



# St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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## The Transfiguration of our Lord



Choral Eucharist

## 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.

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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 *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*

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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

### Music before the Service

Voluntary in G ... .. Henry Heron (1738 - 1795)

'Freu dich sehr, O meine Seele', Op. 65 No. 5

(Rejoice greatly, O my soul) ... .. Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1852 - 1924)

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

### Introit

*Sung by the choir*

Christ upon the mountain peak  
stands alone in glory blazing;  
let us, if we dare to speak,  
with the saints and angels praise him:  
Alleluia.

Swift the cloud of glory came,  
God proclaiming in the thunder  
Jesus as His Son by name;  
nations, cry aloud in wonder!  
Alleluia.

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Tune: FENITON  
Sydney Nicholson (1875 - 1947)

*All stand and face the West Door*

### Call to Worship

*The Presbyter*  
*All*

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
**God has broken the power of death  
and brought life and immortality to light.**  
Arise, shine, for your light has come  
**and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

*Presbyter*

*All*

For though darkness shall cover the earth  
**and thick darkness the nations,**  
the Lord will rise upon you  
**and his glory will be seen upon you.**

By the appearance on earth of our Saviour Jesus Christ  
**God has broken the power of death**  
**and brought life and immortality to light.**

*All sing*

The Entrance Hymn | # 199

***Immortal, invisible, God only wise***

*Tune: ST. DENIO*

*All sit*

*All say together*

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collect for Transfiguration | **page 556**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Lesson | **page 557**

*Exodus 24:12 - 18*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm**

*89:1, 2, 13, 20, 22, 25, 27, 29*

*Sung by the choir to chants by Hayes and Woodward*

*Misericordias Domini*

MY song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord : with my mouth will I  
ever be shewing thy truth from one generation to another.

<sup>2</sup> For I have said, Mercy shall be set up for ever : thy truth shalt thou stablish in  
the heavens.

*Continued*

- <sup>13</sup> Thou hast made the north and the south : Tabor and Hermon shall rejoice in thy Name.
- <sup>20</sup> Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst : I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
- <sup>22</sup> My hand shall hold him fast : and my arm shall strengthen him.
- <sup>25</sup> My truth also and my mercy shall be with him: and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
- <sup>27</sup> He shall call me, Thou art my Father : my God, and my strong salvation.
- <sup>29</sup> My mercy will I keep for him for evermore : and my covenant shall stand fast with him.

*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 557**

*I St. John 3:1 - 3*

A reading from the first letter of John.

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

*All*      **Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and sing*

## Gradual Hymn | **# 318**

**'Tis good, Lord, to be here**

*Tune: CARLISLE*

*Remain standing for the Gospel*

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 558**

*St Luke 9:28 - 35*

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
 for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Gospeller*                      The Lord be with you.

*All*                                      **And with thy spirit.**

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

**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.**

*The organ plays a Gospel fanfare.*

*Remain standing for the Creed, all reciting together.*

## The Nicene Creed | page 265

*All sit*

### Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All stand*

### The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

*Celebrant* Christ will transfigure our human body  
and give it a form like that of his own glorious body.  
We are the body of Christ.  
We share his peace.  
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

*The altar is set with the gifts of bread and wine.  
At this time an offering will be received for the ministries of the Cathedral.  
Thank you for your generosity.*

**O Light of light, by love inclined,  
Jesu, Redeemer of mankind,  
With loving-kindness deign to hear  
From suppliant voices praise and prayer.**

**<sup>2</sup> More bright by day Thy face did show,  
Thy raiment whiter than the snow,  
When on the mount to mortals blest  
Man's Maker Thou was manifest.**

**<sup>3</sup> Two prophets, that had faith to see,  
With Thine elect found company,  
Where unto each, divinely shown,  
The Godhead veiled in form was known.**

**<sup>4</sup> The heavens above His glory named,  
The Father's voice the Son proclaimed;  
To whom, the King of glory now,  
All faithful hearts adoring bow.**

**<sup>5</sup> May all who seek Thy praise aright  
Through purer lives show forth Thy light;  
So to the brightness of the skies  
By holy deeds our hearts shall rise.**

**<sup>6</sup> Eternal God, to Thee we raise,  
The King of kings, our hymn of praise,  
Who Three in One and One in Three  
Doth live and reign eternally.**

**Amen.**

Words: from the 10<sup>th</sup> century

Tune: TRURO  
Psalmodia Evangelica, 1789

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**Be still,  
for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour He is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight –  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still,  
for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.**

*Words & Music: David J. Evans (b. 1957)*

*Kneel as able or remain seated*

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.  
Lord of glory, it is good that we are here.  
In peace we make our prayer to you.  
In trust we confirm our faith in you.  
Help us to set our faces steadfastly to where you would  
have us go.

