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“O Lord and my God!”



Saint Thomas the Apostle Patron of India

Choral Eucharist † Sunday 8th October 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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SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE
Patron of India

From doubt to faith....

St. Thomas' most famous New Testament episode takes place a few days after the Resurrection when he misses Jesus' first appearance among the Disciples who were holed up in the Upper Room. When the other ten disciples told Thomas what had happened, Thomas famously said, "unless I can touch him, I will not believe." Having satisfied his curiosity, Thomas declares "my Lord and my God!" Jesus responds by saying "Thomas you believe because you have seen me. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe."

Too often we read this statement as an indictment against Thomas. Maybe it was. But what if it wasn't? What if Jesus was affirming Thomas? What if Jesus was willing to do what must be done in order to help Thomas lean into his doubt in order to midwife a deeper sense of faith? What if Jesus enters our own spaces of doubt in order to invite each of us into a deeper relationship.

Children ask a lot of questions. Unfortunately, the wonder that seems natural for children is squeezed out of us as we age by a world in search of quick and easy answers. Against this temptation, I hear Jesus' famous words, "unless you have faith like a little child you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven." Jesus invites us into wonder and questioning.

Thomas stuck his finger into the wounds of Christ and so believed. Perhaps we are called to enter the Words of Christ and do the same, not by ignoring doubt, but by hearing the call of God to go where we have never gone before.

Extract from a post by the Revd Marcus Halley,
St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Minneapolis

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Sonata No. 3 in A Major, Op. 65 Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, 1809 - 1847
Con moto maestoso
Andante Tranquillo

Devotional Song

While seated, all sing

**O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

***Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!***

Words: Carl Gustav Boberg (1859 - 1940)

Music: Swedish folk tune

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

*All stand as the procession of choir, servers and clergy enter;
During which trumpet and organ play*

The Prince of Denmark's March Jeremiah Clarke, 1674 - 1707

All sit

The Presbyter says

Gracious God,
you have built your Church
on the foundations of the apostles and prophets,
with Christ Jesus himself the chief cornerstone.
Confirm and bless what we have done in your name
and prosper the work to which we have set our hands.
Give us grace to continue your work of creation
and by your inspiration make it acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Introit

Sung by the choir

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: Basil E. H. Plumptre, 1821 - 91

Tune: THORNBURY
Basil Harwood, 1859 - 1949

Opening Acclamation

Presbyter
All

We gather as people on a journey.
**We believe and we have doubts,
we do good and we sin.**
We are imperfect humans, yet still beloved by God.
Love and grace. Hope and faith.
These are at the core of the one we call God.

Continued. Turn over.

Presbyter

How we are like Thomas!

We sometimes think we need to see in order to believe!

**How blessed are the ones who, never having seen,
yet have come to believe.**

Open our hearts, Lord, this day to absolute faith in you
**that, although we have not seen the risen Christ,
we may believe fully in him.**

Amen.

All stand and sing

Hymn in Procession

Here within this house of prayer

all our Father's love declare;

**love that gave us birth, and planned
days and years beneath his hand:**

**praise to God whose love and power
bring us to this present hour!**

² **Here, till earthly praises end,**

tell of Christ the sinner's friend;

Christ whose blood for us was shed,

Lamb of God and living bread,

**life divine and truth and way,
light of everlasting day.**

³ **Here may all our faint desire**

feel the Spirit's wind and fire;

souls that sleep the sleep of death

stir to life beneath his breath:

**may his power upon us poured
send us out to serve the Lord!**

Continued

**⁴ Here may faith and love increase,
flowing forth in joy and peace
from the Father, Spirit, Son,
undivided, Three-in-One:
his the glory all our days
in this house of prayer and praise!**

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

Tune: DIX

Adapted from C. Kocher, 1786 - 1872
by W. H. Monk, 1823 - 89

All sit

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for St. Thomas the Apostle | **page 566**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 567**

Isaiah 55:1 - 5

A reading from the Book of Isaiah

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

All Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to a chant by William Crotch

Venite, exultemus

O COME, let us sing unto the Lord :

let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.

² Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving :

and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

³ For the Lord is a great God :

and a great King above all gods.

⁴ In his hand are all the corners of the earth :

and the strength of the hills is his also.

⁵ The sea is his, and he made it :

and his hands prepared the dry land.

⁶ O come, let us worship and fall down :

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

⁷ For he is the Lord our God :

and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

⁸ To-day if ye will hear his voice, harden not your hearts :

as in the provocation,

and as in the day of temptation in the wilderness;

⁹ When your fathers tempted me :

proved me, and saw my works.

¹⁰ Forty years long was I grieved with this generation, and said :

It is a people that do err in their hearts,

for they have not known my ways;

¹¹ Unto whom I swear in my wrath :

that they should not enter into my rest.

