



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
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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

## Harvest Festival Eucharist



*Sowing in the morning,  
sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide  
and the dewy eve;  
Waiting for the harvest,  
and the time of reaping,  
We shall come rejoicing,  
bringing in the sheaves.*

Knowles Shaw (1834-1878)

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2025 • 8.45 a.m.

*Welcome*

## 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.

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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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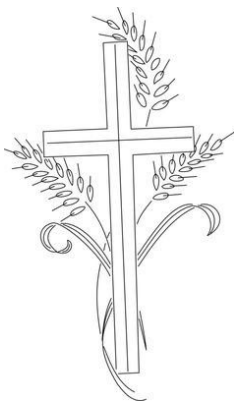
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## *Harvest Festival: A moment rooted in the Church calendar*

The church's celebration of Harvest Festival as we know it is surprisingly recent. In 1843, the Reverend Robert Hawker invited his parish in Cornwall to gather for a special service, giving thanks for the harvest and bringing gifts to share with those in need.

But this new moment in the church calendar wasn't created from scratch, it echoed deep biblical rhythms. In the Old Testament, the people of Israel celebrated three major harvest festivals: Passover, the Feast of Weeks (Shavuot), and the Feast of Tabernacles (Sukkot). These were not just agricultural milestones, but acts of worship, thanksgiving and justice, where the people brought their first fruits and remembered God's provision.

In the New Testament, the concept of harvest often takes on a more spiritual dimension. Jesus speaks of the Kingdom of God as a field ready for harvest (*Matthew 9:37*), connecting the theme with the call to share the Gospel. Paul encourages believers not to grow weary in doing good, assuring them that "in due season we will reap" (*Galatians 6:9*) and pointing to a future harvest of righteousness. He also uses harvest language to speak directly about financial generosity, urging the church to give freely and faithfully: "Whoever sows generously will also reap generously" (*2 Corinthians 9:6*).



# Order of Service

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

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## *The Gathering*

### Voluntary

Now thank we all our God

*from Cantata No. 79 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)*

### Songs of Praise

*While seated, all join in singing as indicated*

*Duet*            O Lord my God,  
When I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the worlds  
Thy hands have made,  
*Men*            **I see the stars,  
I hear the rolling thunder,  
Thy power throughout  
The universe displayed.**

*All*            ***Then sings my soul,  
My Saviour God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art, //***  
***Then sings my soul,  
My Saviour God, to Thee;  
How great Thou art! //***

Words: Carl Boberg (1859 - 1940)

*Music: Swedish folk melody*

**All Thy works with joy surround Thee,  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays;  
Stars and angels sing around Thee,  
Centre of unbroken praise;  
Field and forest, vale and mountain,  
Blossoming meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee.**

Words: Henry Van Dyke, 1852 - 1933

*Tune: ODE TO JOY  
Ludwig van Beethoven, 1770 - 1827*

*Solo*

Give thanks with a grateful heart,  
give thanks to the Holy One;  
give thanks, because He's given  
Jesus Christ, His Son.

*All repeat*

*Choir*

And now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us;

*All*

**and now let the weak say 'I am strong',  
let the poor say 'I am rich',  
because of what the Lord has done for us.**

Henry Smith (b. 1952)

## Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

*The choir sings*

Sowing in the morning, sowing seeds of kindness,  
Sowing in the noontide and the dewy eves;  
Waiting for the harvest, and the time of reaping,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves!

*Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves! (2)*

*All stand and face the West Door*

*All sing as the procession makes its way to the chancel steps*

**Sowing in the sunshine, sowing in the shadows,  
Fearing neither clouds nor winter's chilling breeze;  
By and by the harvest, and the labour ended,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves!**

***Refrain: Bringing in the sheaves, bringing in the sheaves,  
We shall come rejoicing, bringing in the sheaves! (2)***

Words: Knowles Shaw (1834 - 1874)

Music: Arr. from George A. Miner (1845 - 1904)

## Opening Acclamation

*The Presbyter*

The land has yielded its harvest:

God our God has blessed us.

*Psalm 67:6*

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

*All*

**Let the heavens be glad  
and let the earth rejoice.**

### Introit

*Sung by the choir*

Jubilare Deo, omnis terra:  
servite Domino in lætitia.  
Laudate nomen ejus,  
Quoni am suavis Dominus,  
Alleluia.

