



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

Since 1718



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



*I was glad
when they
said unto me
let us go into the
House of the Lord.*



Observing **St. Thomas the Apostle**
Choral Eucharist

Sunday 5th October 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*.



We kindly request that you do not take photographs, or video or sound recording in the cathedral at any time during services. You are welcome to take photographs at any other time.

Please take this order of service away with you.

Bank details to make your online offering and payment of subscription.

Name: Society of St Thomas' Cathedral
Account no.: 917010054452406 *Bank:* Axis Bank Ltd
IFSC code: UTIB0000004 *Branch:* Fort, Mumbai - 1



Society of St. Thomas Cathedral

This order of service is printed on sustainably-produced paper. Worship material has been drawn from the Book of Common Prayer and <https://www.churchofengland.org>. Some material in this service is copyright: Common Worship © 2000 The Archbishops' Council and Common Worship.



Celebrating a Community

St Thomas the Apostle, Patron of India *transferred from 6th October*

This morning when we giving thanksgiving for our Patron Saint Thomas, Apostle of India, we celebrate the community of worshippers over the centuries for whom this Cathedral Church has been a spiritual home – a gateway to heaven.

This church where the the Bishop of Bombay has his *cathedra* (Latin for “seat”) has witnessed the visit of King George V and Queen Mary, an Archbishop of Canterbury (Robert Runcie), Presidents, a former US Secretary of State, Governors of Maharashtra, Mother Teresa, renowned musicians like the American Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. But above all, it is the several ‘anonymous’ pilgrims, the faithful and tourists spending time in quiet prayer and reflection, who truly “own” the Cathedral for however brief the duration of their visit maybe.

Today in prayer and praise we give thanks for that great cloud of witnesses who have gone before us from this consecrated place. We pray for us, the present generation of worshippers and entrust into God’s hand what the future holds.

Let us proclaim with our Patron, St Thomas the Apostle, “*My Lord and my God!*” in gratitude for the many years of God’s faithfulness to the Cathedral Church of St Thomas the Apostle.

Mar Thoma Sleeva (Saint Thomas Cross) or simply *Mar Sleeva* are ancient crosses associated with the community who trace their origins to the evangelism of Thomas the Apostle in the 1st century AD. These crosses—once the only icon of worship in churches of Saint Thomas Christians—were probably brought by Persian Christians who fled Persia due to persecution. The design of the crosses evolved locally through adaptations from Indian art and culture, becoming the earliest, and only, model of inculturated Christian emblem in India. (Pictured above)

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Suite from the Music for the Royal Fireworks - George Frederick Handel (1685 - 1759)

Prelude on, 'Quam Dilecta' ('We love the place, O God') - Henry Coleman (1888 - 1965)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

*All stand as the clergy and choir enter,
the organ plays*

"Flourish for an Occasion" - Noel Rawsthorne (1929 - 2019)

The Presbyter says

Peace be to this house and all who worship in it.

Peace be to those who enter and to those who go out from it.

Peace be to those who love it and who love the name of Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Please be seated

The choir sings

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ our Head and corner-stone,
chosen of the Lord, and precious
binding all the church in one,
Holy Sion's help for ever,
and our confidence alone.

The following introductory remarks are read

This morning we mark the feast of Saint Thomas, Apostle of India and also our Patronal Festival. The Cathedral's formal name is the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, and so today we give thanks for his life and example.

Thomas is often condemned for his lack of belief, but Thomas was equally courageous, willing to stand by Jesus in dangerous times. He also relentlessly sought the Truth. Like an inquisitive child, he constantly asked questions. And, his wonderful profession, “My Lord and my God,” is the clearest declaration of Jesus’ divinity in Holy Scripture.

We mark this Patronal Festival alongside many other churches and institutions named after St. Thomas the Apostle and pray for them in their ministry, as they pray for us.

The choir sings

To this temple, where we call you,
come, O Lord of Hosts, and stay;
come with all your loving-kindness
hear your people as they pray,
and your fullest benediction
shed within these walls today.

