



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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

*"Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another,
be compassionate and humble."* 1 Peter 3: 8

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It should come as no surprise, but the Bible cares about how you treat other people. God has called you to peace. He wants you to be united, compassionate, kind, and tender hearted to other people. Even when, and especially when, they are not kind or tender hearted to you.

In the epistle this morning, Peter is writing to a group of churches, so this text is about how Christians are to interact and deal with one another.

We have a biblical responsibility to be kind to one another. You know how many people baulk at the idea of coming to church. So often, people will say, "I don't want to go to church because those Christians are so...." and you can fill in the blank 'hypocritical' or 'fake' or 'selfish' or 'weird' or 'self-absorbed.' And a lot of times, Christians will even say that about their brothers and sisters in Christ. Sadly, those criticisms are too often accurate, but God does not want it to be this way.

But here's the point. God also wants to give you His grace through the mutual consolation that comes when you have fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ (*Romans 1:12*). Remember, Jesus promises (*Matthew 18:20*), "For where two or three are gathered in My name, there am I among them."

The Fifth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist
Sunday 5th July 2026 • 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

Prelude, Op. 37 No. 1 - Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Here within this house of prayer
all our Father's love declare;
love that gave us birth, and planned
days and years beneath his hand:
praise to God whose love and power
bring us to this present hour!

Words: Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926 - 2024)

Tune: ASHBURTON
R. Jackson (1840 - 1914)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Let us lay aside our differences and fix our thoughts upon
the grace of God.

All

**We come together in unity, bound by
the love of our Saviour.**

Send the waters of your grace upon us.

We are your people.

Let the waters of your love wash us.

We are your forgiven people.

Let the waters of your blessing pour over us.

We are your beloved people.

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 101

O Worship the King

Tune: HANOVER

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 458**

*Sung by the choir
to a setting arranged from Mozart by G. Holden*

The Lesson | **page 458**

1 Kings 19:19 - 21

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: 33 - 40

Legem pone

TEACH me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes : and I shall keep it unto the end.

³⁴ Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law : yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart.

³⁵ Make me to go in the path of thy commandments : for therein is my desire.

³⁶ Incline my heart unto thy testimonies : and not to covetousness.

³⁷ O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity : and quicken thou me in thy way.

³⁸ O stablish thy word in thy servant : that I may fear thee.

³⁹ Take away the rebuke that I am afraid of : for thy judgements are good.

⁴⁰ Behold, my delight is in thy commandments : O quicken me in thy righteousness.

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 first letter of Peter.

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

**Jesus calls us o'er the tumult
Of our life's wild, restless sea;
Day by day his sweet voice sounding,
Saying, "Christian, follow me."**

**^{2.} Brothers Simon, Andrew heard it
By the Galilean lake,
Turned from home, and toil, and kindred,
Leaving all for His dear sake.**

**^{3.} Jesus calls us from the worship
Of the vain world's golden store,
From each idol that would keep us,
Saying, "Christian, love me more."**

**^{4.} Jesus calls us—By your mercies,
Saviour, may we hear your call,
Give our hearts to your obedience,
Serve and love you best of all.**

Words: Mrs. Cecil Frances Alexander (1818 - 1895)

Tune: GALILEE
William H. Jude (1851 - 1922)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

"Come be my disciples", says the Lord.

Let us fear not and follow Jesus.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 459**

St Luke 5:1 - 11

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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 **I will make you fishers of men,**
 fishers of men //
 I will make you fishers of men
 if you follow me; ///
 I will make you fishers of men,
 if you follow me.

Harry D. Clarke (1888 - 1957)

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Thomas Jacob, *Cathedral Presbyter*

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 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 join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory | # 249

Take my life, and let it be

Tune: NOTTINGHAM

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

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Everlasting God,
we pray today for your blessing to be upon this
congregation and upon this cathedral church.
We pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit
for our Diocese.
Guide all Church leaders. We pray for Paritosh our
Moderator; Reuben, the Moderator of the *Church of South
India*; Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar
Thoma Church*; Prabhu our Bishop and Thomas our
Presbyter. Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Eternal God,
Light of the nations,
in Christ you make all things new:
guide our nation through the inspiration of your Spirit.
We pray for the Chief Justice of India, the President,
the Prime Minister, all parliamentarians, the Governor,
Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Ministers of this State.
Give us grace to build bonds of trust that together we may
work for the dignity and flourishing of all; through Jesus
Christ our Lord.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Father God,
we pray for young people in our families,
churches and communities.
May they grow up knowing love and hope,
valuing life and respecting others. Lord in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor

Gracious God,
we pray for your healing touch to rest upon those who are
sick; your strength to be felt by those who are tired;
your wisdom and your love to encourage those who live
with despair and fear.

All

Lord in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Mighty God,

through the ministry of your son Jesus Christ you have
freed us from the grip of the tomb.

We pray for those who have departed this life and ask You,
through your loving kindness,
to have mercy on their souls.

Lord in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, as we heard in the Gospel this morning,
you call us to follow you.

Give us the courage to live our commitment.

Teach us to go beyond our borders.

