



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



*So let us honour the cross with devotion,
Embrace the salvation, the eternal notion,
That in His crucifixion, love was unfurled,
And through His grace, we find redemption in the world.*

Kelli Ritter

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 17th March 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.

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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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Fugue in b minor
on a theme by Corelli, BWV 579

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

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 | # 106

There is a green hill far away

Tune: HORSLEY

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

Kneel as able or remain seated

Kyrie Eleison

Lord, have mercy upon us. (3)
Christ, have mercy upon us. (3)
Lord, have mercy upon us. (3)

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collects for the Day | **pages 370 & 357**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 371**

Exodus 24: 4 - 8

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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 Wickes.

Psalm

54: 1 - 4, 6 & 7

Deus, in nomine

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake : and avenge me in thy strength.

² Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

³ For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

⁴ Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

⁶ An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord : because it is so comfortable.

⁷ For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

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 371**

Hebrews 9: 11 - 15

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

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

**○ dearest Lord, thy sacred head
with thorns was pierced for me;
○ pour thy blessing on my head
that I may think for thee.**

² **○ dearest Lord, thy sacred hands
with nails were pierced for me;
○ shed thy blessing on my hands
that they may work for thee.**

³ **○ dearest Lord, thy sacred feet
with nails were pierced for me;
○ pour thy blessing on my feet
that they may follow thee.**

⁴ **○ dearest Lord, thy sacred heart
with spear was pierced for me;
○ pour thy Spirit in my heart
that I may live for thee.**

Words: Henry Ernest Hardy, 1869 - 1946

Tune: BELMONT
William Gardiner, 1770 - 1853

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 372**

St. John 12: 23 - 33

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

The Lord is a great God.

○ 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. John.

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 Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Christ 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.

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 | # 96

Thirty years among us dwelling

Tune: ST. THOMAS (# 31)

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Please be seated

Lent Prose

Cantor

Hear us, O Lord,

All

have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against Thee.

Choir

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:

Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,

save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

arr. John Scott, 1956 - 2015

Kneel as able or remain seated.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us pray to the Father through His Son

who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church.

Give to Christian people everywhere

a deep longing to take up the cross

and to understand its mysterious glory.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

All

Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship

at this solemn time.

In the preaching of the word

and the celebration of the sacraments

draw your people close to you.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much

that you sent your Son to suffer and to die.

Strengthen those who work to share

the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor Bring healing by the wounds of Christ
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice.
Help the lonely and the betrayed,
the suffering and the dying,
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his passion to know their salvation.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,

All **Lord, save us and help us.**
Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in
your friendship.
According to your promises,
bring them with all your saints
to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and
resurrection.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

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 | **# 105**

Sweet the moments, rich in blessing

Tune: BATTY

All stand and say

Prayer after Communion

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

All sing

**Christ beside me,
Christ before me,
Christ behind me,
King of my heart;
Christ within me,
Christ below me,
Christ above me,
never to part.**

Words: St. Patrick, 372 - 466

Tune: BUNESSAN

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

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

Refrain

***So I'll cherish the old rugged cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.***

- ² **O that old rugged cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left his glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.**
- ³ **In the old rugged cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.**
- ⁴ **To the old rugged cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear.
Then he'll call me some day to my home far away,
where his glory forever I'll share.**

George Bennard, 1873 - 1958

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 c minor, BWV 562 Johann Sebastian Bach

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 we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

Ephesians 2:10

John (Benoy) Abraham (18), Annie Thomas (22)

Notices

- Please remember to pay your annual subscription before 31st March 2024.
- Next Sunday is **Palm Sunday** marking the beginning of Holy Week. The Service begins in the porch with the blessing of palms and a procession in the church compound. Come on time so that all can take part in the procession.



The Cross of Christ

A Lenten devotion
on the
Passion of the Holy Redeemer
in scripture, verse and music
with the Cathedral Choir

**Saturday 23rd March, 2024
6.30 pm**

All are welcome

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

- Sunday School
- Women’s Fellowship
- Youth Fellowship
- Choir

Sunday morning during term time
2nd Sunday of the month 10.45 am
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10.45 am
Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm

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 st February	Dr. Roji Thomas George
28 th February	Reverend Dr. David Muthukumar
6 th March	Reverend Watson Selvasingh
13 th March	Deacon Paul George
20 th March	Reverend Subhash Dongerdive

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

PALM SUNDAY	8.45 am	Eucharist (choral) with Procession and the Blessing and Distribution of Palms
24 th March		
Monday in Holy Week	6.30 pm	Holy Week Meditation in Word and Organ Music
25 th March		
Tuesday in Holy Week	6.30 pm	“Hymns of Faith” Passiontide hymns with reflection on the stories of the hymn writers
26 th March		
Wednesday in Holy Week	6.30 pm	Holy Week Meditation in Word and Organ Music
27 th March		
MAUNDY THURSDAY	6.30 pm	Eucharist (choral) with Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar followed by Vigil
28 th March		
GOOD FRIDAY	9 am to 12 noon	Meditation on the Seven Words from the Cross
29 th March		
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER	8 pm	Lighting of the Paschal Candle and the First Eucharist of Easter
Holy Saturday	30 th March	
EASTER DAY	9 am	A joyful sung service of Holy Eucharist with canticles, hymns, readings and sermon
Sunday	31 st March	

† **THE WORLD** We pray for freedom from fear for school pupils in Nigeria, and especially for the safe return of the many who have been abducted during the past weeks by gunmen hoping for a ransom • Opportunistic pirates off the coast of Somalia have seized a cargo ship and captured its crew, so we pray against violent and illegal actions there and in the Red Sea, and for the peace of God to reign • Our continued and fervent prayers for lasting peace in the Holy Land and an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for our country in the run-up to general elections.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** For the Church universal as we prepare for our journey to Calvary during Holy Week • Today the Church commemorates Patrick of Ireland (Bishop, Evangelist). He was consecrated a bishop and began preaching the Gospel throughout Ireland. Kings, their families, and entire kingdoms converted to Christianity when hearing Patrick's message • Cyril of Jerusalem (Bishop, theologian) is commemorated on 18th March. Cyril was a distinguished theologian of the early Church (ca. 313 – 386). He is highly respected in the Palestinian Christian Community. He wrote 24 lectures which are the earliest record of the systematic teaching of the Church on the creed and the Sacraments. Cyril became well known for his charitable works in the City of Jerusalem. Cyril followed in the example of St. Augustine where the bishop fed the poor even by means of selling the church treasury • The sixth century monk Benedict is commemorated on 21st March. He is the patron saint of Europe and students. Benedict's main achievement is his 'Rule', containing precepts for his monks. The Rule of Benedict became one of the most influential religious rules in Western Christendom. For this reason, Benedict is often called the founder of Western Christian monasticism • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Church in Wales and the Most Reverend Andrew John.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Rajashtan and the Right Reverend Raimson Victor • The Diocese of South Kerala.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Thomas's Cathedral, the mother church of the Diocese and the ministry of the Revered Avinash Rangayya and the congregation.

† **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 • The Cathedral's Youth Fellowship.

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