



St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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The Church of North India*

A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

TEXT FOR THE DAY

“But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

Joshua 24:15

Joshua gives the most famous of all that he ever spoke. *“Choose you this day whom you will serve, as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”*

They were now in that land God promised Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They have come so far; from Egypt, through the Red Sea, through the desert for 40 years, crossing the Jordan, and here they are, all because of the favour of God on their lives.

Don't take it for granted, Joshua is saying, don't ever go back and cling to those things that stand against God.

These words ring true today. There comes a time of choosing. Look back and see how much God has blessed your life. See the amazing hand of God, the favour of God and decide again whom you will choose. Draw a line in the sand. There comes a time when your faith must stand up and be counted.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist † Sunday 17th September 2023 • 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. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 300 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

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

Music before the Service

Chorale Prelude on the tune 'Hollingside' (*Jesu, Lover of my Soul*)

... .. Alec Rowley, 1892 - 1958

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord,
a wonderful Saviour to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
where rivers of pleasure I see.

*He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of his love,
and covers me there with his hand.*

With numberless blessings each moment he crowns,
and filled with his fullness divine,
I sing in my rapture, "Oh, glory to God
for such a Redeemer as mine!"

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Tune: KIRKPATRICK
William J. Kirkpatrick (1838 - 1921)

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

The Presbyter God, we pray that more and more people might say,
"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15

All **Let the gospel spread through us,
through our lives, through our families,
through our churches.**

Continued. Turn over.

Prebyter

Help us to faithfully proclaim the gospel,
to urgently proclaim the gospel,
to lead people to Jesus as Lord,

All

**and use our lives today to share the gospel,
the good news that Jesus is Lord.**

God, use us as your servants to proclaim your lordship,
your good and loving lordship, to others

**As for me and my house, today
we will serve the Lord.**

All sing

The Entrance Hymn | # 483

Lift up your heads, you mighty gates

Tune: TRURO

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 484**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 484**

Joshua 24:14 - 25

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the choir to a chant by Armes

119:113 - 120

Iniquos odio habui

I hate them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.

¹¹⁴ Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.

- ¹¹⁵ Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.
¹¹⁶ O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.
¹¹⁷ Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.
¹¹⁸ Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.
¹¹⁹ Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.
¹²⁰ My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgements.

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 486**

Galatians 6:11 - 18

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.
 All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing.

Gradual Hymn | **# 240**

Teach me, my God and King

Tune: SANDYS

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 486**

St. Matthew 6:24 - 34

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

God has spoken to us through his Son,
 through whom he created the worlds.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

The 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.**

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 Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All **and also with you.**

*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.*

See inside front cover for bank details to make your offering.

All sing

Hymn at the Offertory

**All to Jesus I surrender,
All to Him I freely give;
I will ever love and trust Him,
In His presence daily live.**

*I surrender all, I surrender all;
All to Thee, my blessed Saviour, I surrender all.*

² **All to Jesus I surrender,
Humbly at His feet I bow,
Worldly pleasures all forsaken,
Take me, Jesus, take me now.**

³ **All to Jesus I surrender,
Make me, Saviour, wholly Thine;
May Thy Holy Spirit fill me,
May I know Thy power divine.**

⁴ **All to Jesus I surrender,
Lord, I give myself to Thee;
Fill me with Thy love and power,
Let Thy blessing fall on me.**

Words: Judson W. Van DeVenter (1855 - 1939)

Tune: SURRENDER
Winfield Weeden (1847 - 1908)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Intercession | **page 592 (A)**

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.*

And now, O Father, mindful of the love

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES (ii)

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

“As for me and my house, today we will serve the Lord.” God, we pray this.
We choose to serve you.
Help us, O God, to serve you with our thoughts,
with our desires, with our words, with our actions.
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 | **# 235**

O Jesus, I have promised

Tune: DAY OF REST

From the West Door the Presbyter says

The Dismissal

Presbyter

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Music after the Service

Präludium C Major Johann Christoph Kellner (1736 - 1803)

