



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

*Looking up to heaven, Jesus sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha,"  
that is, "Be opened."*

Mark 7:34

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Jesus, open our ears so that we can hear you  
in the pleading of the poor,  
the cry of the environment,  
the war-torn, the immigrant, the hungry.  
Open our ears so we can hear you  
in the crash of waves,  
the sound of children laughing,  
the call of a friend, in music by Puccini.

We want to know you well wherever you are and in all things.

Open our deaf ears and loosen our tongues.

Let us hear and speak your love to all the world.

# Twelfth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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

Intermezzo ... Josef Rheinberger, 1839 - 1901

Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship.*

Introit

*Sung by the choir*

We worship and adore Thee  
bowing down before Thee,  
songs of praises singing,  
hallelujahs ringing. Amen.

*All stand and face the West Door.*

Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

*All*

Lord Jesus, fill me with your Holy Spirit  
**and inflame my heart with love and compassion.**  
Open my heart to the needs of others  
**that I may show them kindness and care.**  
Silently now I wait for thee, ready, my God, Thy will to see.  
**Open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!**

*All join in singing the hymn*

The Entrance Hymn | # 207

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation**

*Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN*

*Please be seated.*

*All say together*

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

# The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 477**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Lesson | **page 477**

*Exodus 34:29 - 35*

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

*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 Walmisley*

Psalm

*119: 89 - 96*

*In aeternum, Domine*

O LORD, thy word : endureth for ever in heaven.

<sup>90</sup> Thy truth also remaineth from one generation to another : thou hast laid the foundation of the earth, and it abideth.

<sup>91</sup> They continue this day according to thine ordinance : for all things serve thee.

<sup>92</sup> If my delight had not been in thy law : I should have perished in my trouble.

<sup>93</sup> I will never forget thy commandments : for with them thou hast quickened me.

<sup>94</sup> I am thine, O save me : for I have sought thy commandments.

<sup>95</sup> The ungodly laid wait for me to destroy me : but I will consider thy testimonies.

<sup>96</sup> I see that all things come to an end : but thy commandment is exceeding broad.

*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 478**

*2 Corinthians 3:4 - 10*

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

*At the conclusion of the reading:* This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**God, we sense your peace and power  
In this place we love so much.  
We are moved by gentle fragrance;  
We are blessed by healing touch.  
In these pews we hear the gospel;  
We see life beyond compare.  
Here we gather at your table,  
Tasting love in meals we share.**

2. **Once a man was brought to Jesus;  
Silence was the world he knew.  
His companions said, "It grieves us  
There is nothing we can do."  
Jesus prayed and so he gave him  
Songs and laughter, loud and clear;  
There was singing in the kingdom  
When that man said, "I can hear!"**

3. **God, your world is filled with music  
That can take our breath away —  
Loud and bold, or therapeutic,  
Some from near, some faraway.  
Rock or rap or gospel chorus,  
You can bless and use them all.  
Music is a gift you give us;  
Through it, may we hear your call.**

Words: Biblical Reference: Mark 7:31-37  
Reverend Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, b. 1961

Tune: NETTLETON

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Gospel of Christ | **page 478**

*St Mark 7:31 - 37*

*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:*

*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*

God will speak peace to His people,  
to those who turn to Him in their hearts.  
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 | # 209

**Through all the changing scenes of life**

*Tune: WILTSHIRE*

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*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*Please be seated.*

*Kneel as able or sit*

The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

Everlasting God, as you look down on our church family assembled here and online, we thank you for the opportunity to worship together.  
Thank you for the love that unites us, for the peace we enjoy today and for the hopes we have for tomorrow.  
We thank you too for the health we enjoy, for the work that keeps us cheerfully occupied, for the food that sustains us, for the beauty around us that make our lives delightful and for our friends in every corner of the world.  
Lord, in your mercy:

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

*Intercessor*

Lord, we ask you to guide your Church especially when differences amongst us seem to threaten our relationships with each other. We face each other, but often do not see the face. We too easily make 'an other' of one another. Help us now to look again, to see Jesus in the face and to recognise hopes, aspirations and desires. Lord, in your mercy:

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

Creator God

pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for Bijaya our Moderator; the laity and clergy of the Church of South India; for Theodosius Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma Church; for Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Father God,

help us always to love our family, friends and neighbours as ourselves, especially praying for those who do not carry the cross and follow Jesus as a disciple. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God,

sometimes life seems out of control, and we don't know exactly which direction to take, especially when we are, or someone we know is ill. Thank you for overseeing our lives and prompting us in the right way through your word and your spirit.