*O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
serve the Lord with gladness,  
Praise His name,  
for gracious is the Lord.  
Alleluia.*

*Words: from Psalm 100, sung in Latin*

*Music: W. A. Mozart (1756 - 1791)*

## The Prayers of Penitence

*Leader*

As we celebrate Harvest,  
let us admit our forgetfulness of the needs of others,  
and remember the ways we often do not use the  
treasures of nature as we should.

*Kneel as able or sit. Silence is kept.*

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
yet we take your generous gifts for granted.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All*

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we often waste its rich resources.

Christ, have mercy.

*All*

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you give us this good earth,  
but we fail to share your treasures with all of your  
children. Lord, have mercy.

*All*      **Lord, have mercy.**

*The Presbyter*      May almighty God have mercy upon you,  
forgive † you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

*All*      **Amen.**

*All stand and join in singing*

## Hymns in Procession

**205      Now thank we all our God**

*Tune: NUN DANKET*

**289      Come, ye thankful people come**

*Tune: ST. GEORGE*

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

**The Collect for Purity | page 260**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

**The Collect for Harvest Thanksgiving | page 583**

*Read by the Presbyter*

**The Old Testament Lesson | page 583**

*Deuteronomy 8. 7 - 10*

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

*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 setting by Turle*

**Psalm**  
95: 1 - 7

*Venite, exultemus*

- O COME, let us sing unto the Lord :  
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.  
<sup>2</sup> Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :  
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.  
<sup>3</sup> For the Lord is a great God :  
and a great King above all gods.  
<sup>4</sup> In his hand are all the corners of the earth :  
and the strength of the hills is his also.  
<sup>5</sup> The sea is his, and he made it :  
and his hands prepared the dry land.  
<sup>6</sup> O come, let us worship and fall down :  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
<sup>7</sup> For he is the Lord our God :  
and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

*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**  
2 Corinthians 9. 6 - 15

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”

He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

*Continued*

For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. By their approval of this service, they will glorify God because of your submission that comes from your confession of the gospel of Christ, and the generosity of your contribution for them and for all others, while they long for you and pray for you, because of the surpassing grace of God upon you.

Thanks be to God for His inexpressible gift!

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

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing*

Gradual Hymn

**God, the maker of the heavens,  
and the planet that we share,  
show us how to live, like Jesus,  
lives of gratitude and care.  
Make us mindful of the footprints  
from the lives that we pursue.  
Make us partners in your mission:  
you are making all things new.**

**<sup>2.</sup> God, the gardener of Eden,  
teach us how to tend this earth,  
learning from the changing seasons,  
times of fallow and new birth.  
Lord have mercy when we're careless,  
rich resources we misuse.  
Use our hands to heal creation:  
you are making all things new.**

**<sup>3.</sup> God of labour and vocation,  
Lord of science, trade and art,  
take our efforts and our passions  
make them mirrors of your heart.  
Every habitat and creature  
loved and valued, God, by you.  
May our lives reveal your Kingdom:  
you are making all things new.**

Words: Sam Hargreaves (b. 1979)

Tune: BLAENWERN

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.  
Gather the fruit for eternal life.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 584**

*St John 6. 26 - 35*

*The 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 for the Creed, all reciting together*

## The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All stand*

**The Peace**

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

*Celebrant*            The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,  
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*                    **and also with you.**

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.  
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 sing*

## Hymn at the Offertory

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- Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

*Refrain    Great is Thy faithfulness! //*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —*  
*Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

- Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

- Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866 - 1960)

Music: William Marion Runyan (1870 - 1957)

*All say*

## Offertory Prayer | page 270

*All sing*

## The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH*

*All sit*

# Anthem

*Sung by the choir*

Look at the world  
everything all around us.  
Look at the world  
and marvel every day.  
Look at the world:  
so many joys and wonders,  
so many miracles along our way.

<sup>2</sup> Look at the earth  
bringing forth fruit and flower;  
Look at the sky,  
the sunshine and the rain;  
Look at the hills,  
Look at the trees and mountains,  
Valley and flowing river, field and plain.

