



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
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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

Saint Peter and Saint Paul



Iconographic symbols for Saint Peter (keys) and Saint Paul (sword)

Choral Eucharist
Sunday 30th June 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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SAINT PETER & SAINT PAUL

29th June

We owe to the Holy Apostles the priceless treasure of the Christian faith. They handed Christ's teachings down to us. From them, we received the Holy Gospel and the letters of the Apostles. They laid a firm foundation for the Church of Christ.

Simon Peter answered and said, '**You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**' Through their hands, God gave to mankind and to every nation within Christ's Church all that belongs to the divine apostolic tradition.

The love of Christ was the chief motive of Peter's apostolic activity, labours and sacrifices. That love finally led him to suffer and die for the sake of his beloved Teacher. A pious tradition relates that he considered himself unworthy to die on the cross as Christ did, and therefore asked to be crucified upside down.

St. Paul did not belong to the original group of the twelve apostles. While Paul was on his way to Damascus, Christ Himself converted him in a miraculous manner and called him to be an Apostle. After his conversion from being a persecutor of Christians, he became, in heart and soul, a zealous and courageous apostle of Christ. From him we have letters addressed to various Churches or persons in which he clearly expounds the teachings of Christ. St. Paul gave up his life for Christ. According to tradition, he died by the sword in Rome on 29th June 65 or 67 A.D.

Cathedral ministries... ..

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| • Sunday School | Sunday morning during term time |
| • Women's Fellowship | 2 nd Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m. |

Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Praeludium, Fugue and Ciacona, *BuxWV 137* ... Dietrich Buxtehude, 1637 - 1707

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit *Sung by the choir*

FORSAKEN once, and thrice denied
The risen Lord gave pardon free,
Stood once again at Peter's side,
And asked him, 'Lovest thou me?'

Saint Peter, when the cock crew clear,
Went out, and wept his broken faith;
Strong as a rock through strife and fear,
He served his Lord till death.

Words: Mrs. C. F. Alexander, 1818 - 95

Tune: CHILDHOOD

Music: 'University of Wales' (Students' Hymnal), 1923

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church.

Matthew 16.18

All **Jesus said to his disciples,
'I will do whatever you ask in my name,
so that the Father may be glorified in the Son.'**
"Neither death, nor life," Paul wrote to the Romans,
**"nor angels, nor principalities,
nor things present, nor things to come,
nor powers, nor height,
nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God
in Christ Jesus our Lord"**

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 178

Disposer supreme and Judge of the earth

Tune: HANOVER

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Peter & Paul, Apostles

Read by the Presbyter

Almighty God,
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul
glorified you in their death as in their life:
grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example,
and made one by your Spirit,
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A reading from the Book of Ezekiel.

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

Sung by the choir to a chant by Woodward.

Psalm

144: 1, 2, 9 - 15

Benedictus Dominus

BLESSED be the Lord my strength : who teacheth my hands to war, and my fingers to fight;

² My hope and my fortress, my castle and deliverer, my defender in whom I trust : who subdueth my people that is under me.

⁹ I will sing a new song unto thee, O God : and sing praises unto thee upon a ten-stringed lute.

¹⁰ Thou hast given victory unto kings : and hast delivered David thy servant from the peril of the sword.

¹¹ Save me, and deliver me from the hand of strange children : whose mouth talketh of vanity, and their right hand is a right hand of iniquity.

¹² That our sons may grow up as the young plants : and that our daughters may be as the polished corners of the temple.

¹³ That our garners may be full and plenteous with all manner of store : that our sheep may bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our streets.

¹⁴ That our oxen may be strong to labour, that there be no decay : no leading into captivity, and no complaining in our streets.

¹⁵ Happy are the people that are in such a case : yea, blessed are the people who have the Lord for their God.

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 Second Reading | **page 549**

Acts 10:34 - 48

A reading from the Acts of the Apostle.

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

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn

**My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

*Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand;
all other ground is sinking sand.*

- 2. When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.**
- 3. His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.**
- 4. When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.**

Words: Edward Mote, 1797 - 1874

Tune: SOLID ROCK
William Bradbury, 1816 - 1868

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I do not call you servants but friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.' *John 15.15*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 550**

St Matthew 16:13 - 19

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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 Reverend Priscilla Reuben

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. *Ephesians 2.19,17*

All 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 | # 198

Hark! the sound of holy voices

Tune: IN BABILONE # 145

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All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Please be seated.

