



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

REFLECTIONS FOR THE DAY

Ephesians 6

Standing Firm in the Lord

The source of our defence, is not our own watchfulness or steadfastness. Instead, our strength is “in the Lord and in His mighty power.” Our defence is a God-birthing and God-like character of life: truth, righteousness, the gospel of peace, faith, salvation, and the word of God. Armed by God to become more like God, we are well-equipped to stand firm in the face of attacks.

We all have encountered the power of gossip, falsehood, slander, distortions of truth, and more. The moment you give attention to defusing one, another pops up unexpectedly.

It is in facing into these schemes with all their diverse nefariousness that standing firm is both so difficult and so powerful. We hear in the Epistle to the Ephesians Paul repeating several times. “Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.”

Lord, give us grace today to stand firm in You.

Help us not to be surprised by the attacks,

but to turn to You for power to persevere.

*Save us from trust in fading hopes—“chariots or horses”—
that often appear so powerful.*

*Instead, we declare that we will “trust in the name of the Lord our God”
(Psalm 20:7).*

Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 20th October 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

Prelude and Fugue in **G**, BWV 557 - Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.

Words: Robert Bridges, 1844 - 1930

Tune: MICHAEL
Herbert Howells, 1892 - 1983

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power.

All

We will put on the full armour of God.

Withstand the spiritual arrows of darkness
and the temptations of this world.

**We will take up the shield of faith
with which we shall defend against evil ways.**

Wear shoes to proclaim the gospel of peace.

Take the shield of faith and put on the helmet of salvation.

Continued

All

**We will carry the sword of faith,
which is the word of God.**

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of God's power.

**We place our confidence and trust in God always.
Amen.**

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 100

All people that on earth do dwell

Tune: OLD 100TH

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | page 497

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | page 500

Genesis 32:24 - 29

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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

Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to chants by Dupuis and Barnby

Psalm

119: 161 - 168

Principes persecuti sunt

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause: but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

¹⁶² I am as glad of thy word : as one that findeth great spoils.

¹⁶³ As for lies, I hate and abhor them : but thy law do I love.

¹⁶⁴ Seven times a day do I praise thee : because of thy righteous judgements.

¹⁶⁵ Great is the peace that they have who love thy law : and they are not offended at it.

¹⁶⁶ Lord, I have looked for thy saving health : and done after thy commandments.
¹⁶⁷ My soul hath kept thy testimonies : and loved them exceedingly.
¹⁶⁸ I have kept thy commandments and testimonies : for all my ways are before 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 500**

Ephesians 6:10 – 20

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

Soldiers of Christ, arise

Gradual Hymn | **# 219**

Tune: ST. ETHELWALD

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

cf 1 Peter 1.25

The Gospel of Christ | **page 501**

St. John 4: 46 - 54

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*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of
what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell
in our hearts. Alleluia. *cf Ephesians 1.13,14*
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.

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All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory

**When peace like a river attendeth my way,
when sorrows like sea billows roll;
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to know,
"It is well, it is well with my soul."**

*Refrain: It is well with my soul;
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

**² Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
let this blest assurance control:
that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
and has shed his own blood for my soul.**

**³ My sin oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!
my sin, not in part, but the whole,
is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more;
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!**

**⁴ For me, be it Christ, be it Christ hence to live!
If Jordan above me shall roll,
No pang shall be mine, for in death as in life
Thou wilt whisper thy peace to my soul.**

**⁵ But, Lord, 'tis for Thee, for Thy coming we wait;
The sky, not the grave, is our goal;
Oh, trump of the Angel! Oh, voice of the Lord!
Blessèd hope! Blessèd rest of my soul!**

Words: Horatio Spafford, 1828 - 1888

Tune: VILLE DU HAVRE
Philip Bliss, 1838 - 1876

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Heavenly Father

empower by your spirit all Christian people
and the work of your Church in every land.
Give us grace to proclaim the gospel joyfully,
not only by word but especially by deed and
by the way in which we live our lives. Lord, in your mercy:

Continued. Turn over.

All
Intercessor

hear our prayer.

Creator God, we pray that you will guide those who administer justice that they may be honest and merciful in all that they do and give wisdom to all who make laws, ensuring that the laws that they make may always prevail for the common good.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Father God,

we pray that children may be brought up in the knowledge of faith and with a sense of respect and responsibility for others.

Bless all parents and teachers who serve the communities we live in. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Everlasting God,

be present in all place where there is suffering, violence or pain. We especially pray for those people living through war or oppression and the many who are forced to leave their homes to seek refuge elsewhere.

