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The Church of North India*

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Trinity Sunday



TEXT FOR THE DAY

As its name suggests, Trinity Sunday is a time to focus on the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the teaching that there is one God in three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

*For with your co-eternal Son and Holy Spirit, you are one God,
one Lord, in Trinity of Persons and in Unity of Being;
and we celebrate the one and equal glory of you,
O Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.*

(The Book of Common Prayer)

This Trinity Sunday, we *all* pray for the grace to worship God as He truly is and as He has revealed Himself to be: One God in Three Persons—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Our graphic shows the hand of God the Father, raised in blessing, Jesus as the Lamb of God, and the dove representing the Holy Spirit.

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 4th June 2023 • 8.45 am

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. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 300 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

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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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome

All stand and face the West Door

Opening Acclamation

The Presbyter

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

All

the whole earth is full of his glory.

Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength;

ascribe to the Lord the honour due to His name.

The whole earth is full of His glory.

The Lord shall give strength to His people;

the Lord shall give His people the blessing of peace.

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts:

the whole earth is full of His glory.

All sing

The Entrance Hymn | # 365

All people that on earth do dwell

Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH

All sit

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 444**

Read by the Presbyter

The First Reading | **page 444**

Isaiah 6:1 - 8

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and say the text printed in bold

Adoration of the Trinity

¹ Blessing and honour, thanksgiving and praise, more than we can utter, more than we can conceive, be ascribed to you,

O Holy Trinity, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

² **By all angels, all men and all creatures, for ever and ever.**

Amen and Amen.

³ Holy are you, O God.

⁴ **Holy are you, O God.**

⁵ Holy are you, O Immortal.

⁶ **Holy are you, O Immortal.**

⁷ O Lord, our Redeemer, you were crucified for us;

have mercy on us.

⁸ **O Lord, the Holy Spirit,**

have mercy on us and sanctify us.

⁹ O Lord, accept our prayers and praises,

and have mercy on us and sanctify us.

¹⁰ **To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,**

be honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

All sit

The Second Reading | page 445

Revelation 4:1 - 11

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing

Gradual Hymn | # 162

Holy, Holy, Holy

Tune: NICAEA

Remain standing for the Gospel and the Creed

The Gospel of Christ | page 446

St. John 3:1 - 15

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia, alleluia.



A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,
A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

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 for the Creed, all reciting together

Sermon

Mr. Geogi Eapen Zachariah

(President, Haggai India Mumbai Alumni Association)

Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.
Peace from His Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the triune God be always with you
and also with you.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

and also with you.

While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your Neighbour

Preparation of the Table

The altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine.

At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.

Thank you for your generosity.

All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory | # 372

Bright the vision that delighted

Tune: REDHEAD NO. 46

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

All sit

Intercessor

We come boldly to the throne of grace,
praying to the almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
for mercy and grace.

All

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Father of heaven, whose love profound
a ransom for our souls has found:
We pray for the world, created by your love,
for its nations and governments.
Extend to them your peace, pardoning love,
mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Almighty Son, incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord:
We pray for the Church, created for your glory,
for its ministry to reflect those works of yours.
Extend to us your salvation, growth, mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death:
We pray for families and individuals,
created in your image,
for the lonely, the bereaved, the sick and the dying.
Breathe on them the breath of life
and bring them to your mercy and grace.

We plead before your throne in heaven.

Thrice holy! Father, Spirit, Son,
Mysterious Godhead, Three in One:
We pray for ourselves,
for your Church, for all whom we remember before you.
Bring us all to bow before your throne in heaven,
to receive life and pardon,
mercy and grace for all eternity,
as we worship you, saying,

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Amen.**

The General Confession & Absolution | *page 275, 276*

The Consecration & Proper Preface | *page 277 - 281*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

During the administration of Communion, while seated we sing

Hymn | # 327

Once, only once, and once for all

Tune: ST. ALBANO

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
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 | # 431

Light's abode celestial Salem

Tune: REGENT SQUARE

The Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Presbyter

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.

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

"I thank my God every time I remember you.

In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."

