



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
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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

Martin Luther, the theologian credited with kick-starting the Reformation, was an Augustinian monk who originally desired to reform and purify the Roman Catholic Church from within. However, after the famous *Diet of Worms* and several subsequent conferences about his writings, he was condemned as a heretic and outlaw. Therefore he and later reformers established their own churches independent of papal authority.

In response the Roman Catholic Church launched the *Counter-Reformation* which, although it sought to revive true spirituality among the clergy and the monastic orders, also resulted in the Roman Inquisition and the *Council of Trent*.

Since the Reformation, Protestant churches have continued to divide into more and more denominations, based on the understanding of Christian faith and practice each group derives from a particular interpretation of Scripture. Some have numbered these to be 24,000!

The Church must seek a **future of unity**. Divisions remain, but we do not despair but rather thank God for His patience and for His promise to grow us up together into His Son, realizing that our own work in this age is not done. We must reach more people with the gospel but we must also learn to love and serve each other into greater understanding of the Word of God.

“Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love”

Ephesians 4:15, 16

Twenty-Second Sunday after Trinity

Reformation Sunday

Sunday 27th 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 on 'A Mighty Fortress is our God', BWV 720 - Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
is laid for your faith in God's excellent Word!
What more can he say than to you he has said,
to you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with you, O be not dismayed,
for I am your God, and will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand."

Words: from John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns*, 1787

Tune: FOUNDATION
American folk melody

All stand and face the West Door.

Call to Worship

Presbyter
All

Lord, you have been our refuge and help for generations.
**You existed, O God, before the mountains were
born or the earth was formed.**
To you, a thousand years are like one day.
So teach us to count our days so we can have wise hearts.
Let the kindness of the Lord our God be over us.
Be our refuge and help.
We seek your face and praise your name alone.
The Lord of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge.

All join in singing the hymn

Praise to the Holiest in the height

Please be seated

All say together

The Entrance Hymn | # 117

Tune: GERONTIUS

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 502**

Read by the Presbyter

The Collect for Reformation Sunday

All say together

**Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you
that your Holy Spirit renews the Church in every age.
Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people.
Keep them steadfast in your word,
protect and comfort them in times of trial,
defend them against all enemies of the gospel,
and bestow on the Church your saving peace,
through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Lesson

2 Kings 23: 1 - 9

A reading from the Second Book of Kings

Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the Lord with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord.

The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

Continued

The king ordered Hilkiah the high priest, the priests next in rank and the doorkeepers to remove from the temple of the Lord all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the starry hosts. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and took the ashes to Bethel. He did away with the idolatrous priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places of the towns of Judah and on those around Jerusalem—those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and moon, to the constellations and to all the starry hosts. He took the Asherah pole from the temple of the Lord to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem and burned it there. He ground it to powder and scattered the dust over the graves of the common people. He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes that were in the temple of the Lord, the quarters where women did weaving for Asherah.

Josiah brought all the priests from the towns of Judah and desecrated the high places, from Geba to Beersheba, where the priests had burned incense. He broke down the gateway at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua, the city governor, which was on the left of the city gate. Although the priests of the high places did not serve at the altar of the Lord in Jerusalem, they ate unleavened bread with their fellow priests.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to chants by Hiles and Kelway

Psalm

81: 1 - 14

Exultate Deo

SING we merrily unto God our strength : make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.

² Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret : the merry harp with the lute.

³ Blow up the trumpet in the new-moon : even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.

⁴ For this was made a statute for Israel : and a law of the God of Jacob.

⁵ This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony : when he came out of the land of Egypt, and had heard a strange language.

⁶ I eased his shoulder from the burden : and his hands were delivered from making the pots.

⁷ Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee : and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.

⁸ I proved thee also : at the waters of strife.

Continued. Turn over.

⁹ Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel : if thou wilt hearken unto me,

¹⁰ There shall no strange god be in thee : neither shalt thou worship any other god.

¹¹ I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt : open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.

¹² But my people would not hear my voice : and Israel would not obey me.

¹³ So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts: and let them follow their own imaginations.

¹⁴ O that my people would have hearkened unto me : for if Israel had walked in my ways,

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

Romans 11: 1 - 6

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask then: Did God reject his people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject his people, whom he foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me" And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

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 |# 114

A safe stronghold our God is still v.v. 1 & 2

Tune: EIN'FESTE BURG

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ

St. John 8: 31 - 36

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.

