



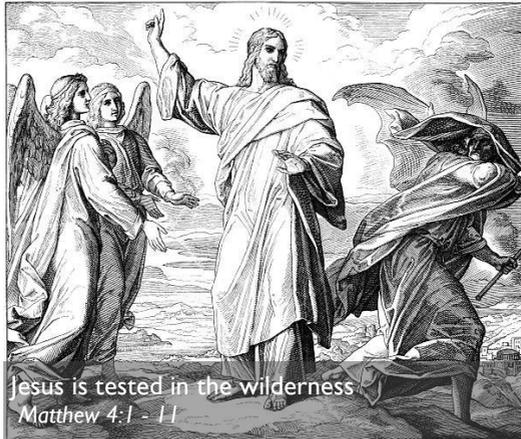
ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
MUMBAI

Established 1718

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



Sundays 7 am Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 am Eucharist (*sung*)  
Weekdays 7 am to 6 pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection



*Bow down before the Lord.  
Grant, Almighty God, that your people may recognize their weakness  
and put their trust in your strength,  
so that they may rejoice in the protection of your loving providence;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.*

# The First Sunday in Lent

*Choral Eucharist*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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. 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.

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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*.

The choral setting for the Eucharist is by John Merbecke and Martin Shaw.

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## INTRODUCTION TO THE SEASON

*Now is the healing time decreed  
for sins of heart and word and deed,  
when we in humble fear record  
the wrong that we have done the Lord.*

*(Latin, before 12<sup>th</sup> century)*

In the Liturgical Calendar, after a season which focuses on the Incarnation of Christ, the observance of Lent provides a period of preparation for the celebration of the resurrection at Easter. The celebration of Easter was the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent: self examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter, to which almsgiving has traditionally been added.

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, whose extension over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan. The calculation of the forty days of Lent has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the Middle Ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross.

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# Order of Service

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

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## *The Gathering*

### Voluntary

Aus der Tiefe, rufe ich, BWV 745 ... .. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750  
*(Out of the depths I cry Lord to you)*

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship.*

### Trisagion

*All sing repeating after the Cantor.*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

An ancient hymn of the eastern church.  
The term, *Trisagion*, is from the Greek, meaning “thrice holy.”

*All stand and sing the opening hymn*

### Entrance Hymn| # 73

**Forty days and forty nights**

Tune: AUS DER TIEFE

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

*Kneel as able or remain seated*

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord have mercy.** (3)

**Christ have mercy.** (3)

**Lord have mercy.** (3)

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collects for the Day | **page 359 & 357**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Old Testament Reading | **page 359**

*Genesis 3:1 - 6*

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 chants by Elvey and Crotch*

**Psalm**

*32:1 - 6, 12*

*Beati, quorum*

<sup>1</sup> BLESSED is he whose unrighteousness is forgiven: and whose sin is covered.

<sup>2</sup> Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth no sin: and in whose spirit there is no guile.

<sup>3</sup> For while I held my tongue: my bones consumed away through my daily complaining.

<sup>4</sup> For thy hand is heavy upon me day and night: and my moisture is like the drought in summer.

*Continued*

<sup>5</sup> I will acknowledge my sin unto thee: and mine unrighteousness have I not hid.

<sup>6</sup> I said, I will confess my sins unto the Lord: and so thou forgavest the wickedness of my sin.

<sup>12</sup> Be glad, O ye righteous, and rejoice in the Lord: and be joyful, all ye that are true of heart.

*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 360**

*2 Corinthians 6:1-10*

A reading from the Second 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 | **# 77**

**Lord Jesus, think on me**

Tune: SOUTHWELL

*Remain standing for the Gospel*

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 361**

*St. Matthew 4:1 - 11*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God.

O that today you would listen to His voice.

Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

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

*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*

### Address by Missionaries

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*All stand*

### The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.*

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you *Romans 5: 1, 2*  
**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 | # 107

**When I survey the wondrous cross**

Tune: ROCKINGHAM

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

*All say*

## Offertory Prayer | page 270

*Please be seated*

## Lent Prose

*Cantor*

Hear us, O Lord,

*All*

**have mercy upon us:**

**For we have sinned against Thee.**

*Choir*

To thee, Redeemer, on Thy throne of glory:

Lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:

Listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

arr. John Scott, 1956 - 2015

*Kneel as able or remain seated.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic Church

let us pray to the Father.