Words: Latin c 7th century
Tr. J. M. Neale (1818 – 66)

Tune: WESTMINSTER ABBEY
Henry Purell (1659 – 1695)

All stand

Presbyter

Almighty Father, as we honour Saint Thomas the Apostle,
our Patron,

All

let us like him turn our doubt to faith.

May we have eternal life by believing in Jesus,

whom Thomas acknowledged as Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,

one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

All join in singing the hymn

Hymn at the Procession|# 298

Disposer Supreme

Tune: HANOVER (#101)

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for St. Thomas the Apostle | page 566

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | page 567

Isaiah 55:1 - 5

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

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 C. H. H. Parry*

Psalm

84

Quam dilecta!

- ¹ How lovely is your dwelling-place,
O Lord God of hosts!
- ² My soul has a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord:
my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
- ³ The sparrow has found her a home and the swallow a nest
where she may lay her young:
even your altar, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.
- ⁴ Blessed are those who dwell in your house:
they will always be praising you.
- ⁵ Blessed is the man whose strength is in you:
in whose heart are the highways to Zion,
- ⁶ Who going through the valley of dryness
finds there a spring from which to drink:
till the autumn rain shall clothe it with blessings.

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

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews

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)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You believe, Thomas, because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 568**

St. John 11:7 - 16

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
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 T. Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

Anthem

Sung by the choir

“Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine”

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Music: Phoene Knapp (1839 - 1908)
arr. by Tom Fettke

All stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant We are all one in Christ Jesus.
 We belong to him through faith,
 heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
 The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **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 | # 160

We love the place, O God

Tune: QUAM DILECTA

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

The risen Christ is here in the midst of us.
We bring our prayers to Him as Lord of the Church. For the Church universal, of which this building is a visible symbol.

For all Church leaders especially: Bijaya our Moderator; Reuben, the Moderator of the *Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*; Prabhu our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter.

All

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For this congregation,
as we remember your promise that when two or three are gathered in your name you are there in the midst of them.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions
as you see best for us.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For a foretaste of your eternal Kingdom
in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor

For the blessing of our vows
and the crowning of our years with your goodness.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for
grace to persevere like them.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the benefactors of this place who have died
in the peace of Christ and are at rest.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the Revd Richard Cobbe, the dynamic Chaplain who
was almost single-handedly instrumental in raising the
necessary funds for the completion of the building of
St. Thomas' and all Chaplains and Presbyters of this church
for their faithful service .

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For Bishop Thomas Carr, the first Bishop of Bombay
and all his successors; Archdeacon William Kew Fletcher
under whose leadership the 'great renovation' scheme was
undertaken to enlarge the original church building and turn
it into a fine Cathedral.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the music and liturgy offered in this place.
And all who have worshipped God here
in the beauty of holiness.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the sense of our fellowship with Saint Thomas the
Apostle our patron and all your saints.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

The General Confession & Absolution | *page 275, 276*

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

At this time the choir sings:

Come just as you are hear the Spirit call
Come just as you are
Come and see
Come receive
Come and live forever.

Come just as you are hear the Spirit call
Come just as you are
Come receive
Christ the King
Come and live forevermore.

Life everlasting
And strength for today
Taste the Living Water
And never thirst again.

Words & music: Joseph Sabolick

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

Presbyter May God the Father from whom every family
in earth and heaven receives its name draw you to Himself.

All **Amen.**

May God the Son who calls you to His service
gladden your hearts to sing His praise.

All **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit
build you up into a living temple to His glory.

