

Patronal Festival
of
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Patron of India



Eucharist † 9th October 2022 • 8.45 am
ST THOMAS'S CATHEDRAL, Mumbai



Welcome to St Thomas' Cathedral for this service

Celebrating a Community

St Thomas the Apostle, Patron of India
transferred from 6th October

This morning on the Feast Day of the Patron Saint of India and of our Cathedral, we celebrate the community of worshippers over the centuries for whom this Cathedral Church has been a spiritual home – a gateway to heaven.

This church where the the Bishop of Bombay has his *cathedra* (Latin for “seat”) has witnessed the visit of King George V and Queen Mary, an Archbishop of Canterbury (Robert Runcie), Presidents, a former US Secretary of State, Governors of Maharashtra, Mother Teresa, renowned musicians like the American Gospel singer Mahalia Jackson. But above all, it is the several ‘anonymous’ pilgrims, the faithful and tourists spending time in quiet prayer and reflection, who truly “own” the Cathedral for however brief the duration of their visit maybe.

Today in prayer and praise we give thanks for that great cloud of witnesses who has gone before us from this consecrated place. We pray for us, the present generation of worshippers and entrust into God’s hand what the future holds. Let us with our Patron, St Thomas the Apostle , say, “*My Lord and my God!*” in gratitude for the many years of God’s faithfulness to the Cathedral Church of St Thomas the Apostle.

Do not leave this service booklet behind. Take it home with you to reflect on the prayers and readings and as a reminder of your visit.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Music before the Service

Pieces from the following selection will be played before the service commences

Aria from Concerto No. 12 for strings HWV 330 G. F. Handel (1685 - 1759)

Fugue in g minor BWV 578 J. S. Bach (1685 - 1759)

A medley of hymns *played on the harp*

Prelude on the Irish tune, 'Slane' Gordon Young (1919 - 1998)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit
sung by the choir

**Surely the Lord is in this place.
I was glad when they said unto me:
We will go into the House of the Lord!**

Words: Psalm 122

Music: D. L. M. Holden Holloway

All stand

All **STAND**

Opening responses

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter

How awesome is this place.

All

**This is none other than the House of God,
and this is the gate of heaven.**

I will give you thanks with all my heart;

I will sing your praise before the heavenly beings.

I will bow down toward your holy temple.

Lord, I do believe. Help my unbelief.

May I cry out, with Thomas,

“My Lord and my God!”

All join in singing the hymn.

Hymn at the Procession

**Thanks be to God for His saints of each past generation,
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;
with them proclaim Jesus forever the same,
author of life and salvation.**

² **Thanks be to God for His blessings which daily surround us;
glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and found us,
who from the grave rose, the almighty to save,
breaking the fetters that bound us.**

³ **Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in His keeping,
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,
on to the end, Christ our companion and friend,
joy at the last for our weeping.**

⁴ **Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;
now in that name, Jesus forever the same,
forth to His service He sends us.**

Words: Bishop Timothy Dudley-Smith (b.1926)

Tune: *LOBE DEN HERREN*
Melody from *Praxis Pietatis Melica* (1668)

Please be seated

*Follow the readings and the Order of Service for the Lord's Supper in **The Book of Common Prayer** (refer page numbers).
The hymns can be found in **Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard**.*

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 350**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 617**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 617**

Isaiah 55. 1 - 5

A reading from the prophecy of Isaiah.

All at the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm

150

Sung by the choir to a chant by Stanford

O PRAISE God in His holiness : praise Him in the firmament of His power.

² Praise Him in His noble acts : praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

³ Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet : praise Him upon the lute and harp.

⁴ Praise Him in the cymbals and dances : praise Him upon the strings and pipe.

⁵ Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals : praise Him upon the loud cymbals.

⁶ Let every thing that hath breath : praise the Lord.

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

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

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

**Blessèd 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.***

**² Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

**³ 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

Music: Phoebe Knapp (1839 - 1908)

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ | **page 618**

St John 11. 7 - 16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord;
blessed are those who have not seen, but still believe!