We raise before you now those on our prayer lists and those causing us concern. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Merciful God,

we remember, those who have died and for those who are saddened by their passing. Be with the bereaved in their loneliness and give them the faith to look beyond their present troubles to your Son Jesus Christ who died and rose again and who lives for evermore. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

*Continued*



*Intercessor* Faithful God,  
we praise you for all you have done in the past;  
we look forward with thankfulness  
for all you will do in the future,  
and we thank you for today  
and all your blessings we experience.  
The Lord Jesus made the deaf hear and the dumb speak.  
May he soon touch our ears to receive his word,  
and our mouth to proclaim his faith,  
to the praise and glory of God the Father.  
*Ephphatha*, be opened!  
Merciful Father:  
*All* **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 | # 246

*Just as I am, without one plea*

*Tune: WOODWORTH*

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

*The Presbyter* Let grace and peace be upon our lives  
even as we depart from this place.  
“*Ephphatha*,” that is, “Be opened!”  
If anyone has ears to hear, let him hear.  
† And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Rescue the perishing, care for the dying,  
snatch them in pity from sin and the grave;  
weep o'er the erring one, lift up the fallen,  
tell them of Jesus the mighty to save.**

*Refrain: Rescue the perishing, care for the dying;  
Jesus is merciful, Jesus will save.*

2. **Though they are slighting Him, still He is waiting,  
waiting the penitent child to receive;  
plead with them earnestly, plead with them gently;  
he will forgive if they only believe.**
3. **Down in the human heart, crushed by the tempter,  
feelings lie buried that grace can restore;  
touched by a loving heart, wakened by kindness,  
chords that were broken will vibrate once more.**
4. **Rescue the perishing, duty demands it;  
strength for thy labour the Lord will provide;  
back to the narrow way patiently win them;  
tell the poor wanderer a Saviour has died.**

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Tune: RESCUE  
William Doane, 1832 - 1915

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Andante Religioso, Op. 65 No. 4 ... .. Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, 1809 - 1847

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

Mr. Henry Joseph (18), Mr. Abraham Jacob (19), Mrs. Supriya Telgote (19),  
Ms. Sunita Thomas (19), Dr. Sudheer Deekollu (20), Mr. Minnal Pastala (21),  
Mr. Vasant Kumar Moses (23)

**~ Wedding Anniversay this Week ~**

*"And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more  
in knowledge and depth of insight."*

Philippians 1:9

Mr. Nishanth & Mrs. Supriya Daniel (18), Mr. Thomas & Ria Anna George (23),  
Mr. Aarvind & Sony Charles (24)

**Notices**

- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription. Please update any change in address.
- The **annual general meeting** of the Cathedral will be held next Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> August 2024 soon after the 8:45 am service. The voters’ list is displayed for your persual on the notice board.
- More male voices are needed in the Cathedral choir. If you like singing and can make a weekly commitment, you are very welcome to join.
- Old books are laid out near the West Door. Browse and take home any books which may interest you.
- Take this service bulletin home with you after the service. Kindly do not leave it behind.

<b>Cathedral ministries... ..</b>	<i>Get involved!</i>
• 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.

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Our continued prayers for restoration of normalcy in Bangladesh • As a public health emergency for an outbreak of mpox in the Democratic Republic of Congo is declared, we pray for those affected and their communities • We pray for Sudanese caught in a humanitarian crisis as civil war is resulting in chaos and displacements.

† **OUR COUNTRY** The Indian Medical Association has announced a nationwide strike, halting non-emergency medical services for a 24-hour period starting from 6 am yesterday. This was prompted following the heinous crime against a resident doctor in Calcutta earlier last week which has greatly saddened the entire nation. Pray for the safety and security of all doctors.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The 12<sup>th</sup> century monk and theologian, Bernard of Clairvaux is commemorated on 20<sup>th</sup> August. Bernard was a French abbot and the primary builder of the reforming Cistercian order. He rose to become a powerful leader in the Church. Bernard reminds us that not only did God give us life, but He gave us Himself. For indeed, *"God deserves to be loved very much, yea, boundlessly, because He loved us first, He infinite and we nothing, loved us, miserable sinners, with a love so great and so free."* • Apostle and Martyr Bartholomew is commemorated on 24<sup>th</sup> August. We give thanksgiving with the Church universal for Bartholomew and all the apostles through whom Christ has built up his Church • In the Anglican Communion, for The Anglican Church of Melanesia and Archbishop Leonard Dawea.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of East Kerala and Bishop Roshan Thapa • The Diocese of Southern Karnataka and Bishop V. S. Francis.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For St. Peter's Church (Tamil Pastorate), Mulund and the Reverend Cletus Edward.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for all young people in our congregation especially those who are studying and working away from home.

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