*Refrain: Praise to thee, O Lord, for all creation,  
Give us thankful hearts, that we may see:  
All the gifts we share and every blessing,  
All things come of thee.*

<sup>3</sup> Think of the spring,  
think of the warmth of summer  
Bringing the harvest  
before the winter's cold.  
Everything grows,  
everything has a season,  
Till it is gathered to the Father's fold:

Every good gift,  
all that we need and cherish  
Comes from the Lord –  
in token of his love;  
We are his hands,  
stewards of all his bounty;  
His is the earth and his the heavens above:

*Words & Music by Sir John Rutter, CBE (b. 1945)*

*Kneel as able or remain seated*

## Prayers for Harvest-tide

*Intercessor*

Let us pray to God the almighty, the King of creation.  
God said, 'Let there be light.'  
Eternal God, we thank you for your light and your truth.  
We praise you for your fatherly care  
in creating a universe which proclaims your glory.  
Inspire us to worship you, the creator of all,  
and let your light shine upon our world.  
God of life:

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

God said, 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the  
heavens.'  
We thank you for the vastness of the universe  
and the mysteries of space.  
We pray for all scientists and astronomers  
who extend the boundaries of our knowledge. *Continued*

*Intercessor*

As we contemplate the wonder of the heavens,  
confirm us in the truth that every human being is  
known and loved by you.

God of life:

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

God said, 'Let the waters be gathered together,  
and let dry land appear.'

We thank you for the beauty of the earth,  
for the diversity of land and sea,  
for the resources of the earth.

Give us the will to cherish this planet  
and to use its riches for the good and welfare of all.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

God said, 'Let there be lights in the sky  
to separate the day and the night.'

We thank you for the warmth of the sun,  
the light of the moon, the glory of the stars.  
We praise you for the formations of clouds,  
the radiance of dawn and sunset.

Save us from wasting or abusing the energy  
on which all life depends.

Open our eyes to behold your beauty,  
and our lips to praise your name.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

God said, 'Let the waters bring forth living creatures,  
and let birds fly across the sky.'

We thank you for the teeming life of the seas,  
and the flight of the birds.

Help us to protect the environment  
so that all life may flourish.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

God said, 'Let the earth bring forth living creatures of  
every kind.'

We rejoice in the variety of animal life.

Grant us grace to treat all animals with respect and care;  
to protect endangered species,  
to preserve the variety of habitats,  
and to honour the delicate balance of nature.

God of life: **hear our prayer.**

*Continued*

*Intercessor*      God said, 'Let us create human beings in our own image.'  
 We pray for the human family.  
 We exult in its diversity and giftedness,  
 we repent of its sins, divisions and violence.  
 By the power of your Spirit, restore your image within us,  
 through Christ who came to remake us  
 by his death and resurrection.  
 God of life: **hear our prayer.**  
 Heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty:  
 open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your  
 works; that, rejoicing in your whole creation,  
 we may learn to serve you with gladness;  
 for the sake of him through whom all things were made,  
 your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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The Consecration | **page 277**

The Communion | **page 284**

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.  
 During the administration of Communion, the choir sings*

|                    |                                          |
|--------------------|------------------------------------------|
| Panis angelicus    | <i>May the Bread of Angels</i>           |
| Fit panis hominum  | <i>Become bread for mankind;</i>         |
| Dat panis coelicus | <i>The Bread of Heaven puts</i>          |
| Figuris terminum   | <i>All foreshadowings to an end;</i>     |
| O res mirabilis    | <i>Oh, thing miraculous!</i>             |
| Manducat dominum   | <i>The body of the Lord will nourish</i> |
| Pauper, pauper     | <i>the poor, the poor,</i>               |
| Servus et humilis  | <i>the servile, and the humble.</i>      |

Holy angelic Bread. Bread whereby we are fed.  
 Heavenly Bread of Life. Love's perfect sacrifice.  
 Unworthy though we be, Christ has become our feast.  
 Holy, this mystery.

Words: St. Thomas Aquinas (13<sup>th</sup> cent.)

