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ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL, MUMBAI

The Church of North India • A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

TEXT FOR THE DAY

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.

But the greatest of these is love. ~ I Corinthians 13:13

February is a month synonymous with love. The shops will be full of cards for Valentine's Day – we get to celebrate, thank, and declare our love to someone we know.

I Corinthians:13 in the Bible is all about love. The word for love used here is also '*agape*' (in the original Greek). It's an active love, not just a feeling. The passage reminds us that without this love, life loses its meaning and shine; we become simply a resounding gong or clanging cymbal. This love is our response to God's saving work in Jesus. '*Agape*' love is expressed in our lives through loving God and loving our neighbours as ourselves. Many people haven't yet heard of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and of God's love for them.

Where are we, as churches and as individuals, being called to express God's love today?

The Sunday Next before Lent

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 11th February 2024 • 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. 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 hymn tune, 'Song 22' Healey Willan, 1880 - 1968

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Love of the Father, love of God the Son,
From whom all came, in whom was all begun;
Who formest heavenly beauty out of strife,
Creation's whole desire and breath of life.

Words: 12th century

Music: Orlando Gibbons, 1583 - 1625

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Love never gives up.

All

Love cares more for others than for self.

Love takes pleasure in the flowering of truth.

Love always looks for the best.

Love never looks back, but keeps going to the end.

Love never dies.

Continued. Turn over.

Presbyter We have faith, hope, and love,
All **but the greatest of these is love.**
Presbyter Pursue love.

All sing **Entrance Hymn | # 437**
Love Divine, all loves excelling Tune: BLAENWERN

Please be seated

All say together **The Collect for Purity | page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | page 353
Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | page 354
Genesis 9:8 - 17

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to a chant by Foster.

Psalm
26: 1 - 7

Judica me, Domine

BE thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently : my trust hath been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

² Examine me, O Lord, and prove me : try out my reins and my heart.

³ For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes : and I will walk in thy truth.

⁴ I have not dwelt with vain persons : neither will I have fellowship with the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the congregation of the wicked : and will not sit among the ungodly.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocency, O Lord : and so will I go to thine altar;

⁷ That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving : and tell of all thy wondrous works.

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.

Please be seated

The Epistle | page 355

I Corinthians 13:1-13

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

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn.

Gradual Hymn | # 506

To Mercy, Pity, Peace, and Love omit v.5*

Tune: EPSOM

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 356**

St. Luke 18:31 - 43

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together.

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated,

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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 | # 408

Immortal love for ever full

Tune: BISHOPHORPE

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please be seated

Invocation

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,
May I thy consolation share,
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,
I view my home, and take my flight:
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise
To seize the everlasting prize;
And shout, while passing through the air,
Farewell, farewell, sweet hour of prayer!**

Words: William Walford, 1772 - 1850

Music: William Bradbury, 1816 - 1868

Kneel as able or remain seated.

The Intercession | **page 592**

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

The Consecration | **page 277**

The Communion | **page 284**

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

During the administration of Communion, while seated we sing

Hymn at the Communion | **# 396**

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Tune: CAPETOWN (# 501)

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

Presbyter

Heavenly Father,
thank you that you give each of your children
one or more gifts of the Spirit,
to be used in love and to your glory.
May our spiritual gifts be rooted and grounded
in Christ's love.

Amen.

† 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

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.**

Refrain *Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided;
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

**² Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

**³ Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866 -1960

Music: William M. Runyan, 1870 -1957

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

Fantasia in B minor, BWV 563 Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

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 I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord,
“plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Jeremiah 29:11

Rebekah Paul (11), Rhea John (12), Mayon Pastala (15), Rachel Joseph (16)

