

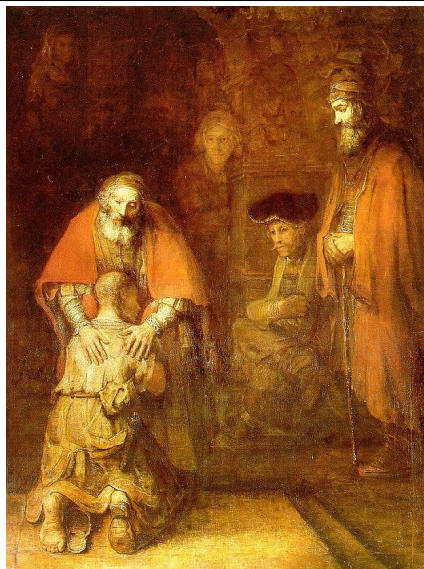


ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
MUMBAI  
Since 1718



*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



*The Return of the Prodigal Son*

Repentance at the font of God's mercy is at the heart of Christian discipleship. Yet how is an artist to depict the interior movement of a repentant heart that returns to God, who is rich in mercy? Countless artists have attempted to bring this biblical passage to life. Rembrandt van Rijn's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* is, by far, one of the most evocative of these "visual homilies." One cannot be left unmoved before this unforgettable image, permanently housed at the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia. The parable of the prodigal son, recounted in Luke 15:11-32, offers a radical image of reconciliation between a repentant son and his merciful father.

His father receives him with a tender gesture. His hands seem to suggest mothering and fathering at once; the left appears larger and more masculine, set on the son's shoulder, while the right is softer and more receptive in gesture. The prominent space allotted to the older brother is a cue that *both* sons have lost the dignity of their common sonship. The prodigal son was lost, in an obvious way; but the older brother's sonship was also diminished, through the not-so-obvious sin of smug self-righteousness. The forgiveness of the father, bent over in mercy, flows down the gentle slope of his shoulders to **his tender yet strong hands that enfold the prodigal son.**

For who among us would not be grateful to find such forgiving tenderness after so much selfish infidelity?

## Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> July 2024 • 8.45 a.m. *Choral Eucharist*

## 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 and Fugue in C, BWV 553 ... Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

The Kingsfold Trumpet ... Alfred V. Fedak, b. 1953

### Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship.*

### Introit

*Sung by the choir*

When all Thy mercies, O my God,  
my rising soul surveys,  
transported with the view, I'm lost  
in wonder, love, and praise.

When in the slippery paths of youth  
with heedless steps I ran,  
Thine arm unseen conveyed me safe,  
and led me up to man.

Words: Joseph Addison, 1672 - 1719

Tune: CONTEMPLATION  
F. A. G. Ouseley, 1825 - 89

*All stand and face the West Door.*

### Call to Worship

*Presbyter* Come, let us celebrate the forgiving,  
reconciling love of God.

*All* **For once we were lost and felt so far away;  
now we have been found and welcomed home.**  
Know that God's love is lavished upon you forever.  
**We rejoice at the news of forgiveness and hope!**  
Come, let us celebrate and praise the God of Love.  
**Amen.**

*All join in singing the hymn*

The Entrance Hymn | # 144

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs**

*Tune: NATIVITY*

*Please be seated.*

*All say together*

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collect for the day | **page 468**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Lesson | **page 468**

*Numbers 10: 35, 36 & 11: 1 - 3*

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

*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 King.*

**Psalm**

*119: 65 – 72*

*Bonitatem fecisti*

O LORD thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

<sup>66</sup> O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

<sup>67</sup> Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.

<sup>68</sup> Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.

<sup>69</sup> The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

<sup>70</sup> Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

<sup>71</sup> It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

<sup>72</sup> The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

*All stand*

*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 469

*1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13*

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

*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

**God's great love is so amazing!  
See — a shepherd with his flocks!  
Ninety-nine are safely grazing;  
one is lost among the rocks.  
That good shepherd goes and searches  
till he finds the one astray.  
So God says to fill our churches  
with the ones who've lost their way.**

**<sup>2.</sup> God in love is always seeking!  
See — a woman with her broom!  
For a single coin she's sweeping  
every corner of the room.  
When it's found she calls each neighbour,  
telling friends from all around.  
So God says to search and labour  
till God's precious ones are found.**

**<sup>3.</sup> God keeps waiting, searching, yearning!  
See — a father's heartfelt joy!  
Thankful for his son's returning,  
he runs out to greet his boy.  
To the angry older brother,  
hear the father's patient call.  
So God says to love each other,  
for in Christ, God loves us all.**

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:  
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 470**

*St Luke: 15 - 32*

*Gospeller*      The Lord be with you.

*All*                **And with thy spirit.**

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

**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 Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

*Celebrant* Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.  
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.

