



St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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The Church of North India*

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TEXT FOR THE DAY

*In his distress he sought the favour of the Lord his God
and humbled himself greatly before the God of his ancestors.*

2 Chronicles 33:12

Have you heard about King Manasseh? He was one of the worst kings that ever ruled the people of Judah. The Lord sent prophets to warn Manasseh, but Manasseh did not listen. Not at all. He just kept doing more and more evil.

So the Lord sent the Assyrians to capture Manasseh. The Lord allowed the Assyrians to do this because He wanted to get Manasseh's attention.

Manasseh repented! He was sorry for his sins.

And the Lord, in grace and love, forgave Manasseh and brought him back to Jerusalem.

A wicked king is forgiven by His gracious Father. And God forgives you too. There is no sin that is so great that God will not forgive it. Ask God to forgive you and make you clean again. The Lord, in His covenant love, will certainly forgive you. He will continue to love you and hold on to you as His precious child.

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*During the course of the service, we welcome into the fellowship of the church,
Jayden Knox. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us.
We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.*

The Third Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist † Sunday 25th June 2023 • 8.45 a.m.
with Baptism

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

Voluntary

Prelude on the tune, 'Slane' (Be Thou my vision) Gordon Young (1919 - 1998)

Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier BWV 633 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)
(Dearest Jesu, we are here)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit
Sung by the choir

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
In Him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.
Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

David Evans (b. 1957)

All stand and face the West Door

Opening Acclamation

Presbyter

Blessed be the God of our salvation.

All

Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 470

Praise my soul, the King of heaven

Tune: PRAISE MY SOUL

All sit

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

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Read by the Presbyter

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2 Chronicles 33:9 - 13

A reading from the Second Book of Chronicles.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the choir to a chant by Rimbault

Psalm 119:17 - 24 • *Retribuere servo tuo*

O DO well unto thy servant : that I may live, and keep thy word.

¹⁸ Open thou mine eyes : that I may see the wondrous things of thy law.

¹⁹ I am a stranger upon earth : O hide not thy commandments from me.

²⁰ My soul breaketh out for the very fervent desire : that it hath always
unto thy judgements.

²¹ Thou hast rebuked the proud : and cursed are they that do err from
thy commandments.

²² O turn from me shame and rebuke : for I have kept thy testimonies.

²³ Princes also did sit and speak against me : but thy servant is occupied in
thy statutes.

²⁴ For thy testimonies are my delight : and my counsellors.

All stand

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.

All sit

The Epistle | **page 454**

I St. Peter 5:5 - 11

A reading from the first Letter of Peter.

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 | **# 341**

My God, accept my heart this day

Tune: ST. JAMES

Remaing standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **page 455**

St Luke 15:1 - 7



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



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

*Gospel-
ler*

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

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

All sit

Sermon

The Order of Service

for

Baptism

The baptism of JAYDEN KNOX

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

Children are baptised in response to God's all-embracing love. Parents and godparents who have responded to that love come now to bring this child for baptism.

So we welcome you, Jayden, with your godparents and family. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The Introduction

The parents, the godparents with the child to be baptized assemble at the chancel steps near the vessel containing the water for baptism.

The choir sings

Blessèd Jesu! here we stand,
Met to do as thou hast spoken:
And this child, at thy command,
Now we bring to thee, in token
That to Christ it here is given;
For of such shall be his heaven.

Words: B. Schmolck (1672 - 1737)

Tune: LIEBSTER JESU
Melody by J. R. Ahle (1625 - 73)

The priest says

Hear the gracious words of our Lord Jesus Christ which tell us of God's love and concern for children: "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the Kingdom of God belongs." *Mark. 10.14*

If such is God's love for children, then we can with confidence pray, that He will grant them that gift which will enable them to grow up as His own sons and daughters.

We thank God for Jayden Knox who has come to be baptized today.
Christ loves him and welcomes him into his Church.

Let us pray.

O God our loving Father,
you desire that none of your children should perish,
and you have raised up your Church so that
in its common life your children may receive spiritual nourishment
and grow in your likeness.

We thank you for promising new life and fellowship with you
to those who are born of water and the Holy Spirit.

We thank you for the sacrament of baptism
which signifies that in union with Christ they die to sin
and rise again to newness of life.

All say

**O loving Father,
we bring this child to you,
who alone can renew and save
those who come to you in faith.
Receive him
and make him yours
for ever in the body of Christ;
renew and save him
and make him an instrument
of your redeeming love in the world.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Decision

Priest Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to do far more abundantly than all that we can ask or think, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

Each parent and sponsor (or godparent) make the promises as follows:

Priest: Do you who have brought this child for baptism promise before God and in the presence of this congregation that you will yourself steadfastly affirm and uphold the faith of the Church?

Response **Yes, I do.**

Do you promise to help this child to believe and trust in God the Father almighty, who created heaven and earth?

Yes, I do.

Do you promise to help this child to believe and trust in Jesus Christ, the Son of God who for our salvation died on a cross, was raised from the dead, lives now in glory as the Saviour and Lord of all, and will come again to judge the living and the dead?

Yes, I do.

Do you promise to help this child to believe and trust in the Holy Spirit of God who renews, guides and strengthens the people of God?

Yes, I do.

Do you promise that

by your prayers for this child,
by your own manner of life, and
by your guidance,

you will help him as he grows up

to pray and to worship God,
to study the Bible,
to follow the example and teachings of the Lord Jesus Christ,
to share generously what he has with others and
to take an active part in the Church's witness to Christ?

Yes, I do.

Do you also promise that you will help this child to grow in the knowledge and experience of Christ, that when he comes to the age of discretion, he will be led to make his personal and public profession of faith in Christ and be led into the communicant membership of the Church?

