



St Thomas' Cathedral

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The Church of North India

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This is an abridged service bulletin to serve as an online aid to worship.

The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.

October 4, 2020

Saint Thomas the Apostle, Patron of India observed



*“Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”
(John 20:29)*

This morning we celebrate “us” – the worshipping community in the Cathedral Church of St Thomas the Apostle, Mumbai. Generations of faithful have knelt in prayer and praised in adoration the Majesty of God and the love of Christ in this House of Prayer, named after the Apostle Saint Thomas.

Saint Thomas’ journey to our land is one which ties us directly to the early Church. It is indeed significant that our beautiful Cathedral is consecrated and named after the Apostle, Saint Thomas.

One of the days set aside for commemorating Saint Thomas in the Church Calendar is October 6. It has become a practice in the Cathedral to observe the Sunday closest to this day as our *Patronal Festival*.

This morning we direct our prayers of thanksgiving for all those:

- † whose love and faith helped in the foundation of this church.
- † who have faithfully served this church since its completion in 1718.
- † countless faithful who have worshipped here in the years gone by.

On this day let us pray for God’s continued presence with each one of us – the worshipping community here at St Thomas’ Cathedral: a Mother Church for the Diocese, a mission church for the City and a parish church for its congregation.

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|The Preparation & Gathering|

“I waited for the Lord” FELIX MENDELSSOHN BARTHOLDY (1809 - 1847)

Duet

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Call to Worship

Presbyter Alleluia, alleluia.
Lord, we love the House of your habitation
People **and the place where your glory abides.** *cf Psalm 26.8*
Presbyter The risen Christ is here in the midst of us.
People **We bring our prayers and praise to Him as Lord of the Church.**
Presbyter "Come to me! Follow me! Be my disciples!"
People **we accept the invitation to discipleship.**

Opening Hymn

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“We love the place, O God”

1. We love the place, O God,
Wherein Thine honour dwells;
The joy of Thine abode
All earthly joy excels.
2. We love the House of prayer
Wherein Thy servants meet;
And Thou, O Lord, art there
Thy chosen flock to greet.
3. We love to sing below
For mercies freely given;
But, oh, we long to know
The triumph-song of Heaven.
4. Lord Jesus, give us grace
On earth to love Thee more,
In heaven to see Thy face,
And with Thy saints adore.

Words: W. BULLOCK (1798 - 1874)
Music: BISHOP JENNER (1820 - 98)

| The Word of God |

The Collect for St Thomas the Apostle

ALMIGHTY God, who to Thy holy Apostle Saint Thomas our Patron didst reveal Thine incarnate Son in His risen glory: Draw, we beseech Thee, the peoples of our land to know and confess him as their Lord and God, that coming to Thee by him they may believe and have life in His name; through the same Thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. **Amen.**

The Lesson

Isaiah 55 : 1 - 5

Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people. Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not, and nations that knew not thee shall run unto thee because of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

Psalm 48

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5NI4zLiRvsk>

The Epistle

Hebrews 13 - 21

LET us go forth therefore unto him without the camp, bearing his reproach. For here have we no continuing city, but we seek one to come. By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to his name. But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you. Pray for us: for we trust we have a good conscience, in all things willing to live honestly. But I beseech you the rather to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner. Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, Make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ; to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel

St. John 20.24-end

THOMAS, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and put my finger into the print of the nails, and thrust my hand into his side, I will not believe. And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them: then came Jesus, the doors being shut, and stood in the midst, and said, Peace be unto you. Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing. And Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord, and my God. Jesus saith unto him, Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed; blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed. And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.
Peace to this house from His Son who is our peace.
Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

| The Prayers of the People |

Invocation

Alleluya!
'Thomas, behold my side,' saith he,
'My hands, my feet, my body see;
'And doubt not, but believe in me.' Alleluya!

