

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL MUMBAI

The Church of North India

National Anthem

Jana Gana Mana Adhinaayak Jaya Hey,
Bhaarat Bhaagya Vidhaataa
Panjaab Sindhua Gujarat Maraatha,
Draavid Utkal Banga
Vindhya Himaachal Yamuna Ganga,
Uchchal Jaladhi Taranga
Tav Shubh Naamey Jaagey,
Tav Shubh Aashish Maange
Gaahey Tav Jayagaatha
Jana Gana Mangal Daayak,
Jaya Hey Bhaarat Bhaagya Vidhaataa
Jaya Hey, Jaya Hey, Jaya Hey,
Jaya Jaya Jaya, Jaya Hey

REPUBLIC DAY

Sunday 26th January 2025. 8.45 a.m.

Introit - **Great God of Nations**

Call to Worship:

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy;
for thou dost judge the peoples with equity,
and guidest the nations upon earth. **Psalm 67.4**

Entry Hymn - **To God be the Glory**

To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life our redemption to win,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.

Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see.

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THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

The Collect for the Day

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the nations of the world for your glory, and desire that all should live before you in freedom and honour; preserve our country in peace, and inspire her people with zeal for justice and truth, that we may dwell together in unity according to your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever. Amen.

The First Reading: **Nehemiah 5.14 -19**

A reading from the Book of Nehemiah

Moreover from the time that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year to the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, twelve years, neither I nor my brethren ate the food allowance of the governor. The former governors who were before me laid heavy burdens upon the people, and took from them food and wine, besides forty shekels of silver. Even their servants lorded it over the people. But I did not do so, because of the fear of God. I also held to the work on this wall, and acquired no land; and all my servants were gathered there for the work. Moreover there were at my table a hundred and fifty men, Jews and officials, besides those who came to us from the nations which were about us. Now that which was prepared for one day was one ox and six choice sheep; fowls likewise were prepared for me, and every ten days skins of wine in abundance; yet with all this I did not demand the food allowance of the governor, because the servitude was heavy upon this people. Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 85.1, 8-13 *(read responsively)*

Response: **May the grace of the Lord our God be upon us.**

Lord thou art become gracious unto thy land, thou hast restored the prosperity of Jacob. I will hearken what the Lord God will say; for he shall speak peace unto his people, even unto the upright in heart.

Response: **May the grace of the Lord our God be upon us.**

Surely his salvation is nigh them that fear him, that his glory may dwell in our land. Mercy and truth are met together, righteousness and peace have embraced each other. Truth shall flourish out of the earth, and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

Response: **May the grace of the Lord our God be upon us.**

Yea the Lord shall give prosperity, and our land shall yield her increase Righteousness shall go before him, and where he walketh there shall be peace.

Response: **May the grace of the Lord our God be upon us.**

The Second Reading : 1 Peter 2.11-16

A reading from the First Epistle of Peter

Beloved, I beseech you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh that wage war against your soul. Maintain good conduct among the Gentiles, so that in case they speak against you as wrongdoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men. Live as free

men, yet without using your freedom as a pretext for evil;
but live as servants of God.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn: **561 Lord, while for all mankind we pray**

The Gospel of Christ : **Matthew 22.15-21**

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Matthew.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Then the Pharisees went and took counsel how to entangle Jesus in his talk. And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are true, and teach the way of God truthfully, and care for no man; for you do not regard the position of men. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the money for the tax." And they brought him a coin. And Jesus said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said, "Caesar's." Then he said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise be to Thee,

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Sermon

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set His seal upon us
and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to
dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Hymn at the Offertory - **The Lord's my shepherd**

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green; He leadeth me

The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again,

And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness,

E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,

Yet will I fear no ill;

For Thou art with me, and Thy rod

And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished

In presence of my foes;

My head Thou dost with oil anoint,

And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life

Shall surely follow me,

And in God's house forevermore

My dwelling-place shall be.

A Litany for India

Lord, we pray for our nation and ask that You would look down on us in pity and mercy. Forgive us for the many times when we have turned our backs on You. Bring us back as a people who seek to follow the ways of justice and peace.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Keep our land free from war and strife – from storms and earthquakes – from fear and confusion and from things that can cause hurt, fear and confusion. May we as a nation turn to You and call out to You in the day of trouble.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Guide our leaders. Grant them wisdom and discernment as they rule. May the decisions they make be wise. Lord, may we look to You for wisdom and strength.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

As a nation we seem to have moved so far from the true gospel of grace; our churches and fellowships seem to be embracing many alternative and compromised teachings that are not true to Your word. Revive us and lead us in Your ways.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Revive this land. Stir up the hearts of those that have come to trust in Jesus Christ. Pray for all the diverse communities that make up our nation. May we be united in Thy love.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

Pray for our brave soldiers who guard our borders. Keep them and their families safe.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

We give Thee thanks for the “liberty of belief, faith and worship” enshrined in the Constitution. Pray for the Church in this land and freedom to worship.

People: **Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.**

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The Communion Hymn - **563, Once to every man and nation**

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Recessional Hymn: **450, O God our help in ages past**

Dismissal

We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



Birthday

Alvina Magar	27-Jan
Vijay Pandian	28-Jan
Augustine Pastala	29-Jan
Helen Ponpandian	01-Feb

Anniversary

Deborah & James Baker	26-Jan
Tessa & Sunil Thomas	28-Jan