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 567**

Hebrews 13:13 - 21

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing.

Gradual Hymn

**Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!
O, 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: BLESSED ASSURANCE
Phoebe Knapp, 1839 - 1908

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 568**

St. John 11:7 - 16

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

You believe, Thomas, because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

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 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.**

All sing **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.**

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

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

All

*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.

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All sing

Hymn at the Offertory

**And can it be that I should gain
An interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died He for me, who caused His pain?
For me, who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me?**

*Amazing love! how can it be
That Thou, my God, should die for me!*

² **He left His Father's throne above,
So free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love,
And bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.**

*'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
For, O my God, it found out me.*

³ **Long my imprisoned spirit lay
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.**

*My chains fell off, my heart was free;
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.*

⁴ **No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head,
And clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

*Bold I approach the eternal throne,
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

Tune: SAGINA

Thomas Campbell, 1777 - 1844

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

The Anthem
Sung by the choir

Make a joyful noise
unto the Lord
for He hath done marvellous things.
And His holy arm
hath gotten Him the victory.

He hath remembered His mercy
and His truth toward the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.

O, make a joyful noise
unto the Lord, all the earth.
Make a loud noise,
rejoice and sing His praise.

Let the sea roar,
the world, and they that dwell therein.
Let the floods clap their hands,
let the hills be joyful together.

Make a joyful noise
unto the Lord, all the earth.
Make a joyful noise,
rejoice and sing His praise.

For He cometh to judge the earth.
And with righteousness
shall He judge the world.
And the people with equity.

O, make a joyful noise
unto the Lord, all the earth.
Sing unto the Lord
with the harp and the voice of a psalm.

With trumpets and sound of cornet
make a joyful noise.
Make a joyful noise
before the Lord the King.

Words: Psalm 98 (The King James Bible)

Music: Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber, b. 1948

*This anthem was commissioned for the coronation of King Charles III
and was sung at the coronation service in Westminster Abbey on 6th May 2023.*

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.
For all Church leaders especially: Bijaya Nayak our
Moderator; Reuben Mark, Deputy Moderator of the
Church of South India; Theodosius Mar Thoma,
Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church; Paul Dupare the
Moderator's Episcopal Commissary for the Diocese of
Bombay and Avinash our Presbyter.

All

Lord, receive our thanks and 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, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions
as you see best for us.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For your blessings in the past
and for a vision for the future.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the pardon of our sins
when we fall short of your glory.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For a foretaste of your eternal Kingdom
in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the blessing of our vows
and the crowning of our years with your goodness.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the faith of those who have gone before us
and for grace to persevere like them.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the benefactors of this place
who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

For the sense of our fellowship with Saint Thomas our
patron and all your saints.

Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.

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, the choir sings

The Lord is my Shepherd, I'll not want;
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil:
For you are with me, you will comfort me.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life:
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Words: Psalm 23

Music: Howard Goodall, b. 1958

While seated, we sing

Hymn

**My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary,
Saviour divine!
Now hear me while I pray,
Take all my guilt away;
O let me from this day
Be wholly Thine!**

Continued

² **May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart,
My zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me,
O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be,
A living fire!**

³ **When ends life's transient dream,
When death's cold, sullen stream
Shall o'er me roll;
Blest Saviour, then in love,
Fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above,
A ransomed soul!**

Words: Ray Palmer, 1808 - 1887

Tune: OLIVET
Lowell Mason, 1792 - 1872

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

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

Amen.

All

May God the Son
who calls you to His service
gladden your hearts to sing His praise.

Amen.

May God the Holy Spirit
build you up into a living temple to His glory.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

Amen.

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

Refrain **Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done.**

² **O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

³ **Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Tune: TO GOD BE THE GLORY
William Doane, 1799 - 1859

From the West Door the *Presbyter* says

The Dismissal

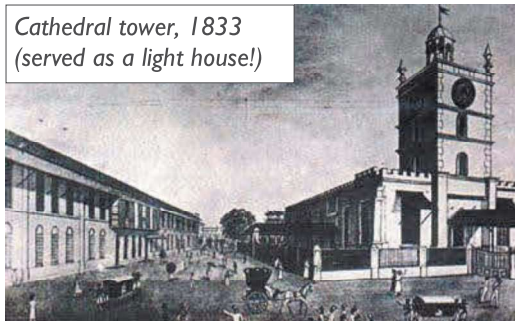
Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

