



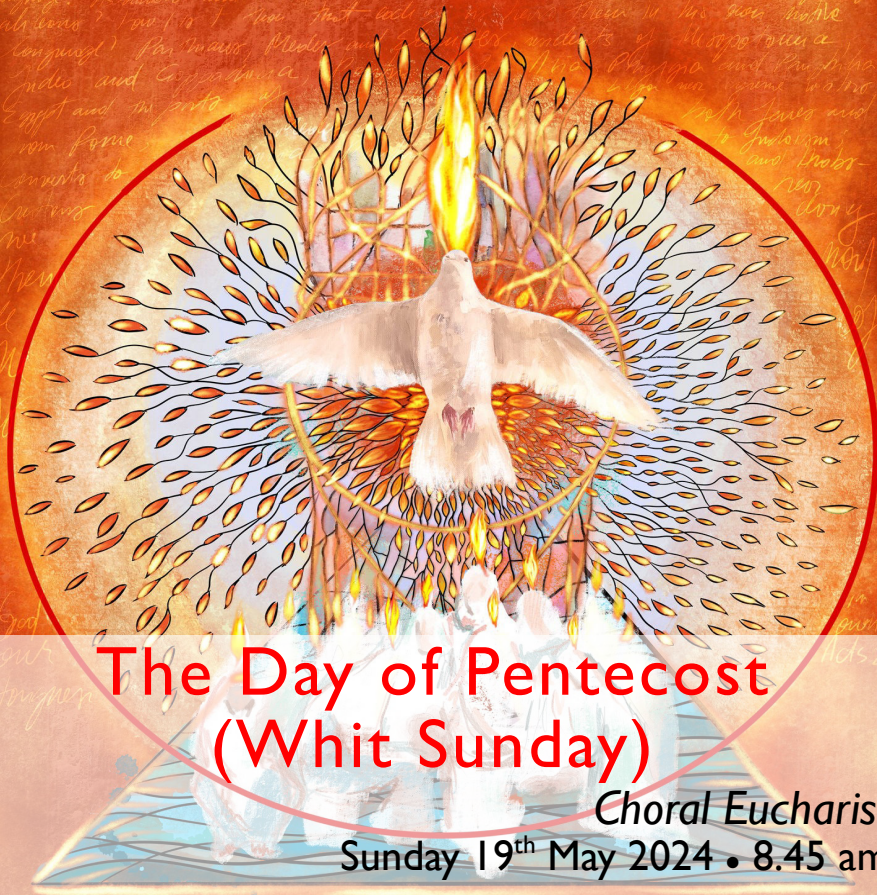
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MUMBAI
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The Church of North India
A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

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

Come Holy Spirit!
Fill our hearts with your love!



The Day of Pentecost
(Whit Sunday)

Choral Eucharist
Sunday 19th May 2024 • 8.45 am

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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THE DAY OF PENTECOST

Whit Sunday



Pentecost, the fiftieth and final day of the Easter season, celebrates the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the apostles and the establishment of the Church through the preaching of the apostles and the baptism of the thousands who on that day believed in the Gospel message. The day emphasizes that the Church is understood as the body of Christ, which is drawn together and given life by the Holy Spirit. It is, therefore, a fitting day to welcome new Christians through baptism, and for us to renew our own baptismal vows.

Luke's record of the Spirit's coming at Pentecost (Acts 2) is exciting. There is wind and fire, and the world is turned upside down. John's account (John 20: 19 - 23) is set at Easter and appears much quieter. In both, though, there is a sense of preparation as the disciples are equipped for future ministry. The key is that the Spirit will guide them into all the truth (John 16:13). The experience of two thousand years bears this out, as the Spirit continually reveals new truth about God, with more yet to be discovered. This is exciting, as much as was the first Pentecost.

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Improvisation on the chant, '*Veni Creator Spiritus*'
("Come Holy Ghost")

John Cook, 1918 - 84

Welcome and Introduction

The 'birthday of the Church'

Pentecost Sunday recognizes that the risen Lord Jesus is no longer physically present to Christians; Christians are now to be the new 'body of Christ', filled with his life through the gift of the Holy Spirit. Through the life-giving power of the Holy Spirit, the apostles were given the strength and boldness to take the message of the Good News of Christ to all the world. The events of the first Pentecost Day brought the nascent church to birth, hence is often referred to as the 'church's birthday': at Pentecost we pray that the same Holy Spirit would guide and strengthen Christians today in mission and ministry.

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Come Holy Spirit, hear us calling to You.
Come give Your gift, edify Your Church;
come bring Your truth; glorify our Lord;
come, be our guide, point the way,
come walk beside.

Words & Music: Mark Foreman

All stand and face the West Door.

