



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
MUMBAI

Established 1718



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

Sundays 7 am Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 am Eucharist (*sung*)  
Weekdays 7 am to 6 pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection



“Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”  
And her daughter was healed instantly.

Matthew 15:27, 28

As we live out our faith through trials and testing, our faith grows into the “Great Faith” which Jesus commends – a Great Faith which invites us to come to Him; empowers us to seek Him every day, in every situation; and enables us to trust Him completely.

May God graciously grant you that kind of faith – “A faith that won’t give up!” – a faith that trusts your Saviour, won’t let go of His promises, and carries you safely through this world and eventually into the arms of your loving, waiting Saviour in the world to come!

# The Second Sunday in Lent

## *Choral Eucharist*

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February 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. For over 300 years, the people of St. Thomas' Cathedral have sought to be a body through which the light of Christ is seen, his life is shared, and his work is done.

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.

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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*.

The choral setting for the Eucharist is by John Merbecke and Martin Shaw.

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# Order of Service

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

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## *The Gathering*

### Voluntary

Prelude on the hymn tune, 'Aberystwyth' ... .. Healey Willan, 1880 - 1968  
(*Jesu, Lover of my soul*)

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship.*

### Trisagion

*All sing repeating after the Cantor.*

**Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

An ancient hymn of the eastern church.  
The term, *Trisagion*, is from the Greek, meaning "thrice holy."

*All stand and sing the opening hymn*

### Entrance Hymn| # 471

***Praise to the Holiest in the height***

Tune: RICHMOND

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

*Kneel as able or remain seated*

Kyrie Eleison

**Lord have mercy.** (3)

**Christ have mercy.** (3)

**Lord have mercy.** (3)

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collects for the Day | **page 362 & page 357**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Old Testament Reading | **page 362**

*Jeremiah 17:5 - 10*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

*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 Turle*

Psalm

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*De profundis*

OUT of the deep have I called unto thee, O Lord : Lord, hear my voice.

<sup>2</sup> O let thine ears consider well : the voice of my complaint.

<sup>3</sup> If thou, Lord, wilt be extreme to mark what is done amiss :

O Lord, who may abide it?

<sup>4</sup> For there is mercy with thee : therefore shalt thou be feared.

<sup>5</sup> I look for the Lord; my soul doth wait for him : in his word is my trust.

<sup>6</sup> My soul fleeth unto the Lord : before the morning watch, I say, before the morning watch.

*Continued*

<sup>7</sup> O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy :  
and with him is plenteous redemption.

<sup>8</sup> And he shall redeem Israel : from all his sins.

*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 363**

*1 Thessalonians 4:1 - 8*

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

*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 | **# 439**

***My faith looks up to thee***

Tune: OLIVET

*Remain standing for the Gospel*

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 363**

*St. Matthew 15:21 - 28*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord is a great God.

O that today you would listen to His voice.

Harden not your hearts.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

*The Gospeller* The Lord be with you  
*All* **and with thy spirit.**

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

*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**

*Please be seated.*

### Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

## *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*All stand*

### The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.*

Christ 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  
**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.*

*All join in singing*

## Hymn at the Offertory | # 414

**Jesu, Lover of my soul**

Tune: ABERYSTWYTH

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

*All say*

## Offertory Prayer | page 270

*Please be seated*

## Lent Prose

*Cantor*

Hear us, O Lord,

*All*

**have mercy upon us:**

**For we have sinned against Thee.**

*Choir*

O thou chief Corner-stone, Right Hand of the Father:

Way of Salvation, Gate of Life Celestial:

cease Thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

arr. John Scott, 1956 - 2015

*Kneel as able or remain seated.*

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things  
and to give ourselves to Him this Lent.

Give your Church the courage

to give up her preoccupation with herself

and to give more time to your mission in the world.

May the blood and water flowing from the side of Jesus

bring forgiveness to your people

and help us to face the cost of proclaiming salvation.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

*All*

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Give your world the courage  
to give up war, bitterness and hatred,  
and to seek peace.

May the shoulders of the risen Jesus,  
once scourged by soldiers,  
bear the burden of political and military conflict  
in our world.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up quarrels, strife and  
jealousy in our families, neighbourhoods and communities.

May the presence of the risen Jesus,  
his body once broken and now made whole,  
bring peace and direction as we live with one another.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our selfishness  
as we live for others,

and to give time, care and comfort to the sick.