All **Amen.**

The choir sings May God's blessings surround you each day
As you trust Him and walk in His way
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

Words & Music by Cliff Barrows (1923 - 2016)

† 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

**Blessèd Thomas, doubt no longer,
See the wounds in hand and side,
Now behold the risen Saviour
Who for thee has bled and died,
And from death's dark pit arising
Lives in body glorified.**

Continued

**² Prostrate falling, Thomas worshipped:
'O my Master, Lord and God',
Here in truth was Christ the Saviour
Who the path of suffering trod,
And, to ransom souls unnumbered,
Broke in pieces Satan's rod.**

**³ Thomas, sight has now convinced thee,
Faith within thy heart has stirred;
Blessèd more those faithful servants,
Trusting in the Saviour's word,
Who, though vision is denied them,
Still believe, and own him Lord.**

**⁴ Grant, O Father, that among them
We Thy servants may be known,
And the ground be ever fruitful
Where the seed of faith was sown,
Till at length in heaven's glory,
Faith and vision are but one.**

Words: George B. Timms (1910 - 1997)

Tune: REGENT SQUARE
Henry Smart, 1813 - 79)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Grand Chœur - Théodore Salomé (1834 - 1896)

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.

Cathedral ministries

Get involved!

- | | |
|----------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|
| • 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 |

~ Birthdays this Week ~

*“Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers,
and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.”*

Proverbs 16:20

Mr. Arnold Pasgon (5), Mr. Mukul Gupte (5), Ms. Rachel Baker (6),
Ms. Monica Palukuri (7), Mrs. Mary Abraham (10)

◆ ————— Notices ————— ◆

- A retreat for children (aged 4 to 14 years) will be held in the Cathedral Saturday 11th October 2025 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm. Register with Mrs. Uma Moses.
- Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 16th November 2025, 8:45 choral Eucharist.
- The Church of the Holy Redeemer, Dadar is celebrating their centenary this year (1925 - 2025). Donations are welcome. All cheques to be drawn in the name of, “Church of the Holy Redeemer.” Donation forms can be collected from the Presbyter.
- A Stewardship seminar is being organised for Presbyters and congregations of Tamil Pastorates in the Diocese on Saturday 11th October 2025 from 9:30 am to 1:30 pm at St. John’s Church, Goregaon. Brother Selvinson will be the resource person.
- Pastor Vinod Mahadev Dhale (Missions/ Health Coordinator Daund, Pune) will be leading a meeting on field training in mission work on 9th October 2025 from 10:30 am to 2 pm at the Palghar Mission Centre.



*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning
are offered in loving memory of
Mrs. Mary Alexandra Samuel
(beloved Aunt of Mr. Samuel Joseph)
On the occasion of her death anniversary on 7th October.*



**A Prayer for
The Right Reverend and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally
THE 106th ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY**

Almighty and everlasting God,
the only worker of great marvels,
send down upon your servant Sarah, called to be Archbishop of Canterbury,
and all who are committed to her care,
the spirit of your saving grace, and that they may truly please you,
pour upon them the continual dew of your blessing.
Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

About the new Archbishop of Canterbury

Before being ordained, Bishop Sarah worked as a nurse in the *National Health Service*, which she has described as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God". She specialised as a cancer nurse and became a ward sister at Westminster Hospital, before being made Director of Nursing at Chelsea and Westminster Hospital. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the British Empire in 2005 in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing.

While working as the Chief Nursing Officer for England, Sarah discerned a call to ordination and entered training ministry at the South East Institute for Theological Education. She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in St. Saviour's Battersea Fields. In 2015 she took on the role of Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. On 12th May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St. Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role. Bishop Sarah's nomination as the 106th Archbishop of Canterbury was announced on 3rd October 2025. Bishop Sarah will be installed in Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026.

Bishop Sarah is married to Eamonn, an Irish-born IT and Enterprise Architect. The couple have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace. She has continued her interest in the health service. Bishop Sarah has spoken openly about her dyslexia, describing her difficulties with writing and reading. In her spare time, she loves cooking, walking and pottery.



