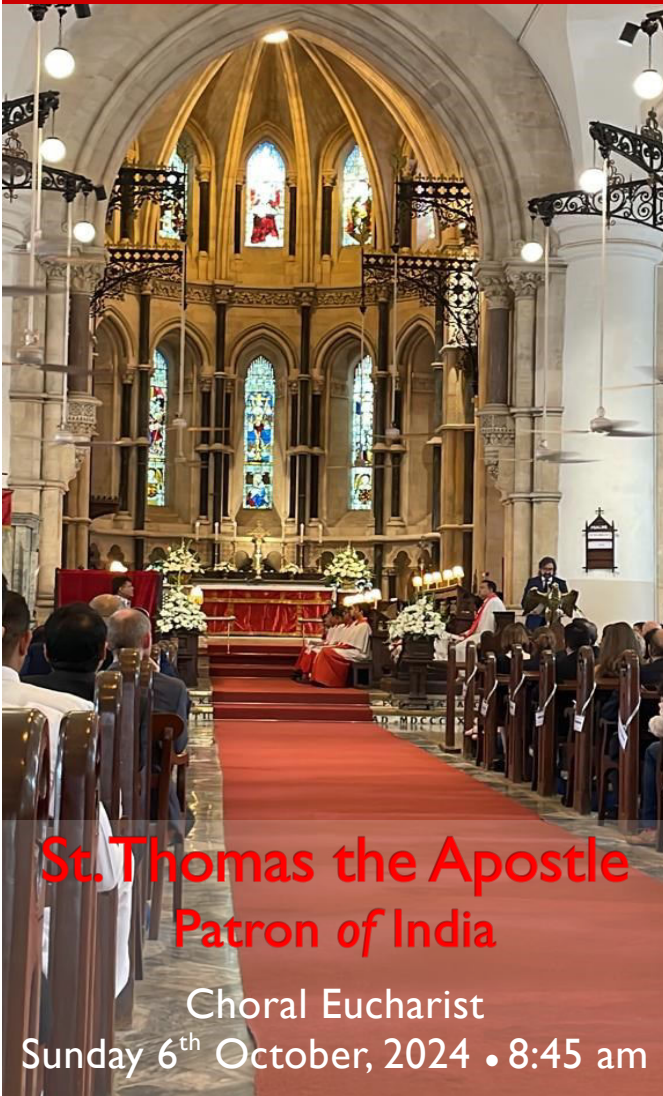




ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL  
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Since 1718



*The Church of North India*  
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Sundays 7 a.m. Eucharist (said) † 8.45 a.m. Eucharist (sung)  
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*This is  
none other  
than the  
House of God  
and  
this is  
the  
gate  
of  
heaven*

**St. Thomas the Apostle  
Patron of India**

Choral Eucharist  
Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October, 2024 • 8:45 am

## 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).

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PATRONAL FESTIVAL  
*of*  
SAINT THOMAS THE APOSTLE

*In the shoes of Thomas*

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He was the one who did not believe, he was the one doubting, he was the one who touched the wounds of Jesus! Moreover, did you know that the first person in the Gospels to give Jesus the name of God was none other than but St. Thomas himself?

*“Thomas answered him, My Lord and my God.” (John 20, 28)*

Jesus gave and revealed to Thomas more than he could have hoped for and what is more – Jesus also healed his doubts.

Realising that we all are broken and bruised is like a bandage over our own wound. We are called to see Jesus in those we meet every day. From this perspective, we can put ourselves in the shoes of St Thomas - seeing and touching their wounds, experiencing healing in our own hearts, and also being an instrument of healing for those around us. This is a beautiful mystery.

Choose to be present with Jesus and with others. Let us encourage each other to choose love each day anew so that we can praise God together.

As a worshipping community named after St. Thomas the Apostle, let us in awe say: *“My Lord and my God!”*

# 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

Sonata, Op. 65 No. 3 – Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy, 1809 - 1847

Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

*All stand as the clergy and choir process into the Cathedral,  
during which the organ plays*

Festive Trumpet Tune - David German, b. 1954

*Please be seated*

*The Presbyter addresses the congregation saying:*

Almighty Father, as we honour Saint Thomas the Apostle,  
our Patron, let us like him turn our doubt to faith.  
May we have eternal life by believing in Jesus,  
whom Thomas acknowledged as Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.

**Amen.**

Introit  
*Sung by the choir*

How holy is this place,  
This is none other than the House of God,  
And this the gate of heaven.

Words: Genesis 28: 16, 17

Music: T. E. Perkins, 1831 - 1912

## Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

How awesome is this place.

*All*

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gate of heaven.**

You are the temple of the living God,

And the Spirit of God dwells in you.