Yes, I do.

Let us pray in silence that the Holy Spirit may enable you to be faithful to your promises.

All keep a moments silence

Do you now wish this child to be baptized?

Yes, I do.

The Blessing of the Water

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks that you have called Jayden to new birth in your Church through the waters of baptism. Pour out your Holy Spirit in blessing and † sanctify this water so that, being baptised in it, he may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection. May he die to sin, rise to newness of life, and continue for ever in Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we give you praise and honour, in the unity of the Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Baptism

The priest asks the parents (or the sponsors) to name the child.

The priest baptizes the child saying

Jayden Knox, I baptize you in the name of † God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest makes the sign of the cross on Jaden's forehead and says

Jayden, I sign you with the sign of the † cross to show that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ: fight the good fight, finish the race, keep the faith.

All respond **Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.**

All stand

Reception into the Church

Presbyter

God has called you into His Church.

All

**We receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father
and as an inheritor of the Kingdom of God.**

All sing

**Come, thou fount of every blessing.
Tune my heart to sing thy grace;
Streams of mercy never ceasing
Call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious measure
Sung by flaming tongues above;
O the vast, the boundless treasure
Of my Lord's unchanging love!**

Words: Robert Robinson (1735 - 1790)

Tune: NETTLETON

American folk melody

Wyeth's *Repository of Sacred Music*, 1843

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant We are baptized into Christ:
let us live in the Spirit of Christ.
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

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

² **Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

³ **Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.**

**⁴ High King of heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

Words: Attributed to Dallán Forgaill (c. 560 - 640)

Tune: SLANE
Traditional Irish melody
Arranged David Evans

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

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

Please kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

High and holy God,
robed in majesty,
Lord of heaven and earth,
we pray that you will bring justice, faith
and salvation to all peoples.

All

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

You chose us in Christ to be your people
and to be the temple of your Holy Spirit;
we pray that you will fill your Church with vision and
hope.

We Pray for all church leaders, especially Bijaya
the Moderator of the *Church of North India*; Dharmaraj the
Moderator of the *Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar
Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*,
Paul Dupare the Moderator's Commissary for our
Diocese and Avinash our Presbyter.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

Your Spirit enables us to cry, 'Abba! Father!'
affirms that we are fellow-heirs with Christ
and pleads for us in our weakness;
we pray for all who are in need or distress.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

Continued. Turn over.

In the baptism and birth of Jesus,
you have opened heaven to us
and enabled us to share in your glory:
the joy of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit
from before the world was made.

We pray for Jayden Knox, his parents,
grandparents, god parents and give thanks for his
fellowship in the Church.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

May your whole Church, living and departed,
come to a joyful resurrection in your city of light.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray,
to the mercy and protection of God.

Hear us, we beseech Thee.

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 | **# 152**

Come down, O Love divine

Tune: DOWN AMPNEY

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter May God, who in Christ gives us
a spring of water welling
up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of His glory;
† 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 | # 426

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Tune: MANNHEIM

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Alla marcia Jonathan Battishill (1738 - 1801)

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

“So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom.”

Psalm 90:12

Daniel Phillips (26), Laukik Telgote (26), Avani Sudhakar (27),
Tara Chacko (28), Reena Pasgon (28), Ashok Joshi (29)

Notices

- The Cathedral has initiated the building of a church in Dheerja village, Vikramgad, Palghar. One more missionary along with Mr. Devanand and Mr. Krishna Kholekar will be supported by the Cathedral. We seek your prayers and generous contribution towards the building of this church.
- A Bible quiz will be conducted by the Women’s Fellowship for Christian Service on Sunday 23rd July 2023 from 10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. in the parish hall. Questions will be based on Matthew’s Gospel and the Book of Malachi (New King James Version of the Bible). The participation fee is Rs. 100/-. Prizes and certificates will be awarded and snack provided. We look forward to your participation.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** In 1987, the United Nations General Assembly decided to observe 26th June as the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking as an expression of its determination to strengthen action and cooperation to achieve the goal of an international society free of drug abuse. God of justice and mercy, help us remember that you have created each person with dignity and worth. We pray for victims of torture and illicit trafficking. We pray for restoration and peace.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Continue to pray for all affected by the violence in Manipur, and for those trying to restore peace.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Feast Day of Saint Peter and Saint Paul falls on 29th June. Almighty Father, let us remember the examples of St. Peter and St. Paul, two of your most loyal disciples. May we seek to emulate the conviction of their faith through our deeds and works • In the Anglican Communion, the Church of Bangladesh and the Most Reverend Samuel Sunil Mankhin.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** In 2011 the Diocese of Durgapur launched its Anti-Human Trafficking Programme. The main objective is to spread awareness about human trafficking and show local people how they can protect themselves and others from getting trapped. The programme also has a focus on gender equality. Pray for this programme and support being provided to survivors • The Diocese of Lucknow and the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary the Right Reverend Andrew Rathod • The Diocese of Rayalaseema and the Right Reverend P. I. Vara Prasad.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For God's healing hand on the Reverend S. G. Mhaske as he recovers from heart surgery. He is currently the Presbyter of St. Andrew's Church, Agripada. Revd Mhaske has made altar frontals and vestments for the Cathedral. He was previously the Presbyter of the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Dadar whose youth fellowship had sung a song at the tercentenary thanksgiving service of the Cathedral in 2018 • For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in providing leadership for the Diocese.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** The Cathedral Presbyter, the Reverend Avinash Rangayya and his family • Our prayers and blessings for Jayden Knox, his parents (Jai and Aradhna Knox), grandparents and god parents. • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers.

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