



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI
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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

THE EASTER SEASON

Alleluia. Christ is risen! He is risen indeed. Alleluia! As these acclamations echoed around the cathedral on Easter Day, we began to celebrate what is often called 'the feast of feasts'. The proclamation of Christ's triumph over death opened a season filled with joy and thanksgiving. The great fifty days of Eastertide, from Easter to Pentecost are not a succession of seasons, but a single season encompassing the three mysteries of the resurrection, the ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit.

In his book, *I Will be There*, Michael Hollings reflects upon the significance of the resurrection: 'In once sense, it refers to what happened once Jesus passed through death to the new, risen life. This is the prime meaning, for it is from this aspect that the others derive. The second meaning appears when it is applied to Baptism, and we speak with the apostle (Paul) of going down in the waters of baptism to death and rising again in the new life. And then there is the third meaning, which can happen, and happen more than once, in the life of each and any individual. This is the resurrection which comes to the individual, waking him or her to the sudden break and leap forward in our personal evolution.'

So many reasons to celebrate!

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 21st April 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. 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 *The English Hymnal*.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Charles Macpherson, 1870 - 1927

Choral Prelude on the tune, 'Narenza'
(‘The Lord is risen indeed!’)

Charles Demorest, 1886 - 1950

Prayer for Peace

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

A brighter dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For thou, O King most highest,
The power of death defiest;

And thou hast come victorious,
With risen Body glorious,
Who now for ever livest,
And life abundant givest.

Words: Revd Percy Dearmer, 1867 - 1936

Tune: NUN LASST UNS GOTT DEM HERREN
From Selnecker's 'Christliche Psalmen, 1587

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

All

Christ is risen indeed!

Those who went to the tomb received good news.

Christ was not there!

Christ is risen in our hearts and our spirits!

Christ is risen from the dead! Alleluia! Amen!

All sing

Entrance Hymn

1. **Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
2. **In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**
3. **Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**
4. **Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Words: Brian Wren, b. 1936

Tune: TRURO (# 420)
Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 421**

Read by the Presbyter

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 Elvey.

Psalm

112: 1 - 9

Beatus vir

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; * he hath great delight in his commandments.

² His seed shall be mighty upon earth; * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

³ Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴ Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

⁵ A good man is merciful, and lendeth; * and will guide his words with discretion.

⁶ For he shall never be moved: * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; * for his heart standeth fast, and believeth in the Lord.

⁸ His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his enemies.

⁹ He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor. * and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour.

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.

All sit

The Epistle | **page 423**

I St. Peter 2: 11 - 17

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing.

Gradual Hymn | **# 627**

Tune: NARENZA

The Lord is risen indeed!

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;

I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 423**

St. John 16:16 - 22

The Gospeller The Lord be with you

All and with thy spirit.

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

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.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

See inside front cover for bank details to make your offering.
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**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, shouldst die for me?**

Continued. Turn over.

**Amazing love! How can it be,
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

**2 He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.**

***'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.***

**3. Long my imprisoned spirit lay,
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray—
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

***My chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.***

**4. No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

***Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.***

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

Tune: SAGINA
Thomas Campbell, 1800 - 1876

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be
perfected by his prayer.

Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.
We pray for Bijay our Moderator, the Synod office
bearers of the *Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar
Thoma the Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*, Prakash
our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter.

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or
sorrow. We uphold before your throne of mercy all
people displaced because of war and conflict.
We pray for peace in the Middle East. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us
for work in your service. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at
your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

The General Confession & Absolution

| **pages 275, 276**

The Consecration | **page 277**

The Proper Preface for Eastertide | *page 279*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

While seated, all sing

Hymn|# 319

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour

Tune: BRYN CALFARIA

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

Presbyter

God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
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

Recessional Hymn |# 134

Jesus lives! thy terrors now

Tune: ST. ALBINUS

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Frank Bridge, 1879 - 1941 Allegro con spirito in B flat Major

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.

Notices

- Stay back after service to patronise the stalls set up by the children of the Sunday School.
- A contributory fellowship lunch is being organised next Sunday 28th April. All are welcome.
- Please join us for a memorial service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Ruth Magar (beloved mother of Sandeep, Sonal and Pritam) on Sunday 12th May 10.45 am.
- **Ascension Day** will be celebrated with an open air Eucharist in the cathedral garden at 7 a.m. on Thursday 9th May.
- The **Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)** is on Sunday 19th May.

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

Gopa Khandwala (21), Arina Magar (21)

The Collect for

SAINT MARK THE EVANGELIST
25th April

O Almighty God, who hast instructed thy holy Church with the heavenly doctrine of thy Evangelist Saint Mark: Give us grace, that, being not like children carried away with every blast of vain doctrine, we may be established in the truth of thy holy Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*



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 am |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm |

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** As tensions escalate in the Middle East, we join in prayer with church leaders calling for restraint by Israel and Iran in their use of arms. The *World Council of Churches (WCC)* has called on Israel and Iran to “serve the interests of peace, people, and planet instead of pride and retaliation”. It issued a series of calls, to the United States and other governments, to act as “agents of good will”. The WCC repeated its appeal for an immediate ceasefire in Gaza, and the freeing of detainees and hostages.

† **OUR COUNTRY** General elections will be held in India from 19th April 2024 to 1st June 2024 to elect the 543 members of the 18th Lok Sabha. Pray for peaceful, violence-free campaigning and elections, Pray that people in the country will elect the right candidates without being influenced by false or misleading propaganda. Pray for truth to prevail and for citizens being able to make informed voting decisions.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Today the Church commemorates Anselm, the 12th century Archbishop of Canterbury. Anselm was a Benedictine monk, a philosopher, and a prelate of the Church who held the office of Archbishop of Canterbury from 1093 to 1109. Anselm also thought deeply on the relationship of faith and reason. He concluded that faith is the precondition of knowledge (*credo ut intelligam*, "I believe in order to understand"). He didn't despise reason; in fact he employed it in all his writings. He simply believed knowledge cannot lead to faith, and knowledge gained outside of faith is untrustworthy • We give thanksgiving for the ministry of Mark and for the Gospel which he wrote (25th April). Pray for all churches and institutions named after him • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Church of Bangladesh and the Most Reverend Samuel Sunil Mankhin.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Convert and Evangelist Imadud-Din is commemorated on 26th April. He was baptised in 1866 • The Diocese of Barrackpore and the Right Reverend Subrata Chakrabarty • The Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad and the Right Reverend Dr. D. Jeyasingh Prince Prabhakaran.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the C.N.I. church in Wada and the Reverend Anandaraju.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • For the children and teachers of the Sunday School.

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