



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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

But now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, the benefit you reap leads to holiness, and the result is eternal life.

Romans 6: 22

* * *

Paul is talking to us: humans with mental limitations. In New Testament times, slavery was more tied to economics than nationality or skin color. People who couldn't repay their debts or provide for their families would offer themselves as enslaved people.

As we read these verses, Paul encourages us not to "offer up" ourselves to sin.

Live for Christ, moment by moment. You may fear and say, "I can't maintain this holiness; I will stumble." But, friend, your holiness is not yours to maintain. You are not that powerful. Holiness is *Christ's work* in and through You, and He promises *He* will do it.

"His divine power has given us **everything** we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness"

(2 Peter 1:3).

Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist
Sunday 14th July 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 *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on the tune, 'Laudes Domini' ... Peter Lutkin, 1858 - 1931

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord,
a wonderful Saviour to me.
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
where rivers of pleasure I see.

He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock
that shadows a dry, thirsty land.
He hideth my life in the depths of His love,
and covers me there with His hand.

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Music: William Kirkoatrick, 1838 - 1921

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

As I once yielded my members to impurity and greater
and greater iniquity,

All

**so now I yield them to you for righteousness and
sanctification.**

Thank you for setting me free from sin
and making me your slave,

your rich slave,

**because the return I get is sanctification and its
result, eternal life.**

Continued. Turn over.

Presbyter Thank you for your free gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus,
my Lord.
**In the name of Jesus I thank you
for your wonderful grace and all your gifts. Amen.**

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 146

When morning gilds the skies

Tune: LAUDES DOMINI

Please be seated.

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 460**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 463**

1 Kings 17:8 - 16

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

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 Jones.

Psalm

119: 49 – 56

Memor esto servi tui

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word : wherein thou hast caused
me to put my trust.

⁵⁰ The same is my comfort in my trouble : for thy word hath quickened me.

⁵¹ The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrunk from thy
law.

⁵² For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord : and received com-
fort.

⁵³ I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

⁵⁴ Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

⁵⁵ I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season : and have kept thy law.

⁵⁶ This I had : because I kept thy commandments.

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 464**

Romans 6:19 - 23

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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 | **# 471**

Holy Spirit, come, confirm us

Tune: ALL FOR JESUS

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

cf 1 Peter 1.25

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 465**

St Mark 8:1– 9

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

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

Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God. We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace
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 | # 150

Ye servants of the Lord

Tune: NARENZA

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please be seated.

While seated, all sing .

Invocation

**Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
that calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!**

Words: William Walford, 1772 - 1850

Music: William Bradbury, 1816 - 1868

Kneel as able or sit.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

To God the Father who created the world,
To God the Son who redeemed the world,
To God the Holy Spirit who sustains the world;
be all praise and glory now and forever.
Everlasting God we pray that all who come in to our church
may be enabled to renew their relationship with you.
Help us as a congregation to be outward looking
that through our fellowship we may share our faith
and the Gospel of your Son Jesus Christ
with those who we love and live amongst.
Lord, in your Mercy:

All

Hear our Prayer.

Creator God help us to remember those
who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive;
those who barely have the necessities of life,
much less so many material luxuries which we
so often take for granted. Lord, in your Mercy:

Hear our Prayer.

Father God may the needs of our families, friends and
neighbours be made clear to us today,
and may we find that in our giving to them
we grow closer to you.

We thank you for those whose work sustains our City in

Continued. Turn over.

which we live; for those who grow and provide our food, for those who maintain public services; for the police, and emergency services, and for all whose work is in the local health service. Lord, in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

Healing God, we raise before you those who are unwell. We ask that you will ease their pain and heal the damage done to them in body, mind or spirit.

Be present with them through the support of friends and in the care of doctors and nurses, fill them with the warmth of your love now and always. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God we commend into your hands those whom we have loved and now have lost. You gave them breath, and loved and cared for them throughout their lives.

Receive them now in your eternal kingdom and “May they rest in peace and rise in glory”. Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Faithful God we dedicate all these people and petitions to your loving care.

