



**St Thomas'**  
CATHEDRAL

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The Church of North India*

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Order of Service  
for the Liturgy of the Word

**St Thomas the Apostle**  
*Patron of India*



*This is my story,  
this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour  
all the day long.*

Sunday 10 October 2021 • 8.45 am  
Welcome

For your safety  
Please keep **social distance** at all times  
and give one another space as you exit through doorways.  
Please stay in your seat as much as possible  
Please use **face covering** at all times during the service  
Please use **hand sanitiser** on the way in and out  
Please take this **order of service away with you**  
and dispose it yourself.

## TEXT FOR THE DAY

To give us encouragement in our journey of gently doubting and optimistically believing, we have St Thomas, disciple, apostle, famed for his doubting and great in his believing.

When Thomas is presented with Jesus, he falls to his knees with the deepest and most profound confession of faith we have evidence of in all the Gospels: *my Lord, and my God*. Peter manages, “you are the Messiah”; the Centurion offers “surely this man was the Son of God,” but Thomas reaches deeper into the mystery when he says, “My lord, and my God.”

Remember that wonderful line in the baptism service, “*faith is the gift of God to His people*.” God seeks in us the kernel of faith. The hope, as St Thomas had, that the disciples are not deluded or lying or cruel when they tell us that our master is risen. The thinnest slice of yearning for a better world. A world of grace and love and hope, a world in which the broken and disabled hands of a crucified criminal grasp and welcome and bless, and where everything is possible.

It is not so much in how often or how heavily we fall down, but in how we rise again, that God is revealed.

Just like St Mary Magdalene, St Thomas is in every sense an Easter Saint. The Gospel of Thomas' encounter with the risen Lord is set to be read on Easter evening every year, as a reminder that we are in fine company when we recognise ourselves as doubting disciples, and that the church has always linked doubt and the empty tomb liturgically, presumably because we have just enough faith to know that God is entirely able to cope with that kind of mystery, and that it is in the space between our doubt and the stone rolled aside that faith begins.

Amen.

Adapted from an article by the Revd Tom Clammer,  
Canon Precentor of Salisbury Cathedral (2012 - 19)

## Birthdays this Week

*May God bless you abundantly.*

Christa Sudhakar (10), Jaya Mayadas (12), Divya Mayadas (12),  
Dhyana Mayadas (13), Daniel Sinate (13),  
Sonal Parmar (15), Nikhil Salvi (15), Christopher Karkada (16)

## Wedding Anniversaries this Week

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

Johnson and Sarah Issac (16)

## Prayer Requests & Announcements

*Your prayers are requested for:*

- † the safety and well-being of all as lockdown restrictions are further eased.
- † all pupils, teachers and school managements as physical classes resume.
- † the success of the vaccination drive.
- † an end to the pandemic.
- † all who are unwell, all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house-bound.
- † in the Diocese, for All Saints Church, Malabar Hill and the Revd John Roland.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Patna and the newly consecrated Bishop of Patna, the Rt Revd Francis Hansda.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Krishna-Godavari (Andhra Pradesh) and the Rt Revd George Cornelious.
- † The Church of the Province of West Africa (in the Anglican Communion) and the Most Revd Jonathan Hart.
- † all Churches in South Asia, as we give thanks for St Thomas the Apostle who brought the Gospel to our land. Pray for Christians in lands where they are Persecuted for their faith.
- The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of Mrs. Alexandra Samuel (the aunt of Samuel Joseph) to commemorate her death anniversary (7th October 1989). She served as Head Mistress in various mission girls' higher secondary schools in the Diocese of Tirunelveli.

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*Contact the Presbyter for pastoral visits and administering Communion to the house-bound.*

## Hymn at the Closing

**Baptise us with your Spirit,  
majestic, humble Christ,  
to overcome temptation;  
assailed, but not enticed.  
Baptise us with your Spirit,  
that in each other's eyes  
we may discern your purpose,  
and cast away disguise.**

**Baptise us with your Spirit  
to careful, patient, thought,  
and habit-forming virtues  
aspired to, copied, taught,  
till clothed with new creation,  
self-critical, reformed,  
we demonstrate the gospel,  
to you alone conformed.**

**Baptise us with your Spirit  
in unrestricted ways  
that move us, mind and body,  
to laugh and shout your praise.  
Send us to clear the rubble  
of each defensive wall,  
inviting to your table  
our neighbours, one and all.**

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)  
Tune: *ELLACOMBE*, Main Gesangbuch, 1833

## The Dismissal

*From the West Door, the Presbyter says:*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Postlude

Henry Purcell (1659 - 1695)

Trumpet tune in D

## The Gathering

### Voluntary

Mélodie

Théodore Salomé (1834 - 1896)

Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott  
(A mighty fortress is our God)

J.S. Bach, BWV 720 (1685 - 1750)

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

### Introit

In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my all in all,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)

*All stand*

### Opening Acclamation

*Led by the Presbyter from the West Door*

*Presbyter*

I was glad when they said unto me,  
let us go into the house of the Lord,

*All*

**Our feet shall stand within Thy gates, O Jerusalem.**

*Presbyter*

For a day in Thy courts is better than a thousand.

*All*

**I had rather be a doorkeeper in the House of my  
God than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.**

*Presbyter*

O sing unto the Lord a new song,  
for He has done marvellous things.