**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

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Vijaya Pastala (17), Karishma David (18), Nikhil Mengde (18),
Deepa Thomas (20), Rachel Pasgon (21)

Wedding anniversary this Week

*"And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love."*

I Corinthians 13:13

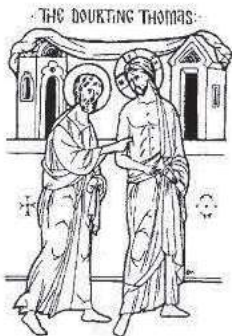
Jacob & Annie Abraham (20)

Notices

- The **annual general body meeting** of the church will be conducted this morning at 10:30am. The agenda and voters' list is displayed on the notice board.
- **Stewardship Sunday** will be observed on 24th September 2023.
- **Bible quiz** on Sunday 24th September 2023 from 10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. Multiple choice questions from the Book of Jonah and the Epistle of James (New King James version).
- The choir needs more soprano and alto singers (ladies and children!) Practices for Christmas services have begun, so this would be the ideal time to join.

Patronal Festival of SAINT THOMAS the APOSTLE

Festival Choral Eucharist 8.45 a.m.
8th October 2023



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Choral Eucharist 8.45 a.m.
5th November 2023

~~~ **Church Retreat** ~~~

Monday October 2<sup>nd</sup> 2023 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.  
Bombay YMCA International House, Mumbai Central  
Register with any of the WFCS office bearers  
(Mrs. Jaisy Desai, Mrs. Nalina Sathia Raj,  
Revd Mrs. Arpana Rangayya, Mrs. Violet Truman)  
(Rs. 800/- per person includes breakfast, lunch and coffee/ tea)  
Further details will be sent to the registered participants.

**SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE**

21<sup>st</sup> September

*The Collect*

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O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son  
didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom  
to be an Apostle and Evangelist:  
Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires  
and inordinate love of riches,  
and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ,  
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,  
one God, world without end.

Amen.

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*Incidentally it was on St. Matthew's day 1714 that the Reverend Richard Cobbe, Chaplain appointed by the East India Company, arrived in Bombay (after an almost six month voyage.) Revd. Cobbe was instrumental in raising the much-needed funds for the completion of the building of St. Thomas' Church 1718; which later was elevated to the status of a cathedral (1837), the seat of the Bishop of Bombay.*

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We Pray for all those who have lost their life in recent natural calamities. Remembering the people of Libya in the wake of the devastating floods and those grieving loved ones in last week's earthquake in Morocco • Continue to pray for the safety and well-being of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Four Army personnel, including Colonel Manpreet Singh, Commanding Officer of the 19 Rashtriya Rifles battalion, Major Ashish Dhonack, Deputy Superintendent Humayun Bhat of the Jammu and Kashmir Police and a jawan were killed in a terrorist encounter in Kokorenag. Another soldier went missing in the gunfight. We pray for all personnel of the armed forces who guard our borders. Pray for God's comforting presence with the bereaved families • Pray for India's leadership among G20 nations. Pray for peace and goodwill between nations • We continue to pray for a return to normalcy in Manipur.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** This week on 21<sup>st</sup> September the Church calendar commemorates St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist. We give thanksgiving for the call of Matthew to be an Apostle. Pray for all churches and institutions named after him • For the Anglican Communion - The Anglican Church of Australia and the Most Reverend Geoffrey Smith.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of the Andaman and Nicobar Islands and the Right Reverend Christopher Paul. Pray for St. Thomas's Cathedral, Car Nicobar • The Diocese of South Kerala and for the election of their new Bishop. For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the selection of the Moderator of the Church of South India.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** The Home of Faith Church (Tamil Pastorate) and the Reverend Cletus Edward • Our prayers continue for the guidance of the Holy Spirit to provide pastoral leadership to the Diocese of Bombay.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for all care providers • This week - for the children of the Sunday school and their teachers.

*As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever.  
Amen.*

**Cathedral ministries... ..**

*Get involved!*

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|----------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| • Sunday School      | Sunday morning during term time                                |
| • 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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