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ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL, MUMBAI

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The Second Sunday of Epiphany



Jesus' first miracle at the wedding at Cana underlines the resemblance between the vows spouses make to each other and God's covenant with us. In the Hebrew Testament, God pledged, "I will be your God and you will be my people."

Jesus issued a "new commandment," that we love and serve one another as He did in offering His life for us. In the Gospels, Jesus' presence at the wedding at Cana emphasizes both personal and communal nature of the New Covenant. And His turning water into wine so the celebration could continue demonstrates how the New Covenant of service and forgiveness is a happy, joyful one.

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 14th January 2024 • 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 *The English Hymnal*.



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The Gathering

Voluntary

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BWV 763

‘How brightly shines the morning star’) Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

Prelude on the hymn tune, ‘Stuttgart’ (‘Bethlehem of Noblest Cities’)

Flor Peeters, 1903 - 1986

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness,
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him the Lord is his name.

Words: J. S. B. Monsell, 1811 - 75

Tune: WAS LEBET, WAS SCHWEBET
from the ‘Rheinhardt M.S., 1754

All stand and face the West Door

The Call to Worship

Presbyter

We come this day, Precious God,
as people in need of your steadfast love:

All

**with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

We gather this day, Water-changing God,
as people looking for signs:

**with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

We worship this day, Gifting God,
as people who confess Jesus as our Lord:

**with you is the fountain of life;
in your Light we see light.**

All sing

Entrance Hymn | # 45

Hail to the Lord's Anointed! omit v.v. 4 & 6

Tune: CRÜGER

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | page 334

Read by the Presbyter

Old Testament Reading | page 334

2 Kings 4:1 - 7

A reading from the second book of 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 J. Goss

Psalm

9:1 - 10

Confitebor tibi

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

² I will be glad and rejoice in thee : yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou most Highest.

³ While mine enemies are driven back : they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

⁴ For thou hast maintained my right and my cause : thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

⁵ Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly : thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

Continued

⁶ O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end : even as the cities which thou hast destroyed, their memorial is perished with them.

⁷ But the Lord shall endure for ever : he hath also prepared his seat for judgement.

⁸ For he shall judge the world in righteousness : and minister true judgement unto the people.

⁹ The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed : even a refuge in due time of trouble.

¹⁰ And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee : for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek thee.

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 335**

Romans 12:6 - 16

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 | **# 40**

Bethlehem, of noblest cities

Tune: STUTTGART

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 336**

St. John 2:1 - 11

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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

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.**

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together.

The Nicene Creed | *page 265*

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf Corinthians I. 22

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 | # 47

Songs of thankfulness and praise omit v. *4

Tune: ST. EDMUND

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All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Kneel as able or remain seated.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

You who framed the brightness of the first light in creation,
dispel the arrogance, animosity, and anger
that shatter the unity of your holy Church.

Fill your faithful people with the radiant light of truth.

All

Shine in our hearts.

You who delivered your people
from the misery of bondage in slavery
to the land of promise,

set us free from enslavement to division, disunity,
and distrust in our public life and labour.

Illumine those in authority with the light of vision.

Shine in our hearts.

You who patterned the stars
and called the sun into being,
who appointed the moon and chartered the cosmos,
pattern the hearts of people everywhere
to see in each other the beauty of the universe
and the splendour of creation,

that divisions of race, class, gender, and ethnicity may be
recreated into one common humanity.

Shine in our hearts.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor You who shower comfort and hope to the lowest,
the lost, and the least,
shower the light of compassion on the sick,
the sorrowful, and the suffering.
Help us to be your compassion and hope in the world.

All **Shine in our hearts.**
You who welcome into the brilliant light of eternity
those who have died,
welcome those whose lives have been cut short
by violence, warfare, and strife.

Shine the light of hope.

Shine in our hearts.

You who delight in the complexity and splendour of
creation, help us to delight in the diversity of this earth.
Inspire your people to care for all you have made.

Shine in our hearts.

May Christ, the Morning Star
who knows no setting,
find us ever burning with the
light of love, the spirit of truth, and the wellspring of hope.

Amen.

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 at the Communion | **# 43**

The race that long in darkness pined

Tune: DUNDEE

All stand and sing.

