



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
MUMBAI  
Since 1718



*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

*“Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.  
Thus, by their fruit you will recognize them.”*

*Matthew 7: 19, 20*

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Jesus warns us in this gospel passage to beware of false prophets, instructing us that we shall know them by their fruits. What sort of fruit should we be looking for? The fruits of the Spirit are love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (*Galatians 5:22–23*). These are the good fruits born of true discipleship in Christ. We can expect the personal lives of false prophets to be marked by an absence of these things (though they may project a false image of them). Moreover, following their false teachings will fail to produce these fruits in our own lives.

The same criteria Jesus gives to discern false prophets also applies to the affections of our heart. What sort of fruit does this interest, hobby or pastime produce in my life? Is it drawing me closer to God? Is it helping me to love my neighbour? Is it disposing me to be a better friend, parent, brother, sister, or spouse? Is it building holy relationships? Is it teaching me discipline? Is it bringing me peace?

When we consider the various branches of activity and interest in our own lives, perhaps there are some that need pruning, to allow more of our affection to flow toward pursuits that will yield the fruits of true devotion.

## Eighth Sunday after Trinity

*Choral Eucharist*  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> 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.

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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

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

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## *The Gathering*

### Voluntary

Prelude on the tune, Slane ('Be Thou my vision') ... Gordon Young, 1919 - 1998

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship.*

### Introit

*Sung by the choir*

May we enter your gates with thanksgiving.  
May we enter your courts with your praise.  
May we fall at your throne where your glory is shown,  
And be lost in your love and your grace.

*Words & Music: Jimmy Owens, 1930 - 2023*

*All stand and face the West Door.*

### Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

Tender Shepherd,

I know it hurts you to see us led astray by false shepherds.

*All*

**I ask you, O Lord my true Shepherd,  
please bear your fruit in me.**

I pray that you protect your flock from the wolves.

**Give me wisdom and insight**

**not to be led astray by false teachers.**

**I want to follow only you!**

**In the name of the Lamb who was slain, I pray.**

**Amen.**

*All join in singing the hymn*

## The Entrance Hymn | # 203

**O praise ye the Lord!**

*Tune: LAUDATE DOMINUM*

*Please be seated.*

*All say together*

## The Collect for Purity | page 260

## The Liturgy of the Word

### The Collect for the day | page 466

*Read by the Presbyter*

### The Lesson | page 466

*Jeremiah 23:16 - 24*

A reading from the Book of Jeremiah.

*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 Dupuis.*

### Psalm

*119: 57 – 64*

*Portio mea, Domine*

<sup>57</sup> THOU art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep thy law.

<sup>58</sup> I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.

<sup>59</sup> I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

<sup>60</sup> I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep Thy commandments.

<sup>61</sup> The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : but I have not forgotten Thy law.

<sup>62</sup> At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee : because of Thy righteous judgements.

<sup>63</sup> I am a companion of all them that fear Thee : and keep Thy commandments.

<sup>64</sup> The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy : O teach me Thy statutes.

*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 467**

*Romans 8:12 - 17*

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 | **# 157**

**Breathe on me, Breath of God**

*Tune: TRENTHAM*

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.  
Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." *John 8:31-32*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 467**

*St Matthew 7:15 - 21*

*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.*

*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** Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in His name and share His peace.

**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 | # 122

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds**

*Tune: ST. PETER*

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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,  
thy wings shall my petition bear,  
to Him whose truth and faithfulness  
engage the waiting soul to bless.  
And since He bids me seek His face,  
believe His word, and trust His grace,  
I'll cast on Him my every care,  
and wait for Thee, 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*

In this time of prayer we thank you  
for supplying all our needs  
and offer you the love of our hearts  
as we pray for our Diocese and Cathedral  
with all its varied ministries. Lord, in your mercy:

*All*

**Hear, our prayer.**

Creator God we pray for those  
throughout the world who are physically hungry.  
Help us to be diligent in prayer and generous  
in giving to those agencies which try to alleviate their  
suffering. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear, our prayer.**

Father God, we raise before you  
our homes and our relationships for you to work in.  
We thank you for the community to  
which we belong.

Help us, to make our own contribution to the community  
and to learn to be good neighbours at all times.

Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear, our prayer.**

Loving God we place in your hands those who are sick.  
Be present with them through the support of friends and in  
the care of doctors and nurses. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear, our prayer.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

*Intercessor*

Merciful God we offer our thanks  
for lives well lived but now come to an end.  
Be close to those bereaved by their passing and console  
them with your unfailing love.  
We especially pray for the family of Giridaran Subramanian.  
Lord, in your mercy:

*All*

**Hear our Prayer**

Our heavenly Father,  
protect us from those people  
that promise what they cannot deliver.  
The shiny idols that would steal our lives.  
Use us to model exemplary and caring behaviours.  
May the fruits of our lives be good fruit.

**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 | # 343

**Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart**

*Tune: SLANE*

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*



# The Blessing

*The Presbyter* As I draw close to Jesus in prayer,  
I realise that he is the source of truth and meaning.  
Other leaders may inspire and encourage,  
but I trust Jesus as the Truth.  
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 | # 221

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus**

*Tune:* MORNING LIGHT

## Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

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

## Postlude

Tuba tune in D ... .. C. S. Lang, 1891 - 1971

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 placed in loving memory of the late  
Mr. G. S. N. Paul  
(father of Mrs. Nalina Sathia Raj)*

### Cathedral ministries... ..

*Get involved!*

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

~ Birthdays this Week ~

“You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy  
in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.”

Psalm 16:11

Eva Isaac (21), Mr. Roop Kamal (22), Mr. T. Ravichandran (22),  
Mrs. Archana Magar (25), Mr. Colin Dawson (27)

*The Collect for*

**ST MARY MAGDALENE**

22<sup>nd</sup> July

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ALMIGHTY GOD, whose blessed Son  
restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and of mind,  
and called her to be a witness of his resurrection:  
Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be  
healed from all our infirmities and know you  
in the power of his unending life;  
who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns,  
one God, now and for ever.

*Amen.*



*The Collect for*

**ST JAMES THE APOSTLE**

25<sup>th</sup> July

GRANT, O merciful God, that as thine holy Apostle Saint James,  
leaving his father and all that he had, without delay was obedient  
unto the calling of thy Son Jesus Christ, and followed him;  
so we, forsaking all worldly and carnal affections,  
may be evermore ready to follow thy holy commandments;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*



## Notices

- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted next Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> 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.
- Remember in your prayers the bereaved family of Giridaran Subramanian. His father passed away last week in Pondicherry.
- We welcome in our midst Mrs. Chavan and Pooja, the wife and daughter of our late sexton, Mr. Prakash Chavan. Our continued prayers for God's loving presence with them. Do express your condolence and appreciation for Prakash's many years of faithful service to the Cathedral.
- Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August will be observed as Children's Ministry Sunday.
- Old books are laid out near the West Door. 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 4<sup>th</sup> 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:

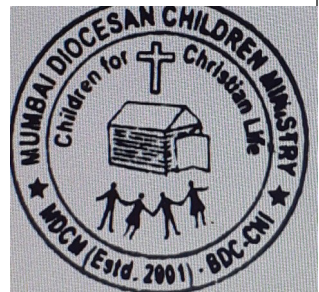
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## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week we focus on Africa. We thank God for the amazing healing in Rwanda, 30 years after the genocide, and for its longtime President Kagame, expected to be re-elected, after reuniting the country and setting it on a path of economic growth • We pray for Kenya where widespread street protests against tax hikes proposed by the President have broken out.

† **OUR COUNTRY** In the wake of alleged widespread examination paper leaks and malpractices during the medical entrance test, the Supreme Court has adjourned its hearing till Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Pray for the future of the many students who have written competitive examinations and whose future careers depends on these examinations.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the Church universal we offer thanksgiving for the example of devotion shown by Mary Magdalene (commemorated 22<sup>nd</sup> July) • James, Apostle and Martyr is commemorated on 25<sup>th</sup> July. We offer thanksgiving for James, the brother of John, the first of the twelve to die as a martyr • In the Anglican Communion, for The Anglican Church in Japan and the Most Reverend Luke Kenichi Muto.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Delhi and the Right Reverend Dr. Paul Swarup • The Diocese of Karim Nagar (Telengana) and the Right Reverend Reuben Mark.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For all churches named after the apostle James: St. James's Church, Thane and the Revd Rajendra Bhonsle; St. James's Church (Tamil pastorate), Boisar and the Revd Suresh Kumar, St. James's Church (Malyalam pastorate), Borivali and the Revd Robin Mathew

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For God's comforting presense with Giridaran and his family • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers.

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