

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI
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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

REFLECTION FOR EASTERTIDE

In the quiet of Easter, within the sacred cycle of the Christian year, we find ourselves at the threshold of a profound mystery: the Resurrection of Jesus Christ. Here, in this moment of moments, is where hope intertwines with renewal, where the very essence of life asserts its victory over the shadow of death.

As we contemplate the sacrifice of Christ, we are reminded that the sins for which He died are often those committed against one another. This realization calls us to a deeper understanding of love and forgiveness. As we celebrate the Resurrection this Easter, let us also contemplate the personal resurrections unfolding within each of us—those divine moments of grace guiding us nearer to the true selves that God sees.

This Easter, may your hearts be filled with the joy and serenity of the Risen Christ, secure in the knowledge that at every part of our voyage, we are accompanied by a God who transforms our uncertainties into belief, our despair into hope, and our endings into new beginnings.

The First Sunday of Easter

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 7th April 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*.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

J. G. Walther, 1684 - 1748 Prelude on the hymn, 'Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
the King of creation'

Alfred Fedak, b. 1953 The Kingsfold Trumpet ('I heard the voice of Jesus say')

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

*In resurrectione tua, Christe,
cœli et terra laetentur.*

In thy resurrection, O Christ,
let heaven and earth rejoice.

Taizé' chant by Jacques Berthier, 1923 - 1944

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Come, embrace the risen Christ.

All

Come, embrace the Prince of peace.

Come, embrace his pierced hands.

Come, meet your Lord and your God.

All sing

Entrance Hymn| # 625

The strife is o'er

Tune: VICTORY

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 417**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 417**

Ezekiel 37:1 - 10

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

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

126

In convertendo

WHEN the Lord turned again the captivity of Sion : then were we like unto them that dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter : and our tongue with joy.

³ Then said they among the heathen : The Lord hath done great things for them.

⁴ Yea, the Lord hath done great things for us already : whereof we rejoice.

⁵ Turn our captivity, O Lord : as the rivers in the south.

⁶ They that sow in tears : shall reap in joy.

⁷ He that now goeth on his way weeping, and beareth forth good seed : shall doubtless come again with joy, and bring his sheaves with him.

All stand

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 418**

1 St. John 5:4 - 12

A reading from the First Letter of John.

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 worship song.

Gradual Worship Song

**Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his Name.**

- 1. Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
He is the King of creation.**
- 2. Spread the good news o'er all the earth:
Jesus has died and has risen.**
- 3. We have been crucified with Christ.
Now we shall live for ever.**

D. Fishel, b. 1950

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.
Jesus said, "You believe because you can see me.
Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe."
Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 419**

St. John 20:19 - 23

The Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and with thy spirit.**

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**

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.

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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 | # 135

Love's redeeming work is done

Tune: SAVANNAH

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All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be
perfected by his prayer.
Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.
Lord, hear us.

All

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle
rule. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or
sorrow. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your promises.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in
your service. Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**
Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship
at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Proper Preface for Eastertide | *page 279*

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 | *# 131*

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain

Tune: AVE VIRGO VIRGINUM

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

Presbyter God the Father,
by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life.
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

Recessional Hymn

**I serve a risen Saviour, He's in the world today;
I know that He is living, whatever men may say;
I see His hand of mercy, I hear His voice of cheer,
And just the time I need Him, He's always near.**

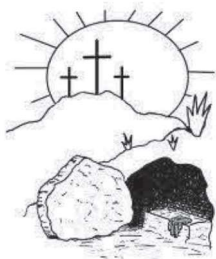
Refrain **He lives, He lives, Christ Jesus lives today!
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.
He lives, He lives, salvation to impart!
You ask me how I know He lives? He lives within my heart.**

**² In all the world around me I see His loving care,
And though my heart grows weary, I never will despair;
I know that He is leading, through all the stormy blast,
The day of His appearing will come at last.**

**³ Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian, lift up your voice and sing
Eternal hallelujahs to Jesus Christ the King!
The Hope of all who seek Him, the Help of all who find,
None other is so loving, so good and kind.**

Words & Music: Alfred Henry Ackley, 1887 - 1960

Tune: ACKLEY



From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All

**In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.**

Postlude

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

'Christ lag in Todesbanden', BWV 625

*Christ lay in death's bonds, given for our sin;
He is risen again.*

**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.**



*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are offered
in loving memory of
Mr. L. R. Stanley
father of Rita Kamal, Sera and Kiran
to mark his birth anniversary (3rd April).*

Notices

- Our search for volunteers to assist with the livestreaming of services continues. If you can assist on a rota basis, please approach the Presbyter.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children to Sunday School every week.
- Young people are requested to be active participants in the Youth Fellowship.
- We are always looking out for more voices to join the Cathedral choir. If you enjoy singing and can make a weekly commitment please drop in for choir practice 10.45 am after service.
- You are requested to carry this bulletin home with you. Please do not leave this booklet behind. Make use of the Bible reading references during the week. Pray for and wish fellow congregants on their birthdays and wedding anniversaries. There is an exhaustive prayer request list printed weekly. Make use of this during your family prayers.

Birthdays this week

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son,
that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

John 3:15

Rebecca Baker (9), Elizabeth George (11), Sarah Phillips (11)

'The Day He Wore My Crown'

The Resurrection Story in Song

The Stop-Gaps Choral Ensemble
Conductors : Rohit Raj / Alfred J. D'Souza

The Church of St. John the Evangelist
(Afghan War Memorial Church)
Colaba, Mumbai - 5
Saturday 13th April 2024, 7 pm

Admission is open and free to all



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 |

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** A powerful earthquake, the strongest in 25 years hit Taiwan last week. Rescuers were still working to free dozens of people trapped in the rubble of landslides and collapsed structures as tremors still rocked the area. Our prayers are with all those who lost loved ones in their families and among friends in this powerful earthquake and its aftershocks. Our thoughts and petitions are also with all those involved in the rescue work.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Lord God, as the general elections approach, we seek to better understand the issues and concerns that confront our country, and how the Gospel compels us to respond as faithful citizens in our community.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The 19th century Evangelist, Adoniran Judson, is commemorated on 12th April. Judson was an American linguist and Baptist missionary in Myanmar (Burma), who translated the Bible into Burmese and wrote a now standard Burmese dictionary. He founded a church, established schools, and trained preachers. From his pioneering efforts there eventually arose a Baptist Christian community • The Evangelist Joseph Damien is commemorated on 12th April. Father Damien was a Belgian priest who worked as a missionary at the Molo-kai leprosy settlement (in Hawaii). Caring for leprosy patients Father Damien himself contracted leprosy. After his diagnosis, he wrote, 'I remain calm, resigned, and very happy in the midst of my people' • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Province of Alexandria and the Right Reverend Samy Fawzy. This Province extends over ten countries: Mauritania, Algeria, Tunisia, Libya, Chad, Egypt, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Somalia and Djibouti.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Martyrs of Thane are commemorated on 9th April. Thomas of Tolentino (c. 1255 - 1321) was a medieval Franciscan missionary who was martyred with his three companions in Thane • The Diocese of Amritsar and the Most Reverend Dr. P. K. Samantaroy (former Moderator) • The Diocese of Kanyakumari, and the Right Reverend Anantha Raj Rayappan Chelliah.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for Wesley Church, Colaba and the Reverend Graham Engineer.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • Mrs. Ruth Suryakant Magar, beloved mother of Sandeep, Sonal and Pritam passed away on 5th April 2024. We pray for God's comforting presence to be with the family at this time • This week for the Cathedral Trustees.

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