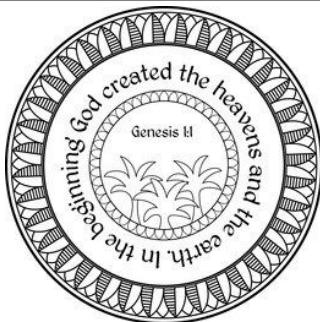


ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI
Since 1718



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



In just a few words, Genesis 1:1 proclaims a foundational truth that reverberates throughout all of Scripture and human history —God created the heavens and the earth. It's a profound truth about the essence of our existence and the ultimate source of all things.

In this first verse of Scripture, the stage is set for a cosmic narrative of God's plan of redemption and God's deep desire for relationship with His creation. It teaches us that our lives find their meaning and purpose in the context of God's creation and divine intention.

The Third Sunday before Lent *Septuagesima*

Sunday 16th February 2025 • 8.45 a.m.
Choral Eucharist

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*.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on 'Laudes Domini' ('When morning gilds the skies') - Peter Lutkin, 1858 - 1931

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

The spacious firmament on high,
With all the blue ethereal sky,
And spangled heavens, a shining frame,
Their great Original proclaim.
The unwearied sun, from day to day,
Does his Creator's power display,
And publishes to every land
The work of an Almighty Hand.

Words: Joseph Addison, 1672- 1719

Tune: CREATION
Franz Joseph Haydn, 1732 - 1809

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void, and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters.

All

**Then God said, "Let there be light"
and there was light,**

And God saw that the light was good,

All

and God separated the light from the darkness.

Presbyter

God called the light Day,
and the darkness He called Night.

Continued

Presbyter And there was evening and there was morning,
the first day.

All **Let us worship God,
the creator of heaven and earth!**

All join in singing the hymn The Entrance Hymn | **# 512**

When morning gilds the skies (*omit v.v. * 3, 4, 5, 6*) *Tune: LAUDES DOMINI*

Please be seated

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

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 347**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 348**

Genesis 1: 1 - 5

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated while the choir sings
the Psalm to a chant by Hayes*

Psalm

30: 1 - 5, 13

Exaltabo te, Domine

I WILL magnify thee, O Lord, for thou hast set me up : and not made
my foes to triumph over me.

² O Lord my God, I cried unto thee : and thou hast healed me.

³ Thou, Lord, hast brought my soul out of hell : thou hast kept my life
from them that go down to the pit.

⁴ Sing praises unto the Lord, O ye saints of his : and give thanks unto him
for a remembrance of his holiness.

Continued

⁵ For his wrath endureth but the twinkling of an eye, and in his pleasure is life : heaviness may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.

¹³ Therefore shall every good man sing of thy praise without ceasing : O my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

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 348**

I Corinthians 9:24 - 27

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 sing

Gradual Hymn

**Fairest Lord Jesus! Ruler of all nature,
O Thou of God and man the Son!
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honour,
Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown!**

² **Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
Who makes the woeful heart to sing.**

³ **Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
And all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
Than all the angels heaven can boast.**

Continued. Turn over.

4. **Beautiful Saviour! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honour, praise, adoration,
Now and forevermore be Thine!**

Words: Gesangbuch, Münster, 1677
Trans, anonymous, 1850

Tune: CRUSADERS' HYMN
H. A. Hoffmann von Fallersleben's
Schlesische Volkslieder, 1842

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power,
for you created all things.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 349**

St. Matthew 20:1 - 16

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

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

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

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Revd. Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Peace to you from God who is our Father.
Peace from Jesus Christ who is our peace.
Peace from the Holy Spirit who gives us life.

All

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

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**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds Thy hands have made.
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.**

*Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art! (2)*

2. **When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.**
3. **And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

Continued. Turn over.

4. **When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art.**

Words: Carl Boberg, 1859 – 1940

Music: Swedish folk melody

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayer of the People

Intercessor

For our leaders in faith.
May we all walk together on level ground.
May our leadership not overpower the weak.
May our voices not dominate the voiceless.

All

We pray to the Lord.

For our grounding and fidelity in family life.
May our relationships find hope being in relationship
with God.

May we listen to God and to those who most need our
attention.

We pray to the Lord.

For our burdened poor.
May we help ease the weight that pulls down our
neighbours.

May we work for affordable housing, sufficient food,
and accessible education.

We pray to the Lord.

For people who grieve their relationships.

May we journey among people who suffer from loss and
neglect.