Be with those who are trying to bring peace in areas of warfare and terrorism and for the relief agencies trying so hard to bring food and medicine to those suffering.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Gracious God,

we pray for those we know who are passing through illness. Bless those who care for the sick, encourage all that is being done for their good and surround them with your healing care:

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Loving God,

we remember in these prayers those who have died, those we have known and loved and those known only to you.

Help us to leave them with you in perfect trust, knowing that you care for them and for us with infinite love.

Lord, in your mercy:

All **hear our prayer.**
Intercessor Faithful God, we commend ourselves and all for whom we have prayed to you mercy and protection.
Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your son our saviour, Jesus Christ, 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 | # 247

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Tune: KINGSFOLD

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

God is always with you. Even when times get difficult and the way is not clear, God is truly by your side.

Rest in God's strength and love.

Serve God with joy.

† 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 | # 221

Stand up, stand up for Jesus

Tune: MORNING LIGHT

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

Postlude

Jubilate - Roy Douglas, 1907 - 2015

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 He will command His angels concerning you to guard you in all your ways."

Psalm 91:11

Mrs. Supriya Daniel (20), Mrs. Uma Moses (21), Mr. Nihal Thomas (21),
Mrs. Sarah Sinate (21), Mr. Giridharan (23), Rhea Daniel (25)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

*"May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other
and for everyone else, just as ours does for you."*

I Thessalonians 3:12

Mr. Benoy Abraham & Mrs. Shoba Abraham (26)

SAINT LUKE THE EVANGELIST

18th October

Almighty God, who calledst Luke the Physician,
whose praise is in the Gospel. to be an Evangelist, and physician of the soul:
May it please thee, that, by the wholesome medicines of the doctrine
delivered by him, all the diseases of our souls may be healed;
through the merits of thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Luke is the Patron Saint of Doctors.

We pray for all doctors and nurses in our congregation.

Inspirational Hymn Stories

"It is well with my soul"

Horatio Spafford was a successful lawyer, businessman, and devout Christian who lived in Chicago in the late 19th century. However, his life was marked by tragedy and loss, including the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, which destroyed much of his real estate holdings, and the death of his only son shortly thereafter. Despite these setbacks, Spafford remained committed to his faith. In 1873, Spafford's wife Anna and their four daughters boarded a ship named the Ville du Havre and set sail for Europe. The ship collided with another ship in the middle of the Atlantic Ocean and sank, killing 226 passengers, including Spafford's four daughters. Spafford set out for Europe to be with his grieving wife. While on the journey, he wrote a poem that would later be set to music and become one of the most beloved hymns of all time.

Notices

- If parents would like their child to be confirmed, please get in touch with Revd Rangayya so that confirmation classes can be planned accordingly.
- Reformation Sunday will be observed on 27th October 2024.
- Harvest Festival will be on Sunday 17th November 2024.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children regularly to Sunday School.
- Old books are laid out near the West Door. Browse and take home any books which may interest you.
- If you would like to contribute towards flowers in the sanctuary in memory of loved ones, please contact the Presbyter.
- On the inside front cover of this bulletin a QR code has been inserted for ease of making your offertory contributions. Your generosity is appreciated.
- You are requested to take your copy of this service bulletin home with you after the service. Please oblige.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary are placed
in loving memory of
Mrs. Chandramathi Moses
beloved mother of
Dr. Mrs. Kamal Jadhav
on the anniversary of her passing.*

*The late Mrs. C. Moses was a member of the Cathedral congregation,
a much-loved teacher and a strong advocate for the education of the girl child.*

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. Pray for peace between warring groups especially in Sudan. Violent clashes continue to occur, and many people have been displaced from their homes because of the violence. Pray that leaders would lay down their arms and seek peace. Pray too for South Sudan, Ethiopia, Kenya and Mozambique all facing the impact of climate change on their lands. Agriculture is a key component of these people's lives and the lack of rain and then too much rain affects their livelihood and how they live. Pray for finding good ways to manage this changing climate so all may live well with children and adults fed sufficiently.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for personell in the armed forces who guard our borders. Pray for their safety.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** With the worldwide Church we offer our thanksgiving for Luke, a faithful companion of Paul and the writer of the Gospel • In the Anglican Communion, for The Anglican Church of Rwanda and Archbishop Laurent Mbanda.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of North East India and Bishop Michael Herenz • The Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad and Bishop Jeyasingh Prince Prabhakaran

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** St. Luke's Church (Tamil Pastorate), Vittalwadi and the Reverend John Thavakumar.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • At this time of St. Luke's tide our prayers are for all doctors and nurses in our congregation. May God healing hand be on all whom they minister to.

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