



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
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The Church of North India

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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

THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL
of
Saint Thomas the Apostle

(Transferred from 6th October)



Choral Eucharist
Sunday 4th October 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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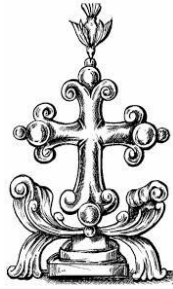
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Celebrating a Community

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, 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.

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on the tune, 'Aurelia' John G. Barr (1938 - 2024)

Prelude and Fugue in e minor Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)

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

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

All stand as the procession makes its way to the chancel

Introit

sung by the choir in the Lady Chapel

Surely the Lord is in this place.

I was glad when they said unto me:

we will go into the House of the Lord!

Words: from Psalm 122

D. L. M. Holden Holloway

Please be seated

Lighting of the Lamp

Representatives from the Cathedral community

light the lamp

A chorister

Light of the world, as we light this lamp,

we are reminded of your constant presence with us,

dispelling darkness from our hearts, minds and lives.

All

We give you thanks, O God.

The first wick is lit

Continued. Turn over.

A child from the Sunday school

Light of the world, we thank you that you stepped into darkness so that we may have light.

All **We give you thanks, O God.**

The second wick is lit

A representative of the Cathedral's Youth Fellowship

Lord, we thank you for Thomas, your apostle, who travelled great distance to reach our land in order that we may receive the light of the Gospel.

All **We give you thanks, O God.**

The third wick is lit

A Cathedral Server

Lord, as Apostle Thomas made the confession "My Lord and my God," strengthen us to declare that you are risen so that others may put their faith in you and receive the light and life you offer.

All **We give you thanks, O God.**

The fourth wick is lit

A representative of the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)

Lord, give us courage to be honest before you about our doubts and fears, and your strength to keep walking in faith even when answers may seem slow to come.

All **We give you thanks, O God.**

The fifth wick is lit

An office bearer of the Pastorate Committee

Lord, may the light of your love shine in the midst of darkness and fill this land with your peace that those who live with fear and despair may be filled with courage and hope.

All **We give you thanks, O God.**

The sixth wick is lit

Continued. Turn over.

A Cathedral Trustee

Lord, as we light this lamp, we renew our promise to walk
in accordance to your word which is a lamp for our feet and a light
on our path.

All **We give you thanks, O God.**

The sixth wick is lit

The Presbyter

Almighty God, whose servants and saints have gone before us
to light the world with your truth:

We thank you for the life and witness of the Apostle Thomas
whose name our church bears.

As we celebrate this patronal festival, inspire us by their example
of faithful discipleship and bold love.

Make our Cathedral a beacon of your grace within this
community and far beyond.

Bless our people, heal the sick, comfort the lonely, and unite us in
your everlasting peace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and
the Holy Spirit, one God, for now and forever.

Amen.

All stand join in singing

Hymns at the Procession

508 Rejoice in God's saints

Tune: HANOVER (# 101)

417 Praise we now the Word of grace

Tune: MONKLAND (# 204)

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for St. Thomas the Apostle | **page 566**

All say together

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 as the choir sings
the psalm to a chant by C. V. Stanford*

Psalm
150

- ¹ O praise God in His holiness:
praise Him in the firmament of His power.
- ² Praise Him in His noble acts:
praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
- ³ Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet:
praise Him upon the lute and harp.
- ⁴ Praise Him in the cymbals and dances:
praise Him upon the strings and pipe.
- ⁵ Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
- ⁶ Let everything that hath breath:
praise the Lord.

*All stand
(sung by the choir)*

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 567**

Hebrews 13:13 - 21

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

- ¹ **O Thou, Who didst with love untold,
Thy doubting servant chide,
Bidding the eyes of sense behold
Thy wounded hands and side:**
- ² **Grant us, like him, with heartfelt awe
To own Thee God and Lord,
And from his hour of darkness, draw
Faith in the incarnate Word.**
- ³ **And while that wondrous record now
Of unbelief we hear,
O let us only lowlier bow
In self-distrusting fear;**
- ⁴ **And grant that we may never dare
Thy loving Heart to grieve;
But at the last, their blessing share
Who see not, yet believe.**

Words: Emma Toke (1812 - 1872)

Tune: BISHOPTHORPE # 133

*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
All*

The Lord be with you.
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.**

All sing **And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?**

***Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!***

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 1788)

Tune: SAGINA
Thomas Campbell (1777 - 1844)

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | page 265

Presentation by the Sunday School

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Thomas Jacob, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

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
and also with you.

All

*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 | # 160

We love the place, O God

Tune: QUAM DILECTA

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All say

Offertory Prayer | *page 270*

All sit

The Anthem

sung by the choir

This is the day the day which the Lord hath made.
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
O praise the Lord of heaven: praise Hm in the height.
Praise Him, all ye angels of His: praise Him, all His host.

Praise Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars and light.
Let them praise the Name of the Lord.

For He shall give His angels charge over thee:
To keep thee in all Thy ways.

The Lord Himself is thy keeper
The Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day
Neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
Yeah, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
From this time forth for evermore.
He shall defend thee under His wings.

Be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart,
Shall comfort thine heart,
and put thou thy trust
Thy trust in the Lord.

*Words: Psalms 118:24, 148:1–3 & 5a,
91:4a & 11, 121:5–8, and 27:16b*

Music: Sir John Rutter, CBE (b. 1945)

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: Paritosh our Moderator;
Reuben, the Moderator of the *Church of South India*,
Theodosius Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*; Prabhu our Bishop and Thomas 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.

