



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

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

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

THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Love, only love

Reflections on Matthew 22:34 - 40

Jesus has a radical prescription for a society divided like ours: 'Love God with all your strength... and love your neighbour as yourself.' The two parts of the Great Commandment come from the Hebrew Scriptures (Deuteronomy 6:4-6 and Leviticus 19:18) and were familiar to Jesus' hearers.

The Jewish teachers defined love not as a feeling, but as an active commitment to better the lives of others. On that, they and Jesus agreed.

But Jesus made two profound changes to the Summary of the Law: firstly, he linked loving God with loving neighbour so that they always come together. Love God and you inevitably love your neighbour. Loving your neighbour is a way of loving God. Secondly, he extended the idea of 'neighbour' beyond the circle of family and everyday friends. For Jesus, a neighbour is anyone you meet, anyone near you. It even includes your enemy!

Loving God means seeing the humanity in people who disagree with me. It means being loved by God so that I may have the grace to love radically as Jesus did.

The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 19th October 2025 • 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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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Andante - Felix Mendelssohn, Op. 65 No. 6 (1809 - 1847)

Voluntary on the tune 'Old Hundredth' ('All people') - Henry Purcell (c. 1659 - 1695)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Words: Robert Bridges (1844 - 1930)

Tune: MICHAEL
Herbert Howells (1892 - 1983)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

All

We hear the voice of God calling,
"Love your neighbour as yourself."
We feel the Spirit moving among us,
moving us to acts of compassion and justice.
We know the love of Jesus.
We love because Christ first loved us.
Come, worship God together.
Come, let us serve our God,
who calls us by name.

All join in singing the hymn
All people that on earth do dwell

The Entrance Hymn | # 100

Tune: OLD 100TH

Please be seated

All say together

The Prayer of Preparation | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | page 492

Read by the Presbyterian

The Lesson | page 493

Deuteronomy 6. 4 - 9

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Remain seated while the choir sings the Psalm
to a chant by Helmore

Psalm

119: 137 - 144

Justus es, Domine

Righteous art thou, O Lord : and true is thy judgement.

¹³⁸ The testimonies that thou hast commanded : are exceeding righteous and true.

¹³⁹ My zeal hath even consumed me : because mine enemies have forgotten thy words.

¹⁴⁰ Thy word is tried to the uttermost : and thy servant loveth it.

¹⁴¹ I am small, and of no reputation : yet do I not forget thy commandments.

¹⁴² Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness : and thy law is the truth.

¹⁴³ Trouble and heaviness have taken hold upon me : yet is my delight in thy commandments.

¹⁴⁴ The righteousness of thy testimonies is everlasting : O grant me understanding, and I shall live.

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 557**

I Corinthians I. 4 - 8

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

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 | **# 217**

Be thou my guardian and my guide

Tune: ABRIDGE

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 493**

St Matthew 22. 34 - 46

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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

**So would I love thee, dearest Lord,
and in thy praise will sing;
because thou art my loving God
and my eternal King.**

Words: 17th cent. Latin; trans. by Edward Caswall

Tune: WESTMINSTER (# 102)
James Turle (1802 - 1882)

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Avinash T. Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’
says the Lord, ‘there am I in the midst of them.’

All

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

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 | **# 122**

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Tune: ST. PETER

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Intercessor

O Lord,
you are indeed the healer of all our ills.
We bring to you, Lord, our bodies, minds and spirits
hurting and broken by the violence, ills, trauma
and cares of a world separated from you.
Come to us now with your healing power.
O God, we ask that you heal us.
Give us the strength, health, wisdom
and knowledge found only through you.
Send your life-giving Spirit so that we may live our lives
with courage in the profound peace of your love.
Come to us now with your healing power.

All

Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.

O God,
we ask that you sustain those who seek to
alleviate the pain and suffering of this world.
Give strength, courage, wisdom and knowledge
to all doctors and orderlies, nurses and clerks,
psychiatrists, researchers, and all other medical care-givers,
volunteers and professionals.
We pray for doctors and care givers in our congregation,
and diocese.
Send your life-giving Spirit so that their ministry may bring
healing and promote health.
Come to us now with your healing power.

Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.

Be also with those who work to heal the wounds of
societies and nations.
Guide, protect and strengthen our lawyers and police,
chaplains and pastors, healthcare and social workers,
politicians, military, diplomats and all others who work
for economic and social reform.
Send your life-giving Spirit that they may promote your love
and grace, bringing healing to those in conflict and
stability to those who are vulnerable.
Come to us now with your healing power.

Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor God so loved this world and his people that God sent
Christ to suffer and die for us.
Accept now that gift.
All Know that you are forgiven, reconciled, accepted and loved.
Breathe on me, O God, and make me whole.
Amen.

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

During the administration of Communion, we sing

Hymn

- ^{1.} **Though your sins be as scarlet,
They shall be as white as snow; //
Though they be red like crimson,
They shall be as wool;
Though your sins be as scarlet, //
They shall be as white as snow. //**
- ^{2.} **Hear the voice that entreats you,
O return ye unto God! //
He is of great compassion,
And of wondrous love;
Hear the voice that entreats you, //
O return ye unto God! //**
- ^{3.} **He'll forgive your transgressions,
And remember them no more; //
"Look unto Me, ye people,"
Saith the Lord your God;
He'll forgive your transgressions, //
And remember them no more. //**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Tune: CLEANSING
William Doane (1832 - 1915)

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

Closing Prayer & Blessing

"May the love of God, which is the greatest and first commandment, fill your heart, your soul, and your mind.

