



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

*“Wake up, sleeper,
rise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”*

Ephesians 5: 14

Lord God Almighty, awaken me. Don't let me sleep spiritually! I now live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave Himself for me. By Your grace and for Your glory, I have risen from the dead to new life in Christ.



The Third Sunday in Lent

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 3rd March 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.

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

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Small Chorale Partita on, 'O Jesu, all mein Leben bist Du'
(‘O Jesu, you are my whole life’)

Petr Eben, 1929 - 2007

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

**Love will be our Lenten calling,
love to shake and shatter sin,
waking every closed, cold spirit,
stirring new life deep within,
till the quickened heart remembers
what our Easter birth can mean.**

Continued. Turn over.

² **Peace will be our Lenten living
as we turn for home again,
longing for the words of pardon,
stripping off old grief and pain,
till we stand, restored and joyful,
with the Church on Easter day.**

³ **Truth will be our Lenten learning:
hear the Crucified One call!
Shadowed by the Saviour's passion,
images and idols fall,
and, in Easter's holy splendour,
God alone is all in all.**

Words: Revd Elizabeth J Smith, b. 1956

Tune: PICARDY

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 364 & page 357

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 364**

Numbers 22:21 - 31

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

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 Henley

Psalm

35: 1 - 4, 9 & 10

Judica, Domine

Plead thou my cause, O Lord, with them that strive with me : and fight
thou against them that fight against me.

² Lay hand upon the shield and buckler : and stand up to help me.

³ Bring forth the spear, and stop the way against them that persecute me :
say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.

⁴ Let them be confounded and put to shame, that seek after my soul : let
them be turned back and brought to confusion, that imagine mischief
for me.

⁹ And, my soul, be joyful in the Lord : it shall rejoice in his salvation.

¹⁰ All my bones shall say, Lord, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the
poor from him that is too strong for him : yea, the poor, and him that
is in misery, from him that spoileth him?

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 366**

Ephesians 5:1 - 14

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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 | # 71

All ye who seek a comfort sure

Tune: ST. BERNARD

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 367**

St. Luke 11:14 - 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. 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.**

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together.

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated.

Sermon

Deacon Paul George

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 | # 484

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Tune: BRESLAU

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

God we implore thee, in Thy glory seated: Bow down and
hearken to Thy weeping children: Pity and pardon all our
grievous trespasses.

arr. John Scott, 1956 - 2015

Kneel as able or remain seated.

Litany

Intercessor

As we prepare for the Passion of the Lord, may our hearts be filled with integrity and repentance. Lord in your mercy;

All

Hear our Prayer.

We pray that the victims of war and violence, be helped and protected in their need. We pray especially for those who are responsible for the conflicts, that they may be given a change of heart and courage to end all violent acts.

Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

We pray for those displaced and homeless, through armed conflict, the changing environment and political intolerance.

Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

We pray especially for those, who are enslaved and unjustly deprived of liberty and freedom. May we work for justice and salvation in our world. Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

We pray for those afraid and in despair over how they are to live without employment or income, may we come to the aid of the poorest in our society. Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

We remember especially the sick, those in hospital and those who are housebound, those of our own families wherever they may be. May they get the care and treatment they need. Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

Let us pray for those who have recently died and for all our dead and for all who mourn that they may be comforted. Lord in your mercy;

Hear our Prayer.

Now let us pray for a few moments in silence for our own needs and intentions.

All keep a moments silence

The Presbyter

Almighty and ever-living God, as we prepare ourselves by a renewal in our practice of the faith, grant that we may follow Jesus' commandments joyfully, and celebrate his Passion, death and resurrection in true righteousness. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 | **# 459**

O love, how deep, how broad, how high!

Tune: EISENACH

All stand and say

Prayer after Communion

**God of our pilgrimage,
you have fed us with the bread of heaven.
Refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Blessing

Presbyter God,
who from the death of sin
raised you to new life in Christ,
keep you from falling
and set you in the presence of His glory;
† 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

**Would you be free from your burden of sin?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you o'er evil a victory win?
There's wonderful power in the blood.**

*There is power, power, wonder-working power;
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power, power, wonder-working power;
In the precious blood of the Lamb.*

² **Would you be free from your passion and pride?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Come for a cleansing to Calvary's tide,
There's wonderful power in the blood.**

³ **Would you do service for Jesus your King?
There's power in the blood, power in the blood;
Would you live daily His praises to sing?
There's wonderful power in the blood.**

Lewis E. Jones. 1865 - 1936

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

Allegretto in g Bernard Schmid, 1567 - 1625

**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.**

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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 & Saturday 5.30 pm |

Birthdays this week

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Sunita Gladston (3), Indira Pastala (4),
Meagan Pandian (5), Ann Iype (6)

Notices

- Next Sunday 10th March is Mothering Sunday.
- Please remember to pay your annual subscription before 31st March 2024.
- *Christian Medical College (CMC)*, Vellore has announced admissions for various courses. The last date for receipt of all supporting documents is 25th 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 of Thanksgiving to mark the completion of the restoration work of
THE CHURCH OF
ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
(Afghan War Memorial, Colaba)

This evening 4.30 pm
followed by a concert by the Paranjoti
Academy Chorus

Lenten Bible Study and Devotion schedule

Daily (all 40 days of Lent) 6 am to 6.30 am online Dawn prayer
Zoom ID 229 239 2476
Passcode 123456

Wednesdays 7 pm online Bible study
Zoom ID 229 239 2476 Lent through
Passcode 123456 the Parables

21 st February	Dr. Roji Thomas George
28 th February	Reverend Dr. David Muthukumar
6 th March	Reverend Watson Selvasingh
13 th March	Deacon Paul George
20 th March	Reverend Subhash Dongerdive

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray for a ceasefire leading to lasting peace between Israel and Hamas • For families grieving the loss of loved ones and the many injured in a massive fire in Dhaka that raged through a six-storey building home to restaurants where many families with children were dining • For honesty and integrity in the US election campaign • For a return to safety for shipping in the Red Sea and an end to Houthi rebel attacks.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We pray for the recovery of all those injured in the recent blast in a café in Bengaluru • 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 • The Church commemorates Perpetua and Felicitas on 7th March. They were martyred in Carthage (modern day Tunisia in N. Africa) in about the year 203 A.D. together with three others • The 13th century philosopher and theologian, Thomas Aquinas is commemorated on 8th March. His influence on Western thought is considerable, and much of modern philosophy was conceived as a reaction against, or as an agreement with, his ideas, particularly in the areas of ethics, natural law, metaphysics, and political theory. He is regarded as the patron of all universities and students • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Church of the Province of Uganda and the Most Reverend Stephen Kazimba.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Abdul Masih is commemorated on 5th March. Masih was an Indian indigenous missionary, an ordained Anglican and Lutheran minister, as well as a religious author. He is often referred to as the most influential indigenous Christian to shape nineteenth-century Christian missions in India. He was baptized in 1811 • The Diocese of Phulbani and the Most Reverend Bijaya Kumar Nayak (CNI Moderator) • The Diocese of Madhya (Central) Kerala and the Right Reverend Dr. Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** The Church of St. John the Evangelist, Colaba and the Reverend Joel Vedamruthraj. This beautiful church was built as a war memorial to the fallen in the Anglo Afghan Wars. We give thanks for the completion of the major restoration work.

† **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.

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