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 Christ-centered visionary leadership and faithful zeal of: Gerald Aungier (The second Governor of Bombay) who was influential in acquiring the land for the building of St Thomas'.

Continued

*All
Intercessor*

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the Revd Richard Cobbe, the dynamic Chaplain who almost single-handedly was instrumental in raising the necessary funds for the completion of the building of St. Thomas' and for 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

While seated, we sing

Hymns at the Communion

Make me a channel of Your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring Your love.

Where there is injury Your pardon, Lord,

And where there's doubt, true faith in You.

*Oh Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood, as to understand,
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

² **Make me a channel of Your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness, only light,
And where there's sadness, ever joy.**

³ **Make me a channel of Your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.**

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (c. 1181 – 1226)
(commemorated on 4th October)

Music: Sebaastian Temple (1928 - 1997)

263 Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour *Tune: ST. HELEN*

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

Please be seated for the announcements

All stand

The Blessing

The 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.**

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Words: E. H. Plumptre (1821 - 91)

Tune: THORNBURY
Basil Harwood (1859 - 1949)

Presbyter 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 | #214

Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer

Tune: CWM RHONDDA

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Festal Flourish Gordon Jacob (1895 - 1984)

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 ~

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

Proverbs 16:20

Samaira Uzgare (4), Mr. Arnold Asgon (5), Mr. Mukul Gupte (5),
Ms. M. Jaruinia Maneulah (5), Ms. Rachel Baker (6), Ms. Monica Palukuri (7),
Mr. Joseph Lonappan (7), Mrs. Mary Abraham (10)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"
Galatians 5:22

Mr. Joshua Kandula & Mrs. Irene Joshua (9)

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 |

Announcements

- **Confirmation classes** for confirmands are held every second and fourth Sunday of the month.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted on Friday 18th October 2026 from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Christ Church, Poisar. Questions will be based on the book of Joshua, the book of Hosea and the Gospel according to Luke. This quiz is being organised by the **Diocesan Youth Fellowship**.
- The **Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service** is organizing a **singing competition** on Tuesday 20th October 2026 2 p.m. onwards at St. Peter's School Mazgaon. WFCS of all churches in the Diocese are invited to participate. The entry form must be submitted on or before 4th October 2026.
- **Pastorate Committee for 2026-27:** Dr. Kamal Jadhav (*Hon. Secretary*), Mr. Nishanth Daniel (*Hon. Treasurer*), Mr. Ashok Joshi, Mr. Samuel Joseph, Mr. Melvin Gladstone, Mrs. Supriya Telgote, Col. Dhyan Mayadas, Mrs. Violet Truman, Mrs. Elizabeth George, Mrs. Archana Magar (*WFCS Secretary – Ex-officio*), Mrs. Uma Moses (*Sunday School Superintendent – Ex-officio*)
- **Stewardship Sunday** will be observed on 11th October.
Theme: Growing Faith and Love.
- **The Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service** is inviting one article per church for their magazine *Dipeesha*. The article may be in the form of poetry, story, testimony, etc., Theme: Christmas/New Year/Thanksgiving. The word limit is 300-500 words.

The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of

Mrs. Alexandra Samuel

(Beloved Aunt of Mr. Samuel Joseph)

*She served as Headmistress in various mission girls higher secondary schools
in the Church of South India's Diocese of Tirunelveli.*

Pray with us

† FOR THE WORLD

We continue to pray for justice and peace in troubled places: in Ukraine and Russia, as attacks intensify and winter approaches; in the Middle East; in South Sudan; and in all places of conflict and suffering which rarely feature in our newspaper headlines • We thank God that a major air tragedy was averted last week due to the courageous and timely response of Captain Smit Machchhar. His presence of mind saved the lives of 170 passengers on board the Flydubai aircraft. Our collective prayers for Captain Machchhar's good health.

† FOR OUR COUNTRY

Pray for those who have been affected by heavy rains in Uttar Pradesh and Odisha • The nation celebrated yet another Gandhi Jayanti yesterday. Mahatma Gandhi was profoundly influenced by the Beatitudes. Let us imbibe the values that the Father of the Nation stood for • India picks up many medals at the Asian Games in Nagoya, Japan. We continue to pray for our athletes.

† FOR THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH

St Francis of Assisi is commemorated today. He founded the *Franciscan Order*, the *Order of St. Clare*, and the *Third Order of Saint Francis* for men and women not living monastic lives. St. Francis is the patron saint of animals and ecology because he viewed all creation as his brothers and sisters and a direct reflection of God • In the worldwide *Anglican Communion* for Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (the Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil) and Archbishop Martinez Rosa dos Santos Bassotto.

† FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA

We give thanks for the ministry of Apostle Thomas who brought the Gospel to our land. For all churches and institutions who bear his name. May we like Apostle Thomas proclaim, "My Lord and my God" • For the Synod search committee as they begin the process of selecting and appointing the new General Secretary of the CNI • The CNI Diocese of Durgapur in West Bengal and Bishop Sameer Khimla • The CSI Diocese of Kanyakumari in Tamil Nadu and Bishop Selvamony Vijayan .

† FOR THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY

This week for St. Thomas's Church, Ambernath and the Revd M. D. Borde.

† FOR OUR CATHEDRAL

Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For all Bishops, Cathedral Chaplains, Presbyters, Deacons and the faithful who have worshipped within these hallowed walls for over 300 years and continue to do so. May we the mother church of the Diocese continue to be a beacon of faith, hope and love in our city.

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