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

EASTER DAY Festival Choral Eucharist Sunday 31st March 2024 • 9 am

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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).



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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST

Happy Easter!

It is a joy and a pleasure to welcome you to the Cathedral on the greatest day of the Christian year. For more than two thousand years the good news of the risen Christ has been a source of hope and healing for Christians the world over. The proclamation that Christ is risen, and the promise that one day we too will rise from the grave, has been and continues to be the animating force that enables Christians to love and serve in extraordinary ways. Easter is our raison d'être. The Church exists for the sole purpose of sharing this extraordinary news that the tomb is empty; Jesus is alive, and death has been defeated. The love of God covers everything, and even though we die, there is life beyond this life.

But Easter is not just about what happened to Jesus two thousand years ago or what happens to us after we die. On Easter, we also celebrate that the resurrected Christ lives among us now, opening the tombs that we create for ourselves—the tombs of anger, addiction, despair, hatred, and self-absorption. As members of the body of Christ, we are invited to love him, listen to him, follow him, and, in so doing, discover new lives of love, hope, meaning, and purpose. What happened to Jesus on Easter morning is happening every day in the lives of those who follow him. We are delighted that you are here today, and we hope that you too will find yourself resurrected on this Easter morning. For you are precious in God's sight, you are loved more than you will ever know, and God's love will never let you go. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Music before the Service

Fugue in g, BWV 578 Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750 Prelude on 'The Day of Resurrection' (tune: 'Ellacombe')..... June Nixon, b. 1942 An Easter Alleluya (on the tune 'Lasst uns erfreuen')..... Gordon Slater, 1896 - 1979 'The Risen Christ' Charles Sergisson, 1905 - 1988 (incoporating hymn tunes 'Victory' & 'Easter Hymn')

A soprano sings the following aria

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God.

For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

Words: Book of Job 19:25, 26 & I Corinthians 15:20 Music: G. F. Handel, 1685 - 1759 (from 'Messiah')

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit Sung by the choir

This joyful Eastertide, Away with sin and sorrow! My Love, the Crucified, Hath sprung to life this morrow. Had Christ, that once was slain, Ne'er burst His three-day prison, Our faith had been in vain : But now hath Christ arisen.

> Words: Revd George Woodward, 1848 - 1934 Music: Dutch tune, arr. Charles Wood, 1866 - 1926

The Acclamation of the Resurrection

Presbyter All	Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Christ is risen. The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia!
All sing	Hymn at the Entry
	Hail thee, Festival Day! Blest day that art hallowed forever; Day wherein Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.
Choir	Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter arising, every good gift of the year now with its Master returns.
	Hail thee, Festival Day! Blest day that art hallowed forever; Day wherein Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.
Choir	He who was nailed to the Cross is God and the Ruler of all things; all things created on earth worship the maker of all.
	Hail thee, Festival Day! Blest day that art hallowed forever; Day wherein Christ arose, breaking the kingdom of death.
Words: Bishop Ve	mantius Fortunates, 530 - 609 Tune: SALVE FESTA DIES

Please be seated

Tune: SALVE FESTA DIES Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872 - 1958 The Presbter introduces the blessing of Easter Garden. A reader says

The angel said to the women, 'Do not be afraid; I know that you are looking for Jesus who was crucified. He is not here; for he has been raised as he said.

The Presbyter says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,

the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and for ever.

In your great mercy you have given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing, may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory be strengthened in faith, know the power of his presence, and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Act of Penitence

The Presbyter prays over a vessel of water

God our Father, your gift of water brings life and freshness to the earth; in baptism it is a sign of the washing away of our sins and the gift of life eternal.

Sanctify this water, we pray. Renew the living spring of your life within us, that we may be free from sin and filled with your saving health; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The organ sounds a fanfare.

All stand and join in singing the hymns.

Hymns at the Procession

JESUS CHRIST is risen today, Alleluya! Our triumphant holy day, Alleluya! Who did once upon the Cross, Alleluya! Suffer to redeem our loss, Alleluya!

 ² Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluya! Unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleuya! Who endured the Cross the grave, Alleluya! Sinners to redeem and save. Alleluya!

³ But the pains that He endured, Alleluya! Our salvation have procured; Alleluya! Now above the sky He's King, Alleluya! Where the angels ever sing, Alleluya!