May the wounded hands of Jesus bring his healing touch,  
and the light of his presence fill their rooms.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer.**

Give us the courage to give up our fear of death  
and to rejoice with those who have died in faith.

May the feet of the risen Lord Jesus,  
once nailed to the cross,  
walk alongside the dying and bereaved in their agony,  
and walk with us and all your Church  
through death to the gate of glory.

Lord, meet us in the silence,

**give us strength and hear our prayer,  
here and in eternity. 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 | # 300

**According to thy gracious word**

Tune: BANGOR

*All stand and say*

Prayer after Communion

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

The Blessing

*Presbyter* Christ our Saviour draw you to himself,  
that you may find in him crucified  
a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sin forgiven;  
† 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 | # 477

**Rock of ages, cleft for me**

Tune: TOPLADY

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

## The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

## Postlude

Postlude in a minor

Johann Christian Heinrich Rinck, 1770 - 1846

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 I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*  
Jeremiah 29:11

Monica Moses (26), Tiana John (27), M. Chacko (27),  
Anna Chacko (1<sup>st</sup> March), Ashra Iype (1)

### Wedding anniversary this week

*“I have found the one whom my soul loves.”*

Song of Solomon 3:4

Vijay & Meagan Pandian (1<sup>st</sup> March)

### Cathedral ministries... ..

*Get involved!*

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| • Sunday School      | Sunday morning during term time                                |
| • Women’s Fellowship | 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am                   |
| • Youth Fellowship   | 2 <sup>nd</sup> & 4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir              | Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm                             |

## Notices

- Please remember to pay your annual subscription before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted this morning 10.45 am. Questions will be based on the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah and Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians.
- *Christian Medical College (CMC)*, Vellore has announced admissions for various courses .The last date for receipt of all supporting documents is 25<sup>th</sup> March 2024. Christian candidates are encouraged to apply to be considered under the Minority Network category. Candidates who wish to apply to Marathi Mission for sponsorship, may contact: Mr. Nandakumar Shinde - 98205 44262, Mr. Mohan Luke - 92234 14998.
- A service to mark **The World Day of Prayer** will be held in the Cathedral on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2024 at 6.30 pm.This year's theme is, '*I beg you ... bear with one another in love.*' The order of service has been prepared by the Christian women of Palestine. All are encouraged to attend.

### Lenten Bible Study *and* Devotion *schedule*

Daily (all 40 days of Lent) ... .. 6 am to 6.30 am online ... .. Dawn prayer

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Wednesdays ... ..

7 pm online ... ..

Bible study

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Lent through

Passcode 123456

the Parables

21<sup>st</sup> February

28<sup>th</sup> February

6<sup>th</sup> March

13<sup>th</sup> March

20<sup>th</sup> March

Dr. Roji Thomas George

Reverend Dr. David Muthukumar

Reverend Watson Selvasingh

Deacon Paul George

Reverend Subhash Dongerdive

† **THE WORLD** This week we focus on the Asia Pacific region. We pray for peace and reconciliation between North and South Korea, and an end to North Korea's posturing through weapon testing • As Joko Widodo finishes his time as Indonesia's President, we give thanks for improvements achieved in economic growth and infrastructure, and pray democratic reform continues under the newly elected President, Prabowo Subianto • We pray for God's comfort for residents in the southern Philippines where, following weeks of heavy rain, continuing landslides have caused deaths, and many are missing.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We continue to pray that a workable solution might be found to the ongoing farmer protests taking place in the country. Pray for all whose decisions affect the lives of many.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** For the Church universal as the faithful walk their journey of faith this Lenten season • This week (28<sup>th</sup> February) the Church commemorates Brother Lawrence the 17<sup>th</sup> century monk and mystic • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Anglican Church of Tanzania and the Most Reverend Maimbo Mndolwa .

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Kali Charan Bannerji, 1847 - 1907 (*convert, national leader, baptised 1864*) is commemorated on 28<sup>th</sup> February. Banerjee is considered one of the great leaders and founders of 'the movement for emancipation'. He regularly addressed the Congress annual sessions, moulding the policy of the national movement and putting a number of proposals before the British government for administrative reforms • The Diocese of Patna and the Right Reverend Francis Hansda • The Diocese of Kollam-Kottarakkara.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** St. Stephen's Church, Bhandup (Tamil Pastorate) and the Reverend John Thavakumar.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • All pupils writing their std X and XII board examination • The choristers and the organist and choirmaster. Pray that more will be led forward to give of their time and talent to sing God's praise.

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