ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL Mumbai







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



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

On this radiant morning, we join the chorus echoing through the ages and across continents: Christ is risen! Alleluia! We extend a warm welcome to each one of you as you join in worship with us here in the Cathedral on Resurrection Sunday.

Today we celebrate the heart of the Christian faith—that love is stronger than death, and that nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Easter is not just the story of one man's triumph over the grave; it is the declaration that life wins, hope endures, and love has the final say. The tomb is empty, and the world is forever changed.

But Easter isn't only about what happened to Jesus two thousand years ago. It's also about what is happening to us—right now. The risen Christ is still at work in our lives and in our world, rolling away the stones that keep us trapped in fear, shame, despair, addiction, and grief. Easter comes to remind us that no night lasts forever, no story is beyond redemption, and no person is beyond the reach of grace.

As you join in worship on this joyful morning, know this: the joy of Easter is for you. Not because you've earned it, but because God delights in you. You are beloved. You are called by name. And the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in your life, offering you new beginnings and boundless hope.

Let us in heart, mind and voice make this sacred place resound with our joyous acclamation:

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Music before the Service

Prelude in G, *BWV 541* - Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750 Alla Danza played on the French Horn - George Friedrich Handel, 1685 - 1759 Organ concerto No. 13 in F 'The Cuckoo and the Nightingale' - G. F. Handel, *HWV 295* 'Ode to Joy' played on the French Horn - Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770 - 1827 Prelude on 'The Day of Resurrection' (tune: 'Ellacombe') - June Nixon, *b.* 1942 Prelude & Fugue on 'Easter Hymn' - Rick Erickson

While seated, all join in singing

Resurrection Songs

Low in the grave He lay, Jesus my Saviour, waiting the coming day, Jesus my Lord!

Up from the grave He arose; with a mighty triumph o'er His foes; He arose a victor from the dark domain, and He lives forever, with His saints to reign. He arose! He arose! Hallelujah! Christ arose!

Death cannot keep its prey, Jesus my Saviour; He tore the bars away, Jesus my Lord!

Robert Lowry, 1826 - 1899

I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today; I know that He is living, whatever men may say. I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer, And just the time I need Him He's always near. He lives! He lives! Christ Jesus lives today! He walks with me, and talks with me Along life's narrow way. He lives! He lives, salvation to impart! You ask me how I know He lives: He lives within my heart!

Alfred Henry Ackley, 1887 - 1960

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit Sung by the choir

Alive! alive! Jesus is a alive! No greater affirmation could a mortal tongue impart; Alive! alive! Jesus is a alive! Triumphant over sin and death, He lives within my heart!

The Lamb of God was crucified, His work on earth was o'er, They laid Him in a stone-cold tomb where none had lain before; A seal was set while soldiers kept their watch by night and day, An angel of the Lord came down and rolled the stone away!

Joe E. Parks, 1927 - 1993

All stand and face the West Door

The Acclamation of the Resurrection

Presbyter	Alleluia! Christ is risen.	
All	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!	

Hymn at the Entry

All sing	Hail thee, Festival Day! Blest day that art hallow Day wherein Christ aros breaking the kingdom o	se,
Choir	Lo, the fair beauty of earth, from the death of the winter of every good gift of the year now with its Master returns.	arising,
	Hail thee, Festival Day! Blest day that art hallow Day wherein Christ aros breaking the kingdom o	se,
Choir	He who was nailed to the Cro is God and the Ruler of all thi all things created on earth worship the maker of all.	
	Hail thee, Festival Day! Blest day that art hallow Day wherein Christ aros breaking the kingdom o	se,
Words: Bishop V	enantius Fortunates, 530 - 609	<i>Tune:</i> SALVE FESTA DIES Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872 - 1958

Please be seated

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!

Continued

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. organ arrangement: Malcolm Archer

The organ plays an interlude

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

Please be seated

All say together

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

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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 a chant by G. Thalben-Ball

- 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

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.

Gradual Hymn

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The strife is oer, the battle done; Now is the Victor's triumph won; O let the song of praise be sung : Alleluia!

² Death's mightiest powers have done their worst; And Jesus has his foes dispersed; Let shouts of praise and joy outburst: Alleluia!

³ He closed the yawning gates of hell; The bars from heavens high portals fell; Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell! Alleluia!

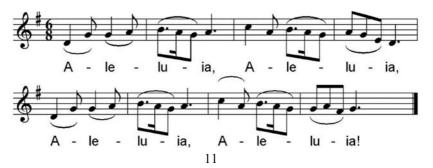
⁴ On the third morn he rose again Glorious in majesty to reign; O let us swell the joyful strain:

Alleluia!

Words: F. POTT (from the Latin) Music: from PALESTRINA (1525 - 1594), "Alleluya" by W.H. MONK

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





Cantor	The right hand of God raised me up. The hand of the Lord has triumphed.	
	l shall never die, I shall live, telling God's deeds.	
All sing	Alleluia.	