The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

**This is none other than the house of God,  
and this is the gate of heaven.**

*All stand and join in singing*

Hymn at the Procession

**Thanks be to God for His saints of each past generation,  
one with us still in one body, one great congregation;  
with them proclaim Jesus forever the same,  
author of life and salvation.**

- 2. Thanks be to God for His blessings which daily surround us;  
glory to Christ, the Redeemer who sought us and found us,  
who from the grave rose, the almighty to save, breaking the  
fettters that bound us.**
- 3. Thanks be to God for the years that are yet in His keeping,  
trusting each day to the care of a Father unsleeping,  
on to the end, Christ our companion and friend,  
joy at the last for our weeping.**
- 4. Thanks be to God who has called us and daily defends us,  
who with the Son and the Spirit unchanging befriends us;  
now in that name, Jesus forever the same,  
forth to His service He sends us.**

*An interlude is played*

**God of grace and God of glory,  
on your people pour your pow'r;  
crown your ancient Church's story,  
bring its bud to glorious flower.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage  
for the facing of this hour,  
for the facing of this hour.**

*Continued*

**2 Save us from weak resignation  
to the evils we deplore;  
let the gift of thy salvation  
be our glory evermore.  
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
serving thee whom we adore,  
serving thee whom we adore.**

Words: Harry Emerson Fosdick, 1878 -1969

Music: John Hughes, 1873 -1932

Tune: CWM RHONDDA Descant: Malcolm Archer, b. 1952

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

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## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collect for St. Thomas the Apostle | **page 566**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Lesson | **page 567**

*Isaiah 55:1 - 5*

A reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah.

*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 Havergal*

**Psalm**

**84**

*Quam dilecta!*

O HOW amiable are Thy dwellings : Thou Lord of hosts!

<sup>2</sup> My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord : my heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.

<sup>3</sup> Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young : even Thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

<sup>4</sup> Blessed are they that dwell in Thy house : they will be always praising thee.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee : in whose heart are thy ways.

<sup>10</sup> For one day in thy courts : is better than a thousand.

<sup>11</sup> I had rather be a door-keeper in the house of my God : than to dwell in the tents of ungodliness.

*Continued*

<sup>12</sup> For the Lord God is a light and defence : the Lord will give grace and worship,  
and no good thing shall He withhold from them that live a godly life.

<sup>13</sup> O Lord God of hosts : blessed is the man that putteth His trust in Thee.

*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 567**

*Hebrews 13:13 - 21*

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Hebrews

*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

**Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O, what a foretaste of glory divine!  
heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*Refrain*            ***This is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song,  
praising my Saviour all the day long.***

<sup>2</sup> **Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels, descending, bring from above  
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

<sup>3</sup> **Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above,  
filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Tune: BLESSED ASSURANCE  
Phoebe Knapp, 1839 - 1908

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

You believe, Thomas, because you can see me.

Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 568**

*St. John 11:7 - 16*

*Gospeller*            The Lord be with you.

*All*                      **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**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*

### Anthem

*Sung by the choir*

Cantate Domino canticum novum  
cantate Domino omnis terra.  
Cantate Domino, et benedicite nomini ejus.

Sing to the Lord a new song,  
sing to the Lord, sing all the earth.  
Sing unto the Lord, bless His Name.  
I will sing a new song.  
Sing a joyful song.

Words: Psalm 96

Music: Mark Hayes , b. 1953



# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*All stand*

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

*Celebrant*

We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of 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

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

**And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?**

***Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me!***

2. **He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.**

***'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.***

*Turn over*

3. **Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.**

*My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.*

4. **No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

*Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.*

Words: Charles Wesley, 1707 - 1788

Tune: SAGINA  
Thomas Campbell, 1777 - 1844

*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*Kneel as able or sit*

The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

The risen Christ is here in the midst of us.  
We bring our prayers to Him as Lord of the  
Church. For the Church universal, of which this building is a  
visible symbol.

For all Church leaders especially: Bijaya our Moderator;  
Theodosius Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the Mar Thoma  
Church; Manoj our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter.

*All*

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For this congregation,  
as we remember your promise that when two or three  
are gathered in your name you are there in the midst of  
them.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

*Intercessor*

For the fulfilling of our desires and petitions  
as you see best for us.

*All*

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For your blessings in the past and for a vision for the future.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit and new life in baptism.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the pardon of our sins when we fall short of your glory.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For a foretaste of your eternal Kingdom  
in the sacrament of the Eucharist.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the blessing of our vows  
and the crowning of our years with your goodness.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the faith of those who have gone before us and for  
grace to persevere like them.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the benefactors of this place who have died  
in the peace of Christ and are at rest.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the Revd Richard Cobbe, the dynamic Chaplain who  
was almost single-handedly instrumental in raising the  
necessary funds for the completion of the building of St  
Thomas' and all Chaplains and Presbyters of this church for  
their faithful service .

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For Bishop Thomas Carr, the first Bishop of Bombay  
and all his successors; Archdeacon William Kew Fletcher  
under whose leadership the 'great renovation' scheme was  
undertaken to enlarge the original church building and turn  
it into a fine Cathedral.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the music and liturgy offered in this place.  
And all who have worshipped God here  
in the beauty of holiness.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the sense of our fellowship with Saint Thomas our  
patron and all your saints.

**Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

The General Confession & Absolution | *page 275, 276*

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The Communion | *page 284*

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.*

*At this time the choir sings:*

Though it seems I'm oft unnoticed  
And lost in time and space.  
God above is watching o'er me  
Though I cannot see His face.

*Higher hands are leading me  
I am not alone I know  
As I walk this world below  
For higher hands are leading me.*

O how sweet to know He hears me  
When I go to Him in prayer  
And I tell Him all my troubles  
When my heart is bowed with care.

All my times are in His keeping  
He has numbered all my years  
And some day He'll take me yonder  
Where there'll be no pain or tears.

John W. Peterson, 1921 - 2006  
arr. Sebastian Anchees

*While seated, all sing*

**My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Saviour divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away;  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!**

*Continued*

<sup>2</sup> **May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!**

<sup>3</sup> **When ends life's transient dream,  
When death's cold, sullen stream  
Shall o'er me roll;  
Blest Saviour, then in love,  
Fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
A ransomed soul!**

Words: Ray Palmer, 1808 - 1887

Tune: OLIVET  
Lowell Mason, 1792 - 1872

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

*Presbyter* May God the Father from whom every family  
in earth and heaven receives its name draw you to Himself.

*All* **Amen.**

May God the Son who calls you to His service  
gladden your hearts to sing His praise.

*All* **Amen.**

May God the Holy Spirit  
build you up into a living temple to His glory.

*All* **Amen.**

† And the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

**Blessèd Thomas, doubt no longer,  
See the wounds in hand and side,  
Now behold the risen Saviour  
Who for thee has bled and died,  
And from death's dark pit arising  
Lives in body glorified.**

**<sup>2</sup> Prostrate falling, Thomas worshipped:  
'O my Master, Lord and God',  
Here in truth was Christ the Saviour  
Who the path of suffering trod,  
And, to ransom souls unnumbered,  
Broke in pieces Satan's rod.**

**<sup>3</sup> Thomas, sight has now convinced thee,  
Faith within thy heart has stirred;  
Blessèd more those faithful servants,  
Trusting in the Saviour's word,  
Who, though vision is denied them,  
Still believe, and own him Lord.**

**<sup>4</sup> Grant, O Father, that among them  
We Thy servants may be known,  
And the ground be ever fruitful  
Where the seed of faith was sown,  
Till at length in heaven's glory,  
Faith and vision are but one.**

Words: George B. Timms (1910 - 1997)

Tune: REGENT SQUARE  
Henry Smart, 1813 - 79)

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

Dismissal

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

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary - John Stanley, 1712 - 1786

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 ~

“Whoever gives heed to instruction prospers,  
and blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord.”

Proverbs 16:20

Ms. Rachel Baker (6), Mr. David Long (6), Ms. Monica Palukuri (7),  
Mrs. Shoba Abraham (10), Ms. Jaya Mayadas (12), Ms. Divya Mayadas (12)

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed  
in loving memory of Mrs. Alexandra Samuel  
Aunt of Mr. Samuel Joseph  
(She served as Headmistress in various mission schools  
in the Church of South India's Diocese of Tirunelveli)  
on the occasion of her death anniversary 7<sup>th</sup> October.*

A Gate to Heaven ... A Gate to the City ... CHURCHGATE



‘Churchgate’ - one of the gates in the erstwhile Bombay Fort leading to St. Thomas’s Cathedral. Western Railway’s station bears its name from this gate. The Cathedral tower is clearly visible.

As a worshipping community named after Thomas, being located at the place from which distance was measured in Bombay and having a busy station named after us....Churchgate.....what an enormous responsibility we bear!

What a glorious opportunity we have to share the message of the love of Christ with our City. May this House of God continue to be a place of refuge for all who enter this Gate of Heaven and have their doubt turned to faith!

Cathedral ministries... ..

*Get involved!*

- Sunday School
- Women’s Fellowship
- Youth Fellowship
- Choir

Sunday morning during term time  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m.  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m.  
Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Our continued prayers for long-lasting peace in the Middle East. This week our prayers focus on the Americas. Pray for the USA as its citizens prepare for the election of a president this November. Pray for a clear process, for fair and helpful campaigning by both candidates and that the outcome can be respected • Pray for the recovery of rainforests in South America after fires raged through the Amazon basin and across the continent.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Our fervent prayers continue for the 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 thanks for the Apostle Thomas who turned his doubt to faith and brought the Gospel of Christ to our land • In the Anglican Communion, for the Anglican Church of Papua New Guinea and Archbishop Nathan Ingen.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Nagpur and Bishop Paul Dupare • The Diocese of Kanyakumari and Bishop Anantha Raj Rayappan Chelliah .

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** For St. Thomas' Church, Ambernath and the Revd M. D. Borde. We give thanksgiving to God as they celebrate their centenary this year.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This morning as we celebrate our life as a worshipping community named after St. Thomas; we remember with gratitude all the blessings God has bestowed upon us. May God's guiding hand lead the present and the generations yet to come in His ways. We ask this in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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