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

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

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.**

*Remain **STANDING**, all reciting the Creed*

The Nicene Creed | **Page 354**

*Please be **SEATED***

Sermon
The Revd Avinash Rangayya
Announcements

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All **STAND***

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant 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
All **and also with you.**

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

Preparation of the Table

*At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.
Thank you for your generosity.*

All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory | # 170

The Church's one foundation

Tune: AURELIA

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 357

Please be seated

Anthem
sung by the choir

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.
Blessed are they that dwell in Thy House. They will be always praising thee.
The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;
prosper Thou the work of our hands upon us.
O prosper Thou our handiwork.

*All **stand** and sing*

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.**

Words: from Psalms 84 and 90
and Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

Music: R. Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

Please be seated

Prayers of Thanksgiving

Led by representaives of the Cathedral community

Intercessor

For the Christian witness of St Thomas's Cathedral to the Diocese and the City of Bombay throughout the centuries. Let us bless the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

For our benefactors and all who have loved and served this holy place for over 300 years. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the Christ-centered visionary leadership and faithful zeal of: Gerald Aungier (The second Governor of Bombay) who was influential in acquiring the land for the building of St Thomas'; the Revd Richard Cobbe, the dynamic Chaplain who raised funds for the completion of the building of St Thomas' and all Chaplains and Presbyters of this church for their faithful service. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the Rt Revd Thomas Carr, the first Bishop of Bombay and all his successors; Archdeacon William Kew Fletcher under whose leadership the 'great renovation' scheme was undertaken to enlarge the original church building and turn it into a fine Cathedral. For Bishop Harding, Bishop Palmer, John Connon, Percival Wilson, Canon Barham and Arthur Savage who founded the Cathedral and John Connon School.

For the skills of architects and builders, artists and craftsmen. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For the music and liturgy offered in this place. And all who have worshipped God here In the beauty of holiness. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

To the Lord our God who created all things by whose will they were created and have their being, to Him who alone is worthy to receive our gifts, be all glory and thanksgiving.

Honour and power for ever and ever.

Amen.

While seated, we sing

**We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.**

Prayers of Intercession

Intercessor

The risen Christ is here in the midst of us.
We bring our prayers to Him as Lord of the Church.
For the Church universal, of which this building is a visible
symbol. Lord in your mercy,

All

hear our prayer.

For this congregation,
as we remember your promise
that when two or three are gathered in your name
you are there in the midst of them. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Renew us by the Spirit, given at our baptisms,
so that we might be challenged to move beyond our apathy,
and our anxieties of inadequacy. Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Grant that we may continually grow in the Spirit
and in the ministry that you give us as members of
your royal priesthood, the priesthood of all believers,
so that we may carry out our mission of service and love.

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Continue to comfort, heal, and lift up
the broken and afflicted among us.

By the promise of your presence, bring us your healing love.

Lord in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Let us in the words of our patron, St Thomas the Apostle
always exclaim "My Lord and my God!"

All sing

**Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.**

Words: W. Bullock (1798 - 1874), H. W. Baker (1821 - 77)

Tune: *QUAM DILECTA*
H. L. Jenner (1820 - 98)

The Preparation for Communion | *page 361*

The Consecration | *page 363*

The Communion | *page 368*

At this time the choir sings

Come now, remember the Lord,
here at His table spread.
Welcome His mercy outpoured,
feast on the healing bread.

Celebrate, His sacrifice,
celebrate His gift of life.

Come now, remember the Lord,
earnestly seek His face.
Thank Him, for hope now restored,
drinking this cup of grace.

Words and music: Tom Fetteke (b. 1941)

Prayer after Communion

**Father in heaven,
whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace,
an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem:
grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage
that, fed with the living bread of heaven,
and united in the body of your Son,
we may be the temple of your presence,
the place of your glory on earth,
and a sign of your peace in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All STAND and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 371*

The Presbyter

The Blessing

May God the Father

from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name
draw you to Himself.

May God the Son

who calls you to His service gladden your hearts to sing His praise.

May God the Holy Spirit

build you up into a living temple to His glory.

Amen.

