



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



Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayers for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food. The word "rogation" is from the Latin *rogare*, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, beseeching God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest.

Rogation provides us with the opportunity to praise the Creator God, give thanks for our food and those who produce it; to pray a blessing on the communities in which we live and share together. Let us celebrate however we can, in thankfulness for all we have been given.

Rogation Sunday

with procession to garden

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 5th May 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

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750 'Erstanden ist der heilige Christ', BWV 628
(‘Christ our Lord is risen today’)

Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852 - 1924 Prelude on an old Irish tune
(‘God be in my head’), *Op. 101 No. 5*

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Cantate Domino canticum novum. Alleluia.

Cantate Domino omnis terra. Alleluia.

Words: Psalm 96

*Sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth!*

*Music: Taizé! chant by
Jacques Berthier, 1923 - 1944*

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

All

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:
sing His praise and exalt Him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:
sing His praise and exalt Him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:
bless the Lord all you His hosts;
sing His praise and exalt Him for ever.

All sing

Entrance Hymn | # 475

Rejoice, O land

Tune: WAREHAM

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Rogation Sunday | page 427

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | page 427

Joel 2: 21 - 27

A reading from the Book of Joel.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

While seated, sing the refrain

Responsorial Psalm

104

Refrain (all) **Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

¹. Praise the Lord O my soul,
O Lord God, your glory is great:
How manifold are your works,
In wisdom you have made them all.

R

². All creatures look to you,
To give them their food to eat:
When you open your hand, they are filled with good,
When you hide your face, they pine away.

R

3. When you take away their breath they die,
 And return to the earth whence they came:
 When you send forth your spirit, all things spring to life
 And the face of the earth is renewed. **R**
4. The glory of the Lord shall never cease,
 The Lord shall rejoice in all His works:
 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
 I will praise my God, while my breath remain. **R**

The Epistle | **page 428**

St. James 1:22 - 27

A reading from the Letter of James.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing.

Gradual Hymn

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| <p>1. Morning has broken
 Like the first morning
 Blackbird has spoken
 Like the first bird.
 Praise for the singing!
 Praise for the morning!
 Praise for them, springing
 Fresh from the Word!</p> | <p>2. Sweet the rain's new fall
 Sunlit from heaven,
 Like the first dewfall
 On the first grass.
 Praise for the sweetness
 Of the wet garden,
 Sprung in completeness
 Where his feet pass.</p> |
| <p>3. Mine is the sunlight!
 Mine is the morning
 Born of the one light
 Eden saw play!
 Praise with elation,
 praise every morning,
 God's re-creation
 Of the new day!</p> | |

Words: Eleanor Farjeon, 1881 - 1965

Tune: BUNESSAN, Gaelic melody

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 428**

St. John 16:23 - 33

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.

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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

- ^{1.} This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas –
His hand the wonders wrought.**
- ^{2.} This is my Father's world:
The birds their carols raise,
The morning light, the lily white,
Declare their Maker's praise.
This is my Father's world:
He shines in all that's fair;
In the rustling grass I hear Him pass,
He speaks to me everywhere.**

Continued

3. **This is my Father's world,
 O let me ne'er forget
 That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
 God is the Ruler yet.
 This is my Father's world:
 Why should my heart be sad?
 The Lord is King: let the heavens ring!
 God reigns; let earth be glad!**

Words: Maltbie Babcock, 1858 - 1901

Tune: TERRA PATRIS
 Franklin Sheppard, 1852 - 1930

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or remain seated.

Rogationtide Prayers

Intercessor

Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.
 Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.
 Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed.
 We ask in faith:

All

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
 Prosper the work of our hands;
 may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
 free the exploited and oppressed.
 We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
 Guide into a sustainable future,
 and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.
 We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.
 Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
 and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.
 We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

Intercessor

Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.
We ask in faith:

All

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.

We ask you to hear us, good Lord,
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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.

While seated, all sing

Hymn | # 309

For the beauty of the earth

Tune: ENGLAND'S LANE

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour His blessing upon all things created, and upon us His children,
that we may use His gifts to God's glory
and the welfare of all peoples.

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 | # 568

Daily, daily sing the praises

Tune: DAILY, DAILY

*The congregation walks in procession through the north door
into the church garden*

Blessing of the Church Garden

Presbyter

Thank you, Lord for our gardens and allotments,
for the digging and planting, for the growing and the harvest;
through all this may our faith be renewed by your Spirit
which brings new life and hope,
and may we be inspired to care for all your creation.
Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

All sing

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

Presbyter

Our gardens give us pleasure; we plant and see things grow;
the flowers, shrubs and roses all make a splendid show.
Help us to love this planet, as much as our own plot;
to care for and improve it – or we will lose the lot!

All

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the, Lord,
O thank the Lord, for all his love.**

All sing

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Words: Thomas O Chisholm, 1866-1960

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

The Dismissal

Presbyter
All

God the Father, Lord of creation,
have mercy upon us.
God the Son, through whom all things were made,
have mercy upon us.
God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,
have mercy upon us.
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God,
have mercy upon us.
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.”

Proverbs 9:11

Dr. Kamal Jadhav (5), Dr. Priya David (9), Mr. Aarvind Charles (9),
Mrs. Jaisy Desai (11)

Wedding Anniversaries

“Do everything in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:14

Mr. Rajeev and Mrs. Alfreda Ohol (7), Mr. Reuben & Dr. Kamal Jadhav (8),
Mr. Sathia Solomonraj & Mrs. Nalina Sathia Raj (11)



Come celebrate the
Ascension
with an open air Eucharist in the Cathedral garden

Thursday 9th May at 7 a.m.

- A memorial service to celebrate the life of Mrs. Ruth Magar (beloved mother of Sandeep, Sonal and Pritam) will be held next Sunday 12th May 10.45 am. All are warmly invited.
- The **Day of Pentecost (Whitsunday)** is on Sunday 19th May.
- After classes this morning, Sunday School will next resume in the second week of June.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** As we continue to pray for negotiations to find peaceful solutions to all issues in the Middle East, we pray for a resolution to the standoff between authorities and protesters at United States Universities • Pray for a return to normalcy in areas of the world experiencing extreme weather conditions.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Continue to pray for our country as elections are under way to elect the 543 members of the 18th Lok Sabha.

O Heavenly Father we thank you for our nation.

As our nation goes in for general election, we the citizens pray for good leaders, for your choice of leaders, to lead this country with wisdom and sincerity.

May your Holy Spirit guide every single citizen of India.

Grant us leaders who will lead the nation in peace and harmony.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** On Ascension Day (9th May) we celebrate that the Son of Man is exalted to the right hand of God • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Anglican Episcopal Church of Brazil and the Most Reverend Marinez Rosa Dos Santos Bassotto.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The martyrs of Delhi are commemorated on 11th May. On this day in 1857 the Revd Midgley John Jennings (founder of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel's Mission to Delhi) was killed in Delhi along with his family and other members of the mission at the outbreak of the rebellion of 1857 • Krishna Mohan Bannerjea (educationist, baptised in 1832) is commemorated on 11th May • The Diocese of Bombay and the Right Reverend Prakash Patole • The Diocese of Tirunelveli and the Right Reverend A. Barnabas.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the Church of North India Marathi congregation in Virar and the Reverend Sanjay Salvi.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • This week for the church sextons and security guards.

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 |

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