Romans 12.9,17,18

*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

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1. **Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,  
That saved a wretch; like me!  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.**
2. **'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
And grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear  
The hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils and snares,  
I have already come;  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.**

*Continued. Turn over.*

**4. When we've been there ten thousand years,  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise  
Than when we first begun.**

Words: John Newton, 1725 - 1807

Tune: NEW BRITAIN  
Early American melody

*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*Please be seated.*

*While seated, all sing* .

Invocation

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer,  
May I thy consolation share,  
Till, from Mount Pisgah's lofty height,  
I view my home and take my flight:  
This robe of flesh I'll drop, and rise  
To seize the everlasting prize;  
And shout, while passing through the air,  
"Farewell, farewell, 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*

Holy God Make us receptive and open as we lay our intercessions before you. May we accept Your Kingdom like children taking bread from the hands of their father or mother. Lord, in your mercy:

*All*

**Hear our prayer.**

We pray for Bijaya our Moderator, the clergy and laity of the Church of South India, Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church, Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter.

May they always be aware of the blessings you bestow on them; strengthen and uphold them when they grow weary in their ministries. Constantly remind us all that You who began all good work in us will ultimately perfect it through your son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.  
Lord, in your mercy: *Continued...*



All  
Intercessor

**Hear our prayer.**

Loving God bring healing to all who are wounded, make whole those who are broken, and shed light wherever there is darkness. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence. Help us to live always mindful of your promise to us that the road of faith will lead into your heavenly kingdom. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Faithful God, fill our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world. Lord, in your mercy:

**Hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, you sent your only-begotten Son, who, by his life and parables taught us about your fatherly love. Make us worthy to celebrate today your great mercy as revealed in the parable of the prodigal son who repented and returned to his father. Like him, bring us back from the exile of sin to your fatherly house, that we may glorify you, your only Son, and your Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

**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 | # 247**

***I heard the voice of Jesus say***

*Tune: KINGSFOLD*

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

*The Presbyter* May God bless us on our journey back to reconciliation and forgiveness, beaten down and tired and hungry and aching as we are, longing for something we know only God can give. 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 | **# 510**

**Sent forth by God's blessing**

*Tune: THE ASH GROVE*

**Dismissal**

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

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

**Postlude**

Trumpet tune on 'Ash Grove' ... .. David Lasky, b. 1957

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 ~**

*"May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."*

*Psalm 20:4*

Dr. Jyotsna Mayadas (29), Mahima Moses (30), Joshua Sinate (30), Daniel Sathia Raj (31), Mishal Charles (1<sup>st</sup> August), Mr. Reuben Jadhav (1), Stavan Telgote (2), Gabriel Samuel (3)

**~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~**

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"*

*Galatians 5:22*

Mr. P.V. George & Mrs. Elizabeth George (31)

## Notices

- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted this morning from 10.45 am to 11.15 am. in the parish hall. 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)*. We look forward to your participation.
- Next Sunday 4<sup>th</sup> August will be observed as **Children's Ministry Sunday**. Mrs. Jennifer Isaac from St. Stephen's Church, Bhandup will be the preacher.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription. Please update any change in address.
- The annual general meeting of the Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) will be held on Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2024 at 10:45 am.
- The annual general meeting of the Cathedral will be held on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 soon after the 8:45 am service. The draft of the voters' list is displayed for your perusal on the notice board.
- Old books are laid out near the West Door. Browse and take home any books which may interest you.

### **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:

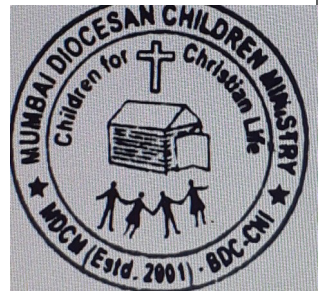
- Blossom Magazine (a bi-monthly magazine)
- Syllabus books
- Golden Text (Bible verses to memorise)
- Other ministerial expenses

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## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** As the Olympic Games happen, ask God to use the event to bring people together. Pray for the safety and security of all • In the United States the 2024 presidential election is in a political environment that is remarkably polarized, divided, angry, and charged with emotion. Pray for leaders and citizens of the US.

† **OUR COUNTRY** 26<sup>th</sup> July 2024 marked the twenty fifth anniversary of India's victory in the Kargil War. Pray for our soldiers and all those who keep our borders safe.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Martha and Mary of Bethany are commemorated on 29<sup>th</sup> July • The 16<sup>th</sup> century monk and evangelist, Ignatius Loyola is commemorated on 31<sup>st</sup> July. Loyola was one of the most influential figures in the Counter-Reformation. He founded the *Society of Jesus* – known for its missionary, educational, and charitable works. Pray for the Jesuits and the educational institutions run by them • In the Anglican Communion, for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and the Most Revd Hosam Naoum

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Dooars (Jharkhand) • The Diocese of Central Karnataka.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Ville Parle and the Reverend Kingsley John Paul.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For the many tourists from all over the world who visit the Cathedral.

### 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.                           |

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