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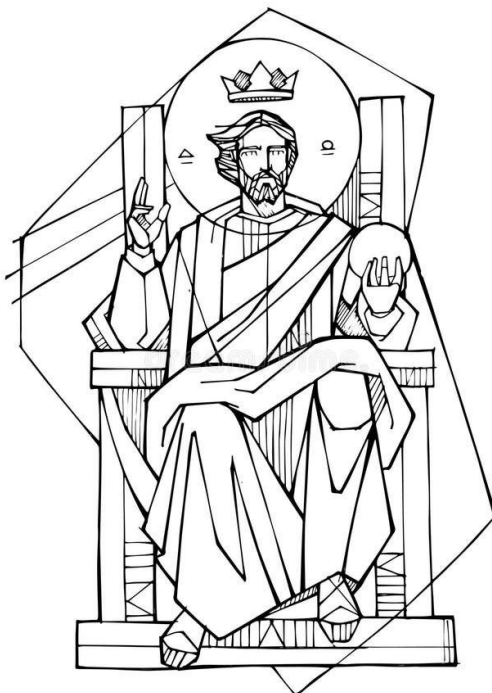
The Church of North India

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

Christ the King



The Sunday next before Advent

Sunday 23rd November 2024 • 8.45 a.m.
Choral Eucharist

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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ABOUT CHRIST THE KING

Today marks the end of the long season after the Day of Pentecost and the last Sunday of the Church's liturgical calendar. Known as Christ the King Sunday, it celebrates the all-embracing authority of Christ as Lord of all things, for in Christ all things began and in Christ all things will be fulfilled. We now find ourselves on the threshold of Advent, the season of hope for Christ's return.

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Allegro con Brio in B Flat Major Frank Bridge (1879 - 1941)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.
The heavens are not too high,
His praise may thither fly:
the earth is not too low,
His praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
my God and King.

Words: George Herbert (1593 - 1632)

Tune: LUCKINGTON
Basil Harwood (1859 - 1949)

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Come to worship Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega,
the one who is, who was, and is to come. (*Revelation 1:8*)

All

We come to worship the one who rules justly.
(*2 Samuel 23:34*)

The King of Kings is raised in glory.

Christ sits on the throne at the right hand of God.

Come, let us worship

and bow down to the Lord our Creator.

Let us offer praise to Christ our Redeemer.

Amen.

All join in singing the hymn
Crown him with many crowns

The Entrance Hymn | # 147

Tune: DIADEMATA

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Christ the King | **page 574**

Read by the Presbyter

The Collect for the
Sunday next before Advent | **page 511**

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 574**

1 Chronicles 11.1 - 3

A reading from the First Book of Chronicles.

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

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

The cantors introduce the refrain. All repeat.

96

Refrain **O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord, sing all the earth.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord, all the earth!
sing to God and praise His Name.

Proclaim God's salvation day by day,
tell of God's glory among the nations,
and God's marvels to all the people.

Shout for joy, all trees of the woods,
at the presence of God, who now comes
to judge the earth with right and the people with truth.

**O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord, sing all the earth.**

The Epistle | **page 575**

Colossians 1.9 - 20

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Colossians.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn | **# 194**

King of glory, King of peace

Tune: GWALCHMAI

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You, Christ, are the King of glory, the eternal Son of the Father.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 576**

St. John 18.33 - 37

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St 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.**

All sing

**Majesty, worship His Majesty.
Unto Jesus be all glory, honor and praise!
Majesty, Kingdom Authority,
Flow from His throne, unto His own
His anthem raise!**

**So exalt, lift up on high the Name of Jesus!
Magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus the King.
Majesty, worship His Majesty;
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings!**

Jack Hayford, 1934 - 2023

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Avinash T. Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole. *Colossians 3.14,15*
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 |# 141

The head that once was crowned with thorns

Tune: ST. MAGNUS

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All say

Offertory Prayer | *page 270*

Intercessor

Let us with confidence present our prayers and supplications to the throne of grace.

We pray for all those in positions of power, that they may govern with wisdom and integrity, serving the needs of their people.

May your reign come;

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for the Church, the sign of your reign, that it may extend your welcome to people of every race and background.

May your kingdom come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for Christians of every denomination, that together we may come to understand the royal priesthood you bestowed on us in baptism.

May your dominion come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose commitment to truth brings them into conflict with earthly powers, that they may have the courage to endure.

May your rule come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for this community of faith, that attentive to your word we may always worship in spirit and in truth.