We sing

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned Thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Words: E. H. Plumptre (1821 - 91)

Tune: *THORNBURY*
Basil Harwood (1859 - 1949)

† And the blessing of God almighty,

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

Be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

**Blessèd Thomas, doubt no longer,
See the wounds in hand and side,
Now behold the risen Saviour
Who for thee has bled and died,
And from death's dark pit arising
Lives in body glorified.**

**² Prostrate falling, Thomas worshipped:
'O my Master, Lord and God',
Here in truth was Christ the Saviour
Who the path of suffering trod,
And, to ransom souls unnumbered,
Broke in pieces Satan's rod.**

**³ Thomas, sight has now convinced thee,
Faith within thy heart has stirred;
Blessèd more those faithful servants,
Trusting in the Saviour's word,
Who, though vision is denied them,
Still believe, and own him Lord.**

**⁴ Grant, O Father, that among them
We Thy servants may be known,
And the ground be ever fruitful
Where the seed of faith was sown,
Till at length in heaven's glory,
Faith and vision are but one.**

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary..... John Stanley (1712 - 1786)

Birthdays this week

“This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.”

Psalm 118:24

Shoba Abraham (10), Christa Sudhakar (10),
Jaya Mayadas (12), Divya Mayadas (12), Dhyan Mayadas (13),
Sonal Parmar (15), Nikhil Salvi (15)

Notices

- **Confirmation class** today at 10.45 am. The tentative date for Confirmation is Sunday 6th November 2022.
- **Retreat** 5th November 9 am to 4 pm in Bandra. Rs. 350/ per person. Register with any of the WFCS office bearers (Violet, Nalina, Arpana or Jaisy.)
- **Harvest Festival** will be on Sunday 13th November.
- The refreshments this morning are sponsored by Mr. Solomonraj and the cake by Mrs. Meera Isaacs.
- The choir is in urgent need of male voices. At the moment we do not have any tenor for the Christmas services. If you know of anyone who will be interested, please approach the Presbyter.

*The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are placed
in loving memory of the late Mrs. Alexandra Samuel
(aunt of Mr. Samuel Joseph)
to commemorate her death anniversary 7th October 1989*

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We uphold in prayerful support and solidarity the many families grieving the loss of their loved ones in Thailand following the senseless massacre in a school. • We also pray for preparations for Cop 27 (the United Nations Climate change conference) in Egypt next month, that serious considerations for lasting and responsible outcomes might result. • As the war with Russia continues, Ukraine is managing to maintain its counteroffensive. We give thanks for their determination and tenacity as we continue to pray for peace. We also pray for Russians confronted with conscription, asking God that Putin might amend his policies and hear the voice of his people, and we give thanks for the first prisoner swap between Ukraine and Russia

† **OUR COUNTRY** As the date for the retirement of the Chief Justice of India approaches (8th November), pray for Justice Chandrachud who will be CJI till 2024. He is an alumnus of the Cathedral & John Connon School.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the Church universal we give thanks to God for the life and work of Teresa of Avila, a 16th century nun and mystic (*commemorated 15th October*) • In the *Anglican Communion* The Church of the Province of Central Africa and the Most Revd Albert Chama.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The leadership in the *Church of North India* and the *Church of South India* at synodical, diocesan and pastorate levels. • The Diocese of Nagpur and the Rt Revd Andrew Rathod. • The Diocese of Tirunelveli and the Rt Revd A. Barnabas.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for our Diocese. For all pastorates, clergy and diocesan institutions. For the pupils, staff, Principal and management of Wilson College and Wilson High School.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** As we celebrate our Patronal Festival, we thank God for the Apostle Thomas who brought the Gospel to these lands. For all clergy, Bishops and the faithful who have worshipped in this sacred place for over 300 years . • Pray for God's comforting presence with all senior citizens and their caregivers. • This week we pray for the office bearers of the Pastorate Committee.

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In many ways the history of the Cathedral is parallel to that of our City. St Thomas's Cathedral was built when Bombay comprised of seven islands. Today the Cathedral is surrounded by a bustling metropolis. Where to from here?
A question which only time can answer. And why should we know the answer now! This beautiful sanctuary has been a faith-home to many. And that is what matters — now, and in the years to come.

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