



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

A Prayer for Teachers

Almighty God,

We come to you today and give thanks for all our teachers.

Thank you for the way in which they give of themselves
each day in the classroom,

Serving and instructing the next generation of this land.

We thank you for them all now.

Father, fill their hearts with courage now by your mighty Spirit.

Fill them with your strength,

so that they may rise to every challenge and not grow weary.

Fill them with your wisdom,

so that they may be able to make good judgement
when guiding and helping others.

Fill them with your peace, so that when stress and anxiety comes
it would not overwhelm them.

Fill them with your joy, so that the passion they have for their sub-
ject may become an infectious passion that spreads.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus.

Amen.

*5th September is observed as Teacher's Day in India
in honour of Dr.Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan the philosopher President.*

Forteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 1th September 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

Meditation Religieuse Henri Mulet, 1878 - 1967

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Down in the valley with my Saviour I would go,
where the flowers are blooming and the sweet waters flow,
everywhere he leads me I would follow, follow on,
walking in his footsteps till the crown be won.

Refrain Follow, follow, I would follow Jesus,
anywhere, everywhere, I would follow on.
Follow, follow, I would follow Jesus.
Everywhere he leads me I would follow on.

Words: Revd William Cushing, 1832 - 1902

Music: Revd Robert Lowry, 1826 - 1899

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Gracious Heavenly Father,
thank you for your presence early this morning,
eager to teach us.

All

**“I will instruct you and teach you the way you
should go; I will counsel you with my eye upon you.”**

Psalm 32:8

Lord, you, as our Teacher,
taught us to seek wisdom which is better than jewels,
**and knowledge and understanding
that are better than choice gold.**

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 149

Ye servants of God

Tune: PADERBORN

Please be seated.

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 482**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 482**

2 Kings 5:9 - 16

A reading from the Second 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 chants by Baker

Psalm

119:105 - 112

Lucerna pedibus meis

THY word is a lantern unto my feet : and a light unto my paths.

¹⁰⁶ I have sworn, and am stedfastly purposed : to keep thy righteous judgements.

¹⁰⁷ I am troubled above measure : quicken me, O Lord, according to thy word.

¹⁰⁸ Let the free-will offerings of my mouth please thee, O Lord : and teach me thy judgements.

¹⁰⁹ My soul is always in my hand : yet do I not forget thy law.

¹¹⁰ The ungodly have laid a snare for me : but yet I swerved not from thy commandments.

¹¹¹ Thy testimonies have I claimed as mine heritage for ever : and why? they are the very joy of my heart.

¹¹² I have applied my heart to fulfil thy statutes always : even unto the end.

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 483**

Galatians 5:16 - 24

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Galatians.

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 | **# 240**

Teach me, my God and King

Tune: SANDYS

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Your words are spirit, Lord,
and they are life:
You have the message of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 483**

St. Luke 17:11 - 19

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.

Please be seated

Sermon

Dr. Jamson Masih, *Acting Principal of Wilson College*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

cf Galatians 5.22,23

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 | # 175

Ye that know the Lord is gracious

Tune: HYFRYDOL

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All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Please be seated

All teachers and educators are requested to come up to the chancel steps.

“That is all that Jesus came to teach us:
the tender love of God...”

- Mother Teresa

All say

A Prayer for Teachers & Educators

**God of all learning,
grant our teachers an abundance of your wisdom.
Prepare their hearts to welcome and love.
Give them grace in their encounters,
courage to face challenges,
and strength when they feel weak.
When they feel unseen,
remind them we are overwhelmed
with gratitude for the gifts they share with our children.
May they see how their dedication
forever impacts generations. Amen.**

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Almighty God,
we want to get our Christian living
and our discipleship in perspective.
We recognise your desire for us
to strive for a likeness of Jesus your Son
and we have heard the call to holy living.
What a privilege it is to walk in holiness,
pure in thought and deed! Let us pray to the Lord.

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

Merciful God,
we are sorry for not being alert to your Spirit
when you have sought to show us your glory.
Keep our eyes fixed on Jesus,
our light in the darkness,
who leads us to where the spiritual action is taking place
and even uses us to shine light for others
to see the way forward.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Loving God,
we thank you for our teachers who try to mould us into
responsible citizens of our country.
Fill them with your grace
and guard them in every walk of life. Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Continued

Intercessor

Gracious God,
we pray that students of today may be guided to respect
the aged, protect the weak, and speak for justice and truth.
Let us pray to the Lord.

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

Faithful God,
we pray that our teachers may be filled with your power
to teach values and virtues that will make the students of
today brave, true and kind
so that they follow in your foot steps.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

God of love,
in our roles as teachers and educators
may we grow each day by inculcating
virtues of service and dedication to the call of our mission.
Make us more sensitive and loving
in imparting knowledge,
especially by turning towards the weak students.
Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer

Everlasting God,
Keep us faithful, keep us joyful,
keep us alert to your Spirit's voice
and obedient to respond.
Involve us in the action;
encourage us to be bolder and fearless,
so that we may share in the glories of life in Christ.
Let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, you being our Great Teacher,
instruct and teach every teacher today,
to handle all of those present day challenges and
move "forward in faith ".**

In Jesus' name we pray.