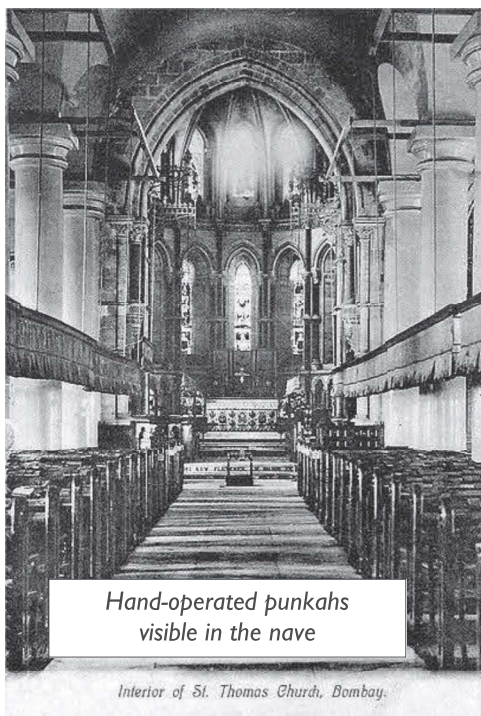
Festal Flourish Gordon Jacob, 1895 - 1984

**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 tower, 1833
(served as a light house!)



Cathedral tower, 1907



Hand-operated punkahs
visible in the nave

Interior of St. Thomas Church, Bombay.



The neo-Gothic fountain outside the west door was donated by the Parsee financier Sir Cowasjee Jehangir Readymoney, who also helped fund the university buildings, 1870s. It was designed by Sir George Gilbert Scott.



The 'original' Church Gate (one of the entry points into the Fort). The Cathedral tower clearly visible. The Western Railway station gets its name from the church in the Fort.— St. Thomas's Cathedral

- 1676 Foundations laid by Gerald Aungier, the second Governor of Bombay
- 1718 The building completed and opened on Christmas Day
- 1816 The church dedicated to St. Thomas the Apostle by the first Anglican Bishop of the East Indies the Rt Revd Dr Middleton
- 1837 The See (Diocese) of Bombay founded 1st July and Archdeacon Thomas Carr appointed the first Bishop of Bombay
- 1907, 1921 Electric fans and lights installed
- 1926 The original processional cross returned to Ethiopia
- 1886 Fountain built to a design by Sir George Gilbert Scott
- 2003 Major restoration and conservation work completed
- 2018 The Cathedral celebrates its tercentenary

Birthdays this Week

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"

2 Corinthians 9:15

Jaya Mayadas (12), Divya Mayadas (12), Dhyana Mayadas (13), Daniel Sinate (13)

Notices

- **Harvest Festival** will be on Sunday 5th November 2023. This is one time in the year when you can contribute towards the various ministries supported by the Cathedral. There will be an extended time of fellowship with food and game stalls in the Cathedral garden. Patronise the stalls and contribute generously.
- Parents are encouraged to get their children regularly to Sunday School as preparations for the Nativity play are about to begin.
- The Cathedral Presbyter will be on leave from 16th October to 21st October 2023. For pastoral care contact the Revd Arpana Rangayya.
- We express our thanks to the musicians for playing the trumpet at the service this morning.

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 |

† **THE WORLD** We pray for Ukrainians who continue to live through a war not of their making, asking that the God of peace would move the hearts of decision-makers to end this war to begin rebuilding lives.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Our prayers for the many affected by the recent flash floods in the state of Sikkim. Damage to key infrastructure and continuous rainfall has cut off the capital city, Gangtok, and made rescue operations more difficult.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** As Roman Catholic bishops meet from around the world, we pray God's enabling for clear discussions and forward-thinking decisions • For the Anglican Communion - The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and The Most Reverend Hosam Naoum.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** We thank God for the Church in our land and for the freedom to worship. Thanksgiving for the Apostle Thomas, Patron of India (commemorated 6th October) whose doubt was turned to faith • The Diocese of Bombay and the Right Reverend Paul Dupare (*Moderator's Episcopal Commissary*) • The Diocese of Madras and for the Right Reverend George Stephen Jayaraj • For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the selection of the Moderator of the Church of South India.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Jubilee Tamil Church and the Reverend David Paramanatham • 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 • As we observe our patronal festival this morning, let us remember with gratitude all who have gone before us from this House of Prayer named after the Apostle Thomas: All past Bishops of Bombay and clergy who have served here, for the servers and Lay Readers past and present, the Cathedral Trustees and all who have served on the Pastorate Committee over the Cathedral's long history, the sextons and church staff, all choristers and organists who have given of their time and talent, Sunday school children and their teachers, the ladies of the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service and the Cathedral's Youth Fellowship. Above all, for all the many faithful who down the centuries have prayed and worshiped in this sanctuary. May we like Thomas become stronger in our faith and proclaim with him, "My Lord and my God!"

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