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## ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL, MUMBAI

*The Church of North India • A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion*

### TEXT FOR THE DAY

*Lord, we would grow with you  
New shoots reaching out  
Hands stretched upward  
Like leaves newly formed  
Soaking up your light and warmth  
Lord, we would grow with you.*



*Lord, we would grow with you  
And bring forth fruit  
That is pleasing to you  
Fed by your living water  
Giving sustenance to others  
Lord, we would grow with you.*

## The Second Sunday before Lent

### *Choral Eucharist*

Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2024 • 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. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 300 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

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.

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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 *The English Hymnal*.

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# Order of Service

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

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## *The Gathering*

### Voluntary

Prelude on the hymn tune, 'Rhosymedre' ... .. R. Vaughan Williams, 1872 - 1958

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship.*

### Introit

*Sung by the choir*

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;  
wean it from earth through all its pulses move;  
stoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art,  
and make me love Thee as I ought to love. Amen.

Words: George Croly, 1780 - 1860

Music: Frederick Atkinson, 1841 - 1897

*All stand and face the West Door.*

### Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

Jesus, you sow yourself  
the Word of Truth, generously  
**the Word of Life, graciously.**

*All*

Defend us from the Evil One  
who seeks to snatch us away.  
**Fortify us for hard times  
and costly discipleship  
that we may endure.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

*Presbyter* Deliver us from distraction, from worldly desires and all that would lure us and choke us with false promises.

*All* **Till us,  
turn us.**

Enrich us with every blessing of your Spirit  
that we may be good soil  
**forever faithful and fruitful for you.  
Amen.**

*All sing*

Entrance Hymn | # 407

**Immortal, invisible, God only wise**

Tune: ST. DENIO

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collect for the Day | **page 350**

*Read by the Presbyter*

Old Testament Reading | **page 350**

*Genesis 3:9 - 19*

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Sung by the choir to a chant by Barnby.*

**Psalm**  
24: 1 - 5

*Domini est terra*

THE earth is the Lord's, and all that therein is : the compass of the world, and they that dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup> For he hath founded it upon the seas : and prepared it upon the floods.

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend into the hill of the Lord : or who shall rise up in His holy place?

<sup>4</sup> Even he that hath clean hands, and a pure heart : and that hath not lift up his mind unto vanity, nor sworn to deceive his neighbour.

<sup>5</sup> He shall receive the blessing from the Lord: and righteousness from the God of his salvation.

*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*

**The Epistle | page 351**  
*2 Corinthians 11:19 - 31*

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn on the next page.*

## Gradual Hymn | # 448

**O God of mercy, God of might**

Tune: FITZWILLIAM

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

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 352**

*St. Luke 8:4 - 15*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia**

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

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

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

*All*    **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

*At the conclusion of the reading*

*The Gospeller*    This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.  
*All*                    **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

*Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together.*

## The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

*Please be seated,*

**Sermon**

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

## The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.*

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.  
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

*cf Matthew 5. 19*

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*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

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**Pass me not, O gentle Saviour,  
hear my humble cry;  
while on others Thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.**

*Refrain: Saviour, Saviour,  
hear my humble cry,  
while on others Thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.*

<sup>2</sup> **Let me at Thy throne of mercy  
find a sweet relief;  
kneeling there in deep contrition,  
help my unbelief.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

**<sup>3</sup>Trusting only in Thy merit,  
would I seek Thy face;  
heal my wounded, broken spirit,  
save me by Thy grace.**

*Refrain: Saviour, Saviour,  
hear my humble cry,  
while on others Thou art calling,  
do not pass me by.*

**<sup>4</sup>Thou the spring of all my comfort,  
more than life to me,  
whom have I on earth beside Thee,  
whom in heaven but Thee.**

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Music: William Doane, 1832 - 1915

*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*Please be seated*

## The Blessing of Candles

2<sup>nd</sup> February was the *Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ*, also known as *Candlemas*. It is one of the oldest feasts of the Christian church, celebrated since the early 4<sup>th</sup> century, and a tradition developed of bringing candles to the local church to be blessed to be used for the rest of the year in prayer and personal devotion.

*As the candles are lit, we respond*

*Presbyter*      The Lord is the strength of my life.  
*All*              **The Lord is my light and my salvation.**  
Jesus Christ is the light of the world.  
**A light which no darkness can quench.**

*The Presbyter blesses the candles, saying*

O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty and everlasting God,  
whose blessed Son did mightily overthrow  
the powers of darkness, and has brought us into his kingdom of light:  
Vouchsafe, we beseech thee, to † bless these candles to thy service.



