



St. Thomas' CATHEDRAL

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The Church of North India

A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise,

Ephesians 5:15

As Christians, we must always be aware that this life is not all that there is. And this life is short! We have an eternal hope in heaven with Christ that this life is moving towards, but we aren't there yet. So, we must live well while we are here. We must live intentionally.

Be aware of foolish pitfalls and continue to grow in wisdom. Paul tells us that wise living that understands God's will means to be "*filled by the Spirit.*"

Don't be defensive when you are called out for sin; humbly submit to others, repent, and grow as a Christian. Learn from those who are stronger in faith. Seek out a mentor to teach you how to respond to the gospel in everyday life.

Wise living is living by the Holy Spirit. Wise living is being sensitive to God's word to us in the scripture and doing what it says.

The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist † Sunday 22nd 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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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on the tune, 'Song 13' (*Jesu, grant me this, I pray*)

... .. Percy Whitlock, 1903 - 1946

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

May we enter your gates with thanksgiving.
May we enter your courts with our praise.
May we fall at your throne where your glory is shown,
And be lost in your love and your grace.
Father, we thank you for your love.

Jimmy Owens, b. 1930

All stand and face the West Door.

Invitation to Worship

The Presbyter

As we gather in this sacred moment
for a sacred purpose,
let us make the most of our time together.

All

We have come to worship the Lord our God.

As we sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,
let us make the most of our time together.

We have come to worship the Lord our God.

Continued. Turn over.

The Presbyter

As we respond to the melody in our hearts,
let us make the most of our time together.

All

We have come to worship the Lord our God.

All sing

The Entrance Hymn | # 207

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

All sit

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 497**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 498**

Proverbs 9:1 - 6

A reading from the Book of Proverbs.

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 Littleton

119: 153 - 160

Vide humilitatem

O CONSIDER mine adversity, and deliver me: for I do not forget thy law.

¹⁵⁴ Avenge thou my cause, and deliver me : quicken me, according to thy
word.

¹⁵⁵ Health is far from the ungodly : for they regard not thy statutes.

¹⁵⁶ Great is thy mercy, O Lord : quicken me, as thou art wont.

¹⁵⁷ Many there are that trouble me, and persecute me : yet do I not swerve from thy testimonies.

¹⁵⁸ It grieveth me when I see the transgressors : because they keep not thy law.

¹⁵⁹ Consider, O Lord, how I love thy commandments : O quicken me, according to thy loving-kindness.

¹⁶⁰ Thy word is true from everlasting : all the judgements of thy righteousness endure for evermore.

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 498**

Ephesians 5:15 - 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 | **# 373**

Help us, O Lord, to learn

Tune: SANDYS

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 499**

St. Matthew 22: 1 - 14

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls.

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,
Cathedral Presbyter

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name 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

**Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling,
calling for you and for me;
see, on the portals he's waiting and watching,
watching for you and for me.**

**Refrain: Come home, come home;
you who are weary come home;
earnestly, tenderly, Jesus is calling,
calling, O sinner, come home!**

**² Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading,
pleading for you and for me?
Why should we linger and heed not his mercies,
mercies for you and for me?**

**³ Time is now fleeting, the moments are passing,
passing from you and from me;
shadows are gathering, deathbeds are coming,
coming for you and for me.**

**⁴ O for the wonderful love he has promised,
promised for you and for me!
Though we have sinned, he has mercy and pardon,
pardon for you and for me.**

Words: Will Thompson

Tune: THOMPSON
Will Thompson (1847 - 1909)

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

*We keep a moments silence as a candle is lit
to symbolise God's light in this time of conflict and depair in the Holy Land.
Kneel as able or remain seated*

The Intercession | page 592 (A)

The General Confession & Absolution | *pages 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 | # 257

Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness

Tune: SCHMÜCKE DICH

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

All say

Closing Prayer

**Loving Father,
I want to be more and more like Christ,
to walk in newness of life,
and to truly be a life where Christ can be seen in me.
In His name I pray,
Amen.**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May the peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
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 | # 140

All hail the power of Jesus' name!

omit * v.v. 2 & 3

Tune: MILES LANE

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

Postlude in D... .. Healey Willan, 1880 - 1968

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

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Ephesians 2:10

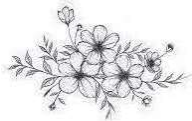
Giridharan (23), Rhea Daniel (25), Patricia Bijlani (28)

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay."

Ruth 1:16

John & Mary Abraham (26), Gopa & Henry Long (28)



*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed
in loving memory of the late
Mrs. Chandramathi Moses
(beloved mother of Dr. Kamal Jadhav)
on the occasion of the anniversary of her passing.*

Notices

- Commander Sudhir Isaacs, husband of Mrs. Meera Isaacs passed away on Friday 20th October 2023. Pray for God's comforting presence to be with Mrs. Isaacs and their daughters, Nalini and Anjali.
- Parents are encouraged to get their children regularly to Sunday School as preparations for the Nativity play have begun.
- An early morning prayer session (online) is conducted every Monday from 6 a.m. to 6.30 a.m. If you would like to log in, contact the Presbyter.
- The Founders' Day service of the Cathedral & John Connon School will be conducted on Thursday 9th November 2023 at 9 a.m.
- Remembrance Day service to commemorate those fallen in wars will be held on Saturday 11th November 2023 at 10.30 a.m.

Opening of

THOMAS HOUSE

The new building of the Cathedral & John Connon School

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The Cathedral and John Connon School is opening its newest building, Thomas House, on Monday 30th October 2023.

The Cathedral and John Connon School was founded in 1860. It began as a humble establishment when Bishop John Harding (the second Bishop of Bombay) and the Cathedral Chaplain decided to start a small Grammar school for boys and one for girls within the walled city of Bombay. In 1875 a choir school was established with the primary objective of providing choristers for St. Thomas's Cathedral.

We give thanks to God for all those who down the centuries have contributed to the life and work of the school which over the years has produced several illustrious alumni.

Pray for all pupils, staff, the Principal and the Board of Governors of the Cathedral and John Connon School.

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 |

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Choral Eucharist 8.45 a.m.
Sunday 5th November 2023



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

A Prayer for the United Nations

24th October is UN Day

Almighty God,
guide the nations of the world into the way of justice and truth,
and establish among them that peace
which is the fruit of righteousness,
that they may become the Kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Prayer for Israel and Palestine

O God of all justice and peace,
we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma
of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land.
Be with those who need you in these days of suffering;
we pray for people of all faiths and for all people of the land.
Amen.

(Prayer offered by Archbishop Hosam Naoum of Jerusalem)

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Our heartfelt prayers continue for peace in the Holy Land. For all who have lost relatives and friends, and all those who have been imprisoned • For the Secretariat, Secretary General and all the organs and agencies of the United Nations Organisation.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for all in government and those whose decisions affect the lives of many.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Apostles Simon and Jude are commemorated on 21st October. Let us give thanks for their life and work. May we emulate them in our discipleship and witness to the Good News • The evangelist Frumentius of Ethiopia (c. 380) is commemorated on 28th October.

St. Matthew is said to have first evangelized Ethiopia, but Frumentius is known as the apostle to that nation • In the Anglican Communion - The Anglican Church of Korea and the Right Reverend Peter Lee Kyeong-ho.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Chandigarh and the Right Reverend Denzal Peoples • The Diocese of Thoothukudi - Nazareth. Pray for the appointment of their bishop • For the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the selection of the Moderator of the Church of South India.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Jubilee Malayalam Church and the Reverend Soji A. Thomas • 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 sextons, gardeners, security guards, dhobhi and photocopiers.

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