



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

A PRAYER FOR STEWARDSHIP

O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom

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O Lord, Giver of Life and Source of Freedom.

We know that all we have is received from your hand.

Gracious and loving God,
you call us to be stewards of your Abundance,
the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us.

Help us always to use your gifts wisely
and teach us to share them generously.

Send the Holy Spirit to work through us,
bringing your message to those we serve.

May our faithful stewardship
be a witness to the love of Jesus Christ in our lives.

We pray with grateful hearts in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Stewardship Sunday

Sunday 15th 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

Intermezzo - César Franck, 1822 - 1890

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

When in our music God is glorified,
and adoration leaves no room for pride,
it is as though the whole creation cried:
Alleluia!

Let every instrument be tuned for praise!
Let all rejoice who have a voice to raise!
And may God give us faith to sing always:
Alleluia!

Words: Revd Fred Pratt Green, 1903 - 2000

Tune: ENGELBERG
Charles Villiers Stanford, 1852 - 1924

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter We have been blessed by the Eternal God,
who has been faithful to us.

All **As thankful stewards,
we will remain faithful to God.**
The mystery that has been hidden through the ages...is
Christ in you, the hope of glory.

Presbyter **As redeemed stewards,
we will remain faithful to Christ.**
God has empowered us with the Holy Spirit
to be our Comforter and Guide,
our unfailing source of strength.

All **As Spirit-filled stewards,
we will remain faithful to Christ.**

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever will be.**

Refrain **Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided;
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

² **Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**

³ **Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thy own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm, 1866 -1960

Music: William M. Runyan, 1870 -1957

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Presbyter reads

A Collect for Stewardship

Gracious God, giver of all we have and hold as stewards;
grant the people of this church a deep and abiding awareness
that all things come from you – our health, our incomes, our jobs, our talents
and our generous impulse.

Send your Holy Spirit to help us as we swim against the rising tides of material-
ism, envy, individualism and greed in our culture. When we are tempted to think
of money as a private matter, remind us that you have asked for part of what we
are given, to be returned to you as a symbol of our awareness that you give all
we have. And further, help us to help each other in this grace of giving,
for you are the lover of our souls and call us to nothing less than transformation
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect for the day | **page 487**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 488**

1 Kings 17:17 - 24

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.

Sung by the choir to a chant by Greene

Psalm

119: 121 - 128

Feci iudicium

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

¹²² Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

¹²³ Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.

¹²⁴ O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.

¹²⁵ I am thy servant, O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.

¹²⁶ It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.

¹²⁷ For I love thy commandments : above gold and precious stone.

¹²⁸ Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

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 489**

Ephesians 3:13 - 21

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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

- "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof."
Creation reminds us, O God, of your love.
By grace we are learning, as year leads to year,
We're called to be stewards, your caretakers here.**
- ² Your rainforests nurture the world that we share.
Your wetlands give animals shelter and care.
Your coral reefs cradle the life of the sea.
You've shown us, in love, what your good world can be.**
- ³ Too often, O God, we abuse your good earth.
We fail to remember its beauty and worth.
We take from creation much more than we need,
We threaten your world through indifference and greed.**
- ⁴ May we be good stewards of all that you give,
Protecting creation wherever we live.
May we be a church that renews and restores
And lovingly cares for this earth that is yours.**

Words: from Genesis 1, 2; Psalms 8, 24
Revd Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, b. 1961

Tune: ST. DENIO

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed are they who have kept the word with a generous heart
and yield a harvest through perseverance.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 489**

St Luke 7:11 - 17

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.

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 is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.
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 | **# 249**

Take my life and let it be

Tune: NOTTINGHAM

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please be seated

Prayers for Stewardship

Leader

Heavenly Father,
you have called us through Your Son, Jesus Christ,
to make disciples of all nations.

We ask for Your guidance.

Grant us opportunities to share your love,
courage to speak your truth,
and faithfulness to nurture your flock.

All

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father, you invite each of us
to share in the life and ministry of your Son, Jesus.
Send your Holy Spirit to form us as a disciple.
Teach us how to hear Jesus, to love Jesus, and to share
your gift of salvation with everyone we meet.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
who sent your only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sin,
show us how to honour you and bring glory to your name,
by walking in the way of Jesus.