May you love your neighbour as yourself.

Go in peace, and may the grace of God guide you to live a life of love and service. **Amen.**

† And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing

- 1. O Jesus, you were born to be
God's gift to save humanity;
And one great day we're moving toward,
All life will bow and call you Lord!**
- 2. You taught the people every day
As Rabbi, Teacher of the Way;
O Master, may we learn from you
To love both God and neighbour, too.**
- 3. You are the Bread that satisfies,
The Light that guides us through our lives,
The Gate that leads us safely home,
The Shepherd calling to your own.**
- 4. You are Messiah, you are Christ,
Anointed One, God's sacrifice.
In you, God's mercy is revealed:
We're saved from sin, forgiven, healed.**
- 5. O Jesus, you're the living Way,
The Resurrection, God's new Day.
You give us hope and make us new;
How wondrous is our life in you!**

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyterian says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

‘Sing to the Lord’ - Lani Smith (1934 - 2015)

Please stay back after the service for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee. Introduce yourself to the Presbyterian if you are worshipping with us for the first time.

~ Birthdays this Week ~

*“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.”*

Numbers 6: 24 - 26

Dr. (Mrs.) Supriya Daniel (20), Mrs. Uma Moses (21),
Mr. Giridaran Subramanian (23), Rhea Daniel (25)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"*

Galatians 5: 22

Bishop Prakash Patole & Mrs. Smita Patole (19)

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning
are in ever-loving memory of
Mrs. Chandramathi Moses
beloved mother of Dr. (Mrs.) Kamal Fadnav
on the occasion of the anniversary of her passing on 21st October*



Notices

- Keep in your prayers the ministry of the new ordinands: The Revd Deacon Daniel D (ordained Presbyterian) and Mr. Marshal Dhinakaran, Ms. Richa Uzgare, Mr. Sagar Bansode (ordained Deacons). They were ordained yesterday Saturday 18th October 2025 at Christ Church, Byculla.
- Coming Sunday 26th October 2025 will be observed as Reformation Sunday.
- All Souls' Day 2nd November this year falls on a Sunday. This is the day when we commemorate the faithful departed. You may give names to the Presbyterian of departed loved ones you would like to be remembered at the 8:45 am Eucharist.
- Advent this year begins from 30th November.
- CNI day which marks the anniversary of the formation of the *Church of North India* will be on Sunday 30th November 2025, 5:30 pm at the Church of St. Mary the Virgin.
- Funds are requested for the construction of a church in Terebadi in the Diocese of Phulbani (Odisha), CNI. This is a church with a congregation comprising of daily wage labourers and farmers. The total cost of construction is estimated to be ₹1 crore. So far ₹90 lakhs has been raised.

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Harvest Festival

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Sunday 16th November 2025
Festival Choral Eucharist 8:45 a.m.



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 |

Pray with us

† OUR WORLD

We give thanks for the ceasefire between Hamas and Israel, and pray that it will hold and grow into a lasting and just peace. Comfort those who mourn, protect the vulnerable on every side, and bring an end to cycles of violence and retaliation. Grant unhindered access for food, water, medical care, and the rebuilding of essential services, that life may be restored swiftly and with dignity. Bestow wisdom upon all leaders and mediators; give them courage, restraint, and a commitment to truth.

† OUR COUNTRY

Legislative Assembly elections are scheduled to be held in Bihar on 6th and 11th November this year. We pray for fair polls • Pray for safety from accidents for all during the Festival of Lights.

† THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH

In the Anglican Communion for The Episcopal Church of the USA and Bishop Sean Rowe.

† THE CHURCH IN INDIA

This week for the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Nasik and Bishop Darbara Singh and the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Tirunelveli and Bishop A.R. Barnabas.

† THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY

This week for the congregation of St. Paul's Church (Tamil Pastorate), Byculla and the Revd P. Abraham.

† OUR CATHEDRAL

Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for all young people in our congregation, especially those studying and working away from their families. Pray for the ministry of the Cathedral's Youth Fellowship.

Excerpts from a statement issued by the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem following the ceasefire

The Almighty makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; He breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. He says, 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.'" (Psalm 46:9–10).

Along with millions living throughout our war-torn region, and hundreds of millions around the globe, We, the Patriarchs and Heads of the Churches in Jerusalem, rejoice at the recent enactment of the ceasefire in Gaza, and the release of those held captive. In this spirit, we join with our fellow Christians and others of goodwill around the world in giving thanks to the Almighty for leading us to this auspicious moment, even as we realize that the work of peacebuilding has only just begun. May God grant us all the grace to rededicate ourselves to this vital task, shepherding us toward that golden age of peace so long envisioned by the prophets and sages of old—and for which our Lord Jesus Christ himself gave up his own life, rising to new life beyond the grave.

Tuesday 14th October 2025

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