



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

A striving for the Kingdom of God

Matthew 6: 24 - 34

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Read the verses of this morning's Gospel in their context: the young Jesus, living in the flowering countryside and relative prosperity of Galilee, is testing the real necessities and true values of life. He enjoys the beauty around him, but sees people so concerned with Mammon (a Semitic word for money or wealth), and worry about tomorrow, that they cannot be in tune with the God who reaches us only in the Now.

One of the best-known stories of Jesus leads us into the theme of trust. Only God is worth our total trust, and God is totally faithful to us. A prayerful walk among flowers while observing the birds of the air brings this story to life. It's about recognising what's really important in life. Even though birds and lilies also wither and die, their lifespan can remind us of where true happiness lies.

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Sunday 8th 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

Prière à Notre-Dame (*from Suite Gothique*) - Léon Boëllmann, 1862 - 1897
Ave Maria - Franz Schubert, 1797 - 1828 (arr. James Preston)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord :
unnumbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name :
make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

Words: based on Luke 1:46 - 55

Bishop Timothy Dudley - Smith, 1926 - 2024

Tune: WOODLANDS

Walter Greatorex, 1877 - 1949

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

The presence of the Lord is here among us.

All

Protecting us, loving us, encouraging us.

We come as a people of hope to witness God's power;

**We come before you today seeking your Kingdom
and your righteousness above all else.**

Continued

Presbyter Seek first God's Kingdom and His righteousness;
All **and all these things will be given to you as well.**

Matthew 6:33

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 131

Love divine, all loves excelling

Tune: LOVE DIVINE

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Read by the Presbyter

O merciful God, hear the prayers of thy servants who this day give thanks for the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and grant that we like her may live to glorify the name of Jesus, and may ever rejoice in his holy Incarnation; who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

The Collect for the day | **page 484**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 484**

Joshua 24:14 - 25

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

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 Armes

Psalm

119: 113 - 120

Iniquos odio habui

I hate them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.

¹¹⁴ Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.

- ¹¹⁵ Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.
¹¹⁶ O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.
¹¹⁷ Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.
¹¹⁸ Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.
¹¹⁹ Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.
¹²⁰ My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgements.

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 486**

Galatians 6:11 - 18

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

Blest are the pure in heart

Gradual Hymn | **# 238**

Tune: FRANCONIA

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

God has spoken to us through his Son,
through whom he created the worlds.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | page 486

St Matthew 6:24 - 34

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.

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 Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of God.
We meet in the name of Christ and share his 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 | # 135

Rock of ages, cleft for me

Tune: TOPLADY

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please be seated

Dedication of Members of the Pastorate Committee

The following are the members of the Pastorate Committee:

Mr. Nishanth Daniel (*Honorary Secretary*), Mr. Gladston Somervel (*Honorary Treasurer*), Mr. Ashok Joshi, Col. (retd) Dhyan Mayadas,
Mr. Mervin Gladstone, Mr. Samuel Joseph, Mrs. Archana Magar,
Mrs. Supriya Telgote, Mrs. Violet Truman, Mrs. Jaisy Desai (*Women's Fellowship for Christian Service*), Mrs. Uma Moses (*Sunday School*)

The Presbyter says

We have come together, in the presence of Almighty God, for the dedication of the members of our Pastorate Committee for this year. They are our chosen leaders and servants in the life and mission of this congregation.

In the *Church of North India*, certain laymen and laywomen are chosen to share with the bishops, presbyters and deacons in the spiritual care, nurture and administration of the Church.

As members of the Pastorate Committee you are called to share in these responsibilities. Remember that all effective service in the Church must be in the Spirit of him who came not to be served but to serve.

I now ask you to answer certain questions, which remind you and us of the responsibilities, which you have undertaken in accepting membership of the Pastorate Committee of this congregation.

Do you promise to carry out your responsibilities in co-operation with the Presbyter and the other members of the Committee?

Answer: I do, with God's help.

Continued

Will you at all times set before you the unity and peace of this Pastorate, trying to be an example to the congregation in humility, in sincerity of life and in Christian service?

I will, with God's help.

Since the Church is called to share in fulfilling God's purpose for the world, will you with the Presbyter and your fellow-members try to care for the needs of your neighbours?

Will you both inspire and lead the people of the Pastorate in witness to Christ and in service to those within the Church and outside it?

I will, with God's help.

Will you endeavour always to speak and act as responsible members of the *Church of North India* and of the Diocese of Bombay? And by your commitment to the cause of unity, witness and service, will you encourage others also to follow your example?

I will, with God's help.

May God strengthen you by His Holy Spirit that you may be able to carry out the promises which you have made

The members of the Pastorate Committee all say together:

Living Lord,

**we thank you for the joy of being called to your service
in the fellowship of your Church.**

**Help us to respond to your call,
to commit ourselves to you.**

**as our Saviour and King,
to be obedient to your will,
and to serve you faithfully,
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

The Presbyter and the congregation say to the Committee

**We welcome you with joy
as members of our Pastorate Committee,
and recognize you during your term of office as leaders
and servants in the life and mission of this Pastorate.**

An Act of Dedication by the Congregation

Presbyter

In accordance with the revelation of God given in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testament: We believe in one God, eternal and almighty; in Jesus Christ the only begotten Son of God; and in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life.

