



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

Thanksgiving for the Ministry of Teachers

Beatitudes of the Christian Teacher

Blessed are the teachers who listen to their students,
especially the ones with repeated questions,
for they possess the ears of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who see the needs of their students,
especially the ones unrecognized by others,
for they possess the eyes of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who speak kindly of their students,
especially those without positive motivation,
for they possess the mouth of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who are empathetic to their students,
especially the ones who feel the sting of violence at home,
for they possess the hands of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who think prayerfully of their students,
especially those who don't know God,
for they possess the mind of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers, who walk patiently with their students,
especially the one lacking spiritual guidance,
for they possess the feet of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who persevere in their faith-sharing ministry,
especially when their efforts seem to be in vain,
for they possess the healing presence of Christ
and theirs in the Kingdom of heaven.—*Source Unknown*

5th September is observed as Teacher's Day in India commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan the philosopher President.

The Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist
Sunday 6th September 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

Andante Religioso Léon Boëllmann (1862 - 1897)

Ave Maria... .. Franz Schubert (1797 - 1828)

Lord Jesus be present now BWV 632 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free.
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Words: Washington Gladden (1836 - 1918)

Tune: MARYTON

H. Percy Smith (1825 - 1898)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Lord God,
your spirit of wisdom fills the earth
and teaches us your ways.

All

Look upon all teachers.
Let them strive to share their knowledge with
gentle patience
**and endeavor always
to bring the truth to eager minds.**
Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ,
**the way, the truth, and the life,
forever and ever. Amen.**

All join in singing the hymn
O for a thousand tongues to sing

The Entrance Hymn | # 125

Tune: RICHMOND

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 482**

The Lesson | **page 482**

2 Kings 5:9 - 16

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

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 Baker*

Psalm

119: 105 - 112

Lucerna pedibus meis

THY word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep thy righteous judgements.

¹⁰⁷ I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

¹⁰⁸ Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord : and teach me
thy judgements.

¹⁰⁹ My soul is alway in my hand : yet do I not forget thy law.

¹¹⁰ The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from thy
commandments.

¹¹¹ Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why? they are
the very joy of my heart.

¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes alway : even unto the end.

All stand

*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 483**

Galatians 5:16 - 24

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

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 | **# 240**

Teach me, my God and King

Tune: SANDYS

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your words are spirit, Lord, and they are life:

You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ

St. Matthew 7: 24 - 29

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.

“Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.”

Continued. Turn over.

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, because he taught as one who had authority, and not as their teachers of the law.

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

All sing **My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

***On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand;
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.***

Words: Edward Mote (1797 - 1874)

Tune: SOLID ROCK
William Bradbury (1816 - 1868)

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | page 265

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Father Nigel Barrett
Parish priest, St. Andrew's Church, Bandra

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

cf Galatians 5.22,23

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 | # 394

Lord of all hopefulness

Tune: SLANE # 395

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Almighty God,
we want to get our Christian living
and our discipleship in perspective.
We recognise your desire for us
to strive for a likeness of Jesus your Son
and we have heard the call to holy living.
What a privilege it is to walk in holiness,
pure in thought and deed! Let us pray to the Lord.

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

Merciful God,
we are sorry for not being alert to your Spirit
when you have sought to show us your glory.
Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus,
our light in the darkness,
who leads us to where the spiritual action is taking place
and even uses us to shine light for others
to see the way forward.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Loving God,
we thank you for our teachers who try to mould us into
responsible citizens of our country.
Fill them with your grace
and guard them in every walk of life. Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Gracious God,
we pray that students of today may be guided to respect
the aged, protect the weak, and speak for justice and truth.
Let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, hear our prayer.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor

Faithful God,
we pray that our teachers may be filled with your power
to teach values and virtues that will make the students of
today brave, true and kind
so that they follow in your foot steps.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
God of love,
in our roles as teachers and educators
may we grow each day by inculcating
virtues of service and dedication to the call of our mission.
Make us more sensitive and loving
in imparting knowledge,
especially by turning towards the weak students.
Let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, hear our prayer.**
Everlasting God,
Keep us faithful, keep us joyful,
keep us alert to your Spirit's voice and obedient to respond.
Involve us in the action;
encourage us to be bolder and fearless,
so that we may share in the glories of life in Christ.
Let us pray to the Lord.
**Lord, you being our Great Teacher,
instruct and teach every teacher today,
to handle all of those present day challenges and
move "forward in faith".**

