



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

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Wisdom from on High

Reflections on 1 Kings 3: 3 - 14

Feeling his own inadequacy in the face of responsibility, and sensing his need for divine assistance, Solomon went to God in worship. And God appeared to Solomon in a dream saying, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "...give your servant an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

Wisdom! Wisdom is essential for success in life.

But what is wisdom? Wisdom is the ability to discern the difference between right and wrong so you can choose the right and eschew the wrong. Yes, Solomon's prayer reminds us that right and wrong are real; good and evil exist. We often need wisdom to discern what they are.

"Those who trust in their own wits are fools; but those who walk in wisdom come through safely." (*Proverbs 28:26*) May you and I and all of us pray as Solomon prayed: "Lord, give your servant an understanding mind...able to discern the difference between good and evil." And may God give each of us a wise and discerning mind as we also pray and listen. Amen.

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 11th August 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.

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

Humble us by Thy goodness ... Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750
from Cantata No. 22

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Great God of nations, now to Thee
Our hymn of gratitude we raise;
With humble heart, and bending knee,
We offer Thee our song of praise. Amen.

Words: Alfred A. Woodhull, 1810 - 1836

Music: Dmitri Bortniansky, 1752 - 1825

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Who among you is seeking the wisdom of God?

All

We long to hear God's Word spoken to our hearts.

Who among you is seeking God's holy truth?

**We long to learn the ways of wisdom and
righteousness.**

Who among you is seeking a Spirit-filled life?

We long to live lives of holiness and light.

God grants His wisdom generously to all who ask.

Come near, people of God!

Let us worship in wisdom and truth.

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done!
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Refrain: Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son
and give Him the glory, great things He hath done!*

2. **O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**
3. **Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,
But purer and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see.**

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Music: George Doane, 1799 - 1859

Please be seated.

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 474**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 474**

1 Kings 3:5 - 15

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.

Defecit anima mea

MY soul hath longed for Thy salvation : and I have a good hope because of Thy word.

⁸² Mine eyes long sore for Thy word : saying, O when wilt Thou comfort me?

⁸³ For I am become like a bottle in the smoke : yet do I not forget Thy statutes.

⁸⁴ How many are the days of Thy servant : when wilt thou be avenged of them that persecute me?

⁸⁵ The proud have digged pits for me : which are not after Thy law.

⁸⁶ All Thy commandments are true : they persecute me falsely; O be Thou my help.

⁸⁷ They had almost made an end of me upon earth : but I forsook not Thy commandments.

⁸⁸ O quicken me after Thy loving-kindness : and so shall I keep the testimonies of Thy mouth.

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 475**

1 Corinthians 15:1 - 11

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

¹ **If Solomon for wisdom prayed,
The Lord before had made him wise;
Else he another choice had made,
And asked for what the worldings prize.**

² **Thus He invites His people still,
But first instructs them how to choose,
Then bids them ask whate'er they will,
Assured that He will not refuse.**

Continued

3. **More of Thy presence, Lord, impart,
More of Thy image let me bear;
Erect Thy throne within my heart,
And reign without a rival there.**
- 4 **Give me to read my pardon sealed,
And from Thy joy to draw my strength;
To have Thy matchless love revealed
In all its height, and breadth, and length.**

Words: John Newton (1725 - 1807)

Tune: MELCOMBE (#2)
S. Webbe the elder, 1740 - 1816

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.

You have the words of eternal life. *1 Samuel 3: 9; John 6 : 8*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 476**

St Luke 18:9 - 14

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 T. Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

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 | # 166

Lord, thy word abideth

Tune: RAVENSHAW

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please be seated.

Kneel as able or sit.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Everlasting God as we approach your throne
in the House of Wisdom,
in humility and simplicity we ask that you will
hear our prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.
Almighty God we pray that our churches
in this Diocese, our country and the world be given a clear
vision of what is needed to be both focused and relevant
in all that is good and serves your purpose
of spreading the Good News to both residents and visitors.
Lord, in your Mercy:

All

Hear our Prayer

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor

Creator God

we thank you for the beauty of the created world;
for its wonderful variety and the bounty
that it brings forth.

Help us all to be good stewards
showing love and friendship to all peoples and
enjoying the warmth and light they bring to our lives.

Lord, in your Mercy:

All

Hear our Prayer.

God of peace

be close to all who govern ensuring the decisions that they
make, day by day, are made to benefit all of the people
entrusted to them in their leadership.