The Presbyter

The Blessing

May God the Son,
who turned water into wine at the wedding feast at Cana,
transform your lives and make glad your hearts.
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All join in singing

Hymn at the Closing

**In Cana at a wedding feast,
Christ worked his first great sign.
There Jesus' mother told her son,
"They don't have any wine!"
He called for six stone water jars;
they filled them to the brim;
Through water changed to wine that day,
his friends believed in him.**

² **Far from the town, the crowds pressed in
on Jesus' prayer retreat.
He healed their sick, then told his own,
"You give them food to eat!"
Five loaves of bread and two small fish
were all they found to share,
Yet thousands ate the meal he blessed,
with baskets left to spare.**

Continued. Turn over.

**³ Out on the sea, the winds were strong;
the stormy waves were high;
There Jesus' friends were filled with fear
when he came walking by.
"Take heart, for it is I!" he said,
and helping Peter stand,
He calmed the storm and stirred their hearts;
God's world was in his hand.**

**⁴ O Lord, we see your wondrous signs
and know through faith-filled eyes:
You are new wine that brings us joy,
true bread that satisfies.
You give clear vision to your Church,
you make the wounded whole.
You give us hope, when seas are rough;
for you are in control.**

Words: Revd Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, b. 1961

Tune: ELLACOMBE, # 137
Mainz Gesangbuch, 1833

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

We have seen His glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All reply **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

March
from the Overture to the Occasional Oratorio

George Frederick Handel, 1685 - 1759

The postlude is played by Mark Stuble, Head of Music
Kincoppal-Rose Bay School of the Sacred Heart, Sydney, Australia.

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 thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."

Philippians 1:3, 4

Rekha Ghose (15), Dilip Ramani (17), Farah Khan (18),
Reuel Browne (19), Ruchita Salvi (20)

Wedding anniversaries this week

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"

Galatians 5:22

Daniel & Lina Phillips (15), Ronald & Swapnika Browne (20)

Notices

- The Preacher next Sunday will be the Reverend Clement Christian of the *Bible Society of India*. 21st January will be observed as Ecumenical Sunday.
- A Bible quiz will be conducted on Sunday 25th February 2024. Questions will be based on the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah and Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians.
- Volunteers are needed to help with livestreaming of services. Please meet the Presbyter if you would like to help in this way. It is encouraging that the Cathedral's YouTube channel has 592 subscribers as of now.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are given
to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the life of
the late Mr. Paul Truman
(beloved husband of Mrs. Violet Truman,
loving father to Viveka Truman
and dear brother-in-law to Olive Singh and Sunita Thomas.)*

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 | Saturday 5.30 pm |

† **THE WORLD** We continue to pray for lasting peace in the Land of our Lord's birth. As we continue to pray for peace and an end to the Russia – Ukraine war where a new phase of air raids takes hold, we ask for God's guidance for world leaders as the ripple effect involving North Korea's transfer of arms with Russia contravenes United Nations sanctions and is condemned by member countries • We pray that God will guide France's newly appointed prime minister, Gabriel Attal, to make wise and helpful decisions for his country and in international issues • In our prayers we remember the people of Denmark as they look forward to welcoming their new King Frederick X and Queen Mary.

† **OUR COUNTRY** For the many pupils preparing for their board examinations. We thank God for all who mentor and guide young people.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is in the octave 18th January to 25th January. Pray for meaningful ecumenical relations between different church denominations • Robert de Nobili (Evangelist, 1656) is commemorated on 16th January. He was a missionary to India, arriving in Goa in 1605. Robert de Nobili was one of the first Europeans to gain a deep understanding of Sanskrit and Tamil. He composed Catechisms and philosophic discourses in Tamil • The 4th century hermit, Anthony of Egypt is commemorated on 17th January. He is considered to be the founder and father of organized Christian monasticism and a prominent leader among the *Desert Fathers* • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Church of the Province of South East Asia and the Most Reverend Melter Jiki Tais.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Diocese of Kolhapur and the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary the Reverend Shrinivas Chopade • For the Diocese of Karimnagar (Telengana) and the Right Reverend Reuben Mark (Deputy Moderator of The Church of South India).

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Paul's Church, Dombivili (Tamil Pastorate) and the Reverend P. Mathew Gnanasigamani.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers. This week for the Altar Guild: servers and lay readers.

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