



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



“There was war in heaven. Michael and his angels fought against the dragon, and the dragon and his angels fought back. But he was not strong enough, and they lost their place in heaven. The great dragon was hurled down— that ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, who leads the whole world astray. He was hurled to the earth, and his angels with him” (Revelation 12:7-9)

Saint Michael & All Angels

Sunday 29th 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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MICHAELMAS

For centuries, 29th September has been set aside as a minor church festival for St. Michael and All Angels. This day is also known as “Michaelmas.” It is a day for Christians to specifically thank God for the angels He has sent to guard us in all our ways (Psalm 91:11).

The celebration of this day draws us to worship. It draws us to the altar where we join our voices “...with Angels and Archangels and all the company of heaven,” singing praise and glory to God. From Luke’s account we hear of the song of the heavenly hosts, “Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace among those whom he favours,” familiar to us as the beginning of the *Gloria in excelsis*.

In our ongoing life and ministry let us pray that we will find places of wonder and the time needed to adore the God of infinite love and mercy. Join the conversation that is already taking place among all the company of heaven, as we join as one to sing in an ancient antiphon, “The heavenly host extol the Son of the Most High; to Him Cherubim and Seraphim continually cry, Holy!”

Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on the tune Darwall's 148th (J, Darwall, 1731 - 89)
(‘Ye holy angels bright’) – Percy Whitlock, 1903 - 1946

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Angel-voices ever singing
round Thy throne of light,
angel-harps, forever ringing,
rest not day nor night;
thousands only live to bless Thee
and confess Thee
Lord of might.

Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that Thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we feel that Thou art near us
and wilt hear us?
yea, we can.

Words: F. Pott, 1832 - 1909

Tune: ANGEL VOICES
E. G. Monk, 1819 - 1900

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

The Lord commands His angels

All

to keep you in all your ways.

Give thanks to the Lord, all His angels, mighty in power,

who fulfil His command

and heed the voice of His word.

Give thanks to the Lord, all His hosts,

His servants that do His will.

Continued

Presbyter Give thanks to the Lord, all His works,
in every place where He rules,
All **my soul, give thanks to the Lord.**
He commands His angels,
to keep you in all your ways.

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 192

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for St. Michael and All Angels | **page 563**

Read by the Presbyter

The First Reading | **page 563**

Daniel 10:10 - 19

A reading from the Prophecy of Daniel.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to chants by Foster & Ouseley

Psalm

103: 1 - 5, 19 - 22

- ¹ Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me bless his holy name.
- ² Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and forget not all his benefits;
- ³ Who forgives all your sins
and heals all your infirmities;
- ⁴ Who redeems your life from the Pit
and crowns you with faithful love and compassion;
- ⁵ Who satisfies you with good things,
so that your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- ¹⁹ The Lord has established His throne in heaven,
and His kingdom has dominion over all.

Continued

²⁰ Bless the Lord, you angels of His,
you mighty ones who do His bidding
and hearken to the voice of His word.

²¹ Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,
you ministers of His who do His will.

²² Bless the Lord, all you works of His,
in all places of His dominion;
bless the Lord, O my soul.

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 Second Reading | **page 565**

Revelation 12:7 - 12

A reading from the Revelation of St. John the Divine.

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 |# 144

Come, let us join our cheerful songs

Tune: NATIVITY

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Bless the Lord, all you His hosts,
you ministers of His who do His will. *Psalms 103:21*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 565**

St Matthew 18:1 - 10

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 Hear again the song of the angels:
'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
All **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 | # 532

Ye watchers and ye holy ones

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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All say

Offertory Prayer | *page 270*

Intercessor

In the power of the Spirit,
and in union with Christ,
let us pray to the Father.
Father in heaven,
by his blood your Christ has ransomed us to you,
and has made us a kingdom and priests to you our God.
As the angels minister to you in heaven,
strengthen your Church to serve you here on earth.
Lord, hear us,

All

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
when the angels greeted the birth of your Son
they sang for joy 'Glory to God and peace on earth'.
Bless with Christ's peace the nations of the world.
Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
your Son has promised to your children
the care of the guardian angels who look upon your face.
Protect by your mercy our neighbours, families and
friends. Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
you give your angels charge over those who trust in you
to guard them in all their ways.

Be with those in trouble,
rescue them and show them your salvation.

Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Father in heaven,
your angel declares 'Blessed are the dead who die in the
Lord.'

'Blessed indeed,' says the Spirit,
'for they may rest from their labours,
for they take with them the record of their deeds.'

Enfold in your love all who come in faith
to your judgement seat in heaven. Lord, hear us,

Lord, graciously hear us.

Continued

Intercessor

“O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia!
**To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit
Three in One, Alleluia. 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 | **# 472**

How shall I sing that majesty

Tune: COE FEN

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Presbyter

The Blessing

God keep you in the fellowship of His saints;
Christ protect you by the ministry of the angels;
the Spirit make you holy in God’s service;
† 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 | **# 198**

Ye holy angels bright

Tune: DARWALL’S 148TH

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Toccata Festiva - Franklin Ritter, 1834 - 1902

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 ~

"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it."