*All*

**Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all the earth,  
and sing praises.**

## Processional Hymn

**O worship the King  
all glorious above;  
O gratefully sing  
His power and his love:  
Our Shield and Defender,  
the Ancient of days,  
Pavilioned in splendour,  
and girded with praise.**

**O tell of His might,  
O sing of His grace,  
Whose robe is the light,  
whose canopy space.  
His chariots of wrath  
the deep thunder-clouds form,  
And dark is His path  
on the wings of the storm.**

**This earth, with its store  
of wonders untold,  
Almighty, thy power  
hath founded of old;  
Hath stablished it fast  
by a changeless decree,  
And round it hath cast,  
like a mantle, the sea.**

**O measureless Might,  
ineffable Love,  
while Angels delight  
to hymn Thee above,  
Thy humbler creation,  
though feeble their lays,  
With true adoration  
shall sing to Thy praise.**

Words: Sir Robert Grant (1779 - 1838)

Tune: HANOVER, probably by Dr. Croft (1678 - 1727)

The author of this hymn was Governor of Bombay from 1834 - 38.

He worshipped in St Thomas' Cathedral.

*Intercessor*

For a commitment to remain true to your word in a world  
of confusing and conflicting voices,

*All*

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor*

For generosity that has enabled us to reach far beyond this  
community with the word and witness of the Gospel,

*All*

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor*

For the many children and youth who have been here as  
they were nurtured in the ways of the Lord and now serve  
Him around the world,

*All*

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor*

And for a free and prosperous land that has given us the  
opportunity to thrive and worship and serve for the sake of  
your Kingdom,

*All*

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* In the power of the Spirit, and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.  
O Lord our God, for the vision of those who planned for this congregation, and for the commitment and dedication of all who have served and continue to serve you in this House of God named after the Apostle St Thomas,

*All* **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For all deacons, presbyters and bishops who have so faithfully served in this Cathedral and Diocese. For the ministry of Prem Chand, our Moderator; Dharmaraj, the Moderator of the *Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*, Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter,

**We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For those who have willingly given of their efforts to teach, encourage, counsel and sponsor,

*All* **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For those who have been such a part of our fellowship for so many years, and now serve you in the Church triumphant in heaven,

*All* **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For the ways in which we have been able to care for one another, support one another in the journey of life, and give strength to one another,

*All* **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For baptisms we've celebrated, professions of faith we have heard, and answers to prayer that we have experienced,

*All* **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

*Intercessor* For a congregation that has always desired to worship you faithfully and vibrantly, hearing your word, singing your praise, and seeking your strength,

*All* **We give you thanks, O Lord.**

## Liturgy of the Word

### The Collect for the Festival of the Dedication of a Church

*Read by the Presbyter*

O ALMIGHTY God, who dwellest not in temples made with hands: Let Thine eyes, we beseech Thee, be open night and day upon this House which is dedicated to the glory of Thy name; and when Thy people make supplication before Thee in this place, then hear Thou in heaven Thy dwelling place, and answer them according to the wisdom of Thy love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

### The Collect for Saint Thomas the Apostle, Patron of India & Pakistan

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.

**All Amen.**

### Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

“Ho! Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat. Yes, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend money for what is not bread, and your wages for what does not satisfy? Listen carefully to Me, and eat what is good, and let your soul delight itself in abundance. Incline your ear, and come to Me. Hear, and your soul shall live; And I will make an everlasting covenant with you — The sure mercies of David.

*Continued overleaf*

Indeed I have given him as a witness to the people, a leader and commander for the people. Surely you shall call a nation you do not know, and nations who do not know you shall run to you, because of the Lord your God, and the Holy One of Israel; for He has glorified you.”

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm

*Sung by the Cantors*

How great is God Almighty and how worthy to be praised,  
For the city of our holy God shall make the world amazed;  
His mountain ever beautiful before our vision raised –  
The joy of all the earth!

The day shall come at last when every wrong is turned to right,  
We shall see in Zion's citadel the ending of the night;  
In every generation men are passing on His light –  
The God of all the earth!

*Glory be to God the Father,  
Glory be to God the Saviour,  
Glory to the Holy Spirit,  
For ever, Three in One!*

*Amen.*

Words: from Psalm 48  
Music: 'Battle Hymn of the Republic' (arr. David Wilson)

*All stand*

### Greeting of Peace

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  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste with your neighbour*

*Please kneel as able or sit*

### Prayers of the People

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

*All join in singing*

**Our Father in heaven,  
holy be your name,  
your Kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

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.

Music: from 'An Anglican Folk Mass' by Martin Shaw (1875 - 1958)

All sit

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews

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.

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

All stand and join in singing

## Gradual Hymn

**Blesséd assurance, Jesus is mine!  
Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Saviour all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)  
Tune: ASSURANCE by Phoebe Knapp (1839 - 1908)

All stand for the Gospel

The Gospeller The Lord be with you  
All and also with you.

## The Gospel of Christ

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

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

Jesus saith to his disciples, Let us go into Judaea again. His disciples say unto him, Master, the Jews of late sought to stone thee; and goest thou thither again? Jesus answered, Are there not twelve hours in the day? If any man walk in the day, he stumbleth not, because he seeth the light of this world. But if a man walk in the night, he stumbleth, because there is no light in him. These things said he: and after that he saith unto them, Our friend Lazarus sleepeth; but I go, that I may awake him out of sleep. Then said his disciples, Lord, if he sleep, he shall do well. Howbeit Jesus spake of his death: but they thought that he had spoken of taking of rest in sleep. Then said Jesus unto them plainly, Lazarus is dead. And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. Then said Thomas, which is called Didymus, unto his fellow disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

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

Remain standing for the Creed