Intercessory Prayers

- 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,
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* 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,
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* For this place, named after the Apostle, St Thomas that we may be still and know that you are God,
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions as you see best for us,
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism,
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory,
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* For a foretaste of your eternal Kingdom in the sacrament of the Eucharist,
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* For the faith of those who have gone before us and for grace to persevere like them,
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* For the benefactors of this place who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest. We give thanks for the life and witness of:
Governor Gerald Aungier - the second Governor of Bombay who acquired land for the building of the church.
The Revd Richard Cobbe - who oversaw the completion of the building of the church.
The Rt Revd Thomas Carr - the first Bishop of Bombay.
The Very Revd Kew Fletcher - who oversaw the restoration when the church was elevated to a Cathedral.
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* For a sense of our fellowship with St Thomas, our patron and all your saints.
- People* **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**
- Intercessor* O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling – a place for your majesty. We give thanks and pray for the ministry of Premchand, our Moderator, Dharmraj, the Moderator of the Church of South India, Joseph Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- People* **Amen.**

Alleluya!
No longer Thomas then denied;
He saw the feet, the hands, the side;
'Thou art my Lord and God,' he cried.
Alleluya!

*Words: from the 17th century, tr J. M. NEALE
Music: from WEBBE'S Antiphons, 1702*

|The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.

All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.

The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith, giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly

“eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,

Although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.

The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.

In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”



|The Thanksgiving |

Closing Prayer and Benediction The Presbyter

The Lord bless you and keep you: the Lord make His face to shine upon you, and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up the light Of His countenance upon you, and give you peace. And The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

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“The Church’s One Foundation”

1. The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the Word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own Blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.
2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses,
with every grace endued.
3. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.

Words: s.j. STONE (1839 - 1900)
Music: s. s. WESLEY (1810 - 76)

Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

“Kommst du nun, Jesu, vom Himmel herunter”
("Come thou, Jesu, from heaven to earth")

Organ Voluntary

J.S. BACH, BWV 650 (1685 - 1750)

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † the healing of all nations.
- † our Nation, State and City - for all our leaders as they take important decisions.
- † the safe and speedy development of a vaccine to combat the Corona virus. Thank God for the clinical trials which are under way.
- † all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers.
- † the healing of all patients in hospitals and the well-being of those in quarantine and self-isolation.
- † public worship to resume again and for church leaders as they make necessary arrangements.
- † all senior citizens in our community and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers.
- † St. Christopher's Marathi Church, and the Revd. Sunil J. Awale .
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Cuttack and the Rt Revd Surendra Kumar Nanda
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Kollam-Kottarakkara (in Kerala) and the Rt Revd Dr. Oommen George.
- † in the Anglican Communion, the Church in Tanzania and the Most Revd Dr Maimbo Mndolwa.
- We express our thanks to, Denham Pereira for compiling the virtual choir for the online service today. Denham, is the organist and director of music at the Church of St Michael & All Angels in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Rahul Sinha (4), Arnold Pasgon (5), Jarvi Raj (5), Rachel Baker (6), David Long (6),
Monica Palukuri (7), Zenobia Surveyor (8), Christa Sudhakar (10)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries ~~~

*Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.*

David & Nilima Long (6)



Detail from a stained glass window in the clerestory above the High Altar depicting the Risen Lord with Thomas.

*"Touching the Wounds" by Malcolm Guite*

"We do not know... how can we know the way?"  
Courageous master of the awkward question,  
You spoke the words the others dared not say  
And cut through their evasion and abstraction.  
Oh doubting Thomas, father of my faith,  
You put your finger on the nub of things  
We cannot love some disembodied wraith,  
But flesh and blood must be our king of kings.  
Your teaching is to touch, embrace, anoint,  
Feel after Him and find Him in the flesh.  
Because He loved your awkward counter-point  
The Word has heard and granted you your wish.  
Oh place my hands with yours, help me divine  
The wounded God whose wounds are healing mine.

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| Sun   | 10 am    | Prayer and fellowship lasting approximately 45 minutes.       |
|       | 11:15 am | Sunday school                                                 |
|       | 7:30 pm  | Bible study for the youth.                                    |
| Daily | 6pm      | Prayer cycle led by the Women's Fellowship.                   |
| Sat   | 5 pm     | Class on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers. |