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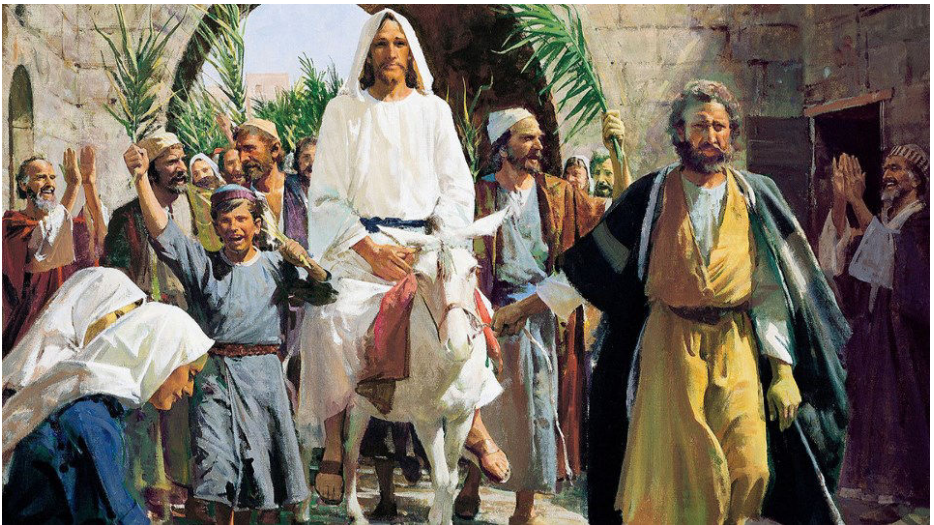


*The Church of North India*  
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Sundays 7 am Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 am Eucharist (*sung*)  
Weekdays 7 am to 6 pm for a time of quiet prayer and reflection

# Palm Sunday

## *The Sunday of the Passion*



*Choral Eucharist*  
*with blessing of palms and procession*

Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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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### *The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ: Palm Sunday*

Today's liturgy marks the beginning of Holy Week. In this Palm Sunday service we journey with Jesus as he is welcomed in triumph upon entering Jerusalem and then utterly rejected and crucified at Golgotha outside the gates of the city.

Today's reading of Christ's passion sets forth the central act of God's love for humankind. We are not just observers but are part of the passion of Christ and through it we come to know the reality of God's saving action in our lives. Holy Week will culminate in the celebration of the Triduum—the Sacred Three Days of Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection.

# 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

Valet will ich dir geben  
(‘Farewell, I gladly bid thee’), *BWV 735*      Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

Welcome

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, during Lent we have been preparing by works of love and self-sacrifice for the celebration of our Lord’s death and resurrection.

Today we come together to begin this solemn celebration in union with the Church throughout the world. Christ enters his own city to complete his work as our Saviour, to suffer, to die, and to rise again.

Let us go with him in faith and love, so that, united with him in his sufferings, we may share his risen life.

*The congregation gathers in the porch. Carry this service booklet with you.*

## Commemoration of the Lord’s entry into Jerusalem

*All repeat after the Cantor*

**Hosanna to the Son of David, the King of Israel.  
Blessèd is He who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Words: St. Matthew 21:9

Music: Harrison Oxley, 1933 - 2009

*Presbyter*      Blessèd is the One who comes in the name of the Lord:

*All*              **Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

## The Blessing of Palms

*All hold up palms or branches while this prayer is said by the Presbyter*

† Bless, we beseech Thee, O Lord,  
these branches, and crosses of palm;  
and grant that, as Thy people do on this day  
outwardly venerate Thee,  
they may inwardly love Thee  
with such devotion that their love  
may be shown forth in good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who with Thee and the Holy Spirit  
liveth and reigneth for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Palm Gospel

*Mark 11. 1 - 11*

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus and his disciples were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, Why are you doing this? just say this, The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately.' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting,  
'Hosanna!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David!

Hosanna in the highest heaven!

Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

Let us go forth praising Jesus our Messiah.