Mercifully hear the prayers of us thy servants,  
who desire reverently to bear them in our hands  
to the honour of thy holy name;  
and grant that we and all thy faithful people, abiding in his grace,  
may be fruitful in good works to the glory of thy name;  
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## Invocation

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!  
That calls me from a world of care,  
and bids me at my Father's throne  
make all my wants and wishes known.  
In seasons of distress and grief,  
my soul has often found relief,  
and oft escaped the tempter's snare,  
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

Words: William Walford, 1772 - 1850

Music: William Bradbury, 1816 - 1868

*Kneel as able or remain seated.*

The Intercession | **page 270**

The General Confession & Absolution  
| **pages 275, 276**

The Consecration | **page 277**

The Communion | **page 284**

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.*

*During the administration of Communion, while seated we sing*

Hymns at the Communion | **# 303 & 304**

**Author of life divine**

Tune: RHOSYMEDRE (LOVELY)

**Bread of heaven, on thee we feed**

Tune: BREAD OF HEAVEN

*All stand and sing.*

*The choir sings*

The Lord bless thee, and keep thee:  
The Lord make his face shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:  
The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee,  
and give thee peace.

Words: The Book of Numbers 6:24-26

Music: Lucy Rider Meyer, 1849 - 1922

## The Blessing

*Presbyter*

Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path.

*All*

**Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of Righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your heart.

**Amen.**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace.

**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*

**Thy kingdom come, O God**

Tune: ST. CECILIA

*From the West Door, the Presbyter says:*

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Postlude

Alla Marcia ... .. Jonathan Battishill, 1738 - 1801

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

*"I always thank my God for you because of his grace given you in Christ Jesus."*

I Corinthians 1:4

Koipillai Ponpandian (4), Valentian Mathew (6), Dinesh Sathia Raj (6), Lena Khan (9)

### Wedding anniversary this week

*"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."*

Sonal & Sanjay Parmar (10)

## Notices

- Lent this year begins on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February. There will be two services on **Ash Wednesday**: Eucharist (said) at 7 a.m. and 6.30 p.m. (choral) with imposition of ashes at both services.
- Please remember to pay your annual subscription before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- Volunteers are needed to assist with the recording and livestreaming of services. Please meet the Presbyter if you would like to help in this way.
- A Bible quiz will be conducted on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024. Questions will be based on the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah and Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians.
- Please join for lunch after the service hosted by Evangeline and Srinath.

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are offered by  
Evangeline and Srinath in thanksgiving to God  
for their wedding on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2024.*

### Cathedral ministries... ..

*Get involved!*

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|----------------------|--|
| • Sunday School      | Sunday morning during term time                                |
| • Women's Fellowship | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am                   |
| • Youth Fellowship   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir              | Saturday 5.30 pm   |

† **THE WORLD** We pray for the peace of God to rule in the hearts of decision makers as Islamic Resistance in Iraq claims responsibility for a drone strike in Jordan killing three US military personnel, while 19,000 children are now orphaned by the Israel-Gaza war.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We pray for the safety of all who guard our borders.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** On 5<sup>th</sup> February the Church commemorates the Martyrs of Japan. In 1597 twenty-six Christians—six European Franciscan missionaries, three Japanese Jesuits and seventeen Japanese laymen including three young boys were executed by crucifixion in Nagasaki for their faith • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Anglican Church of South America and the Most Reverend Nicholas Drayson.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Marathi poet and social reformer, Narayan Vaman Tilak (1862 - 1919), is commemorated on 10<sup>th</sup> February. Many of the hymns and devotional songs written by Tilak are much-loved and sung in churches • The Diocese of Nagpur and the Right Reverend Paul Dupare • The Diocese of Southern Karnataka.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** We continue to pray for All Saints' Home in its quasiquintennial year (125<sup>th</sup> anniversary). Pray for all who stay there, the staff and Warden • This week for St. Paul's Church, Matunga (Marathi pastorate).

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • We pray for the newly wedded couple, Evangeline and Sinath and their families.

### THE PRESENTATION OF CHRIST IN THE TEMPLE

*(was on 2<sup>nd</sup> February)*

Two things were required of Mary and Joseph according to the Law of Moses: Jesus' parents were required to present Jesus in the temple, dedicating him to God as their firstborn son. Also, there was Mary's need for "purification." When the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the custom of the Law required, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying:

***Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your word has been fulfilled. and the glory of your people Israel.***

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