Please kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Encouraged by our fellowship with all the saints,
let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord
Jesus Christ.

Father, your Son called men and women
to leave the past behind them
and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross.
Look with mercy upon those whom he calls today,
marks with the cross
and makes his disciples within the Church.
Lord, have mercy.

All

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter
breathed on them his gift of peace.

Look with mercy upon the world into which
he sent them out,
and give it that peace for which it longs.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son formed around him a company
who were no longer servants but friends,
and he called all those who obeyed him his
brother and sister and mother.

Continued

Look with mercy upon our families and our friends
and upon the communities in which we share.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick.
Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear the good
news of salvation,
and renew among your people the gifts of healing.
Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your Son promised to those who followed him
that they would sit on thrones
judging the twelve tribes of Israel
and would share the banquet of the Kingdom.
According to your promise,
look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ
in this life and now have passed through death.
In our community here we remember and give thanks
for the life of Mrs. Susy Thomas, Mr. Allen Moses
and Mr. Prakash Chavan. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Almighty God,
you have built your Church upon the foundation of the
apostles and prophets,
with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:
so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine,
that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion | **# 573**

I hear thy welcome voice

Tune: I HEAR THY WELCOME VOICE

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; 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 | # 643

Onward, Christian soldiers

Tune: ST. GERTRUDE

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Festal Flourish Gordon Jacob, 1895 - 1984

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.

~ **Wedding Anniversary** ~

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"
Galatians 5:22

Dr. (Mrs.) Samantha Dawson & Mr. Dilip Ramani (3rd July)

Notices

- The last week has been a sad one for us as a community. Mrs. Susy Thomas the wife of the late Mr. T. Thomas (former Chairman of the Cathedral Trustees and Board of Governors of the Cathedral & John Connon School) passed away yesterday 29th June 2024. Pray for their daughter Anna and grandchildren, Maya and Tara. Details of the funeral will be shared in due course. Our church sexton, Mr. Prakash Chavan passed away very suddenly on Friday 28th June 2024. He had worked here for ten years. Prakash leaves behind his wife and his daughter, Pooja. Pray for God's comforting presence with the families.

- We express our thanks to the Revd Mrs. Priscilla Reuben for preaching this morning. She is the wife of Bishop Reuben Mark of the CSI Diocese of Karim Nagar (Telengana). Priscilla had formerly served as the Director of Sunday Schools in our Diocese and is the sister of our Presbyter.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** The immediate priority, and our prayer focus is protecting the right to peace when 2 billion people live in countries affected by conflict.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for students preparing for competitive examinations and for greater accountability for those conducting these examinations.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Church commemorates the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary on 2nd July. This was the occasion when Mary visited her cousin Elizabeth • In the Anglican Communion, for the Anglican Church in Hong Kong and Bishop Andrew Chan • We celebrate and give thanks to God with the Episcopal Church of the USA as they welcome Bishop Sean Rowe who was elected as the 28th presiding bishop on 26th June. His nine-year term begins on 1st November.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The 19th century evangelist John Newton who served in the Punjab is commemorated on 2nd July • The Diocese of Chhattisgarh has a new bishop. Pray for the ministry of the Right Reverend Sushma Kumar (the second woman bishop in CNI) • The Diocese of Rayalaseema (Andhra Pradesh) and the Right Reverend Isaac Vara Prasad.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for all churches and institutions dedicated to the Apostles Peter and Paul:

St. Peter's School, Mazagaon; St. Peter's Church in Palghar and the Revd Sanjay Salvi. St. Paul's Church, Byculla (Tamil Pastorate) and Revd P. Abraham, St. Paul's Church, Dombivili (Tamil) and Revd Mathew Gnanasigamani, St. Paul's Church, Vakola (Malyalam) and Revd Christy Daniel, St. Paul's Church, Matunga (Marathi) and Revd Alfred Tiwade.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** This week for the Cathedral Trustees • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for the bereaved families of Mrs. Susy Thomas, Mr. Prakash Chavan and Mr. Allen Moses.

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