We pray for our neighbouring country, Bangladesh. May
normalcy be restored there. Lord, in your Mercy:

Hear our Prayer.

Merciful God

we pray for those whose lives have been shattered
by the death of someone close and dear to them.

We pray for members of our natural and church families
who have died and whose anniversary we remember now.

Lord, in your Mercy:

Hear our Prayer.

Faithful God

receive our intercessions and thanksgiving
on behalf of the Church and the world.

Hear our prayers and reward our stewardship
of this earth with the riches of heaven.

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 | # 233

O Thou who camest from above

Tune: HEREFORD

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May the holy wisdom of God
guard your ways and guide your paths.
May the living truth of God
enlighten your hearts and open your minds
and may the living Spirit of God
give you life, and life to the full!
† 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 | # 367

God of grace and God of glory

Tune: REGENT SQUARE

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Sortie Louis-James-Alfred Lefébure Wély, 1817 - 1869

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.
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~ Birthdays this Week ~

"The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Numbers 6: 24 - 26

Mr. P. V. George (11), Miss Malika Khan (14), Mrs. Rekha Joshi (16),
Mrs. Leena Phillips (16), Mr. Sahiesh Ravichandran (16)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay."

Ruth 1: 16

Mr. Suganth Samuel & Mrs. Moushumi Suganth (17)

Notices

- We express our thanks to the children of the Sunday School and their teachers for the presentation of songs and skit last Sunday.
- 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 today Sunday 11th August 2024 at 10:45 am.
- The annual general meeting of the Cathedral will be held on Sunday 25th 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.

*Why carry this service bulletin home **with you**?*

We are fortunate that resources enable us in the Cathedral to have meaningful aids to worship Sunday by Sunday: prayer books and hymnals (*Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard* were gifted by St. Paul's Church, Canterbury in 2003). In addition every week this bulletin is printed. It is standard practice everywhere to carry the service bulletin away with you. Not only a reminder of your visit, if you are worshipping with us for the first time, but also for:

- Reading references to make use of during family devotions
- Incorporating topical prayer points from 'Pray with us' (last page) into your own personal prayers and devotions
- Wishing fellow parishioners on their birthday and wedding anniversary
- Keeping track of notices
- Help reducing the clutter of bulletins left behind

PRAYER FOR INDEPENDENCE DAY

15th August is India's Independence Day

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“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord”

Psalm 33: 12

Create thoughts in the minds of our people,
And transform those thoughts into action.
Embed the thought of Nation being bigger than the individual,
in the minds of leaders and people.
Help all the leaders of our country serve selflessly,
and bless our nation with peace and prosperity.
Give strength to all our religious leaders
to bring 'Unity of Minds' among all our billion people.

Almighty God, bless all our people and enable them to work
for unity, peace and social justice.

We ask this prayer in Jesus' name.

Amen.



Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

- Sunday School
- Women's Fellowship
- Youth Fellowship
- Choir

Sunday morning during term time
2nd Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m.
2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m.
Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Our collective prayers at this time are with the people of Bangladesh. Pray for the safety of all. We pray for a return to normalcy and stability in our neighbouring country • We pray for calm in the face of continuing rioting in the UK.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Continue to pray for those who are being rehabilitated in Kerala's Wayanad district following the landslides. Pray for bereaved families and rescue operations • We thank God for the many years of freedom we enjoy in our land. On 15th August we give thanksgiving for freedom which can only be preserved by discipline and self-sacrifice.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The 13th century nun, Clare of Assisi is commemorated on 12th August. Clare was one of the first followers of Saint Francis of Assisi. She founded the *Order of Poor Ladies*, a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition, and wrote their Rule of Life. After Francis's death, Clare continued to promote the growth of her order, writing letters to abbesses in other parts of Europe. The community of 'Poor Clares' continues to this day, both in the Roman Catholic Church and in the Anglican Communion. • In the Anglican Communion, for The Anglican Church of Korea and Archbishop Onesimus Dongsin Park.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Bhopal and Bishop Manoj Charan. He has been appointed as the acting Deputy Moderator of the Church of North India • The Diocese of Southern Karnataka and Bishop Hema Chandra Kumar.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For the Church of the Holy Trinity (Tamil pastorate), Goregaon and the Reverend D. Jeyaraj.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For the choristers and organist. Pray that more singers will give of their time and talent to sing God's praise.

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