Philippians 1:3-4

Ramani Kumar (6), Moushumi Mandal (6), Rekha Solomonraj (7),

Reuben Paul (9), Aditya Salvi (9), Soni Singh (10)

Notices

- We extend our warm welcome to Mr. Geogi Eapen Zachariah and thank him for preaching this morning. Mr. Zachariah is the President of the Haggai India Mumbai Alumni Association.
- We express our gratitude to Mrs. Meeta Moses and Mrs. Elizabeth Louis for playing the organ and piano at the service this morning.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** The United Nations observes 4th June as the International Day of Innocent Children Victims of Aggression. Pray for the safety of children who are in vulnerable situations and those who care and protect them.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For a peaceful solution to the ongoing conflict in Manipur. For the safety and well being of Christians in the state.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Feast of Corpus Christi falls on 8th June. Let us pray the Church worldwide may seek to be Christ's body on earth and through sharing his life bring life to others. • With the Church universal we remember with thanksgiving the ministry of Boniface, the 8th century bishop, evangelist and martyr (commemorated 5th June). Boniface is often called the apostle of Germany for his role in the Christianization of that country. • Columba of Iona is commemorated on 9th June. Columba was a Gaelic Irish missionary monk. In AD 563 he travelled to Scotland with twelve companions. He was granted land on the island of Iona, off the west coast of Scotland, which became the centre of his evangelising mission. Columba died on Iona and was buried in AD 597 by his monks in the abbey he created. We thank God for his ministry and pray for all institutions named after him (including St. Columba Girls' High School in Mumbai). • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Episcopal/ Anglican Province of Alexandria (Egypt) and the Right Reverend Samy Fawzy.

THE CHURCH IN INDIA We give thanks for the life and ministry of the 19th century English Baptist missionary, William Carey (commemorated 9th June). In 1818 Carey founded Serampore College to train indigenous ministers for the growing Church and to provide education in the arts and sciences to anyone regardless of caste or country. • For the Church of North India's Diocese of Gujarat and the Right Reverend Silvans Christian. • For the Church of South India's Diocese of Jaffna (in northern Sri Lanka) and the Right Reverend Dr.V.Pathmathayalan.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For Bethany Church, Mira Road and the Reverend Suresh Kumar. • For all clergy and laity of the diocese. For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in providing leadership for the Diocese.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all senior citizens and their care providers • For the children and teachers of the Cathedral's Sunday School.

Ecclesiastical Trivia

The celebration of Trinity Sunday was approved for the western church by Pope John XXII in 1334. This feast is associated with Thomas Becket (c. 1118-1170), who was consecrated bishop on Trinity Sunday, 1162. His martyrdom may have influenced the popularity of the feast in England and the custom of naming the remaining Sundays of the church year “Sundays after Trinity.” The Sarum Missal (this was the liturgical form used in most of the churches in English prior to the introduction of the first Book of Common Prayer in 1549) and earlier editions of the Book of Common Prayer named these Sundays the Sundays after Trinity. The 1979 Book of Common Prayer identifies this portion of the church year as the season after Pentecost, and names these Sundays the Sundays after Pentecost. This is the current practice in most churches including the Church of North India and the Church of South India.

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Hymn story “*Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*”

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Bishop Reginald Heber (1783 - 1826)

Bishop Heber was Bishop of Calcutta from 1823 - 1826. He died in Trichy where there is a college named in his memory. This hymn was published after his death and is a popular hymn for Trinity Sunday.

Heber wished to create a set of hymns suitable for each Sunday of the liturgical church year. “Holy, holy, holy” was written for Trinity Sunday, the first Sunday after Pentecost. Heber’s hymn draws largely from Revelation 4:1-11, part of John’s heavenly vision of angelic worship, which relates closely to Isaiah’s vision in Isaiah 6. It contains the glorious “Holy, holy, holy,” known throughout history as the *kedusha*, *trisagion*, *tersanctus* (or simply *Sanctus*), or thrice-holy. One unique feature of Heber’s text is the persistent rhyme of the same sound (y/ee) at the end of all sixteen lines.

The most common tune setting, practically inseparable from Heber's text, *NICAEA*, was written by the Revd John Bacchus Dykes (1823 - 1876).

The tune *NICAEA* is fittingly named after the Council of Nicaea (A.D. 325) at which the Trinity was upheld as an essential doctrine of Christianity. Nicaea was an ancient Greek city in north-western Asia Minor (located in modern day Turkey.)

Prayer to the Holy Trinity

We bind unto ourselves today
The strong name of the Trinity
By invocation of the same,
The Three in One, and One in Three.
Of whom all nature has creation;
Eternal Father, Spirit, Word.
Praise to the Lord of our salvation;
Salvation is of Christ the Lord.
Amen.

(Revd Arnold Ruddat)



The triquetra is an ancient symbol that consists of three interconnected arc shapes which form what is known as a trinity knot.

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