



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

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

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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath
I Kings 17: 8 - 16

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Today's scripture goes from God taking care of Elijah, to God using Elijah to take care of others. God often deepens our walk with him by giving us more and more that we can handle....

As we consider the example of Elijah and his incredible faith, the heart of the story is his capacity to trust. Issues of trust dominate our lives. Trust intersects with risk, how much we trust others, how much we trust God, translates into how free we are, how much we worry.

When life crumbles, trusting God is hard. Trusting God goes against natural instincts: we like predictability. The greatest trust is when we get to the end of the rope, when there is no obvious solution, and we let go...Elijah learns to trust.

When you are at the end of your rope and you turn to God, in time there will always be peace and calm assurance. When the widow reached the end of her rope, she turned to the man of God to help assure her that God hears and answers our prayers. When you are at the end of your rope, let go and trust God. Amen.

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist
Sunday 3rd August 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 *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Adagio in E major - Frank Bridge (1879 - 1941)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Now, dear Lord, as we pray,
take our hearts and minds far away
from the press of the world all around
to thy throne where grace doth abound.
May our lives be transformed by Thy love,
may our souls be refreshed from above.
At this moment, let people everywhere
join us now as we come to Thee in prayer.

Ralph Carmichael (1927 - 2021)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

We gather in worship to give thanks to God,

All

To call on His Holy name,

To sing praises to God,

To remember God's wonderful works.

As our ancestors were led with a cloud by day
and fire by night,

God guides us with the power of the Holy Spirit.

As they received abundant food in the wilderness
and flowing water in the desert,

**Let us be open to the miracles of God's provision
in our lives.**

All join in singing the hymn

Praise to the Lord

The Entrance Hymn | # 207

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

Please be seated

All say together

The Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 463**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 463**

I Kings 17:8 - 16

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to a chant by Jones

Psalm

119: 49 – 56

Memor esto servi tui

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word : wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

⁵⁰ The same is my comfort in my trouble : for thy word hath quickened me.

⁵¹ The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrinkd from thy law.

⁵² For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord : and received comfort.

⁵³ I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

⁵⁴ Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

⁵⁵ I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season : and have kept thy law.

⁵⁶ This I had : because I kept thy commandments.

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 464**

Romans 6:19 - 23

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn

**My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
be wholly Thine.**

² **May Thy rich grace impart
strength to my fainting heart,
my zeal inspire;
as Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
pure, warm, and changeless be,
a living fire.**

Words: Ray Palmer (1808 –1887)

³ **While life's dark maze I tread,
and griefs around me spread,
be Thou my Guide;
bid darkness turn to day,
wipe sorrow's tears away,
nor let me ever stray
from Thee aside.**

⁴ **When ends life's transient dream,
when death's cold, sullen stream
shall o'er me roll,
blest Saviour, then in love,
fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
a ransomed soul.**

Tune: OLIVET
Lowell Mason (1792 - 1872)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

cf I Peter 1.25

The Gospel of Christ | **page 465**

St Mark 8:1–9

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.
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 Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

cf Romans 12.9,17,18

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.

See inside front cover for bank details to make your offering.

**God has spoken by the prophets,
spoken the unchanging Word,
each from age to age proclaiming
God, the one, the righteous Lord!
'Mid the world's despair and turmoil
one firm anchor holding fast:
God eternal reigns forever,
God the first and God the last.**

**² God has spoken by Christ Jesus,
Christ, the everlasting Son,
brightness of the Father's glory,
with the Father ever one;
spoken by the Word incarnate,
God of God, ere time was born;
Light of light, to earth descending,
Christ, as God in human form.**

**³ God is speaking by the Spirit,
speaking to our hearts again;
in the age-long Word declaring
God's own message, now as then.
Through the rise and fall of nations
one sure faith yet standing fast:
God abides, the Word unchanging,
God the first and God the last.**

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875 - 1959)

Tune: BLAENWERN

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please 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

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."**

*It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

**2. Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.**

**3. My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**4. O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
the trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
even so, it is well with my soul.**

Words: Horatio G. Spafford (1828 - 1888)

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE
Philip Bliss (1838 - 1876)

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Heavenly Father,
we thank You for the story of Elijah and the widow,
which reminds us of Your faithfulness and provision.
Help us to trust in Your Word
and to act in obedience.

Give us the courage to step out in faith.