Music: Celtic Mass by Fintan O'Carroll & Christopher Walker

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	This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.	
All	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

Sermon The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

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.

 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 joyful 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

The Anthem

All say

Please be seated

The choir sings

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"Lord of the Dance"

I danced in the morning when the world was begun, And I danced in the moon And the stars and the sun, And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth, At Bethlehem Dance, then, wherever you may be, I am the Lord of the Dance, said he, And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be, And I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.

I danced for the scribe And the pharisee, But they would not dance And they wouldn't follow me. I danced for the fishermen, For James and John – They came with me And the Dance went on.

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black – It's hard to dance with the devil on your back. They buried my body and they thought I'd gone, But I am the Dance, and I still go on. I danced on the Sabbath And I cured the lame; The holy people said it was a shame. They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high, And they left me there on a Cross to die.

They cut me down and I leapt up high; I am the life that'll never, never die; I'll live in you If you'll live in me – I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

Shaker tune, adapted Sydney Carter, 1915 - 2004 arr. John Barnard

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 families,	friends and
	the worshipping community here at the Cathe	dral with
	the joy of his glorious and life-giving resurrecti	on,
	we pray to the Father.	
All	Hear our prayer.	
	That isolated and persecuted churches	
	may find fresh strength in the good news of Ea	ister,
	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; the bishops, priests and laity of the Church of South India; Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church; Manoj the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary for our Diocese and for Avinash our Presbyter,

we pray to the Father.

All

Hear our prayer.

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

The Consecration | page 277

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The Communion | page 284

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

During the administration of Communion, while seated, we sing

See what a morning, gloriously bright with the dawning of hope in Jerusalem; folded the grave-clothes tomb filled with light, as the angels announce "Christ is risen!" See God's salvation plan, wrought in love, borne in pain, paid in sacrifice, fulfilled in Christ the Man, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead.

² See Mary weeping, "Where is He laid?" As in sorrow she turns from the empty tomb. Hears a voice speaking, calling her name; It's the Master, the Lord, raised to life again! The voice that spans the years, speaking life, stirring hope, bringing peace to us, will sound till He appears, for He lives: Christ is risen from the dead. ^{3.} One with the Father, Ancient of Days, through the Spirit Who clothes faith with certainty. Honour and blessing, glory and praise to the King crowned with power and authority. And we are raised with Him; Death is dead, love has won, Christ has conquered. And we shall reign with Him, for He lives, Christ is risen from the dead.

Words & Music: Stuart Townend (b. 1963) & Keith Getty (b. 1974)

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.

Continued

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

The bonds of death were cast aside as through the opened door. The Risen Christ came from the tomb to live forever more! Alleluia! Alive! alive! Jesus is alive! The prison bars of sin and death God's power has torn apart; Alive! alive! Jesus is alive! What proof have I that Jesus lives? I know it's true because He lives and reigns within my heart!

Joe E. Parks

All join in singing

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 Organ arrangement: Malcolm Archer

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

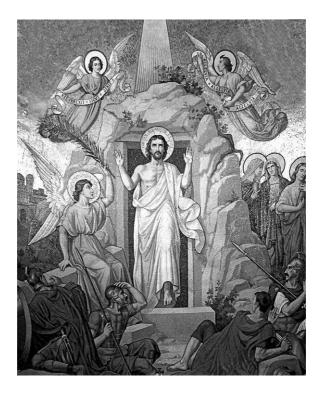
The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia! All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

Postlude

Hallelujah Chorus, from 'Messiah' - G. F. Handel

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

"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

Mrs. Gopa Khandwala (21), Arina Magar (21)

Wedding anniversaries this week

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

Mr. Mani & Annie Thomas (25), Mr. Mukul Gupte & Vijaya Pastala (26)

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

- 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 Ramesh 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.
- Please do remember to take your copy of this service bulletin away with you. In spite of repeated requests copies are left behind after the service. Kindly oblige.





† **THE WORLD** Pray for peace and reconciliation in areas of the world experiencing conflict. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem.

† OUR COUNTRY Pray for peace and communal harmony following the recent riots in Murshidabad, West Bengal. Our prayers continue for a return to normalcy in the state of Manipur.

† THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH For the faithful as we rejoice in the risen Lord
In the Anglican Communion for the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and Archbishop Andrew Chan.

† THE CHURCH IN INDIA The Church of North India's Diocese of Patna and Bishop Francis Handsa • The Church of South India's Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad and Bishop Jeyasingh Prince Prabhakaran.

† THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY This week for the Church of Righteousness and the Reverend Cletus Edward.

† OUR CATHEDRAL We give thanks to God for the services conducted during Lent and Holy Week in the Cathedral • All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • For the destitute and homeless in the immediate vicinity of the Cathedral. May we be the hands and feet of the risen Christ and bring comfort and assistance to those in need.

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