For the Church in our country, its councils and leaders.

We pray for Bijaya our Moderator, Reuben acting

Moderator of the Church of South India,

Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the

Mar Thoma Church, Prakash our Bishop and

Avinash our Presbyter.

Lord of compassion,

*All*

**in your mercy hear us.**

*Continued*

*Intercessor*

For the mission of the Church,  
that in faithful witness it may preach the gospel  
to the ends of the earth,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

*All*

**in your mercy hear us.**

For those preparing for baptism and confirmation  
and for their teachers and sponsors,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For peace in the world.

We pray for lasting peace in the Holy Land  
and for an end to the Russia-Ukraine war,  
that a spirit of respect and reconciliation  
may grow among nations and peoples,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For the poor, the persecuted, the sick, and all who suffer  
for refugees, prisoners, and all in danger;  
that they may be relieved and protected,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For those whom we have injured or offended,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

For grace to amend our lives  
and to further the reign of God,  
let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

*Continued*

*Intercessor*

In communion with all those who have walked in the way  
of holiness, let us pray to the Father.

Lord of compassion,

**in your mercy hear us.**

God our Father,

in your love and goodness

you have taught us to come close to you in penitence

with prayer, fasting and generosity;

accept our Lenten discipline,

and when we fall by our weakness,

raise us up by your unfailing mercy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

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 | **# 68**

***The glory of these forty days***

Tune: ERHALT' UNS, HERR

*All stand and say*

Prayer after Communion

**Lord God,**

**you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;**

**by it you nourish our faith,**

**increase our hope,**

**and strengthen our love:**

*Continued*

teach us always to hunger for him  
who is the true and living bread,  
and enable us to live by every word  
that proceeds from out of your mouth;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Blessing

*Presbyter* Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him  
† 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

**I am Thine, O Lord, I have heard Thy voice,  
And it told Thy love to me;  
But I long to rise in the arms of faith,  
And be closer drawn to Thee.**

*Refrain: Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To the cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer, nearer, blessed Lord,  
To Thy precious, bleeding side.*

<sup>2</sup> **Consecrate me now to Thy service, Lord,  
By the power of grace divine;  
Let my soul look up with a steadfast hope,  
And my will be lost in Thine.**

<sup>3</sup> **O, the pure delight of a single hour  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee, my God,  
I commune as friend with friend!**

*Continued*

**4 There are depths of love that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow sea;  
There are heights of joy that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.**

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Music: William Doane, 1832 - 1915

*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**

“Ach Gott, erhöre mein Seufzen und Wehklagen” ... .. T. Volckmar, 1678 - 1756  
(“Give ear, O Lord, and mark my sore complaining”)

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**

*“Give thanks to the Lord because He is good, because His faithful love lasts forever!”*

Psalm 107:1

Raj Iype (19), Rita Kamal (20), Anjali Salvi (21),  
Joshua Iype (22), William Adams (23)

### **Wedding Anniversary**

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

Galatians 5:22

Rohit & Ashwini Millns (21)

### **Cathedral ministries... ..**

*Get involved!*

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| • Sunday School      | Sunday morning during term time                                |
| • Women's Fellowship | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am                   |
| • Youth Fellowship   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir              | Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm                             |

## Notices

- The Right Reverend Prakash D. Patole has been reinstated as the Bishop of Bombay by the Church of North India's Synod Executive Committee with effect from 09<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Let us remember Bishop Prakash's ministry in our prayers and pray for him, Mrs. Smita Patole and their son, Varun.
- Please remember to pay your annual subscription before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024 at 10.45 am. Questions will be based on the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah and Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians.
- **"Prayer at Dawn"** - Daily morning prayer for half an hour (6 am to 6.30 am) during Lent via Zoom (except on Sundays).
- Online **Bible Study** at 7 pm every Wednesday via Zoom. Different guest speakers will lead an interactive Bible Study on the theme, "*Lent through the Parables*" on each Wednesday in Lent. More details overleaf.
- *Christian Medical College (CMC)*, Vellore has announced admissions for various courses like MBBS, BSc Nursing, Allied Health Science Degree, Diploma in Nursing, Allied Health Science Diploma, Master of Hospital Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Physiotherapy and Master of Occupational Therapy. More details on CMC's website <http://admissions.cmcvellore.ac.in> Applications can be accessed only online. The last date for receipt of all supporting documents is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Christian candidates are encouraged to apply to be considered under the Minority Network category. Candidates who wish to apply to Marathi Mission for sponsorship, may contact: Mr. Nandakumar Shinde - 98205 44262, Mr. Mohan Luke - 92234 14998.
- The Synod of the Church of North India is encouraging the faithful to spend time in fasting and prayer from 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> February. This will be hosted by the Diocese of Gujarat. Representative from all dioceses of the CNI will be taking part.
- A service to mark **The World Day of Prayer** will be held in the Cathedral on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 6.30 pm. This year's theme is, '*I beg you ... bear with one another in love.*' The order of service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine.