Words: Lyra Davidica, 1708

Tune: EASTER HYMN based on, Surrexit Christus Hodie, c. 14th cent. Descant & organ arrangement: Malcolm Archer

The organ sounds a fanfare

Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son;
 Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.
 Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away
 Kept the folded grave clothes where Thy body lay.

Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

 ² Lo! Jesus meets thee; risen from the tomb; Lovingly He greets thee, scatters fear and gloom; Let His Church with gladness hymns of triumph sing, For her Lord now liveth; Death hath lost its sting.

> Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

 ³ No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life! Life is nought without Thee; aid us in our strife; Make us more than conquerors, through Thy deathless love; Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

Thine be the glory, Risen conquering Son; Endless is the victory Thou o'er death hast won.

Words: Edmund Budry, 1854 - 1932

Tune: MACCABEUS George Frederick Händel Descant & organ arrangement: Malcolm Archer

Please be seated.

The Collect for Purity

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Presbyter says

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis |page 288

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The Sunday of the Resurrection | page 414 Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | page 414

Exodus 12:21 - 28

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.

The Easter Anthem

Sung by the choir to chants by G. Thalben-Ball & H. Ley

- Christ our passover has been sacrificed for us : so let us celebrate the feast;
- ² not with the old leaven of corruption and wickedness : but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- ³ Christ once raised from the dead dies no more : death has no more dominion over him.
- ⁴ In dying he died to sin once for all.: In living he lives to God.
- ⁵ See yourselves therefore as dead to sin : and alive to God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
- ⁶ Christ has been raised from the dead : the firstfruits of those who sleep.
- ⁷ For as by man came death :

by man has come also the resurrection of the dead;

⁸ for as in Adam all die :

even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

All stand for the Gloria Patri

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 415

Colossians 3:1 - 7

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians. 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

HE is risen, He is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: He has burst his three days' prison; Let the whole wide earth rejoice: Death is conquered, we are free, Christ has won the victory.

 ² Come, ye sad and fearful-hearted, With glad smile and radiant brow! Death's long shadows have departed; Jesus' woes are over now,
 And the Passion that he bore: Sin and pain can vex no more.

 ³ He is risen, He is risen! He hath opened heaven's gate: We are free from sin's dark prison, Risen to a holier state;
 And a brighter Easter beam On our longing eyes shall stream.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1823 - 95

Tune:NEANDER from chorale, 'Unser Herrscher' by J. Neander, 1640 - 80 Remain standing for the Gospel as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | page 415

St. John 20:1 - 10

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 All	This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Praise be to Thee, O Christ.
All sing	And can it be that I should gain An interest in the Saviour's blood? Died He for me, who caused His pain— For me, who Him to death pursued? Amazing love! How can it be, That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?
	Amazing love! How can it be,

That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

Tune: SAGINA Thomas Campbell, 1800 - 1876

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together.

The Nicene Creed |page 265

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then join in singing the 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.

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Hymn at the Offertory

YE choirs of new Jerusalem, Your sweetest notes employ, The Paschal victory to hymn In strains of holy joy.

Continued

 ² How Judah's Lion bursts his chains, And crushed the serpent's head; And brought with him, from death's domains, The long-imprisoned dead.

 ³ From hell's devouring jaws the prey Alone our Leader bore;
 His ransomed hosts pursue their way Where he hath gone before.

 ⁴ Triumphant in his glory now His sceptre ruleth all,
 Earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,
 And at his footstall fall.

 ⁵ While thus his praise we sing, His mercy we implore,
 Into his palace bright to bring And keep us evermore.

⁶ All glory to the Father be, All glory to the Son,
All glory, Holy Ghost, to Thee, While endless ages run. Alleluya! Amen.

Words: St Fulbert of Chartres, c. 1000

Tune: ST FULBERT H. J. Gauntlett, 1805 - 76

Offertory Prayer | page 270

All say

Please be seated.

The Anthem

The choir sings

Alleluia! Jesus is risen! Trumpets resounding in glorious light! Splendour, the Lamb, heaven forever! Oh what a miracle God has in sight!