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

Hymn at the Closing | **# 510**

Sent forth by God's blessing

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Trumpet tune on 'Ash Grove' - David Lasky (b. 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.
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~ Birthdays this Week ~

*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Ephesians 2:10

Gabriel Samuel (3), Mr. Isaac Johnson (7), Ms. Rohini Christie (8)

Children’s Ministry in the Diocese of Bombay

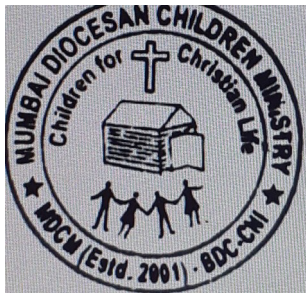
Sunday 10th August, 2025 will be observed as *Children’s Ministry Sunday*.

This year the theme is from the Book of Haggai 2:23

“I will make you like my signet ring for I have chosen you.”

Dr. (Mrs.) Michelle Philip will be the guest preacher next Sunday.

This ministry was started in 2001 with a vision of equipping and nurturing our children with the Word of God. Children are the future pillars of the Church. In their formative years children are naturally curious. They seek answers for their problems. Sunday School is a good platform where we can help them with the challenges they face and make them grow spiritually in the Lord. God’s Word has the power to transform lives.



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 a.m. |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.
during term time |

The Collect for

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

6th August



Father in heaven,
whose Son Jesus Christ was wonderfully transfigured
before chosen witnesses upon the holy mountain,
and spoke of the exodus
he would accomplish at Jerusalem:
give us strength so to hear his voice and bear our cross
that in the world to come we may see him as he is;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

Notices

- A Bible quiz will be conducted for the Cathedral congregation on 31st August 2025 at 10:45 a.m. Questions will be based on the Book of Daniel and the First Letter of John (*New International Version*). Participation fee ₹100. Register your names with Mrs. Violet Truman.
The written quiz will comprise of two parts: the first part (15 minutes) will be based on 1 John. There will be objective-type questions.
The second part will be an open book quiz based on Daniel. Objective type answers have to be completed in thirty minutes.
- A one day seminar is being organised by the Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) on Wednesday 27th August 2025 here in the Cathedral from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme is "Am I my Brother's (Sister's) Keeper?" - *Genesis 4:9*. Registration fee of ₹100/- per person.
- Articles for the WFCS magazine, 'Dipeesh' are welcome. This magazine will be published in time for CNI Day in November. Theme: Christmas, New Year or Thanksgiving. Meet Mrs. Supriya Telgote for more information.
- Scholarship for girl students is being offered by the Diocesan WFCS. Applications must reach the Secretary (DWFCs) before 30th August 2025.
- The Diocesan Youth Fellowship Committee is conducting a Talent Fiesta on Wednesday 27th August 2025 in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dharavi from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The theme for the Talent Fiesta is "Be an Example" - *1 Timothy 4:12*
Activities planned are: solo singing, instrumental music, painting, poetry writing, memory verse challenge and many more.

Pray with us

† THE WORLD

Hiroshima Day observed annually on 6th August, commemorates the atomic bombing of Hiroshima in 1945. We pause and remember the large scale destruction all those years ago and pray in earnest for nuclear disarmament and global peace • We pray for the catastrophic humanitarian emergency that continues in Gaza involving widespread starvation and severe malnutrition particularly among children and pregnant women. We pray for the overwhelmed healthcare system there and that daily aid deliveries might become sufficient to meet basic needs. We pray that God might comfort families facing hunger and trauma • We pray, too, for the ongoing civil war between the Sudanese military and RSF which has displaced 12 million people. We pray for an end to the conflict and for those whose human rights have been abused and those affected by disease and malnutrition.

† OUR COUNTRY

We pray for the immediate release of the Assisi nuns Preeti Mary and Vandana Francis (ASMI) who have been falsely accused. May our country be a land where all faiths are respected and there is communal peace and harmony • A tragic stampede in Haridwar claimed eight lives and injured 28 others, at least four critically. Pray for the speedy recovery of the injured and for the families grieving the loss of loved ones.

† THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH

On the Day of Transfiguration of our Lord (6th August) the Church offers thanksgiving for the Transfiguration of Christ, into whose likeness we are being transformed by the Spirit • In the Anglican Communion for The Episcopal Church in the Philippines and the Most Revd Nestor Dagas Poltic.

† THE CHURCH IN INDIA

The Church of North India's Diocese of Delhi and the Rt. Revd. Dr. Paul Swarup • The Church of South India's Diocese of East Kerala and Rt. Revd V. S. Francis.

† THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY

Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election of a new Bishop to lead his flock in the Diocese of Bombay • This week for the congregation of All Saints' Church, Malabar Hill and the Revd Thomas Jacob.

† OUR CATHEDRAL

We give thanks for the radiance of the morning light streaming in once again through the glorious stained glass windows and for the expertise of the conservation team • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for the altar guild: the lay readers and servers.

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