May your reign come;

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have recently died and for their resurrection into the Kingdom of God, and for those whose anniversary falls at this time.

Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Continued. Turn over.

Faithful God,
we give thanks to you for all that you do in our lives.
As the Church year comes to an end
we commend to you all those for whom
we have prayed throughout the year
and ask that you continue to use us
and our prayers to make a difference in their lives.
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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 | **# 262**

Alleluia, sing to Jesus!

Tune: HYFRYDOL

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Presbyter

God the Father,
who has given to His Son the name above every name,
strengthen you to proclaim Christ Jesus as Lord.

All

Amen.

God the Son,
who is our great high priest passed into the heavens,
plead for you at the right hand of the Father.

Amen.

Continued

God the Holy Spirit,
who pours out His abundant gifts upon the Church,
make you faithful servants of Christ our King.
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen. Crown him, Lord of all.

All join in singing

All hail the power of Jesus' name

Recessional Hymn | # 140

Tune: MILES LANE

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Finale on 'Hyfrydol' Henry Coleman (1888 - 1965)

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 He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Psalms 91:11

Mr. Rajiv Sathe (23), Mr. Rajeev Ohol (27), Mrs. Dilara Khan (27)

"From Darkness to Light"

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



Saturday 29th December 2025 • 6.30 p.m.

Notices

- This is the first announcement of the banns of marriage between Sahiesh Ravichandran (son of Mrs. Latha & Mr. T Ravichandran) and Suganya Jeba Sarojini (daughter of Vennila & D Christopher Jagadeesan of the Assembly of God Church, Anna Nagar, Chennai. If any of you know any just cause why these two persons should not lawfully marry, you are to declare it in writing to the Presbyter-in-charge of this congregation.
- Sharing the Joy of Christmas** is a diocesan initiative to gift ₹4,000/- each to priests and missionaries serving in the CNI dioceses in Maharashtra (Bombay, Pune, Kolhapur, Nasik, Marathwada and Nagpur). Cheques in favour of *Bombay Diocesan Council Clergy Fund*. Make your donation before 8th December 2025.

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Nativity Play

by the children of the Sunday School
followed by visit of Santa Claus

Sunday 14th December 2025

10:45 am.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Nativity in scripture, carol and verse
with the Cathedral choir

Sunday 14th December 2025

6:30 p.m.

C.N.I. Day

The Church of North India (CNI) was established on 29th November 1970 by bringing together most of the Protestant churches in northern India.

It is a province of the worldwide Anglican Communion and a member of the World Methodist Council and the World Communion of Reformed Churches. The merger, which had been in discussions since 1929, came eventually between the Church of India, Pakistan, Burma and Ceylon (Anglican), the Methodist Church (British & Australian), Disciples of Christ, and some congregations from the United Church of Northern India.

**A service of thanksgiving will be held on Sunday 30th December 2025,
5.30 pm at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Parel**

All are warmly invited to attend.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is King of kings and Lord of lords: bring the whole world under the gentle and righteous reign of his peace. Look in mercy on places torn apart by war—especially Ukraine, Gaza and Israel, Sudan, Myanmar, and the Democratic Republic of Congo—and on all who are displaced or living as refugees. Give daily bread to the hungry, shelter to the homeless, and protection to children at risk. Strengthen peacemakers, diplomats, and humanitarian workers in every troubled land. Restore your creation where it groans under heat, drought, flood, and degradation. Guide the leaders of the nations in the ways of wisdom and compassion, and comfort all who bear hidden burdens of grief, loneliness, or fear, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We continue to pray for the speedy recovery of those who have been injured in the Red Fort, Delhi blast on 10th November. While the probe into the blast is in full swing, we pray for the peace and security of our nation.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Tomorrow the Church commemorates the 16th century monk and mystic John of the Cross (1591) • In the Anglican Communion, for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia and the Most Revd Justin Duckworth, the Most Revd Don Tamihere and the Most Revd Sione Uluilakepa

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Patna and Bishop Francis Hansda • The Diocese of Vellore and Bishop Sharma Nithyanandam.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** St. Paul's Church (Marathi Pastorate) and Revd Shimon Samuel.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for Sahiesh Ravichandran (son of Mrs. Latha & Mr. T Ravichandran) and Suganya Jeba Sarojini, (daughter of Mrs. Vennila & Mr. D. Christopher Jagadeesan of the Assembly of God Church, Anna Nagar Chennai. Today is the first announcement of their banns of marriage • The choir and organist as they prepare the music for Advent and Christmas.

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