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Walking the way, Christ in the centre telling the story to open our eyes; breaking our bread, giving us glory: Jesus our blessing, our God constant surprise.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

Weeping, be gone; sorrow, be silent: death put asunder, and Easter is bright. Cherubim sing: O grace, be open! Clothe us in wonder, adorn us in light.

Jesus is risen and we shall arise. Give God the glory! Alleluia!

David N. Johnson, 1922 - 1987 arr. Hal H. Hopson

Kneel as able or remain seated.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor	In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.	
	That our risen Saviour may fill us, our fam	ilies, friends and
	the worshipping community here at the Ca	athedral with
	the joy of his glorious and life-giving resur	rection,
	we pray to the Father.	
All	Hear our prayer.	
	That isolated and persecuted churches	
	may find fresh strength in the good news o	of Easter,
	we pray to the Father.	
	Hear our prayer.	Continued

Intercessor That Church leaders may be renewed in their ministry. We Pray for Bijaya, our Moderator; Reuben, acting Moderator of the Church of South India; Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

All

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That He may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by His power war and famine may cease through all the world, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That He may reveal the light of His presence to the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to His promises,

all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That He may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon His people, so that we may bear faithful witness to His resurrection, we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,

you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the Kngdom of your Son:

grant that, as His death has recalled us to life,

so His continual presence in us may raise us to

eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The General Confession & Absolution

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The Consecration | page 277

Proper Preface for Easter Day | page 279

The Communion | page 284

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

During the administration of Communion, the choir sings

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord, A wonderful Saviour to me; He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, Where rivers of pleasure I see.

Refrain: He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock, That shadows a dry, thirsty land; He hideth my life in the depths of His love, And covers me there with His hand.

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord, He taketh my burden away, He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved, He giveth me strength as my day.

With numberless blessings each moment He crowns, And filled with His fullness divine, I sing in my rapture, oh, glory to God! For such a Redeemer as mine.

When clothed with His brightness transported I rise To meet Him in clouds of the sky, His perfect salvation, His wonderful love, I'll shout with the millions on high.

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Music: William Kirkpatrick, 1838 - 1921

While seated, all sing

Hymn

AT the Lamb's high feast we sing Praise to our victorious King :
Who hath washed us in the tide Flowing from His piercéd side;
Praise we Him whose love Divine Gives His Body for the feast,
Love the Victim, Love the Priest.

² Mighty Victim from on high, Powers of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is broken in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now Thy banner Thou dost wave, Conquering Satan and the grave.
See the prince of darkness quelled; Heaven's bright gates are open held.

³ Paschal triumph, Paschal joy, Only sin can this destroy;
From sin's death do Thou set free, Souls re-born, dear Lord, in Thee.
Hymns of glory songs of praise, Father, unto Thee we raise.
Risen Lord, all praise to Thee, Ever with the Spirit be.

Words: R. Campbell, 1814 - 68

Tune: SALZBURG Melody from J. Hintze, 1622 - 1702 Harmony from Johann Sebastian Bach

All stand and say

Post Communion Prayer

God of Life, who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the Cross, and by His glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us so to die daily to sin, that we may evermore live with Him in the joy of His risen life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Easter Acclamation and Blessing

The Presbyter	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All	He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
	Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
	He has given us new life and hope.
	He has raised Jesus from the dead.
	God has claimed us as His own.
	He has brought us out of darkness.
	He has made us light to the world.
	Alleluia. Christ is risen.
	He is risen indeed. Alleluia.
	God, who through the resurrection of our
	Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory,
	give you joy and peace in your faith;
	and the blessing of God Almighty,
	† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you
	and remain with you for ever. Amen.

Choral response

Alleluia! Amen!

Hymn at the Closing

THE Day of Resurrection!
Earth, tell it out abroad;
The Passover of gladness,
The Passover of God!
From death to life eternal,
From earth unto the sky,
Our Christ hath brought us over
With hymns of victory.

² Our hearts be pure from evil, That we may see aright
The Lord in rays eternal Of resurrection-light;
And, listening to His accents, May hear so calm and plain
His own 'All hail,' and hearing, May raise the victor strain.

³ Now let the heavens be joyful, And earth her song begin, The round world keep high triumph, And all that is therein;
Let all things seen and unseen Their notes of gladness blend,
For Christ the Lord hath risen, Our Joy that hath no end.