Opening Prayer

Presbyter The Day of Pentecost is here!
Come, Holy Spirit,
come, fill the Church
with the gifts earth can neither produce
nor afford.

Today as we receive the Spirit,
of which Jesus spoke,
let us rejoice that now and for ever
this world is filled with your presence.

All **Amen.**

Responsory

Presbyter As we wait in silence,
All **fill us with your Spirit.**

As we listen to your Word,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we worship you in majesty,
fill us with your Spirit.

As we long for your empowering,
fill us with your Spirit.

All sing

Entry Hymn| # 437

Love, divine all loves excelling

Tune: STAINER

Please be seated.

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Pentecost: Whit Sunday | page 440

Read by the Presbyter

First Reading | page 441

Deuteronomy 16:9 - 12

A reading from the Book of Deuteronomy

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

While seated, join in singing the response

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 33 • *Exultate, justi*

Response (all): **O taste and see that the Lord is good.**

Let the righteous rejoice in the Lord:
It is good to give Him thanks and praise.
For the word of the Lord is true,
And in all His deeds He is faithful. **R**

² By His word were the heavens made,
And all the stars by the breath of His mouth.
He spoke the word and it was done;
He commanded and it came to pass. **R**

³ The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous,
And His ear is open to their cry,
To deliver their souls from death,
And to feed them in the time of dearth. **R**

⁴ We patiently wait on the Lord,
For He is our help and our shield.
Let your steadfast love guard and keep us,
O Lord, for our hope is in you. **R**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All kneel as able or sit and join in singing


Gradual Hymn | **# 153**

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire

Tune: VENI CREATOR

*All stand for the Gospel
as the cantor sings the Alleluia and we respond.*

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia



A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia,
A - le - lu - ia, A - le - lu - ia!

Cantor Come, Holy Spirit come,
fill the hearts of the faithful
and kindle in them
the fire of your love.

Words: Fintan O'Carroll (1922-81)
and Christopher Walker (b.1947)

Tune: CELTIC ALLELUIA

The Gospel of Christ | **page 442**

St. John 14:15 - 31

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

Anthem

Sung by choir

The Holy Spirit came at Pentecost,
He came in mighty fullness then;
His witness through believers won the lost,
And multitudes were born again.
The early Christians scattered o'er the world,
They preached the gospel fearlessly;
Though some were martyred and to lions hurled,
They marched along in victory!

*Come, Holy Spirit, dark is the hour
We need Your filling, Your love and Your mighty power;
Move now among us, stir us, we pray,
Come, Holy Spirit, revive the Church today!*

John W. Peterson, 1921 - 2006

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Celebrant

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.
The peace of the Lord be always with you

All

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 | # 396

Gracious Spirit, Holy Ghost

Tune: CAPETOWN # 501

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please be seated.

While seated, all sing

Invocation

**Holy Spirit, gift bestower,
Breathe into our hearts today,
Flowing water, dove that hovers,
Holy Spirit, guide our way.
Love inspirer, joy releaser,
Spirit take our fears away,
Reconciler, peace restorer,
Move among us while we pray.**

The Renewal of the Baptismal Vows

Presbyter

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and
renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

All

I do.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

I will, with God's help.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall
into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

I will, with God's help.

Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of
God in Christ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your
neighbour as yourself ?

I will, with God's help.

Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and
respect the dignity of every human being?

I will, with God's help.

**Holy Spirit, Christ proclaimer,
Wisdom bringer, light our way.
Fire that dances, wind that whispers,
Holy Spirit, come today.
Ease disturber, comfort bearer,
Move among us while we pray.
Truth revealer, faith confirmer,
Rest within our hearts today.**

Words: Anonymous

Tune: Welsh tune, YR HUN GÂN

Intercessor We thank you for the breath of your Holy Spirit,
given us by the risen Lord.
We ask you to keep the whole Church,
living and departed,
in the joy of eternal life.
Lord, come to bless us

All **and fill us with your Spirit.**
Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah
at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Proper Preface for Whit Sunday | *page 280*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

At this time the choir sings

By the grace of the Spirit
we find God in mist of dawn,
in the shadows of the forest,
in the leaping of the fawn.

We discover in hushed moments
God's own serenity, and we sing Alleluia.

By the grace of the Spirit
we find God in music's air
as both song and joyous anthem
bind our hearts in concord rare.

In the melodies of grateful praise
we define God's sanctity, and we sing Alleluia.

By the grace of the Spirit
we find God in Bethlehem's stall
in Epiphany, in passion,
on the Cross Christ bore for all.

We acknowledge the ascension
of the blessed Lamb of God, and we sing Alleluia.

By the grace of the Spirit
we exalt the Father's name
when we validate in mission
full redemption through Christ's claim.

May the counsel of the Spirit
guide us in God's holy way as we sing Alleluia.