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*All join in singing the hymn*

## Hymn at the Procession

*All glory, laud, and honour,  
To Thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.*

<sup>2</sup> **Thou art the King of Israel,  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessèd One.**

<sup>3</sup> **The company of Angels  
Are praising Thee on high,  
And mortal men and all things  
Created make reply.**

<sup>4</sup> **The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before Thee we present.**

<sup>5</sup> **To Thee, before Thy passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
Our melody we raise.**

<sup>6</sup> **Thou didst accept their praises;  
Accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest,  
Thou good and gracious King.**

Words: Theodulph of Orleans (750 - 821);  
trans. by John Mason Neale

Tune: ST THEODULPH  
(VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN)  
Melchior Teschner c. 1613;  
harmonised by J. S. Bach

*All take their places and join in singing*

**Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
Give me joy in my heart, keep me praising,  
Keep me praising till the break of day:**

*Refrain*    **Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King of kings.  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
Sing hosanna to the King.**

<sup>2</sup> **Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
Give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
Give me peace in my heart, keep me loving,  
Keep me loving till the break of day**

<sup>3</sup> **Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Give me love in my heart, I pray;  
Give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
Keep me serving till the break of day:**

*Please be seated*

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

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The Collects for the Day | **pages 373 & 357**

*Read by the Presbyter*

Old Testament Reading | **page 373**

*Zechariah 9. 9-12*

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Zechariah.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Sung by the choir to a chant by Macfarren*

*Miserere mei, Deus*

BE merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me, for my soul trusteth in thee : and under the shadow of thy wings shall be my refuge, until this tyranny be over-past.

<sup>2</sup> I will call unto the most high God : even unto the God that shall perform the cause which I have in hand.

<sup>3</sup> He shall send from heaven : and save me from the reproof of him that would eat me up.

<sup>4</sup> God shall send forth his mercy and truth : my soul is among lions.

<sup>5</sup> And I lie even among the children of men, that are set on fire : whose teeth are spears and arrows, and their tongue a sharp sword.

<sup>6</sup> Set up thyself, O God, above the heavens : and thy glory above all the earth.

*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 374**

*Philippians 2. 5 - 11*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

*At the conclusion of the reading:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn*

## Gradual Hymn | **# 102**

O sacred head, sore wounded v.v. 1, 2 & 4

*Tune: PASSION CHORALE*



## The Passion of our Lord

*Narrator* The Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Mark.

And as soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him,

*Pilate* ‘Are you the King of the Jews?’

*Jesus* ‘You say so.’

*Narrator* Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again,

*Pilate* ‘Have you no answer?  
See how many charges they bring against you.’

*Narrator* But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed. Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them,

*Pilate* ‘Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?’

*Narrator* For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again,

*Pilate* ‘Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?’

*Crowd (ALL)* **‘Crucify him!’**

*Pilate* ‘Why, what evil has he done?’

*Crowd (ALL)* **‘Crucify him!’**

*Narrator*

So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort. And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him,

*Crowd (ALL)*

**'Hail, King of the Jews!'**

*Narrator*

They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,

*Crowd (ALL)*

**'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!'**

*Narrator*

In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying,

*Crowd (ALL)*

**'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.'**

*Narrator* Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice,

*Jesus* 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?'

*Narrator* which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,

*Crowd (ALL)* **'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.'**

*Narrator* And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying,

*Bystander* 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.'

*Narrator* Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said,

*Centurion* 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

*A moment of silence is kept.*

*All sing* **Majesty, worship His Majesty;  
unto Jesus be glory, honour, and praise.  
Majesty, kingdom authority,  
flows from His throne unto His own, His anthem raise.  
So exalt, lift up on high the name of Jesus,  
magnify, come glorify, Christ Jesus, the King.  
Majesty, worship His Majesty,  
Jesus who died, now glorified, King of all kings.**

Jack Hayford, 1934 - 2023

*Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together.*

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

*Please be seated.*

## Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

# *The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*All stand*

## The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.*

Once we were far off, but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near through the shedding of Christ's blood, for he is our 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 | # 94

***The royal banners forward go***

Tune: HURSLEY

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

*All say*

## Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*Please be seated*

## Anthem

*Sung by the choir*

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us: Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Words: Collect for the visitation of the sick

Music: Sir John Goss, 1800 - 1880

*Kneel as able or remain seated.*

## Litany for Holy Week

*Intercessor*

We stand with Christ in his suffering.