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

**My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine.**

Continued

² **May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.**

³ **While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.**

⁴ **When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Savior, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.**

Words: Ray Palmer (1808 - 1887)

Tune: OLIVET
Lowell Mason (1792 - 1872)

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

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom
fills the earth and teaches us your ways.
Grant that students and teachers alike may follow
Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life,
for ever and ever.
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

**We thank you, God, for teachers Who help us learn your Way,
Who show by their example How we can serve and pray,
Who find great joy in worship, Who listen with concern;
For in their loving witness, They help us want to learn.**

**² We thank you, God, for children And older people, too,
Who value times of learning And want to grow in you,
Who seek your precious kingdom And wisdom from above;
For wise ones of all ages Still seek to learn your love.**

**³ We thank you, God, for families Of every kind and size,
Who keep the vows they spoke when Their children were baptized,
Who pray and read the Bible, Who love and serve the poor;
They teach, by what they value, The way of Christ our Lord.**

**⁴ We thank you, God, for churches That welcome one and all,
That nurture every person In answer to Christ's call.
So fill us with your Spirit, And give us life anew,
That we may help each other Live faithfully in you.**

Words: Revd Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1961

Tune: ELLACOMBE (# 75)

Melody from Württemberg Gesangbuch

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Sound the trumpet Humphey Turner

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.

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 |

~ 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."

Psalm 16:11

Mrs. Swati Verma (7), Mr. Showvick Chakraborti (8),
Mr. Paul George (9), Mr. Roydon Gonsalves (9), Mr. Vivek John (9),
Ms. Joyous Singh (11)

~ 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. Vijay Godwin & Mrs. Teena Sherin (10),
Mr. Paul Sutcliffe & Mrs. Deepa Thomas (12)

Announcements

- We express our thanks to Father Nigel Barrett for preaching to us this morning. Fr. Nigel is the CEO of the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Mumbai Charitable Foundation. He is the Director of the Catholic Communication Centre and the Public Relations Officer of the Conference of Catholic Bishops of India (CCBI).
- **Confirmation classes** will commence shortly. Candidates who are interested, and are above 14 years, may give their names to the Presbyter.
- The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of St. Thomas's Cathedral is scheduled to be held on Sunday 27th September 2026. The draft voters' list is displayed on the notice board. Members are requested to get in touch with the office bearers for any assistance.
- The Diocese is organising a training programme for VBS (Vacation Bible School) directors on 14th and 15th September 2026 (9.30 am to 4 pm) at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Dadar.
- The final round of the Sunday school children's drawing competition will be conducted on 14th September at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Dadar.
- Carry this service bulletin home with you. Make use of the prayer requests in your family devotions.

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of

Mrs. Hannah Ranganadhan

(beloved mother of Dr. Sybil Thomas)

to commemorate the anniversary of her birth on 5th September

Pray with us

† FOR THE WORLD

Continue to pray for the rehabilitation work under way in Nepal and Tibet following the floods last week • We continue to pray for peace: in Ukraine and Russia, in the Middle East and South Sudan • We pray for all those battling the Ebola virus in central Africa.

† FOR OUR COUNTRY

Pray for the teams who are helping restore normalcy in Nepal especially to restore power supply • Pray that policy-makers will be sensitive to environmental concerns. Experts have identified 40 high-hazard glacial lakes in Sikkim, 16 of them at high risk of a glacial lake outburst that could threaten downstream settlements • 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 remembered with gratitude on 5th September their huge influence in nation-building.

† **FOR THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary falls this week on 8th September.

Father in heaven, by your grace the virgin mother of your incarnate Son was blessed in bearing him, but still more blessed in keeping your word:

Grant us who honour the exaltation of her lowliness to follow the example of her devotion to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

• In the worldwide *Anglican Communion* for The Episcopal Province of Alexandria and Archbishop Dr. Samy Fawzy Shehata.

† FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA

For all schools and colleges in the Church of North India and the Church of South India. We give thanks to God for the contribution of teaching and non teaching staff • For The Diocese of Chotanagpur (CNI) and Bishop B.B. Baskey • The Diocese of Malabar (CSI) and Bishop Royce Victor.

† **FOR THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Paul's Church (Tamil Pastorate), Byculla and the Revd P. Abraham • For the Diocese's ministry to children, all Sunday school children and teachers • For all educational institutions in the Diocese.

† **FOR OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for the Cathedral Trustees.

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