



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI
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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



Jesus took the Twelve aside and told them,
“We are going up to Jerusalem, and everything that is written by the prophets
about the Son of Man will be fulfilled.
He will be delivered over to the Gentiles.
They will mock him, insult him and spit on him;
they will flog him and kill him. On the third day he will rise again.”
Luke 18: 31 - 33

The Sunday before Lent *Quinquagesima*

Sunday 2nd March 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 and fugue in G, BWV 557 - Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes,
may now your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise.
Give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real,
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

Words & Music Dave Bilbrough, b. 1965

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

God of Gods:

We come to worship today to hear your good news,

All

**to hear of faith, hope and love
ringing out from your kingdom.**

We know that doubt, fear and hatred
can shake even the strongest.

**Shape us into faithful hopeful people,
fill us with your love that passes all understanding.**

We pray this together in the name of Jesus Christ,

Amen.

All join in singing the hymn
Love divine all loves excelling

The Entrance Hymn | # 437

Tune: LOVE DIVINE

Please be seated

All say together

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 353**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 354**

Genesis 9:8 - 17

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 Foster*

Psalm
26: 1 - 7

Judica me, Domine

BE thou my Judge, O Lord, for I have walked innocently : my trust hath
been also in the Lord, therefore shall I not fall.

² Examine me, O Lord, and prove me : try out my reins and my heart.

³ For thy loving-kindness is ever before mine eyes : and I will walk in thy
truth.

⁴ I have not dwelt with vain persons : neither will I have fellowship with
the deceitful.

⁵ I have hated the congregation of the wicked : and will not sit among the
ungodly.

⁶ I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord : and so will I go to thine
altar;

⁷ That I may shew the voice of thanksgiving : and tell of all thy wondrous
works.

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 355**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

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 | **# 506**

To Mercy, Pity, Peace and Love *omit v. 5**

Tune: EPSOM

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 356**

St. Luke 18:31 - 43

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

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

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, O Christ.**

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

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God
in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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 | **# 408**

Immortal love for ever full

Tune: BISHOPTHORPE

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or sit

The Intercession | **page 270**

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 | **# 396**

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Tune: CAPETOWN

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Lord Jesus, I thank you for going to Jerusalem

while knowing that the cross was coming

and yet enduring it for the sake of my salvation.

To you, O Lord and Christ, belong all glory, honour, blessing, and praise.

All **Amen.**

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

Would you be free from the burden of sin?

There's power in the blood, power in the blood;

Would you o'er evil a victory win?

There's wonderful power in the blood.

Continued. Turn over.

Refrain:

***There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder-working power
In the precious blood of the Lamb.***

**² Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood,
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide?
There's wonderful power in the blood.**

**³ Would you be whiter, much whiter than snow?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood,
Sin-stains are lost in its life-giving flow;
There's wonderful power in the blood.**

**⁴ Would you do service for Jesus, your King?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood,
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.**

Words & Music: Lewis E. Jones, 1865 - 1936

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

March in D - 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.



*Lenten reflections
through the organ chorale preludes
of Johann Sebastian Bach*

Played on the Cathedral organ
Friday 4th April 2025 • 7 pm



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

ASH WEDNESDAY 5th March 2025

7 am Eucharist (*said*)
6:30 pm Eucharist (*sung*)

with imposition of ashes at both services.

Readings: Joel 2:12 - 17, James 4: 1 - 10, St. Matthew 6: 16 - 21

Hymns & Psalm : Forty days and forty nights,

Lord in this thy mercy's day

Saviour, when in dust to thee,

I need Thee every hour, All to Jesus I surrender

Psalm 51

~ Birthdays this Week ~

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord,
"plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

Jeremiah 29:11

Mrs. Sunita Gladston (3), Mrs. Indira Pastala (4), Mrs. Ann lype (6)

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

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| • 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 |