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

**He leadeth me: O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

Continued

Refrain **He leadeth me, he leadeth me;
by his own hand he leadeth me:
his faithful follower I would be,
for by his hand he leadeth me.**

**2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's flowers bloom,
by waters calm, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

**3. Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.**

**4. And when my task on earth is done,
when, by thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.**

Words: Joseph H. Gilmore (1834 - 1918)

Tune: HE LEADETH ME
William B. Bradbury (1816 - 1868)

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

Please be seated

Announcements

All stand

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Surround us with your love,
fill us with your grace,
and strengthen us for your service.
Empower us to respond to the call of Jesus –
to deny ourselves,
to take up our crosses,
and to follow.
Make us your disciples. **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 blessings

Tune: THE ASH GROVE

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyterian 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 Presbyterian if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

~ 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

Mr. Deepak Joshua (5), Mr. Nikhil Joshi (7),
Mr. Chandran Daniel (8), Mr. Jai Knox (10)

~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~

"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

Ephesians 4 :32

Mr. Sandeep Magar & Mrs. Archana Magar (10)

Fresh altar flower arrangements may be donated to honour a friend or family member, to remember a loved one, to celebrate a birthday or anniversary, or for any reason you wish.

To donate a flower arrangement, select a date for your dedication and inform the Presbyterian. Thank you for helping beautify the Sanctuary.



Cathedral ministries...

Get involved!

- Sunday School
- Women's Fellowship
- Youth Fellowship
- Choir

Sunday morning during term time
2nd Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m.
Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.
during term time

Announcements

- **Mission Sunday** will be observed next Sunday 12th July 2026.
Dr. Jamson Masih (I/C Principal, Wilson College) is the guest preacher.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted on Sunday 23rd August 2026 at 10:45 am.
The quiz will have objective type questions based on Psalm 119: 1 - 72 (open Bible), Book of Haggai and the Book of Zephaniah. Refer the *New King James Version (NKJV)*. Please register your name with Ms. Violet Truman by paying ₹100/-.

The lives of inspiring Christians

Ziegenbalg and Pluetschau
Commemorated 9th July

Among the first Protestant missionaries to set foot in India were two Lutherans from Germany: Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg (1683 - 1719) and Heinrich Pluetschau (1672 - 1752), who began work in 1705 in the Danish settlement of Tranquebar (Tharangambadi). They translated the Bible into the local Tamil language, and afterwards into Hindustani. They also established a printing press, which within a hundred years of its establishment in 1712 had printed 300 books in Tamil. At first they only made little progress in their religious efforts, but gradually the mission spread to Madras, Cuddalore and Tanjore.

Ziegenbalg was born in Pulsnitz, Saxony on 10th July, 1682 to poor but devout Christian parents. He showed an aptitude for music at an early age. He studied at the University of Halle under the teaching of A. H. Francke, then the center of Pietistic Lutheranism. Under the patronage of Frederick IV of Denmark, Ziegenbalg, along with his fellow student, Heinrich Plütschau, became the first Protestant missionaries to India. They arrived at the Danish colony of Tranquebar on 9th July 1706.

Ziegenbalg brought Lutheranism and a printing-press to Tanjore court by ship. Education has always been an integral component of missionary work. And Ziegenbalg recognized from the start the imperative of learning the local languages in the progress of their mission.

Ziegenbalg was publicly critical of some members of the Brahmin caste, accusing them of disregard for lower castes in Hindu society. For that reason, at least one group plotted to kill him. This reaction by native Indians was unusual and Ziegenbalg's work did not generally encounter unfriendly crowds; his lectures and classes drawing considerable interest from locals.



*New Jerusalem Church, Tharangambadi
(The final resting place of Ziegenbalg)*

The Church commemorates these faithful servants of God on 9th July. We give thanks to God for their ministry and witness.

Pray with us this Week

† **THE WORLD** God of love, we ask you to look with mercy on all in need in our community at this time, especially those struggling with mental health challenges, addictions, loneliness, and despair that they would find in you hope, support, and the healing love of Christ. Give strength and perseverance to those impacted by earthquakes in Venezuela, that against insurmountable odds their disrupted lives might continue with the strength and support of outsiders giving rescue and care • Heavenly Father, we lift up our brothers and sisters in Nigeria who face the daily, devastating threat of violence, kidnappings, and destruction of their homes. Lord, stretch out Your mighty hand to protect the vulnerable • As Europe continues to suffer in heat wave conditions, keep us all mindful of our responsibility to care for the intricate and beautiful world you have given us.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray that the Monsoon rains will cover catchment areas to replenish water supply.

† **OUR CITY** Pray for God's protection and safety from the torrential rains in recent days • In an avoidable tragedy, 11 year old Vihan tragically died when an uprooted tree fell on his school bus in Chembur. Just two days later a 55 year old man died when he fell into an open manhole. Pray for the grieving families and for greater responsibility and accountability on the part of civic authorities in our City.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** In the *Anglican Communion*, for The Church of South America and Archbishop Brian Williams.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** We thank God for the work of the missionaries Ziegenbalg and Pluetschau who are commemorated on 9th July • The Diocese of Agra and Bishop Bijaya Nayak • The Diocese of Medak.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. James Church, Thane and the Revd Rajendra Bhonsle.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens, those who are house bound and their care providers • This week for the Cathedral choir and the organist & choirmaster.

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