For forgiveness for the many times we have denied Jesus,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All*

**Lord, have mercy.**

For grace to seek out those habits of sin which mean  
spiritual death,  
and by prayer and self-discipline to overcome them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For Christian people,  
that through the suffering of disunity  
there may grow a rich union in Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who make laws, interpret them,  
and administer them,  
that our common life may be ordered  
in justice and mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who still make Jerusalem a battleground,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who have the courage and honesty to work  
openly for justice and peace,  
Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those in the darkness and agony of isolation,  
that they may find support and encouragement,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who, weighed down with hardship, failure, or  
sorrow, feel that God is far from them,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who are tempted to give up the way of the  
cross, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

*Intercessor*

That we, with those who have died in faith,  
may find mercy in the day of Christ,  
let us pray to the Lord.

*All*

**Lord, have mercy.**

Trisagion

*All*

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

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

**A crown of thorns adorns His brow  
Yet in His heart He feels for us  
Hanging from that wooden Cross  
Bearing all our sin and dross.**

<sup>2</sup> **His eyes with tears so filled with pain  
Of all the torture and the shame  
He looks upon us so sinful stained  
Suffering for all what we will gain.**

<sup>3</sup> **His hands were pierced with iron nails  
Stretched in love for us today  
Leading us in our earthly sway  
Carrying us on our homeward way.**

<sup>4</sup> **His feet with those deep nail marked scars  
Marking his footsteps next to ours  
And when the rough storms come our way  
It's only his steps our eyes will lay.**

<sup>5</sup> **And as we live our lives each day  
Seeking our Lord's rough narrow way  
In faith we tread to our heavenly shore  
Salvation gained for our weary soul.**

Sebastian Anchees, b. 1953

*All stand and say*

## Prayer after Communion

**Faithful God,  
may we who share this banquet  
glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
our salvation, life and hope,  
who reigns as Lord now and for ever.  
Amen.**

*All sing*

**It is a thing most wonderful,  
Almost too wonderful to be,  
That God's own Son should come from heaven,  
And die to save a child like me.**

**I sometimes think about the Cross,  
And shut my eyes, and try to see  
The cruel nails and crown of thorns,  
And Jesus crucified for me.**

Words: Bishop W. W. How, 1823 - 97

Tune: HERONGATE  
English traditional melody

## The Blessing

*The Presbyter*

May the Spirit,  
who strengthens us to suffer with Christ  
that we may share his glory,  
set your minds on life and peace.  
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 | # 620

***Ride on! ride on in majesty!***

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

*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

March *from Athalie* ... .. Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, 1809 - 1847

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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## Birthdays this week

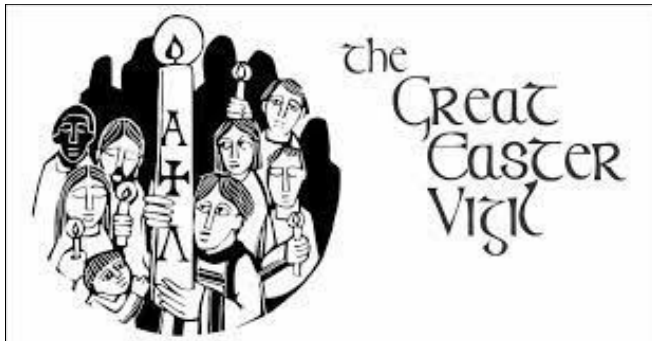
*“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”*

Ephesians 2:10

Mr. Jeffry Frazer (24), Dr. Malathy Samuel (25), Mrs. Omana Mathew (25),  
Mr. Rohit Jacob (25), Yohan Gupte (25),  
Mr. Shantha Kumar (27), Mrs. Ria George (28)

## Notices

- There will be daily services during the course of Holy Week. All are warmly encouraged to attend. A detailed listing of services is given overleaf.
- We express our thanks to all the speakers who led online Bible study during the Lenten season this year.
- Our thanks to Godrej gardens for supplying palm fronds this morning.
- Please remember to pay your annual subscription before 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.