*All*

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on your Church,  
proclaiming your beloved Son to the world  
and listening to the promptings of his Spirit.  
May she be renewed in holiness that she may reflect your  
glory.

Lord, look with favour.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, look with favour on the nations of the  
world, scarred by hatred, strife and war.

May they be healed by the touch of your hand.

Lord, look with favour.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**



*Intercessor*

Lord of glory, look with favour on those in need and distress,

suffering as your Son has suffered  
and waiting for the salvation you promise.

May the day break  
and Christ the Morning Star  
bring them the light of his presence.

Lord, look with favour.

**Lord, transfigure and heal.**

Lord of glory, it is good if we suffer with you  
so that we shall be glorified with you.

According to your promise bring all Christ's brothers  
and sisters to see him with their own eyes in majesty  
and to be changed into his likeness from glory to glory.

To him be praise, dominion and worship  
now and for all eternity.

**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, while seated we sing*

Hymn | # 274

**Here, O my Lord, I see Thee face to face**

*Tune: FARLEY CASTLE*

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

## The Blessing

*The Presbyter* Christ Jesus,  
the splendour of the Father and the image of his being,  
draw you to himself  
that you may live in his light and share his glory;  
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*

Hymn at the Closing | # 346

**Christ is the world's true light**

*Tune: NUN DANKET # 205*

## The Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

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

## Postlude

Fanfare ... .. Nicholas Jaacques Lemmens (1823 - 1881)

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

*“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in faith  
so that you overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”*

Romans 15:13

Johnson Isaac (7), Rohini Christie (8), Vaibhav Salvi (10), P.V. George (11)

- The next Bible quiz will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September 2023. Questions will be based on the book of Jonah and the epistle of James (New King James version.) Participation fee is Rs. 100. Prizes and certificates will be awarded and snacks provided. Register with Mrs. Violet Truman. This has been organised by the Cathedral's Women's Fellowship for Christian Service.

### ***The Transfiguration of Jesus***

*A shared story ... ..*

Source: Study Guide by Edward Adams

Across the Synoptics, the transfiguration accounts give a common story.

- Jesus takes Peter, James and John to a high mountain;
- he is transfigured before their eyes;
- his garment becomes white;
- Moses and Elijah appear and talk with him;
- Peter offers to make three booths, one for Jesus, one for Moses and one for Elijah;
- a cloud overshadows them;
- a voice from the clouds identifies Jesus as God's Son and tells those present to 'listen to him';
- Jesus is seen alone.

The shared story recalls the ascent of Moses to meet with God in Exodus 24. Like the heavenly declaration at Jesus' baptism, the words uttered by the voice from the cloud recalls Ps 2.7. The phrase, listen to him, brings to mind Deut 18.15, referring to the prophet like Moses. The allusion identifies Jesus as that figure.

John does not record the transfiguration probably because for him Jesus' glory is evident throughout his earthly ministry (1.14) and revealed especially in his death (7.39; 12.16). Yet, John has a partial parallel to the story in John 12.27-33, where in response to Jesus' prayer, Father, glorify your name, a voice calls out from heaven, I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.

Relatively small details distinguish the three accounts of the transfiguration from each other, but the differences reflect special interests of the evangelists: Mark's stress on the disciples' lack of understanding; Matthew's interest in Jesus' Moses-like qualities; Luke's portrayal of Jesus as a man of prayer.

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Today is Hiroshima Day – the day when atom bombs were dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki. *‘More people on the earth were born after the tragic moment in 1945 than were alive at the time of the atomic blast. Yet those who died still cry out to heaven and earth, even to those who do not remember the headlines or the news from that day: Let all the souls here rest in peace, for we shall not repeat the evil.’*

—*These words are inscribed on a stone block at the site of the blast.*

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for an end to violence in Manipur and for the many living in relief camps • For communal harmony to be restored in Haryana • For all places where life has been disrupted due to heavy rainfall in the country.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Today the Church gives thanks for the Transfiguration of Christ, into whose likeness we are being transformed by the Spirit • *“At the Name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth: and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.”* (Phil. 2:10-11) In the Church of England, the calendar of the 1662 Book of Common Prayer stipulates a festival "The Holy Name of Jesus" to be observed on 7<sup>th</sup> August. In some Anglican churches including the Episcopal Church (United States), the feast is observed on 1<sup>st</sup> January •

For the Anglican Communion – The Anglican Province of Congo and the Most Reverend Titre Ande Georges.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Phulbani (Odisha) and the Most Reverend Bijaya Kumar Nayak (Moderator of the Church of North India) • The Diocese of South Karnataka and the Right Reverend Mohan Manoraj.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dharavi and the Reverend Mathew Gnanasigamani • For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in providing leadership for the Diocese. † **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all senior citizens; those who are unwell and their care providers • For the ministry of the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service.

### Cathedral ministries... ..

*Get involved!*

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| • 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              | Sunday 10.45 am and occasionally Saturday                      |

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