Psalm 118:24

Mrs. Sony Charles (29), Ms Meghana Moses (1 Oct), Mr. Cyril James (1), Timothy Gladston (3), Mr. Arnold Pasgon (5), Mr. Mukul Gupte (5)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness."

Galatians 5:22

Mr. Raj Tiwari & Mrs. Alka Tiwari (30)



Patronal Festival

The Festival of St. Thomas the Apostle,
Patron of India
and after whom our Cathedral is named
will be celebrated on
Sunday 6th October 2024.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed
in loving memory of Beryl
beloved daughter
of the late Mr. Alan and Mrs. Rajathi Moses
and loving sister of Alice
on the occasion of her birth anniversary 26th September*

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.

Notices

- Our **annual retreat** will be conducted on Wednesday 2nd October 2024 at the *YMCA International House*, Mumbai Central. All are welcome to attend.

Praise God in union with all hosts of heaven

What are angels, and how should Christians think about them?

You have probably seen pictures, movies, or cartoons portraying angels, but it's likely that none of them portrayed angels in any way close to what they are actually like! What does the Bible say?

The Bible is clear that angels, like humans, are created and living beings, made by God. In Psalm 8, the psalmist points out that human beings have been made “a little lower” than the angels and “crowned . . . with glory and honour” (*Psalm 8:5*).

Jesus makes it clear that angels—unlike human beings—are eternal and nonmortal.

Above all, the Bible presents angels to us as servants of God. Angels are not to be worshiped; they are servants of God, who alone is worthy of worship and praise. But what do these servants do? What is their purpose? In the Bible, we see them acting in several key ways:

Announcement: The angel Gabriel (one of the few angels who is named in Scripture) was sent to Mary to announce the coming birth of Jesus Christ, God's Son.

Protection: At various points in the Bible, angels are presented to us as God's means to protect His people, for instance in Psalm 91:11–12, in Daniel 6, after his deliverance from the lions' den, Daniel explains to the king of Babylon that the lions' mouths were shut by God, who sent his “angel” to take care of him.

Worship: Revelation 4 and 5 make it clear that, among other purposes that angels fulfill, one seems to be simply worshiping God and singing praises to Him in heaven. John sees this as part of his vision. In this scene, he sees angels singing praises to God continually.

Provision: At various times in Scripture, angels are shown to provide for the needs of God's people—even in tangible ways. When Jesus was in the wilderness being tempted by Satan and went without food for forty days, we are told that angels were “ministering” to him.

Carrying out God's purposes: There are other ways in which angels carry out the purposes of God in the pages of Scripture, including guarding the garden of Eden, defeating God's people's enemies in battle, and rescuing righteous people from a city about to be destroyed by God's judgement (see the story of Lot in Genesis 19). Clearly angels do God's bidding and carry out His purposes in this world, whatever they may be.

*Excerpts from an article by Revd Jon Nielson
Author of the book, 'Knowing God's Truth'*

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Our continued prayers for long-lasting peace in the Middle East. Pray with the Prophet Isaiah that: 'They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war any more.' (*Isaiah 2:4*) Pray too for the sustenance of those working for peace and assisting and caring for the injured.

† **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 • For restoration of peace and normalcy in Manipur.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the worldwide Church we give praise to God in union with all the hosts of heaven on the day of Michael and All Angels • The 13th century monk and evangelist Francis of Assisi is commemorated on 4th October. He founded the *Franciscan Order*, the *Order of St. Clare*, and the *Third Order of Saint Francis* for men and women not living monastic lives. Though he was never ordained to the priesthood, Francis is one of the most venerated religious figures in history. He is the patron saint of the environment and animals because he loved all creatures and allegedly preached to even the birds • In the Anglican Communion, for The Church of Pakistan and the Moderator the Most Reverend Azad Marshall.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church in India gives thanks for the life and witness of Pandita Ramabai (commemorated today). Born with the name Ramabai Dongre-Medhavi, she was a champion for the emancipation of women and a pioneer in education. Pandita Ramabai founded a home for widows. *Mukti Mission* begun by her is located in Kedgaon near Pune. She was conferred with the title 'Pandita' for her extra-ordinary command over Sanskrit; Pandita Ramabai was also honoured in 1919 with the "Kaiser-E-Hind" award for her exemplary contribution towards society. Wilson College has a lady's hostel facility named after her and a road in Mumbai is named in her honour • The Diocese of Marathwada and Bishop Prakash Patole • The Diocese of Coimbatore and Bishop Timothy Ravinder.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For the Church of St. Michael and All Angels, Kurla and the Reverend Mahendra Kavathekar.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • In the Cathedral community for the Servers and Lay Readers.

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