Music: César Franck (1822 - 1890)

*While seated, we all sing*

*(Men)* <sup>1</sup>. **We break this bread**  
**to share in the body of Christ:**  
*(Women)* **we break this bread**  
**to share in the body of Christ:**

*(Men)* <sup>2</sup>. **We drink this cup**  
**to share in the body of Christ:**  
*(Women)* **we drink this cup**  
**to share in the body of Christ:**

*Refrain (All)*

**Though we are many  
we are one body,  
because we all share,  
we all share in one bread. //**

*Words: from the Alternative Service Book, 1980  
Music: Chris Rolinson, arr. Christopher Norton*

**<sup>1.</sup> I am the bread of life;  
he who come to Me shall not hunger;  
he who believes in Me shall not thirst.  
No one can come to Me  
unless the Father draw him.**

***Refrain* And I will raise him up, //  
and I will raise him up on the last day.**

**<sup>2.</sup> The bread that I will give  
is My flesh for the life of the world,  
and if he who eats of this bread,  
he shall live forever.  
he shall live forever.**

**<sup>3.</sup> Unless you eat of the  
flesh of the Son of Man  
and drink of His blood,  
and drink of His blood,  
you shall not have life within you.**

**<sup>4.</sup> I am the resurrection,  
I am the life.  
even if he die,  
he shall live for ever.**

**<sup>5.</sup> Yes, Lord, we believe  
that you are the Christ,  
the Son of God,  
who has come into the world.**

*Words: Adapted from John 6  
by S. Suzanne Toolan*

*Music: S. Suzanne Toolan, b. 1927*

## Prayer after Communion

*The Presbyter*

Let us pray.  
Lord of the harvest, with joy we have offered thanksgiving  
for your love in creation and have shared in the bread and  
wine of the kingdom: by your grace plant within us a  
reverence for all that you give us and make us generous and  
wise stewards of the good things we enjoy,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*All stand and sing.*

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

## The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

God the Father,  
who created the world, give you grace  
to be wise stewards of His creation.

**Amen.**

God the Son,  
who redeemed the world,  
inspire you to go out as labourers into his harvest.

**Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whose breath fills the whole of creation,  
help you bear his fruits of love, joy and peace.

**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 | # 290

**We plough the fields, and scatter**

*Tune: WIR PFLÜGEN*

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

The Dismissal

*Presbyter*

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation,  
and bring forth the fruits of righteousness.  
Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Marche Triomphale on, 'Nun Danket'

('Now thank we all our God') - Sigfrid Karg-Elert, Op. 65 (1877 - 1933)

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| Please stay back after the service for a time of fellowship and patronise the stalls.<br>Introduce yourself to the Presbyter if you are worshipping with us for the first time. |
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## Birthdays this Week

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

Proverbs 9:11

Mr. Raj Tiwari (18), Mr. Eadric Knox (18), Mr. Roshan Thomas (19),  
Mr. Michael Raj (21), Mr. John Roberts (22)

## Wedding Anniversaries this Week

*And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*

Colossians 3: 14

Mr. Nikhil Mengde & Mrs. Ramola Joshi (17)

## Notices

- All are encouraged to stay back after the service for a time of extended fellowship. Patronise the stalls and make your contribution towards fund raising for the outreach work of the Cathedral.
- A Service of Thanksgiving to mark the 55<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the inauguration of the *Church of North India* will be held on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November 2025. at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Parel at 5:30 pm.
- Next Sunday we celebrate *Christ the King*. This marks the close of the liturgical year. We wait in eager expectation, preparing ourselves for the season of Advent, which this year begins on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November. Advent marks the beginning of a new Church Year.



*God of harvest,  
gardener supreme,  
you place us at the centre,  
feed us, equip us and,  
having provided for us,  
look to a different harvest,  
a fruitfulness of lives  
in service to you,  
and others.  
God of harvest,  
feed us,  
prune us,  
harvest us,  
that our lives  
might bring glory to you.*

Source: [https://www.faithandworship.com/Harvest\\_Thanksgiving\\_Resources\\_and\\_Prayers.htm](https://www.faithandworship.com/Harvest_Thanksgiving_Resources_and_Prayers.htm)



## ***Fellowship of the Least Coin***

Loving Creator,  
We come into your presence with deep gratitude  
for the longing and discontent that we feel.  
Thank you for giving us ears to hear cries for justice,  
hearts to feel with those who are oppressed,  
and hands and feet to do something about it.  
Be with us on this journey to justice, peace, and reconciliation.  
When we are afraid, teach us how to face our prejudices.  
When we are weary, remind us of the miracles  
of whispered prayers and least coins.  
Loving Creator, help us to love like you  
and create anew the world you so love.  
Amen.