May we speak up for the needs of people who hurt from
the ways life has hurt them.

We pray to the Lord.

For people who face depression and angst.

May people who live in fear know the healing remedy of
God's compassion. May hope be born in every heart.

We pray to the Lord.

Continued

Intercessor For the faithful departed. May our loved ones now find eternal rest in heaven and joy encountering the face of Christ Jesus.

All **We pray to the Lord.**
As we heard in the reading from Genesis this morning,
Your great wisdom reflected in Your wonderful creation.
Thank you for the creative Word of God
Who not only spoke the world into being from nothing
but died for me so that I could have life – everlasting life
and life more abundantly.
In Jesus' name we pray.
Amen.

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

While seated, we sing Hymn at the Communion | **# 309**

For the beauty of the earth *omit v.v. * 6, 7, 8*

Tune: ENGLAND'S LANE

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing
The Presbyter

Presbyter The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift His countenance toward you
and give you peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All join in singing

Recessional Hymn | # 587

All things bright and beautiful

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Choral Song - Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1810 - 1876

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 ~

"Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

Psalm 90:12

Ms. Rachel Joseph (16), Mr. Raj lype (19), Mrs. Rita Kamal (20),
Mrs. Anjali Salvi (21), Mr. Joshua lype (22)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

*"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast,
it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking,
it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs."*

1 Corinthians 13:1-5

Mr. Rohit & Mrs. Ashwini Millns (21)

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

• 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	Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm

Notices

- The Diocese mourns the passing of the Revd John Shatananda. We give thanks for his life and ministry. Pray for his sons Chris and Andy and the family.
- **Mission Sunday** will be observed next week Sunday 23rd February 2025.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted on Sunday 30th March 2025 at 10:45 am. Questions will be based on the Book of Ruth and the Epistle to the Hebrews (*New King James version*).
- **Confirmation service** will be held on Sunday 27th April 2025. Classes will be conducted starting 10:45 am. All confirmands are expected to attend.
- The Sunday School is looking for volunteers to teach. Please contact the Presbyter if you are interested.
- Those who enjoy singing and can make a weekly commitment, are welcome to join the choir. With some of our senior choristers having left for their higher studies, we will be happy for new singers to join.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription before the close of the financial year 31st March 2025.

ASH WEDNESDAY 5th March 2025

7 am Eucharist (*said*)

6:30 pm Eucharist (*sung*)

with imposition of ashes at both services.



For you are
DUST
and to dust you shall
RETURN
Genesis 3:19

Septuagesima

Liturgical Trivia

Septuagesima means 'seventieth' in Latin and it makes less than seventy days before Easter. Spiritually, the seventy days from Septuagesima to Easter represent our exile from God. In his work on the Liturgical Year, Dom Gueranger explains the Scriptural contrast between Jerusalem and Babylon.

*Babylon is the image of this world of sin,
in the midst whereof the Christian has to spend his years of probation;
Jerusalem is the heavenly country, where he is to repose after all his trials.*

Following the liturgical changes of the 1960s, the Church did away from the ancient season of Septuagesima. This was to avoid confusion because it often seemed like Lent – the priest wore purple, the alleluia was forbidden. The focus turned to the journey to Calvary. This revision returns Lent to its original unity and significance.

Septuagesima was regarded as a beginning, and so, in monasteries, the readings began from Genesis.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week our prayers focus on Europe. Pray for all countries in Europe challenged by the number of refugees arriving on their shores. Pray for peace and for a generosity of heart that people can welcome the homeless, the lost and the stranger.

† **OUR COUNTRY** President's Rule was imposed in Manipur last week after a long drawn out ethnic conflict between the Meitei and Kuki-Zo communities. Pray for a return to normalcy in the state • Pray for the many pupils across the country who are writing their board examinations at this time.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Theologian and Reformer Martin Luther (10 Nov 1483 — 18 Feb 1546) is commemorated on 18th February. An Augustinian monk, Luther became a professor of biblical theology at the newly founded University of Wittenberg. Luther taught that salvation is not earned by good deeds but received only as a free gift of God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ as redeemer from sin • In the Anglican Communion, for The Church of Bangladesh and the Most Reverend Samuel Sunil Mankhin.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Chhattisgarh and Bishop Sushma Kumar • The Diocese of Cochin.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** St. Peter's Church, Mulund (Tamil Pastorate) and the Reverend Cletus Edward.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • We thank God for the skill of the workers and conservation experts who carried out the recent restoration work.

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