Give us grace and mercy as we try and fail,
give us guidance when we are not sure which way to go,
and give us wisdom to trust you in all things.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Gracious and generous God,
Creator and Giver of all that is good,
we thank you for our many blessings.
We acknowledge that all that we have is from you.
We offer you thanks and praise for the beauty of the earth,
our work, our family, our loved ones,
and all the gifts we have been given.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We remain ever grateful for your constant love,
the gift of your Son Jesus,
and the presence of your Holy Spirit with us.
Protect and guide us on our journey,
and guide those who are involved in Diocesan, and parish
stewardship leadership.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Leader

Generous and loving God,
we come to you in thanksgiving,
knowing that all we are and all that we have
is a gift from you.

In faith and love, help us to do your will.

We are listening.

Speak your words into the depth of our souls,
that we may hear you clearly.

Lord, graciously hear us.

We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you
as a true act of faith,

to reflect our love for you and our neighbours.

Help us to reach out to others

as you have reached out to us.

Eternal God,

we pray that we will make stewardship a way of Life.

Help us to hear your call to be good stewards,

caretakers, and managers of all your gifts

by sharing them for your purposes.

**Help us plan to serve our church, our community,
and our world with your gifts.**

May we serve you and pray

with a joyful spirit of mind and heart.

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 | **# 489**

Lord God, your love has called us here

Tune: RYBURN

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May the Lord bless you and keep you
as you go from this place to share the gifts
that you have been given with a world in need.

Amen.

† 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

O Jesus, I have promised

Recessional Hymn | # 235

Tune: DAY OF REST

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

In Dir ist Freude (In Thee is gladness)... .. 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 ~

"For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life."

Proverbs 9:11

Amos Rangayya (16), Mrs. Vijaya Pastala (17), Mrs. Karishma David (18),
Mr. Nikhil Mengde (18), Mrs. Deepa Thomas (20), Ms. Rachel Pasgon (21)

~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Make every effort to keep the unity of the spirit through the bond of peace."

Ephesians 4: 2, 3

Mr. Roop & Mrs. Rita Kamal (16), Mr. Jacob Abraham & Mrs. Annie Jacob (20)
Mr. Samuel Mane & Dr. Grace Mane (21)

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 for further details.
- Our **annual retreat** will be conducted on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 from 9 am to 4 pm at the YMCA International House, Mumbai Central. All are welcome to attend. Contact the office bearers of the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service* to register for the retreat latest by 25th September. ₹ 100 per person. Pay in cash or make the payment online.
- 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 choirmaster. Practices for Christmas have begun. This would be an ideal time to join.
- Old books are laid out near the West Door. Browse and take home any books which might interest you.
- You are requested to take your copy of this service bulletin home with you after the service. Please oblige.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning
are placed in thanksgiving
for the wedding anniversary of
Mr. Samuel Mane and Dr. Grace Mane*



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 Africa. As we pray for all people, our particular prayer is for those whose families are impacted by the sinking of a boat load of refugees leaving Senegal • We continue to pray for the peace and safety of asylum seekers, as Germany investigates the UK option of sending them to Rwanda • We pray for justice and equality for all people as the World Health Organisation claims mpox could be controlled by vaccination campaigns.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We earnestly raise our prayers for Manipur as tensions rise once again. May God's protection be with all those who are affected and may peace and normalcy be restored • As Junior doctors in Calcutta continue their protest, we pray for speedy dispensation of justice and for the safety of all doctors • Pray for relief work in Andhra Pradesh and Telengana following devastating floods.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Church gives thanksgiving for the call of Matthew to be an apostle (21st September) • In the Anglican Communion for The Church of Nigeria and Archbishop Henry Chukwudum Ndukuba.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands has a new Bishop. Pray for the ministry of Bishop Thomas Nathan • The Diocese of Malabar (Kerala) and Bishop Royce Manoj Victor.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For St. Mark's Church (Tamil Pastorate) and the Reverend D. Jebamani.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for the ministry of the Cathedral's Youth Fellowship. Pray that more young people will be inspired and led to join in the church's work and mission.

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