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*The Fellowship of the Least Coin (FLC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement for justice, peace, and reconciliation led by Christian women for women and girls all over the world. FLC was envisioned by the late Mrs. Shanti Solomon, a Christian woman from India, in 1956.*

*As tokens of these prayers, women are encouraged to set aside the least coin in their country's currency (eg. penny, paisa, etc.).*

*Only the least coin is offered so that women of all backgrounds and means can be equal partners in justice and peace-making. It is observed in the second week of Nov.*



## ***"From Darkness to Light"***

*An Advent sequence of lessons and hymns  
with choral and organ music*



**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2025 • 6.30 p.m.**

***All are welcome***

### **Cathedral ministries... ..**

*Get involved!*

- Sunday School ... .. Sunday morning during term time
- Women's Fellowship ... .. 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am
- Youth Fellowship ... .. 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am
- Choir ... .. Sunday 10.45 am and occasionally Saturday

## ***Advent and Christmas at the Cathedral 2025***

- “*From Darkness to Light*”      29<sup>th</sup> November    An Advent Sequence    6.30 pm

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- First Sunday of Advent      30<sup>th</sup> November    Eucharist      7 am, 8.45 am

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- Second Sunday of Advent      7<sup>th</sup> December      Eucharist      7 am, 8.45 am

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- Third Sunday of Advent      14<sup>th</sup> December    Eucharist      7 am, 8.45 am  
                                                                                                  Nativity Play  
                                                                                                  by Sunday school      10.45 am  
                                                                                                  Festival of Nine Lessons  
                                                                                                  & Carols      6:30 pm

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- Cathedral & John Cannon School    Wed 17<sup>th</sup> December      9 am  
     Carol Service

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- Seasonal Music      Sat 20<sup>th</sup> December      7 pm  
     *by the Wild Voices Choir*

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- Fourth Sunday of Advent      21<sup>st</sup> December      Eucharist      7 am, 8.45 am

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- Christmas Eve      Wed 24<sup>th</sup> December    Eucharist      10.30 pm  
                                                                                                  Music before service    10 pm

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- The Nativity of our Lord : Thurs 25<sup>th</sup> December    Eucharist      9 am  
     Christmas Day

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- Watch night service    Wed 31<sup>st</sup> December      Eucharist      10.30 pm  
     *New Year’s Eve*

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- The Naming of Jesus    Thurs 01<sup>st</sup> January 2026    Eucharist (said)      9 am  
     *Thanksgiving for a New Year*

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- The Feast of the Epiphany    Tues 6<sup>th</sup> January      Eucharist (sung)      6:30 pm

***All are welcome***

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** We praise God for the global body of Christ, all who follow Jesus and reflect love and justice. We thank God for the work of God's church around the world serving the poor, the oppressed, and the marginalised. We pray that churches in every nation would be faithful, courageous, and Spirit-filled and that they might embody reconciliation, justice, and peace. We lift before God places affected by war, conflict, natural disaster or displacement, asking that God will bring peace where there is violence, restoration where there is brokenness, and hope where there is despair • The 15<sup>th</sup> century monk and mystic, Thomas à Kempis is commemorated on 20<sup>th</sup> November. He is the author of *The Imitation of Christ*, which is one of the best known Christian books on devotion • In the Anglican Communion for the Province of Alexandria and the Most Revd Samy Fawzy).

† **OUR COUNTRY** The nation was shocked by a powerful explosion which led to tragic loss of lives in the national capital on 10<sup>th</sup> November. We pray for the grieving families and for the injured undergoing medical treatment. In the wake of yet another explosion in Jammu & Kashmir, we pray for peace within our borders and for all who are entrusted with national security.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of North East India and Bishop Michael Herenz • The Diocese of Trichy-Tanjore and Bishop D. Chandrasekaran.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** St. Paul's Church (Malayalam Pastorate), Vakola and Revd. Christy Daniel.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for all care providers • Mr. Anthony Monterio who faithfully managed the sound system of the Cathedral in the 1980s and 1990s passed away earlier this month. We pray for his family as they mourn his passing and thank God for his many years of dedicated service to the Cathedral • Meagan and Vijay Pandian have been blessed with a baby girl. We pray for the family.

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