Lent, Holy Week and Easter 2025



Lent

Wednesday 5th March

ASH WEDNESDAY

7.00 am Holy Eucharist with the
imposition of ashes

6.30 pm Holy Eucharist with the
imposition of ashes

Sunday 9th March

First Sunday in Lent

7.00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 16th March

Second Sunday in Lent

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 23rd March

Third Sunday in Lent

7.00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Sunday 30th March

Mothering Sunday

7.00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Saturday 5th April • 6.30 pm

“The Cross of Christ”

*A Service of Readings
and Music for Passiontide*

Sunday 6th April

Fifth Sunday in Lent

7.00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Holy Week and Easter

Sunday of the Passion: Palm Sunday

13th April

Procession and the Blessing
and Distribution of Palms

7:00 am Holy Eucharist (said)

8.45 am Holy Eucharist (choral)

Monday in Holy Week 14th April

6.30 pm Holy Week Meditation
in Word and Organ Music

Tuesday in Holy Week 15th April

6.30 pm ‘Hymns of Faith’

Wednesday in Holy Week 16th April

6.30 pm Holy Week Meditation
in Word and Organ Music

Thursday 17th April

THE MAUNDY THURSDAY LITURGY AND THE WASHING OF FEET

6.30 pm Holy Eucharist (choral)

GOOD FRIDAY 18th April

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

THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER 19th April

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

EASTER DAY Sunday 20th April 9 am

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

Questions Jesus asked

A Lenten Bible Study Series

online on Wednesday 7 pm

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| 12 th March 2025 | "Who do you say I am?" Matthew 16:15 | Paras Tyaide |
| 19 th March 2025 | "What do you want me to do for you?" Matthew 20:32 | Paul George |
| 26 th March 2025 | "Why do you call me, "Lord, Lord," and do not do what I say?" Luke 6:46 | Peter Akbar |
| 2 nd April 2025 | When I broke the five loaves for the five thousand, how many baskets full of broken pieces did you take up?" Mark 8:19 | Vijay Thangaih |
| 9 th April 2025 | "Do you love me?" John 21:17 | Willie Soans |

Notices

- **World Day of Prayer** service in the Cathedral on Friday 07th March at 6:30 pm. This year the theme is drawn from Psalm 139: 14 *"I made you wonderful"*. The order of service has been put together by women from the churches in the Cook Islands (Polynesia).
- 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*).
- If you are keen on a **prayer meeting** being held in your home (Fridays) please contact the Presbyter.
- **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 choir has started preparing the music for the Lenten season. If you enjoy singing and can make a weekly commitment you are very welcome to join. Meet the Presbyter if interested.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription before the close of the financial year 31st March 2025.
- Do please remember to take your copy of this service bulletin home with you.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray for peace and good will in all areas of the world which are experiencing war and conflict. Pray for the work of the United Nations.

† **OUR COUNTRY** At least 25 people remain trapped under snow after an avalanche struck the Himalayan mountain state of Uttarakhand following recent heavy snowfall in the region. Pray for rescue operations • Pray for a return to normalcy in the state of Manipur.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The third century martyrs, Perpetua and Felicitas are commemorated on 7th March. They were martyred for their faith in Carthage (modern day Tunisia in N. Africa) in about the year 203 A.D. together with three others • The theologian Thomas Aquinas (1274) is commemorated on 8th March. His influence on Western thought is considerable, and much of modern philosophy was conceived as a reaction against, or as an agreement with, his ideas, particularly in the areas of ethics, natural law, metaphysics, and political theory. He is regarded as the patron of all universities and students.

*"To one who has faith,
no explanation is necessary.
To one without faith,
no explanation is possible."*

• With all the faithful we continue to pray for the restoration of good health for Pope Francis • In the Anglican Communion for the Anglican Church of Burundi and Bishop Sixbert Macumi.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India's Diocese of Dooars (Jharkhand) and Bishop David Roy • The Church of South India's Diocese of Madhya (Central) Kerala and Bishop Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** St. Andrew's Church (Tamil Pastorate) and the Reverend D. Jebamani.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For all pupils writing their board examinations.

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