, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed
in loving memory of
Mrs. Padma Solomon Raj*

(The anniversary of her birth falls on 3rd September)



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 |

Announcements

- **Confirmation classes** will commence shortly. Candidates who are interested, and are above 14 years, may give their names to the Presbyter.
- **Drawing Competition** for Sunday school children - Stage one in respective churches was held last Sunday. Stage two (final round) on 14th September at the Diocesan level (venue to be announced).
- The **Annual General Meeting** (AGM) of St. Thomas's Cathedral is scheduled to be held on Sunday 27th September 2026.
- The flowers in the sanctuary last Sunday were in memory of the late Mrs. Daisy George (beloved mother of Paul, Anne and Susan) on the occasion of her birth anniversary.
- Carry this service bulletin home with you. Please do not leave it behind.

Sadhu Sundar Singh
(1889 - 1929)

The lives of inspiring Christians

Opposition, persecution, and suffering are some of the crosses that all Christians are called to bear in their lives. From Apostle Thomas to Graham Staines, Christian missionaries in India have had heartbreaking share in suffering and martyrdom for their faith. Sadhu Sundar Singh testified, “*Out of my long experience as a Sadhu and Sanyasi for Christ’s sake, I can say with confidence that the Cross will bear those who bear the Cross, until it bears them up to heaven, into the actual Presence of the glorious Redeemer.*”

Not many of us may have noted that Sadhu Sundar Singh was a contemporary of three great sons of India: Gandhi, Tagore, and Radhakrishnan.

From an emerging enemy of the Cross, Sundar became a promising messenger and bearer of the Cross. Sundar was baptized on 3rd September 1905, his sixteenth birthday, in Simla. Sundar had felt the call to carry the Gospel of Christ up in the mountains. These mountains included the regions of Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Nepal, Bhutan, and particularly Tibet.

Sadhu Sundar Singh was last seen in April 1929. It is assumed that he may have either died in the snow mountains, martyred in a persecution in Tibet, or taken by God like Enoch (*Gen. 5:24, Heb. 11:5*). He was a barefoot evangelist and a global messenger of Christ. He modeled a new discipleship. He exemplified a new Christianity after the East.

In addition to rejection and opposition from his family and others, the Sadhu also experienced disappointments from some Christians. Such experiences of disrespect and rejection did not make him bitter. Instead, they drew him close to the experience of Jesus Himself. Jesus was the Suffering Servant. And so was the Sadhu. Their mission was to carry the Cross for the salvation of others.

Sadhu Sundar Singh is commemorated by the Church on 3rd September.

Pray with us

† FOR THE WORLD

Our hearts go out to the many in Nepal at this time as they battle the devastating flash floods. Pray for the ongoing relief and rescue operations • We continue to pray for peace: in Ukraine and Russia, in the Middle East and South Sudan. We pray for those facing the aftermaths of earthquakes in Colombia, Venezuela and Indonesia; all those battling the Ebola virus in central Africa, and seeking to contain the bird-flu outbreak in our own country.

† FOR OUR COUNTRY

Pray for ongoing talks between India and China to clarify their respective perceptions of the Line of Actual Control (LAC)

• As the economy grapples with food inflation, pray for the common man • We continue to pray for an end to violence in the state of Manipur and for long-term understanding between the different communities • For all teachers as the nation remembers with gratitude on 5th September their huge influence in nation-building.

† **FOR THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Martyrs of New Guinea (1942) are commemorated on 2nd September • In the worldwide *Anglican Communion* for The Church in the Province of the West Indies and Archbishop Philip S. Wright.

† **FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Chhattisgarh (CNI) and Bishop Sushma Kumar • The Diocese of Madhya (Central) Kerala (CSI) and Bishop Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian.

† **FOR THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Kurla and the Revd Sunil Awale • For all educational institutions in the Diocese. We give thanks to God for the contribution of teachers.

† **FOR OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for the pupils, teachers, Principal and Board of Governors of the Cathedral & John Connon School. We give thanks to God for the transformative role of teachers over the last 166 years since the foundation of the school.

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