

TRINITY 11



# INDEPENDENCE DAY

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL CNI, 15<sup>th</sup> August 2021

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8:45 am : ONLINE SERVICE



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## I vow to thee my country

HYMN

I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.

And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

*Words: Sir Cecil Spring Rice (1859 – 1918)  
Tune: 'Thaxted' by Gustav Hoslt (1874 – 1934)*

This is the day the Lord has made.

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it!**

God has made a promise of faithfulness to us

**and we can trust the promise.**

Let us worship our Risen Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ!

**Collect for Independence Day**

Lord God, Creator and Father of all you have called us in freedom to take part in the building of a great nation; teach us the paths of true greatness, so that following the steps of your Son, we may seek not to be served but to serve, and to work together for the common good; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and ever. Amen

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## Ministry of the Word

**Old Testament: 1 Kings 3:5-15**

5 At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask! What shall I give you?" 6 And Solomon said: "You have shown great mercy to Your servant David my father, because he walked before You in truth, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with You; You have continued this great kindness for him, and You have given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 Now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king instead of my father David, but I am a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. 8 And Your servant is in the midst of Your people whom You have chosen, a great people, too numerous to be numbered or counted. 9 Therefore give to Your servant an understanding heart to judge Your people, that I may discern between good and evil. For who is able to judge this great people of Yours?" 10 The speech pleased the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 Then God said to him: "Because you have asked this thing, and have not asked long life for yourself, nor have asked riches for yourself, nor have asked the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern justice, 12 behold, I have done according to your words; see, I have given you a wise and understanding heart, so that there has not been anyone like you before you, nor shall any like you arise after you. 13 And I have also given you what you have not asked: both riches and honor, so that there shall not be anyone like you among the kings all your days. 14 So if you walk in My ways, to keep My statutes and My commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your days." 15 Then Solomon awoke; and indeed it had been a dream. And he came to Jerusalem and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, offered up burnt offerings, offered peace offerings, and made a feast for all his servants.

The Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God**



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**Responsive Psalm 33:12-19**

<sup>12</sup> Blessed *is* the nation whose God *is* the LORD,

The people He has chosen as His own inheritance.

<sup>13</sup> **The LORD looks from heaven; He sees all the sons of men.**

<sup>14</sup> From the place of His dwelling He looks on all the inhabitants of the earth;

<sup>15</sup> **He fashions their hearts individually; He considers all their works.**

<sup>16</sup> No king *is* saved by the multitude of an army;

A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.

<sup>17</sup> **A horse *is* a vain hope for safety;**

**Neither shall it deliver *any* by its great strength.**

<sup>18</sup> Behold, the eye of the LORD *is* on those who fear Him,

On those who hope in His mercy,

<sup>19</sup> **To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.**



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## New Testament : 1 Corinthians 15:1-11

15 Moreover, brethren, I declare to you the gospel which I preached to you, which also you received and in which you stand, 2 by which also you are saved, if you hold fast that word which I preached to you—unless you believed in vain. 3 For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, 4 and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures, 5 and that He was seen by Cephas, then by the twelve. 6 After that He was seen by over five hundred brethren at once, of whom the greater part remain to the present, but some have fallen asleep. 7 After that He was seen by James, then by all the apostles. 8 Then last of all He was seen by me also, as by one born out of due time. 9 For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. 10 But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all, yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me. 11 Therefore, whether it was I or they, so we preach and so you believed.

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<sup>9</sup> Also He spoke this parable to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and despised others: <sup>10</sup> "Two men went up to the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. <sup>11</sup> The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, 'God, I thank You that I am not like other men—extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this tax collector. <sup>12</sup> I fast twice a week; I give tithes of all that I possess.' <sup>13</sup> And the tax collector, standing afar off, would not so much as raise *his* eyes to heaven, but beat his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me a sinner!' <sup>14</sup> I tell you, this man went down to his house justified *rather* than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted."

This is the Gospel of Christ  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ**

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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.

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Dn Paul George : Sermon





**The Sharing of Peace**

“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, says the Lord, there am I in the midst of them.” The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

**Announcements**

- Bank Details to make your online offering and payment of membership  
 Name: Society of St Thomas’ Cathedral  
 Account no: 917010054452406  
 Bank: Axis Bank Ltd  
 Branch: Fort, Mumbai - 400001  
 IFSC code: UTIB0000004
- New Diocesan Office bearers were appointed on the 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021  
 Rev Rajendra Bhonsle-Diocesan Secretary, Manikumar David-Diocesan Treasurer  
 Rev Avinash Rangayya-Vice President, BDC

**Birthday**

**Anniversary**

Rekha Joshi	August 16	Moushumi & Suganth Samuel	August 17
Leena Phillips	August 16	Supriya & Nishanth Daniel	August 18
Sahiesh Ravichandran	August 16		
Joseph Henry Long	August 18		
Abraham Jacob	August 19		
Supriya Telgote	August 19		
Sudheer Deekollu	August 20		
Minnal Pastala	August 21		

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In our prayers today, we put all our thoughts and worries and hopes into the hands of God. We place into the hands of God the life of this Cathedral , the people around us, and those who are not here today. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God our difficulties and frustrations, and our hopes and our worries about the future. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God the life of the Church in all the world, all people in the world who bring God's love to others, all people who are in danger because they share the love of God. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God the Leaders of the Church, Premchand our Moderator, Dhramaraj Moderator of Church of South India, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, Prakash our Bishop, Avinash our Presbyter and Paul our Deacon, that by their life and doctrine they may set forth thy true and life-giving Word. Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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We place into the hands of God a world that needs peace, a world that needs wisdom, a world that needs healing. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God our country as today we celebrate Independence Day . We thank you for the liberty of worship which we enjoy. We thank you for the founders of our nation. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God the poor of our own and every land, those who live in fear, and all who hold the lives of others in their hands. Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God our families, our friends, our neighbours and all those we know who are suffering Lord in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We place into the hands of God all those families who have lost their loved ones. May the Peace of God rest with them. Lord in your mercy  
**Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**



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## Now thank we all our God

HYMN

Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,  
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;  
Who from our mothers' arms hath blessed us on our way  
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,  
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;  
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed;  
And free us from all ills in this world, and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,  
The Son, and Him who reigns with Them in highest heaven,  
The one eternal God, whom earth and Heav'n adore;  
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

*Words: Martin Rinkart (1586 – 1649)*

*Tune: 'Nun danket alle Gott', by Johann Crüger (1598 – 1662)*



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Almighty God,  
who hast given us this good land for our heritage:  
We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a  
people mindful of thy favor and glad to do thy will.  
Bless our land with honorable industry,  
sound learning, and pure manners.  
Save us from violence, discord, and confusion;  
from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way.  
Defend our liberties,  
and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither  
out of many kindreds and tongues.  
Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom in thy Name we  
entrust the authority of government,  
that there may be justice and peace at home,  
and that, through obedience to thy law,  
we may show forth thy praise among the nations of the earth.  
In the time of prosperity,  
fill our hearts with thankfulness,  
and in the day of trouble,  
suffer not our trust in thee to fail;  
all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



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### Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy Kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

### Benediction

We meet as family in the presence of our heavenly Father. We meet as brothers and sisters in Christ, accepting the responsibility this places upon us – to love one another as you have loved us. We meet as your lights in this dark world, and pray that through our words and our actions others might be drawn into your family, and accept you as their Saviour and Lord. Amen.

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always Amen.

### Dismissal

Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**



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