All

Glory to you, O God.

We believe that salvation is received through faith in Jesus Christ and that whoever trusts in him receives forgiveness of sin, and becomes a sharer in eternal life.

Glory to you, O God.

We believe that the Church is the people of God, the fellowship of those who trust in Christ. As the body of Christ, it depends on him as head and is called to manifest his life in the world.

Glory to you, O God.

We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are visible signs of the grace of God, which express our union with Christ and our continual dependence on him, and through which also we confess our faith.

Glory to you, O God.

Therefore, in accordance with the promises made at our Baptism, we promise God and one another that we will regularly read the Bible, and pray, and will endeavour to live in every way according to the will of God.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

We will make it our aim to live in love and peace in our families, and to bring up our children according to the teaching of Christ, so that they may acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Saviour.

Lord, help us to keep this promise

We will seek in all our dealings with each other, and with our neighbours, to act with justice and with concern for all, and so to share in making known God's love for all people.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

We will seek every opportunity to witness to Christ by deed and word, and to help others to find the salvation which he offers.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

Continued

Presbyter

We will join regularly in the worship of the amber Church and we will participate actively in the life and work of this Pastorate.

All

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

We acknowledge that all we have, whether abilities or possessions, are given by God, and we will use them as His faithful stewards for His glory, by caring for the needy, and by willing service and generous giving for the work of the Church and the extension of His kingdom.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

We will endeavour to live in peace with everyone.

We will avoid unkind criticism of others' faults, and in all humility will be ready to acknowledge our own.

Lord, help us to keep this promise.

**With the help of the Holy Spirit
we will try to fulfil all these promises. Amen.**

**Look upon our lives, O Lord our God,
and make them yours in the power of your Holy Spirit:
that we may walk in your way,
faithfully believing your Word
and faithfully obeying your commandments:
faithfully worshipping you,
and faithfully serving our neighbour,
for the spread of your glorious Kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 | # 360

For Mary, Mother of our Lord

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

All join in singing

Recessional Hymn | # 309

The God whom earth and sea and sky

Tune: WAREHAM (# 296)

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Epilogue Norman Gilbert, 1912 - 1975

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. Paul George (9), Mr. Vivek John (9), Ms. Swapnita Mane (10),
Ms. Joyous Singh (11), Ms. Joyna Michyari (13)

Notices

- 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. Contact the Presbyter if you would like to attend.
- Members are reminded to pay their annual subscription. Please update any change in address.
- More adult singers (particularly male voices) are needed in the Cathedral choir. If you like singing and can make a weekly commitment, please meet the choir-master. Practices for Christmas will begin shortly. This would be an ideal time to join.
- Old books are laid out near the West Door. Browse and take home any books which may interest you.
- You are requested to take your copy of this service bulletin home with you after the service. Please oblige.

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 Europe. Again, in the spotlight for the wrong reasons, is the catastrophe of another vessel sinking in the English Channel, and we pray for the ongoing problems faced by migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, asking God to bring solutions to their problems, peace and security, and comfort to all those impacted by this latest tragedy • We continue to pray for a peaceful solution to the Ukraine – Russian war as increased violence is occurring • The UK’s partial ban on arms exports to Israel is thankfully a beginning to bring about peace • We thank God for the bravery, positivity and determination of Paralympians and applaud their success.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Our fervent prayers continue for the safety and security of all doctors and for dispensation of speedy justice to victims of mindless crimes against women and children.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Today the Church celebrates the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary. With Mary we proclaim, “*My soul magnifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour*” • Cyprian of Carthage (bishop, theologian and martyr) and John Chrysostom (bishop and theologian) are commemorated on 14th September. During the reign of the Emperor Valerian, Carthage (in North Africa) suffered a severe plague epidemic. Cyprian organized medical relief but this did not prevent the masses from being convinced that the epidemic resulted from the wrath of the gods at the spread of Christianity. Cyprian was beheaded on 14th September 258 A.D. Chrysostom was Archbishop of Constantinople • In the Anglican Communion, for The Church of the Province of Myanmar (Burma) and the Most Revd Stephen Than Myint Oo.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** Narayan Seshadri of Jalna (Convert, Evangelist) is commemorated on 13th September. He founded the Bethel Mission in Jalna, through which he ministered to the poor, especially the Mangs, the outcaste poor of the region. He died en route to Scotland on 21st July, 1891 where he had gone to raise funds for the Bethel Mission • The Diocese of Kolhapur • The Diocese of Madhya (Central) and Bishop Malayil Sabu Koshy Cherian

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For St. Francis’ Church and the Reverend V. P. Ingle.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for the ministry of the *Women’s Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)*.

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