**Holy Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2024**

**8 pm**

The Great Vigil of Easter is one of the oldest liturgies of the Church. A deeply moving service with the lighting of the Easter fire. The service begins in darkness as we process in to the Cathedral. The light of Christ is spread from the newly lit Paschal candle. We hear God’s word and celebrate the first Eucharist for Easter.

All are welcome.

## HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2024

<b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	8.45 am	Eucharist (choral) with Procession and the Blessing and Distribution of Palms
24 <sup>th</sup> March		
Monday in Holy Week	6.30 pm	Holy Week Meditation in Word and Organ Music
25 <sup>th</sup> March		
Tuesday in Holy Week	6.30 pm	“Hymns of the Faith” Passiontide hymns with reflection on the stories of the hymn writers
26 <sup>th</sup> March		
Wednesday in Holy Week	6.30 pm	Holy Week Meditation in Word and Organ Music
27 <sup>th</sup> March		
<b>MAUNDY THURSDAY</b>	6.30 pm	Eucharist (choral) with Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar followed by Vigil
28 <sup>th</sup> March		
<b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	9 am to 12 noon	Meditation on the Seven Words from the Cross
29 <sup>th</sup> March		
<b>THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER</b>	8 pm	Lighting of the Paschal Candle and the First Eucharist of Easter
Holy Saturday		
30 <sup>th</sup> March		
<b>EASTER DAY</b>	9 am	A joyful sung service of Holy Eucharist with canticles, hymns, readings and sermon
Sunday		
31 <sup>st</sup> March		

### Cathedral ministries... ..

*Get involved!*

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sunday School</li> <li>• Women’s Fellowship</li> <li>• Youth Fellowship</li> <li>• Choir</li> </ul> | <p>Sunday morning during term time</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am</p> <p>2<sup>nd</sup> &amp; 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 am</p> <p>Sunday 10.45 am &amp; Saturday 5.30 pm</p> |
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# Quiet Times

Hymns of the Faith



**Tuesday in Holy Week 26<sup>th</sup> March  
6.30pm**

We hear inspirational stories  
behind some of the well-loved hymns  
we like to sing.

In story, song and scripture we  
prepare ourselves for the journey to Calvary.

*All are welcome*



## **The Donkey**

by G. K. Chesterton

When fishes flew and forests walked  
And figs grew upon thorn,  
Some moment when the moon was blood  
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry  
And ears like errant wings,  
The devil's walking parody  
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,  
Of ancient crooked will;  
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,  
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;  
One far fierce hour and sweet:  
There was a shout about my ears,  
And palms before my feet.

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week we focus on the Asia Pacific region. We pray for the people of Myanmar as the military plans to enforce conscription • As the UN calls for donations to provide food and aid, our prayers continue that the needs of more than a million Rohingya refugees received by Bangladesh can be met • Our continued and fervent prayers for lasting peace in the Holy Land and an end to the war between Russia and Ukraine.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for our country in the run-up to general elections. Remember the Election Commission and the enormous responsibility they have.

† **OUR CITY** Pray for the newly appointed Municipal Commissioner of Mumbai, Mr. Bhushan Gagrani. We give thanks for the leadership (particularly during the difficult months of the pandemic) of the outgoing Commissioner Mr. Iqbal Chahal.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** For the Church universal as we prepare for our journey to Calvary during Holy Week • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Church of the Province of West Africa and the Most Reverend Cyril Smith.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Sambalpur and the Right Reverend Dr. Pinuel Dip • The Diocese of Coimbatore and the Right Reverend Timothy Ravinder.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Thomas's Church, Ambernath and the Reverend Samson Balid.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all church services during Holy Week • All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • All pupils writing their std X and XII board examination • We pray for God's comforting presence to be with the families of Mr. Premanand Telgote whose mother passed away last Sunday and Mrs. Mary (Shoba) Abraham whose father passed away the week before.

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