Bishop Sarah with Benitta Manuel (a former member of the Cathedral congregation) Feb '20

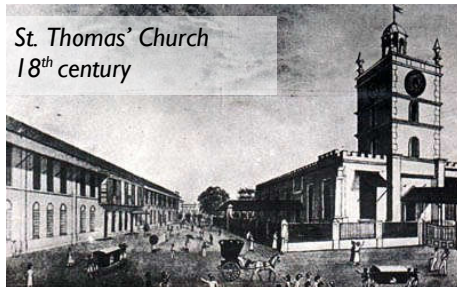
A Gate to Heaven ... A Gate to the City ... CHURCHGATE

As a worshipping community named after Thomas, being located at the place from which distance was measured in Bombay and having a busy station named after us....*Churchgate*.....what an enormous responsibility we bear!

What a glorious opportunity we have to share the message of the love of Christ with our City. May this House of God continue to be a place of refuge for all who enter this Gate of Heaven and have their doubt turned to faith!



'Churchgate' - one of the gates in the erstwhile Bombay Fort leading to St. Thomas's Cathedral. Western Railway's station bears its name from this gate. The Cathedral tower is clearly visible. This entry to the Fort existed where currently the Flora Fountain stands.



Cathedral tower, 1907

- 1676 Foundations laid by Gerald Aungier, the second Governor of Bombay
- 1718 The building completed and opened on Christmas Day
- 1816 The church dedicated to St. Thomas the Apostle by the first Anglican Bishop of the East Indies the Rt Revd Dr Middleton
- 1837 The See (Diocese) of Bombay founded 1st July and Archdeacon Thomas Carr appointed the first Bishop of Bombay
- 1907, 1921 Electric fans and lights installed
- 1926 The original processional cross returned to Ethiopia
- 1886 Fountain built to a design by Sir George Gilbert Scott
- 2003 Major restoration and conservation work completed
- 2018 The Cathedral celebrates its tercentenary (300th anniversary)

Pray with us

† **OUR WORLD** We continue to pray for places of war - especially Ukraine, Israel, Gaza, Sudan, Myanmar and Haiti, that peace may be found and that repair of critical infrastructure may occur in addition to necessary aid for those who have lost homes and livelihoods. We pray for refugees and displaced people worldwide: for shelter, food, healthcare and welcome, praying that nations may act with mercy and courage to assist them. We pray for all people facing hunger and economic hardship, that there may be a fair distribution of the world's resources and generous international cooperation.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We pray for communal harmony in our country, especially for a return to normalcy in Bareilly. Our prayers for those in government whose decisions affect the lives of many. May our leaders lead with integrity and concern for all citizens

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Pray for the ministry of the Archbishop of Canterbury-designate, the Rt. Revd. and Rt. Hon. Dame Sarah Mullally and for the unity of the worldwide Anglican Communion • In the Anglican Communion this week for The Anglican Church of Tanzania and Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa. We pray for the Church worldwide: that it may be steadfast in prayer, generous in giving and bold in its witness to Christ's peace.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** On 6th October the Church in India and other countries of the Subcontinent give thanks for the Apostle Thomas's mission journey to these lands with the Gospel of Christ. Let us pray for the life and witness of the Church and the faithful in the Subcontinent. Pray for all churches and institutions named after Thomas the Apostle • The Church of North India's Diocese of Nagpur and the Rt. Revd. Paul Dupare • The Church of South India's Diocese of Thoothukudi-Nazareth.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the congregation of St. Thomas' Church, Ambernath and the Revd. M. D. Borde.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • As the worshipping community in this Cathedral Church named after the Apostle Thomas, let our faith be shown in our thoughts, words and deeds. May we like our Patron, St. Thomas, proclaim, "My Lord and my God."

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL

3 Veer Nariman Road, Fort, Mumbai – 400 001
Presbyter-In-Charge: The Revd. Avinash T. Rangayya
Telephone: **98207 50090**

Contact the Presbyter for pastoral visits and administering Communion to the house-bound.

FOR PRIVATE CIRCULATION ONLY. PLEASE SHARE THIS SERVICE BULLETIN WITH A FRIEND.

Website <http://stthomascathedralmumbai.com>
Subscribe to the Cathedral's YouTube channel