Words: Evelyn Miller

Music: Andrew Gant, b. 1963

All stand and sing

Pentecost Commissioning
and Blessing

Presbyter

We have celebrated the mystery of God's love for us
and celebrated the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ
over the powers of sin and death.

We have proclaimed God's mighty acts and we have
prayed that the power that was at work when God raised
Jesus from the dead might be at work in us.

As part of God's Church as followers of Jesus Christ,
I call upon you to live out what you proclaim.

Empowered by the Holy Spirit,
will you dare to walk into God's future,
trusting Him every day to be your guide?

All

By the Spirit's power, we will.

Will you dare to reach out to each other
and grow together in love?

All

We will.

Will you dare to share your life by reaching out
to those in need?

All

We will

Will you dare to pray for each other
until your hearts beat with the longings of God?

All

We will.

Will you dare to carry the light of Jesus Christ
into the world's dark places?

All

We will.

Today we have remembered the coming of God's power
on the disciples and we invite that same Spirit to drive us
out into the wild places of the world.

And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

All join in singing

Hymn at the Closing | # 393

Glorious things of Thee are spoken

Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Filled with the Spirit's power,
go forth in the light and peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks and praise be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Postlude

"Komm, Gott, Schöpfer, heiliger Geist"
("Come Holy Ghost"), BWV 667

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

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 He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Psalm 91:11

Mr. Malcolm Desai (19), Mr. Vidyut Tiwari (20), Mr. Jaiboy Phillips (21),
Aryan Jadhav (22), Olivia Joseph (22),
The Reverend Arpana Rangayya (23), Mr. Suganth Samuel (23)

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

*"No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another,
God lives in us and His love is made complete in us."*

1 John 4:12

Mr. Samuel Joseph & Dr. (Mrs.) Malathy Samuel (19),
Mr. Roshan & Mrs. Smita Thomas

- Next Sunday is **Trinity Sunday** when the Church celebrates the Christian doctrine of the Trinity, the three Persons of God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted on Sunday 28th July 2024 from 10.45 am to 11.15 am. Questions will be asked from the Book of Judges and the Epistle to the Colossians. The participation fee is ₹100/-. Prizes and certificates will be awarded and snacks provided. Please register with Mrs. Violet Truman. This is being organised by the Cathedral's *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service* (WFCS). We look forward to your participation.
- The Presbyter will be on leave from Tuesday 21st May to Friday 24th May 2024. Please contact the Revd Keith Pasgon for pastoral care 98699 21374.
- Sunday School classes will resume after the summer vacation in the second week of June. Please encourage your children to attend classes regularly.
- We would be very happy to welcome more singers in the Cathedral choir in June when the choristers resume singing after the summer vacation.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are offered
in loving memory of the late Mrs. Cicily Chacko,
on her twentieth death anniversary*

(25.9.36 - 17.5.24)

*Fondly remembered by her husband Mr. M. U. Chacko,
Daughters Mrs. Beena and Mr. Jose Joseph,
Mrs. Leena and Mr. Jaiboy Phillips
and her beloved grandchildren.*



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 |

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week we focus on Africa. Pray for the outcome of a summit held by African countries which seeks to reduce global warming and prevent millions of premature deaths by promoting clean cooking habits to prevent people breathing harmful gases from open fires. As we continue to pray for a peaceful, negotiated settlement to the Israel-Palestine war, South Africa is asking the International Court of Justice to order Israel's withdrawal from Gaza.

† **OUR COUNTRY** As general elections take place, pray for wisdom for voters and a safe and fair election. Pray for our City as polling takes place tomorrow. Pray that our nation will increasingly see that "*God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble*" (Psalm 46:1).

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** On this Day of Pentecost—the “birthday of the Church” we pray for the faithful throughout the world and all church leaders. We especially pray for places in which people are persecuted for their faith • Charles and John Wesley (Evangelists) are commemorated on 24th May. The Wesley brothers founded the Methodist movement. Throughout his life John Wesley remained within the Established Church and insisted that his movement was well within the bounds of the Anglican tradition. Later in his ministry, Wesley spoke out and wrote against the slave trade. As a hymn-writer, Charles Wesley, was unique. He is said to have written no less than 6,500 hymns • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Anglican Church of Canada and the Most Reverend Linda Nicholls.

THE CHURCH IN INDIA For the *Church of North India's* Diocese of Chandigarh and the Right Reverend Denzal Peoples. • For the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Vellore and the Right Reverend Sharma Nithiyandam.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** May the outpouring of the Holy Spirit lead to renewal and revival in our churches, among the clergy and laity.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all senior citizens and their care providers • We give thanks for the board examination results and pray for pupils making plans for their higher education • For God's travelling mercies with those who are away on holiday.

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