## Lenten Bible Study *and* Devotion *schedule*

Daily (all 40 days of Lent) ... .. 6 am to 6.30 am online ... .. Dawn prayer  
Zoom ID 229 239 2476  
Passcode 123456

Wednesdays ... .. 7 pm online ... .. Bible study  
Zoom ID 229 239 2476 Lent through  
Passcode 123456 the Parables

21<sup>st</sup> February  
28<sup>th</sup> February  
6<sup>th</sup> March  
13<sup>th</sup> March  
20<sup>th</sup> March

Dr. Roji Thomas George  
Reverend Dr. David Muthukumar  
Reverend Watson Selvasingh  
Deacon Paul George  
Reverend Subhash Dongerdiv



## PARABLES

THROUGH LENT - 2024

Dr. Roji Thomas George  
Professor of New Testament at SAIACS

PARABLE OF THE UNMERCIFUL SERVANT  
MATTHEW 18:23-35

Lent,  
Holy Week  
and Easter  
2024



**Lent**

Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**ASH WEDNESDAY**

7.00 am Holy Eucharist with the  
imposition of ashes

6.30 pm Holy Eucharist with the  
imposition of ashes

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Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February

**First Sunday in Lent**

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

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Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Second Sunday in Lent**

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

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Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March

**Third Sunday in Lent**

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

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Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March

**Mothering Sunday**

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

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Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

**Holy Week  
and Easter**

**Palm Sunday** 24<sup>th</sup> March

Procession and the Blessing  
and Distribution of Palms

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

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**Monday in Holy Week** 25<sup>th</sup> March

6.30 pm Holy Week Meditation  
in Word and Organ Music

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**Tuesday in Holy Week** 26<sup>th</sup> March

7 pm "The Cross of Christ"

A Service of Readings  
and Music for Holy Week

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**Wednesday in Holy Week** 27<sup>th</sup> March

6.30 pm Holy Week Meditation  
in Word and Organ Music

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Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March

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

6.30 pm Holy Eucharist (choral)

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**GOOD FRIDAY** 29<sup>th</sup> March

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

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**THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER** 30<sup>th</sup> March

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

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**EASTER DAY** Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 9 am

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

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week we focus on Africa. We pray for Red Cross aid to relieve panic among displaced and injured people in Goma, DR Congo, where the population has swelled after yet another conflict, and rebel forces have cut produce supply roads. We pray again for peace and reconciliation for Ethiopians, as government troops fight to disarm former allies after peace with Tigray was achieved. We pray for safety and a secure future for refugees everywhere.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We thank God for the safe return of the Navy veterans from Qatar • As farmer protests escalate once more, pray for negotiations and a way forward. Pray for all whose decisions affect the lives of many.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** For the Church universal as the faithful prepare themselves for the season of Lent • The Church commemorates the reformer Martin Luther today. It is on this day Luther died in 1546.

*O God, our refuge and our strength,  
You raised up Your servant Martin Luther to reform and renew Your Church  
in the light of Your living Word, Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
Defend and purify the Church in our own day, and grant that we may boldly proclaim  
Christ's faithfulness unto death and His vindicating resurrection,  
which You made known to Your servant Martin through Jesus Christ, our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

• In the *Anglican Communion* for the Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and the Most Revered Ezekiel Kumir Kondo.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of North East India and the Right Reverend Dr. Michael Herenz • The Diocese of Cochin (Kochi) and the Right Reverend Baker Ninan Fenn.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for Bishop Prakash Patole, the clergy and all office bearers of the Diocese.

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

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