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The Church of North India
A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

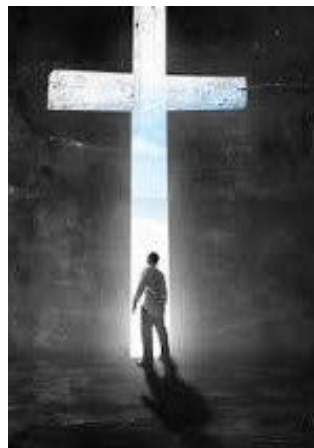


Sundays 7 am Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 am Eucharist (*sung*)
Weekdays 7 am to 6 pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection

Whoever is not with me is against me.

Luke 11: 14 - 23

The gospel reading suggests that we can fail to see what Jesus calls 'the finger of God' at work around us. We can miss something very significant, something of God, for whatever reason. Perhaps we are working out of prejudices that we haven't fully acknowledged or the way we might imagine how God draws near to us is too limited and fails to do justice to the surprising nature of God's ways. The journey of repentance for all of us involves a growing openness to the many ways that the kingdom of God is overtaking us and the finger of God is at work among us.



The Third Sunday in Lent

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 23rd March 2025 • 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

Small chorale partita on, 'O Jesu all mein Leben'
(‘O Jesu, you are my whole life’) – Petr Eben, 1929 - 2007

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.”

Opening Prayer

All stand and sing the opening hymn

Entrance Hymn| # 65

The fast as taught by holy law

Tune: MELCOMBE (# 260)

Please be seated

All say together

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

Kneel as able or remain seated

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord have mercy. (3)
Christ have mercy. (3)
Lord have mercy. (3)**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collects for the Day | **page 364 & page 357**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 364**

Numbers 22:21 - 31

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

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 Henley

Psalm

35: 1 - 4, 9 & 10

Judica, Domine

Plead thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me : and fight
thou against them that fight against me.

² Lay hand upon the shield and buckler : and stand up to help me.

³ Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me :
say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

⁴ Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul : let
them be turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief
for me.

⁹ And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation.

¹⁰ All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the
poor from him that is too strong for him : yea, the poor, and him that
is in misery, from him that spoileth him?

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.

The Epistle | **page 366**

Ephesians 5:1 - 14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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 | **# 409**

In the Cross of Christ I glory

Tune: WYCHBOLD

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel Acclamation

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

I believe that I shall surely see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living: O wait for the Lord, stand firm and he will strengthen your heart, and wait, I say, for the Lord.

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 367**

St. Luke 11:14 - 28

The Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

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

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.**

All sing

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless Babe!
This Gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Til on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied;
For every sin on Him was laid –
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

*Music: Keith Getty, b. 1974
Words: Stuart Townend, b. 1963*

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Revd. 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 | **# 68**

The glory of these forty days

Tune: ERHALT' UNS, HERR

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please be seated

Lent Prose

Cantor

Hear us, O Lord,

All

have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against Thee.

Choir

God we implore thee, in Thy glory seated: Bow down and hearken to Thy weeping children: Pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

arr. John Scott, 1956 - 2015

Kneel as able or remain seated

Litany

Intercessor

As we prepare for the Passion of the Lord, may our hearts be filled with integrity and repentance. Lord in your mercy;

All

Hear our Prayer.

We pray that the victims of war and violence, be helped and protected in their need. We pray especially for those who are responsible for the conflicts, that they may be given a change of heart and courage to end all violent acts.

Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

We pray for those displaced and homeless, through armed conflict, the changing environment and political intolerance.

Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

We pray especially for those, who are enslaved and unjustly deprived of liberty and freedom. May we work for justice and salvation in our world. Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

We pray for those afraid and in despair over how they are to live without employment or income, may we come to the aid of the poorest in our society. Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

We remember especially the sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound, those of our own families wherever they may be. May they get the care and treatment they need. Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

Continued

Intercessor Let us pray for those who have recently died and for all our dead and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. Lord in your mercy;

All **Hear our Prayer.**
Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.

All keep a moments silence

The Presbyter Almighty and ever-living God, as we prepare ourselves by a renewal in our practice of the faith, grant that we may follow Jesus' commandments joyfully, and celebrate his Passion, death and resurrection in true righteousness. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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 | **#89**

Soul of Jesus, make me whole

All stand and say

Prayer after Communion

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Presbyter God,
who from the death of sin
raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling
and set you in the presence of His glory;
† 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 | # 397

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

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

“By the rivers of Babylon” - Marcel Dupré, 1886 - 1971

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

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me." Philippians 4:13

Mr. Jeffry Frazer (24), Dr. (Mrs.) Malathy Samuel (25),
Mrs. Omana Mathew (25), Yohan Gupte (25), Mr. Shantha Kumar (27),
Mrs. Ria George (28)

MOTHERING SUNDAY (30th March 2025)

The fourth Sunday in Lent is observed as Mothering Sunday (in churches with an Anglican heritage) in honour of Mother Mary and now, all mothers. People customarily made it a point of visiting their nearest Mother Church. Cathedrals are the 'mother church' of all other churches in an area ('diocese').

