



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

“No one will take your joy
from you.”



To have the Spirit of Christ at work in us, glorifying the risen Christ and making real for us all that the Father is for us in him and in his triumph over death — this is a wonder vastly superior to what the disciples knew in their lifetime. There is no greater glory than the glory of God in the face of the risen Christ (2 Corinthians 4:6). The fuller we are of the Holy Spirit, the more clearly we see and enjoy this glory.

Third Sunday after Easter

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 11th May 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*.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

‘The Risen Christ’ - Charles Sergisson
incorporating hymn tunes from Palestrina and ‘Lyra Davidica’

Welcome

A Prayer for Peace

The Presbyter

God of peace and compassion,
You have created all people in Your image
and called us to live together in love.
We bring before You our nation and pray for
the safety of all those who guard our borders and who face danger.
In the face of division, we pray for dialogue.
In places of conflict, we ask for reconciliation.
In hearts filled with fear or anger,
we seek Your peace that passes all understanding.
In all our troubles may we put our whole trust and confidence in thy mercy,
and evermore serve thee in holiness and pureness of living.
May swords be turned into plowshares,
And may hope take root where hostility once grew.
In Christ, our peace, we pray. **Amen.**

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

In resurrectione tua, Christe,
coeli et terra laetentur.

Sung in Latin

*Let heaven and earth rejoice
in your resurrection, O Christ.*

Taizé chant by Jacques Berthier (1923 - 1994)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Darkness is gone! Brightness reigns!

**God's love has poured over us,
bringing us joy and hope!**

We gather, as the children of God,

committed to the call to peacemaking.

We gather, as the children of God,

finding refuge in our God of peace.

We are free from fear and doubt!

We are free to celebrate and dance,

and shout the Good News "Christ is Risen!"

All sing

Entrance Hymn

**Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**

² **In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**

³ **Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**

⁴ **Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Tune: TRURO, Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

Please be seated

All say together

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 421**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 422**

Genesis 45:3 - 10

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated as the choir sings
the psalm to a chant by Elvey*

Psalm

112: 1 - 9

Beatus vir

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; * he hath great delight in his commandments.

² His seed shall be mighty upon earth; * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

³ Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴ Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

⁵ A good man is merciful, and lendeth; * and will guide his words with discretion.

⁶ For he shall never be moved: * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

⁸ His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his enemies.

Continued

⁹ He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor. * and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

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 423**

I St. Peter 2:11 - 17

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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
Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Gradual Hymn | **# 134**

Tune: ST. ALBINUS

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

“I call friends,” says the Lord, “you who are my disciples.
I make known to you all I’ve learned from my Father.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 423**

St. John 16:16 - 22

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.**

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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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.

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All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory

**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, should die for me?**

**Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!**

Continued. Turn over.

2. **He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.**
*'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.*

3. **Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.**
*My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.*

4. **No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.**
*Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

Tune: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell (1777 - 1844)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Intercession | **page 270**

The General Confession & Absolution
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The Consecration | **page 277**

The Proper Preface for Eastertide | **page 279**

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

While seated, all sing

Hymn | # 319

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Tune: BRYN CALFARIA

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

Presbyter

O God, who would fold both heaven and earth
in a single peace;
that the design of your great love lighten
upon the waste of our wraths and sorrows
and give peace to your church, peace among nations,
peace in our dwellings and peace in our hearts;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
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

Recessional Hymn | # 426

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Tune: MANNHEIM

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Finlandia ('Be still my soul') - Jean Sibelius, Op. 26 No.7 (1865 - 1957)

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

"For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life."

Proverbs 9:11

Mrs. Jaisy Desai (11), Mrs. Kala Chempaka (17)

Wedding anniversaries this week

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

Romans 12:10

Mr. Sathia Raj & Mrs. Nalina Sathia Raj (11),
Mr. Dhanasekaran Chempaka & Mrs. Kala Chempaka (15)

Notices

- Sunday School classes will resume after the Summer holidays in the second week of June.
- Young people are requested to be active participants in the Youth Fellowship.
- The choristers will be away for their summer break from next Sunday.
- Do remember to carry this bulletin home with you. There is an exhaustive prayer request list printed weekly. Make use of this during your family prayers.

Ascension Day

Thursday 29th May 2025

Open air Eucharist in the Cathedral garden
7:30 a.m.

All are welcome

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 |

**Lord, let your love and mercy
surround our land.
Protect us from all harm and danger.
We ask this in the precious name of Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**



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To,
The Presbyters & Members,
Pastorates / Congregations,
Bombay Diocesan Council, CNI.

03rd May 2025

Dear Members of the Diocese of Bombay,

Sub: Peace Rally in Solidarity with the Victims of the Pahalgam Terror Attack

As a nation, we were shocked and anguished by the heinous terrorist attack that happened in Pahalgam's Baisaran Valley in Jammu and Kashmir on 22nd April 2025, claiming the lives of at least 26 people and injuring several others. We strongly condemn this act of terrorism that has brought terrible loss and grief to several families and the nation.

As a mark of solidarity with the victims and all those affected by this tragedy, the Bombay Diocesan Council, CNI, will be holding a **Peace Rally at 6.30 pm** on Saturday **17th May 2025** at **The Church of St. Mary the Virgin, CNI**, Below Elphinstone Bridge, Parel, Mumbai – 400012. The Prayer Service will be led by The Rt. Revd. Manoj Charan, the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary, Diocese of Bombay, CNI.

We invite the clergy and members of all the churches in the Diocese of Bombay, CNI, to join the Peace Rally to pray for peace and justice.

Thanking you,
In His Service,

Thomas Jacob

Rev. Thomas Jacob
Hon. Secretary,
Diocese of Bombay, CNI.



Cc: Rt. Revd. Manoj Charan, Moderator's Episcopal Commissary, Bombay Diocese, CNI.
Rev. Vishwas P. Ingle, Vice President, Bombay Diocese, CNI.
Dr. Jamson Masih, Hon. Treasurer, Bombay Diocese, CNI.

Pray with us

- † **THE WORLD** For an end to conflict and restoration of peace.
- † **OUR COUNTRY** We pray for peace at our borders, praying for the families and friends of all those who have died in the conflict thus far and for those injured. Pray for the safety of personnel in the armed forces who guard our borders and shores.
- † **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** We pray for the newly elected Pope Leo XIV.

*Almighty God,
shepherd and guardian of all,
We pray for your servant Pope Leo.
Grant him grace to follow in the footsteps
of the Good Shepherd,
to preach the Gospel with boldness,
to build up your people in unity and peace,
and to serve them with humility and love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

- In the *Anglican Communion* for The Anglican Church in Japan and the Most Reverend David Eisho Uehara.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The martyrs of Delhi are commemorated today. On this day in 1857 the Revd Midgley John Jennings (founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel's Mission to Delhi) was killed in Delhi along with his family and other members of the mission at the outbreak of the rebellion of 1857 • Krishna Mohan Bannerjea (educationist, baptised in 1832) is commemorated on 11th May • The Church of North India's Diocese of Rajasthan and Bishop Raimson Victor • The Church of South India's Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. James's Church (Tamil Pastorate), Boisar and the Reverend Suresh Kumar.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • This week for all youth in our congregation, especially for those who are studying and working away from their home.

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