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

Tune: SLANE

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom
fills the earth and teaches us your ways.
Grant that students and teachers alike may follow
Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life,
for ever and ever.

† 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

**We thank you, God, for teachers Who help us learn your Way,
Who show by their example How we can serve and pray,
Who find great joy in worship, Who listen with concern;
For in their loving witness, They help us want to learn.**

**² We thank you, God, for children And older people, too,
Who value times of learning And want to grow in you,
Who seek your precious kingdom And wisdom from above;
For wise ones of all ages Still seek to learn your love.**

**³ We thank you, God, for families Of every kind and size,
Who keep the vows they spoke when Their children were baptized,
Who pray and read the Bible, Who love and serve the poor;
They teach, by what they value, The way of Christ our Lord.**

**⁴ We thank you, God, for churches That welcome one and all,
That nurture every person In answer to Christ's call.
So fill us with your Spirit, And give us life anew,
That we may help each other Live faithfully in you.**

Words: Revd Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, 1961

Tune: ELLACOMBE (# 75)

Melody from Württemberg Gesangbuch

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

Postlude

Alla Marcia Thomas Adams, 1785 - 1858

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.

Beatitudes of the Christian Teacher

Blessed are the teachers who listen to their students,
especially the ones with repeated questions,
for they possess the ears of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who see the needs of their students,
especially the ones unrecognized by others,
for they possess the eyes of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who speak kindly of their students,
especially those without positive motivation,
for they possess the mouth of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who are empathic to their students,
especially the ones who feel the sting of violence at home,
for they possess the hands of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who think prayerfully of their students,
especially those who don't know God,
for they possess the mind of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers, who walk patiently with their students, especially the one lacking spiritual guidance,
for they possess the feet of Christ.

Blessed are the teachers who persevere in their faith-sharing ministry,
especially when their efforts seem to be in vain,
for they possess the healing presence of Christ
and theirs in the Kingdom of heaven.

—Source Unknown

~ 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

Kriya Pastala (5), Ms. Divyal Salvi (5), Ms. Sanjana Deekollu (6)

~ Wedding Anniversary ~

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

Philippians 1:9

Mr. Koilpillai & Mrs. Helen Ponpandian (1)

Notices

- We express our thanks to the guest preacher this morning, Dr. Jamson Masih Dr. Masih is presently acting Principal of Wilson College, Bombay and Honorary Treasurer of the Diocese of Bombay.
- Last Wednesday 28th August 2024 Mrs. Mona Swarge , daughter of Mrs. Sheela Bijlani went to be with the Lord. Pray for God’s comfort to the family.
- Dedication of the members of the Pastorate Committee will take place at the 8:45 am service next Sunday 8th September 2024.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription. Please update any change in address.
- A **retreat for children** (aged 6 to 14 years) will be held here in the Cathedral on Saturday 28th September from 9am to 4 pm. Contact Mrs. Uma Moses.
- Our **annual retreat** will be conducted on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at the YMCA International House, Mumbai Central. All are welcome to attend.
- As is very evident we have a paucity of male voices in the choir. We appreciate the commitment of the choristers and request adults to join.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed in loving memory
of the late Mrs. Padma Solomonraj
on the occasion of her birthday (3rd September)*



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. |

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** This week our prayers focus on the Americas. As the United States moves closer to election day, 5th November, we pray for honesty and integrity for candidates, and thoughtful reflection on policy implications for voters • We pray for protests disputing transparency in the Venezuelan election to remain peaceful • Our prayers continue for peaceful solutions to the continuing violence in Haiti • As Canada relies economically on rail transport, we pray for people impacted by the ongoing stoppage over safety and scheduling, and for those negotiating to reach a speedy resolution.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Our heartfelt prayers continue for an end to crimes against children and women. Pray for the law and order situation in Calcutta and for speedy dispensation of justice. In the words of the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Calcutta the Most Revd Thomas D' Souza, "*...the circumstances are so urgent that we must come together, followers of different faith traditions, representatives, and offer our prayers to a person whose mission was to save lives, a doctor.*"

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The martyrs of New Guinea are commemorated on 2nd September. Three hundred thirty-three church workers of various denominations were killed during the Japanese occupation of New Guinea. • In the Anglican Communion, for the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola and Archbishop Carlos Simao Matsinhe.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** We give thanks for the life and powerful ministry of Sadhu Sundar Singh (commemorated 3rd September). He was born into a Sikh family in Patiala. Sundar took the saffron robes of a sadhu and began a life of spreading the simple message of love and peace and rebirth through Jesus. He carried no money or other possessions, only a New Testament. Sundar Singh travelled all over India and Tibet, as well as the rest of the world. Many people said, "He not only looks like Jesus, he talks like Jesus must have talked." In 1929, against all his friends' advice, Singh determined to make one last journey to Tibet. He was last seen on 18th April 1929 setting off on this journey. Sadhu Sundar Singh is treasured by many as a formative figure in the development of the Christian Church in India • The Diocese of Jabalpur and Bishop Ajay James • The Diocese of Kollam-Kottarakkara (Kerala).

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For Marathi Christi Mandali, Mulund and the Reverend Mahendra Kavathekar.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for the Principals and many teachers who have taught generations of pupils in the Cathedral & John Connon School over the past 164 years. Pray for those who currently serve their vocation there.

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