Give us the strength and courage to walk alongside those in need, to fight for justice for the oppressed and to allow others to see you in us and in all that we do in the coming week.

Merciful Father:

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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

**Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
Try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
Cleanse me from every sin and set me free.**

**2. I praise thee, Lord, for cleansing me from sin;
Fulfill thy Word, and make me pure within.
Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame;
Grant my desire to magnify thy name.**

**3. Lord, take my life and make it wholly thine;
Fill my poor heart with thy great love divine.
Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride;
I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.**

**4. O Holy Ghost, revival comes from Thee;
Send a revival, start the work in me;
Thy Word declares Thou wilt supply our need;
For blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead.**

Words: James E. Orr, 1912 - 1987

Music: Maori melody

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Loving Father,
in You is life, and light, and health, and truth.
Thank You that we are Your children,
and we pray that we may be servants of righteousness,
who honour You in thought, word, and deed.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**
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 | # 224

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us

Tune: MANNHEIM

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Alla Marcia Jonathan Battishil, 1738 - 1801

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 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

Mrs. Annie Jacob (14), Mr. Ronald Browne (16),
Mr. Ernest Knox (17), Olivia Isaac (19), Sarah Solomon (20)

Romans 6:23 (NKJV)

**“For the wages of sin
is death, but the gift
of God is eternal
life in Christ Jesus
our Lord.”**

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 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. |

Notices

- 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 (New King James version). 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). Please register with Mrs. Violet Truman. We look forward to your participation.
- Next Sunday 21st July we will have the opportunity to express our condolences in person to Mrs. Chavan and Pooja (wife and daughter of the late Mr. Prakash Chavan.) Prakash had faithfully worked as sexton at the Cathedral for over ten years. Our heartfelt thanks to all those who have generously donated for his family. The amount collected will be handed over to Prakash's wife and daughter.
- Sunday 4th August will be observed as Children's Ministry Sunday.
- Old books are laid out near the West Door. Do browse and take home any books which may interest you.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription.

Children's Ministry in the Diocese of Bombay

Sunday 4th August, 2024 will be observed as Children's Ministry Sunday.

This ministry was started in 2001 with a vision of equipping and nurturing our children with the Word of God. Children are the future pillars of the Church. In their formative years children are naturally curious. They seek answers for their problems. Sunday School is a good platform where we can help them with the challenges they face and make them grow spiritually in the Lord. God's Word has the power to transform lives.

We welcome you to be partners in God's mission. You can support by sponsoring:

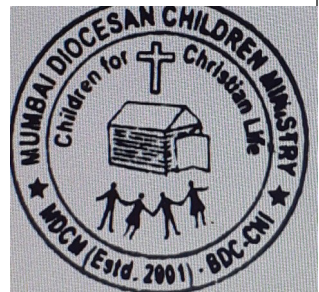
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- Other ministerial expenses

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Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week we focus on Europe. With Ukrainians, we mourn deaths, especially children, from Russian attacks. We pray for helpful outcomes of Prime Minister Modi's Russian visit, as he condemns Russia's killing of children, affirms 'war does not solve problems' and seeks a pathway to a peaceful solution to the conflict • With turmoil following the French elections, we pray for clarity and calm as so many look forward to the beginning of the Olympics • In the UK we pray for the newly-elected Prime Minister Keir Starmer and applaud his call for co-operation to continue towards peace in Gaza. We empathise with Pope Francis describing 'a crisis of democracy' in several nations, as we continue to pray God will give solutions to so many seemingly impossible situations.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for a good monsoon this year.

† **OUR CITY** Pray for the families of victims of road accidents.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Silas, Evangelist and companion of Paul was commemorated on 13th July • In the Anglican Communion, for The Church of Ireland and the Most Reverend John McDowell.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Cuttack and the Right Reverend Surendra Kumar • The Diocese of Medak.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for Grace Church, Sion-Koliwada and the Reverend B. S. Christdoss • For the Revd John Roland who leads the children's ministry in the Diocese.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** This week for the Cathedral staff: Johnson, security guards and gardeners • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For all young people in our families who are studying and working away from home.

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