Wedding anniversary this week

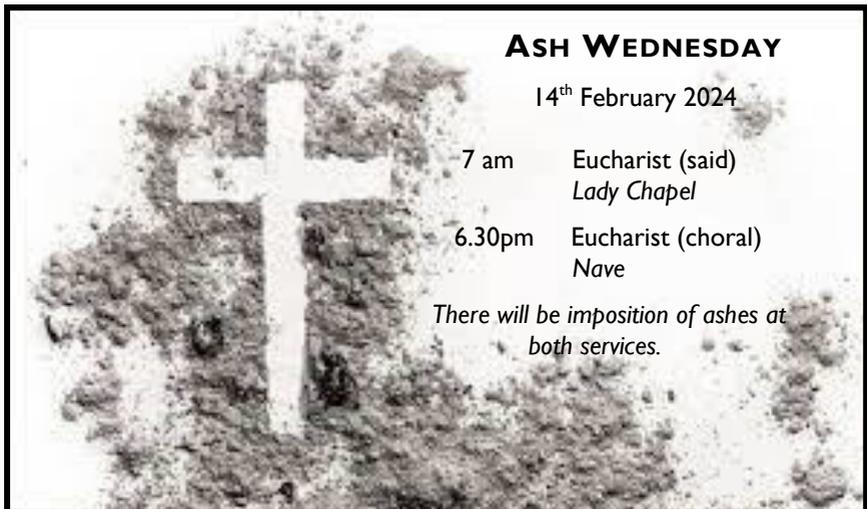
*“Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.
It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.”*

I Corinthian 13:6, 7

Raj & Ann lype (11)

Notices

- Please remember to pay your annual subscription before 31st March 2024.
- A Bible quiz will be conducted on Sunday 25th February 2024. Questions will be based on the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah and Paul’s first epistle to the Corinthians.



ASH WEDNESDAY
14th February 2024

7 am	Eucharist (said) <i>Lady Chapel</i>
6.30pm	Eucharist (choral) <i>Nave</i>

*There will be imposition of ashes at
both services.*

Lent,
Holy Week
and Easter
2024



Lent

Wednesday 14th February

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00 am Holy Eucharist with the
imposition of ashes

6.30 pm Holy Eucharist with the
imposition of ashes

Sunday 18th February

First Sunday in Lent

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 25th February

Second Sunday in Lent

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 3rd March

Third Sunday in Lent

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 10th March

Mothering Sunday

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 17th March

Fifth Sunday in Lent

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

**Holy Week
and Easter**

Palm Sunday 24th March

Procession and the Blessing
and Distribution of Palms

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Monday in Holy Week 25th March

6.30 pm Holy Week Meditation
in Word and Organ Music

Tuesday in Holy Week 26th March

7 pm "The Cross of Christ"

A Service of Readings
and Music for Holy Week

Wednesday in Holy Week 27th March

6.30 pm Holy Week Meditation
in Word and Organ Music

Thursday 28th March

**THE MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY
AND THE WASHING OF FEET**

6.30 pm Holy Eucharist (choral)

GOOD FRIDAY 29th March

9 am to 12 noon Meditation on the
Seven Words from the Cross

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 30th March

8 pm Lighting of the Paschal Candle
and the First Eucharist of Easter

EASTER DAY Sunday 31st March 9 am

A joyful sung service of Holy Eucharist with
canticles, hymns, readings and sermon

† **THE WORLD** As the anniversary of the terrible earthquake in Turkey reminds us of the devastation it caused, we pray for God's continued healing for losses in the lives of so many. Our prayers for peace in the Holy Land are also for Europe, as French victims of Hamas are mourned, and ripples, or waves travel there after Israel rejects the latest ceasefire proposal. As lives continue to be lost in the Russia – Ukraine conflict, we pray for skilled national leaders to continue to seek diplomatic solutions as the war grinds on.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Following the announcement of this years recipients of the Bharat Ratna, we thank God for the contribution to national life of this years' awardees of India's highest civilian award.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** For the Church universal as the faithful prepare themselves for the season of Lent • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan and the Most Revered Justin Badi Arama.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The 19th century evangelist and educationist, Alexander Duff is commemorated on 12th February. He contributed significantly to developing higher education in the country • Christian Frederick Schwartz, the 18th century evangelist is commemorated on 13th February. He served for 11 years at Tranquebar, where he mastered Tamil, Portuguese, and English. He made every effort to find and train young Indians for the ministry • The Diocese of Nasik • The Diocese of East Kerala and the Right Reverend V. S. Francis.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Peter's Church, Palghar and the Reverend Sanjay Salvi.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • All pupils writing their examination.

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 am |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir | Saturday 5.30 pm |

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