



St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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The Church of North India*

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STEWARDSHIP SUNDAY

Almighty Father,

we thank you for all the gifts you have given us:

our lives, our loved ones, in short all that we are and all that we have.

Most of all, we thank you for Jesus,

Your Son and our Redeemer,

who came among us to show us the way to eternal life.

Jesus was the perfect steward of your gifts,

showing us that complete trust in you is necessary and that giving of self is a

most important part of following Him.

Please help us to grow in your love and in the strength to give of ourselves to others so that we may follow your Son's example and help all people to complete His mission of Salvation.

Pray our offering of time, talent and treasure be made in the same spirit of sacrifice that Jesus taught us by His life and death for us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ, your Son and Our Lord. Amen.

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist † Sunday 24th 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

Voluntary

Prelude, *Op. 101 No. 4* Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852 - 1924

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit
Sung by the choir

O love that will not let me go,
I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give Thee back the life I owe,
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer, fuller be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from Thee.;
I lay in dust, life's glory dead.,
And from the ground there blossoms red,
Life that shall endless be.

Words: George Matheson (1842 - 1906)

Tune: ST. MARGARET
Albert Peace (1844 - 1912)

All stand and face the West Door.

Invitation to Worship

The Presbyter
All

What have you brought to give today?
We have brought our hopes and our fears.
What have you brought to give today?
We have brought our joys and our sorrows.
What have you brought to give today?
We have brought our prayer and our voices.
Let us give all of ourselves in this time of worship.
Let us, with gratitude and joy, worship God!

All sing

The Entrance Hymn | # 146

When morning gilds the skies

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI (i)

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | page 487

Read by the Presbyter

The Collect for Stewardship Sunday

Gracious God,
we thank you for your self-spending love
you have manifested in and through your Son Jesus our Lord,
who became poor so that we might become rich;
became empty that we might be whole;
gave himself up to die in order that we might live.
Grant us courage to follow the footsteps of Christ
in giving without counting the cost,
through him who lives and reigns with you
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and ever.

Amen.

The Lesson | page 488

1 Kings 17:17 - 24

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

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

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm

119:121 - 128

Sung by the choir to a chant by Greene

Feci iudicium

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

¹²² Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

¹²³ Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.

¹²⁴ O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.

¹²⁵ I am thy servant, O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.

¹²⁶ It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.

¹²⁷ For I love thy commandments : above gold and precious stone.

¹²⁸ Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

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 489**

Ephesians 3:13 - 21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians

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

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and sing.

Gradual Hymn | **# 376**

In Christ there is no east or west

Tune: KILMARNOCK

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

The Gospel of Christ

St. Matthew 25:14 - 30

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance.

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.

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bageach according to his ability. Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with two bags of gold gained two more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with two bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received one bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’

“His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest.

“So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

All sing **Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect, and use
every power as Thou shalt choose.**

Words: Frances R. Havergal (1836 - 79)

Tune: ST BEES (#244)
J. B. Dykes (1823 - 76)

Remain standing for the Creed, all reciting together.

The Nicene Creed | *page 265*

All sit

Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya

Dedication of Members of the Pastorate Committee

The Presbyter says

We have come together, in the presence of Almighty God, for the dedication of the members of our Pastorate Committee for this year. They are our chosen leaders and servants in the life and mission of this congregation. In the Church of North India, certain laymen and laywomen are chosen to share with the bishops, presbyters and deacons in the spiritual care, nurture and administration of the Church. As members of the Pastorate Committee you are called to share in these responsibilities. Remember that all effective service in the Church must be in the Spirit of him who came not to be served but to serve.

Do you promise to carry out your responsibilities in co-operation with the presbyter and the other members of the Committee?

I do, with God's help.

Will you at all times set before you the unity and peace of this Pastorate, trying to be an example to the congregation in humility, in sincerity of life and in Christian service?

I will, with God's help.

Since the Church is called to share in fulfilling God's purpose for the world, will you with the Presbyter and your fellow-members try to care for the needs of your neighbours?

Will you both inspire and lead the people of the Pastorate in witness to Christ and in service to those within the Church and outside it?

I will, with God's help.

Will you endeavour always to speak and act as responsible members of the Church of North India and of this Diocese?

And by your commitment to the cause of unity, witness and service, will you encourage others also to follow your example?

I will, with God's help.

May God strengthen you by his Holy Spirit that you may be able to carry out the promises which you have made.

The members of the Pastorate Committee all say together

Living Lord,

we thank you for the joy of being called to your service

in the fellowship of your Church.

Help us to respond to your call,

to commit ourselves to you as our Saviour and King,

to be obedient to your will,

and to serve you faithfully,

for the glory of your holy name.

Amen.

*The members of the Pastorate Committee face the congregation, who stand.
The Presbyter and congregation say to the Committee*

**We welcome you with joy
as the members of our Pastorate Committee,
and recognize you during your term of office
as leaders and servants in the life
and mission of this Pastorate.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.
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 | # 132

Son of God, eternal Saviour

Tune: BLAENWERN # 464

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Kneel as able or remain seated

Prayers for Stewardship Sunday

Intercessor

Lord God,
we thank you for the gifts, talents and abilities
you have given each of us.
May these gifts enable us more effectively to carry out the
mission of our parish. For this

All

we pray to the Lord.

Lord, grant us the ability
to honestly evaluate our lifestyle
that it might reflect a desire to walk closer with you,

we pray to the Lord.

Lord, you are the giver of every gift,
including the most precious and holy gift
of Your Son Jesus Christ.

