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ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL, MUMBAI

The Church of North India • A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

Choral Eucharist



The Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 10th December 2023

8.45 a.m.

Welcome

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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AN ADVENT REFLECTION

This Advent, let us seek the Lord and ask him to open our minds and hearts to the Scriptures, and to kindle a zeal in us to actively and diligently study them for ourselves. In doing so, may we come to know our God more intimately, and grow in confidence in our hope of glory when Christ will come again to make all things new.

The Gathering

Voluntary

Aria on, 'Bristol' ('Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes')

Malcolm Archer, b. 1952

Chorale Prelude on 'Vom Himmel hoch, da komm' ich her'

(From heaven above to earth I come)

Johann Pachelbel, 1653 - 1706

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

All stand and join in singing the hymn.

Entry Hymn| # 30

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

Tune: BRISTOL

All sit

The Presbyter says

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

All And also with you.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Reader

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David. The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace". They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

All

○ God, give us your peace.

As the candle is lit, the choir sings

From heaven above to earth I come,
to bear good news to every one;
glad tidings of great joy I bring,
whereof I now will say and sing:

This is the Christ who far on high
has heard your sad and bitter cry;
Himself will your salvation be,
Himself from sin will make you free.

Words: Martin Luther, 1483 - 1546

*Music: Melody attributed to Martin Luther
Harmony from Michael Praetorius, 1571 - 1621*

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

During the Advent Season we sing the Kyrie instead of the Summary of the Law

Lord, have mercy. (3)
Christ have mercy. (3)
Lord have mercy. (3)

*From 'New English Mass'
Patrick Appleford, 1925 - 2018*

The Liturgy of the Word

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Old Testament Reading | **page 299**

2 Kings 22.8 - 10 & 23.1 - 3

A reading from the Second Book of the Kings.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to a chant by Monk

Caeli enarrant

- ⁷ The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.
- ⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.
- ⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; * the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; * sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.
- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; * and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how oft he offendeth? * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, * be alway acceptable in thy sight,
- ¹⁵ O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

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.

Please be seated

The Epistle | **page 300**

Romans 15. 4 - 13

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn

Gradual Hymn | **# 467**

God, who hast caused to be written

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN # 207

Remain standing for the Gospel

as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 301**

St Luke 21.25 - 33

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *cf Isaiah 40.3-5*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

All Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the conclusion of the reading

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Cantor O come to deliver us, and do not delay.

All **Maranatha, come Lord Jesus come.**

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

All sit

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

As we prepare to welcome Jesus as the light of the world,
let us share light with one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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.
All join in singing*

Hymn at the Offertory | **# 468**

God who spoke in the beginning

Tune: REGENT SQUARE # 185

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

All sit

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

Advent Prose

Cantor Pour down, O heavens, from above
Refrain (all) **and let the skies rain down righteousness.**

We have sinned and become like one who is unclean;
we have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind
have swept us away. You have hidden your face from us,
and abandoned us to our iniquities.

Edited by Stephen Cleobury

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Intercession | *page 270*

The General Confession & Absolution | *pages 275, 276*

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The Communion | *page 284*

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.
During the administration of Communion, while seated we sing.*

Hymn at the Communion | **# 373**

Help us, O Lord to, learn

Tune: SANDYS

All stand and say

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members
of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.**

Continued

**O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord.
Amen.**

The Presbyter

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The choir sings

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make His face to shine upon you,
and be gracious unto you.
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you,
and give you peace. Amen.

Words: The Book of Numbers 6:24 - 26

Music: Robert Carwithen, 1933 - 2022

Hymn at the Closing |# 28

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Tune: HELMSLEY

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All reply In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Postlude on, 'Helmsley'

James Vivian b. 1974

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

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

Solomon Raj (10), Shravya Kumar (12), Latha Ravichandran (12),
Alice Dawson (16)

Wedding anniversary this week

And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 3:14

Arnold & Reena Pasgon (15)



Notices

- Contribute generously towards a diocesan initiative “**Sharing the Joy of Christmas**”. Food supplies and essentials are being gifted to clergy and missionaries in the six CNI dioceses in Maharashtra. Approach the Presbyter for further details.
- The **Nativity Play** by the children of the Sunday School will be next Sunday 17th December 10.45 am. This will be followed by a get together and the visit of Santa Claus! Get your kids and come along.

- **A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols** will be held next Sunday 17th December 2023 at 6.30 pm. The Cathedral choir with guest singers will be singing. All are welcome. Do come with family and friends and fill the Cathedral with joyful singing!
- Services held during Advent and Christmas in the Cathedral are listed on the board in the porch.
- This is the first announcement of the bans of marriage between Srinath Rajasekar (son of Srinivasan Rajasekar and Parthasarathy Santhana Meera) of All Saints' Church (CSI), Tuticorin and Evangeline Mary Kiruba Samuel (daughter of Samuel Joseph Jebaraj and Muthulaksmi Ramaswamy) of Thomas' Cathedral (CNI), Mumbai. The said marriage will be held at St. George's Cathedral – Chennai on 22nd January 2024.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace we pray for peace in the Holy Land and hope that the temporary ceasefire which took effect from 24th November will give way to lasting peace and stability in the region • Pray for peace in Myanmar (Burma) and between Ukraine and Russia • For the deliberations and decisions made at the United Nations Climate Change Conference COP28 being held from 30th November until 12th December 2023 in Dubai.

† **OUR COUNTRY** The aftermath of Cyclone Michaung has left devastation and despair in its wake. Pray for all affected particularly in the states of Tamil Nadu and Andhra Pradesh. Pray for those providing relief.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Help us, O Lord, to prepare ourselves for the coming of Thy Son • In the *Anglican Communion* - The Church of Pakistan and the Most Reverend Dr. Azad Marshall.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Diocese of Delhi and the Right Reverend Dr. Paul Swarup • For the Diocese of Nandyal (Andhra Pradesh) and the Right Reverend Pushpa Lalitha. Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the selection of the Moderator of the Church of South India.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the Church of St. John the Evangelist (Afghan War Memorial Church), Colaba and the Reverend Joel Vedamruthraj .

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for all care providers • This week for the Sunday School as they prepare for the Nativity Play next week.

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