Words: St. John Damascene, c. 750

Tune: ELLACOMBE Music: Maine Gesangbuch, 1833 From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Alla Danza (from 'Water Music') G. F. Handel arr. J. Stuart Archer

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.



The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are offered in thanksgiving to God for the life of Edward Thomas beloved brother of Violet Truman, Olive Singh, Sunita Thomas and adored Uncle of Viveka Truman.



Birthdays this week

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace." Numbers 6: 24-26

Natanya George (31), Sarah Cleventine (1st April), Ashwini Millns (1), Mervyn Pengal (1), Laila Furtado (3)

Notices

- With the installation of cameras the overall quality of our livestreamed services on the Cathedral's YouTube channel has vastly improved. We express our thanks to the Cathedral Trustees and the Cathedral School's I.T. support team for enabling this to happen. Our thanks to Sandeep Magar for faithfully doing the livestreaming. We continue to seek volunteers who can assist in this regard on a rota basis. If you can help, please meet the Presbyter.
- Certain times in the year are busier than others. Holy Week is one such time in the life of the Church. We express our thanks in particular to the church staff, the sextons Johnson and Prakash and the security team. Our thanks to all those who assisted in the floral decorations and help transform the Cathedral into a beautiful Easter garden.
- Today is the last day for paying your annual subscription.

Cathedral ministries Get involved		
 Sunday School Women's Fellowship Youth Fellowship Choir 	Sunday morning during term time 2 nd Sunday of the month 10.45 am 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 am Saturday 5.30 pm	

† THE WORLD Our felt prayers for the families of the many who died in the mindless terror attack in a concert hall in Moscow last week. We continue to pray unceasingly for lasting peace in the Holy Land.

† OUR COUNTRY Prayer for our country in the run-up to general elections.
† THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH For the faithful as we rejoice in the risen Lord
In the Anglican Communion for The Church of the Province of the West Indies and the Most Revd Howard Gregory.

[†] **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Bishop Reginald Heber (Evangelist and Bishop of Calcutta 1823 - 26) is commemorated on 3rd April. Heber is proabably best remembered as the author of the hymn *"Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"*. He is buried in St. John's Church, Trichy, Tamil Nadu. The Bishop Heber College at Trichy is named after him • Bishop Ambrose of Milan is commemorated on

4th April. Ambrose is regarded as one of the Eight Great Doctors (Teachers) of the Undivided Church • Reverend Charles Freer Andrews (Evangelist) is commemorated on 5th April. Andrews was an English priest of the Church of England and a Christian missionary and social reformer in India. He was instrumental in convincing Gandhiji to return to India from South Africa, where Gandhiji had been a leading light in its Indian civil rights struggle. C. F. Andrews was affectionately dubbed *Christ's Faithful Apostle* by Gandhi, based on his initials. For Andrews's contributions to the Indian Independence Movement Gandhi and his students at St. Stephen's College, Delhi named him *Deenabandhu*, or "Friend of the Poor". Charles Andrews died in Calcutta on 5th April and is buried there •

The Diocese of Agra and the Most Reverend Bijaya Naik (Moderator, CNI) •

The Diocese of Erode-Salem. Pray for the election of a new Bishop in this diocese on $11^{\rm th}$ April.

† THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY For Bishop Prakash Patole, all clergy and office beares of the Diocese.

† OUR CATHEDRAL All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • For the destitute and homeless in the immediate neighbourhood of the Cathedral. May we be the hands and feet of the risen Christ and bring comfort and assitance to those in need.

One Solitary Word

There's only one sound l aspire to hear, one solitary sound, just one word, among all the audible words that fill existence.

Only one sound, harbinger of endless and perfect love, joy and ecstasy. Just this one sound emitted by no one but You.

> I shall be ready to surrender all for that one sound, that one word.

All, Lord, even life itself, for the utterance of my first name by You – in the same way that in the silent garden, beside the empty tomb, on that first Sunday morning, you called Mary, your famously faithful follower.

For it was the way you called her name she realised it was you , the Risen Christ! And when I – oh hope of hopes! – at the tolling of the bell, shall hear that one sound, that one word , my first name – called out by You – then I shall know beyond any doubt, that I have risen too.

Anonymous, published April 2019



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