Help us to remember how important it is
for us to also be generous givers of gifts,
so we can carry out Christ's mission
for His Church on earth,

we pray to the Lord.

That as the Disciples of Christ,
we may have the perseverance to follow Jesus
and His teachings in all aspects of our lives.

We pray to the Lord.

That all of us as Christian stewards
may live a life that gives witness to the fact that
we are the Disciples of Christ and we are called to share.

We pray to the Lord.

That through our stewardship of time, talent and treasure
we will continue to be channels of the living and loving
presence of Christ in our world.

We pray to the Lord.

Lord, help us to wisely use the gifts you've entrusted to us.

We pray to the Lord.

That the Holy Spirit will pour into our hearts a spirit of
charity and compassion.

We pray to the Lord.

Intercessor

That all of us in this family of St. Thomas's Cathedral strive to do God's will, giving generously of ourselves and our gifts for the mission of the Church.

We pray to the Lord.

That all ministries supported by our Cathedral and Diocese may bring people to a deeper faith in God.

We pray to the Lord.

That we may share our financial resources given as a sacred trust from God with all in need, especially the poor.

We pray to the Lord.

That the Diocese of Bombay, through its ministries of education, charity, ministry formation and administration, may continue to provide competent leadership to the parishes and people of the Diocese.

**Hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
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 | # 120

Jesu, the very thought of Thee

Tune: ST. AGNES (Rejoice & Sing pg. 6)

All stand and sing.

The Blessing

The Presbyter

O God,
our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts,
bless our parish, strengthen our faith
and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship
so that we may give generously
of our time, talent and treasure
to spread Your Kingdom here in our church
and throughout the world.
For this, we pray to the Lord. **Amen.**
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

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

*Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

² **Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

³ **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866 - 1960)

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

Music: William Runyan (1870 - 1957)

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.**

Postlude

Voluntary in D George Dyson (1883 - 1964)

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.

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 am |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 am and occasionally Saturday |

Birthdays this Week

"He has made everything beautiful in its time."

Ecclesiastes 3:11

Ammini Ipe (24), Sandeep Magar (24), Lina Phillips (25),
Patricia Adams (27), Miriam Joseph (27), Sony Charles (29)

Wedding anniversary this Week

*"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another,
God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."*

1 John 4:12

Raj & Alka Tiwari (30)

Notices

- The annual general body meeting of the church was held last Sunday. The office bearers of the Pastorate Committee are Mr. Premanand B. Telgote, Mr. Gladston Somervel, Mr. Paul George, Mr. Samuel Joseph, Mr. Ashok Joshi, Mr. P. V. George, Mr. Nishanth Daniel, Mr. Joy Moses, Dr. Mrs. Kamal Jadhav, Mrs. Archana Magar, Mrs. Jaisy Desai and Mrs. Uma Moses
- The offering collected this morning from this year's Stewardship Sunday will go towards supporting the children of the missionaries supported by the Diocese. You are encouraged to give generously.
- The Cathedral will host a **seminar on stewardship** for lay readers and office bearers of Pastorates in the Diocese on Tuesday 24th October 2023. The resource person is the Right Reverend Darbara Singh. He is the Stewardship Director, CNI Synod. The theme of the seminar is *Stewardship: Giving without counting the cost*.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted after the service this morning from 10.45 a.m. to 11.15 a.m. in the parish hall. Multiple choice questions will be asked from the Book of Jonah and the Epistle of James (New King James version).
- The choir is in urgent need of soprano and alto voices. Practices for Christmas services have begun, so this would be the ideal time to join.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed
in loving memory of Beryl Godfrey
daughter of Mr. Allen Moses & the late Mrs. Rajathi Moses
and beloved sister of Alice*

~~~ **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.

**Patronal Festival**  
of  
**SAINT THOMAS the APOSTLE**  
(which falls on 6<sup>th</sup> October)

Festival Choral Eucharist 8.45 a.m.  
8<sup>th</sup> October 2023



**HARVEST FESTIVAL**

Choral Eucharist 8.45 a.m.  
5<sup>th</sup> November 2023

*Come and patronise  
the food and games stalls.  
Give generously to fund  
the Cathedral's ministries  
and outreach programmes.*

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## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We continue to pray against the threats of climate change and global warming. We pray for those affected by the floods, extreme weather, and heavy rains particularly in Hong Kong and China, and we pray for all people who have been displaced due to natural disasters, remembering the people of Libya and in Morocco • Continue to pray for the safety and well-being of refugees, asylum seekers and migrants.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for peace and goodwill between nations • We continue to pray for a return to normalcy in Manipur.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels later this week on 29<sup>th</sup> September. Praise to God in union with all hosts of heaven. Pray for all churches and institutions named after St. Michael • For the Anglican Communion - The Church of Ireland and the Most Reverend John McDowell and the Most Revd Michael Jackson.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** We give thanks for the life and glorious witness of the social reformer, Pandita Ramabai (commemorated on 29<sup>th</sup> September, the day she was baptised in 1883.) Pandita Ramabai toured extensively in the United States to collect funds for destitute Indian women. With the funds raised she started *Sharada Sadan* for child widows. In the late 1890s, she founded *Mukti Mission*, a Christian charity at Kedgaon village, forty miles east of Pune. The mission was later named *Pandita Ramabai Mukti Mission* • The Diocese of Barrackpore and the Right Reverend Subrata Chakrabarty • The Diocese of Coimbatore and the Right Reverend Timothy Ravinder • For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the selection of the Moderator of the Church of South India.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Holy Immanuel Church, Vasai and the Reverend Johnson John • 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 members of the Pastorate Committee.