The guest preacher on Mothering Sunday will be Dr. (Mrs.) Dolly Henry. She is currently serving as the Group Director-Academics for the CBSE group of schools. Alongside her husband she pastors a church in Thane. A recipient of the *National Award for Best Teacher* in 2015, Dr. Dolly Henry has dedicated her life to nurturing the potential of students and addressing socio-economic challenges through education, advocacy, and ministry. We look forward to hearing her.

Notices

- Please remember to pay your annual **subscription** before 31st March 2025.
- A medical camp is being organised by the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) tomorrow Monday 24th March 2025.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted next 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).
- **Lenten Bible study**: is conducted every Wednesday at 7pm (online).
- 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 are held every Sunday 10:45 am. All confirmands are expected to attend.
- *Christian Medical College (CMC)*, Vellore has announced admissions for various courses like MBBS, BDS, BSc Nursing, Allied Health Science Degree, Diploma in Nursing, Master of Hospital Administration, Master of Public Health, Master of Physiotherapy and Master of Occupational Therapy. More details on CMC's website <http://admissions.cmcvellore.ac.in>. Applications can be accessed only online. The last date for filling the application form online is 28th March 2025, The last date to apply to the CNI Synodical Board of Health Services (SBHS) for sponsorship is 30th March 2025. Interviews will be held in New Delhi between 3rd April to 10th April, 2025. Scanned copies of the online forms, baptism certificate, church membership certificate duly signed by the Presbyter and countersigned by the Bishop of the Diocese to be emailed to Mr. Joshua Rathnam (Chief Functionary & Secretary, SBHS) at joshuacnisbhs@gmail.com

"Prayer at Dawn"

Daily morning prayer for half an hour (6 am to 6:30 am) during Lent (except on Sundays).

Zoom ID 229 239 2476

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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 |

Questions Jesus asked

A Lenten Bible Study Series

online on Wednesday 7 pm

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

The Gospel Music of Elvis Presley

Performed by Mehmood Curmally and the Skylarks

Saturday 29th March 2025 • 7:30 pm

St. Thomas's Cathedral, Fort
(Free entry)



The Cross of Christ

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

With the Cathedral Choir and guest musicians

Saturday 5th April 2025 • 6:30 pm

All are welcome



† THE WORLD

This week our prayers focus on Africa. Pray for the leaders of the Christian Churches in the many countries that make up Africa that you Lord Jesus, would be honoured by their words and in their lives. Pray for these Christian leaders that they would be wise in the decisions they make on behalf of your people. Pray too for those working in Bible Translation as they seek to bring your truths into a form that is meaningful and allows for your Holy Spirit to work bountifully • This week, NASA astronauts Butch Wilmore and Sunita Williams returned to earth after an unexpectedly long mission. We give thanks to God for their safe return. When asked, “*What is your life lesson or your takeaway from these nine months in space?*”, Wilmore gave a powerful testimony:

“My feeling on all of this goes back to my faith, it’s bound in my Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ he is working out his plan and his purposes for his glory throughout all of humanity and how that plays into our lives is significant and important, and however that plays out I am content because I understand that. I understand that He’s at work in all things, somethings are for the good. Go to Hebrews 11, some things look to us to be not so good but it all works out for his good for those that will believe.”

† OUR COUNTRY

Our continued prayers for a return to normalcy in the state of Manipur and in the city of Nagpur.

† THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH

The Annunciation of Mary is on 25th March. We give thanksgiving that the Word of God took our human nature through Mary • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Iglesia Anglicana de la Region Central de America (The Anglican Church in Central America) and Bishop Juan David Alvarado Melgar.

† THE CHURCH IN INDIA

Mathura Nath Bose (Convert, Evangelist) is commemorated on 26th March • The Church of North India’s Diocese of Nagpur and Bishop Paul Dupare • The Church of South India’s Diocese of Coimbatore and Bishop Timothy Ravinder.

† THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY

St. Mark’s Church, Vikhroli (Tamil Pastorate) and Reverend D. Jebamani.

† OUR CATHEDRAL

All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • All pupils writing their board examination • The ministry of the Women’s Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS).

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