So Jesus said to those who believed in him, "If you obey my teaching, you are really my disciples; you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." "We are the descendants of Abraham," they answered, "and we have never been anybody's slaves. What do you mean, then, by saying, 'You will be free?'" Jesus said to them, "I am telling you the truth: everyone who sins is a slave of sin. A slave does not belong to a family permanently, but a son belongs there forever. If the Son sets you free, then you will be really free.

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

Christ is our peace.
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.

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 | # 170

The Church's one foundation

Tune: AURELIA

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Confident in the gracious and ever-widening mercy of God,
let us pray for the world, the body of Christ,
and all who yearn for wholeness of life.

Liberate us from our bondage to sin, God of freedom,
that your Church would continually be reshaped and
reformed by the fire of the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy,

All

hear our prayer.

Show your righteousness, God of justice,
that all who are oppressed and marginalized,
forgotten, and cast aside
would be given voice by elected leaders
and compassionate citizens.

Lord, in your mercy,

*All
Intercessor*

hear our prayer.

Make wars to cease in all the world, God of peace,
that all strife, violence, and bloodshed give way
to reconciliation, compassion, and new life.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Take us by our hand, God of companionship,
when we are paralyzed by our fears
and unable to step out in boldness.

Give us courage to walk confidently with you.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Give your stillness, God of calm,
to all who are facing illness, surgery,
or any uncertainty of health.

May they know that their times
are in your ever-healing hands.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Write your law of love on our hearts, God of all,
that we, like our forebears in faith,
would be unswerving in our witness to your grace
that is ours through the gift of faith.

Lord, in your mercy,

hear our prayer.

Listen to us when we call upon you, most merciful God,
and grant us grace to entrust our lives and our world
to your unfailing love,
through 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

Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

² 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

Words: John Newton, 1725 - 1807

Hymn at the Communion

³ Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

⁴ When we've been there ten thousand
years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Tune: NEW BRITAIN
Early American melody

All stand and sing

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

The God of forgiveness bless you, the grace of Christ keep you,
and the wisdom of the Holy Spirit strengthen you.

† 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

All hail the power of Jesus' name! *omit * v.v. 2 & 3*

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Recessional Hymn | **# 140**

Tune: DIADEM

Dismissal

Postlude

'Praise to the Lord' - Johann Gorrfried Walther, 1684 - 1748

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

Ms. Patricia Bijlani (28), Ms. Mohini Patil (31), Mr. Gaurav Salvi (31)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

Mrs. Gopa Khandwala & Mr. Joseph Long (28)

REMEMBRANCE 2024



*During November we remember and give thanks for
holy men and women of times past, loved ones we have lost
and those who have fallen in wars recent and past,
in the hope of the resurrection and that time
when we will all stand in the presence of God.*

Friday 1st November **All Saints' Day** 8 am Eucharist (said)
Lady Chapel

Saturday 2nd November **All Souls' Day** 7 pm
Quire

*A quiet, contemplative service to remember the faithful departed
through prayer and music.
If you would like someone to be remembered by name at this service,
please contact the Presbyter.*

Sunday 3rd November **All Saints' Sunday** 7am Eucharist (said)
8:45 am Choral Eucharist

Sunday 10th November **Remembrance Sunday** 8:45 am Choral Eucharist
Laying of wreaths at the War Memorial

There will be a Remembrance Day service held at the Church of St. John the Evangelist (Afghan War Memorial) on Sunday 10th November 2024 at 10:30 a.m.

Thursday 14th November **Founders' Day** 9 am
Cathedral & John Cannon School

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

- Sunday School Sunday morning during term time
- Women's Fellowship 2nd Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m.
- Youth Fellowship 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m.
- Choir Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** It is just over a month since typhoon Yagi affected many children across South East Asia. Many schools were closed. Pray that children can be provided with safe learning environments, nutritious meals and the support needed to ensure their learning continues.

† **OUR COUNTRY** As a founding member of BRICS, India has played a pivotal role in the group's evolution. In the current political climate, marked by conflicts involving Russia and Iran, as well as China's economic challenges, India emerges as a vital voice within BRICS. Pray for India's role on the global stage.

† **OUR STATE** Assembly elections in Maharashtra are scheduled for 20th November. Pray for the candidates and leadership of the State.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The Very Revd Robert Andrew Willis (Dean Emeritus of Canterbury) passed away on 22nd October 2024. Dean Robert served as the 39th Dean of Canterbury (since the Reformation) from 2021 to 2022. He enthroned three archbishops of Canterbury and helped raised funds for Canterbury Cathedral –the Mother Church of the Anglican Communion. Dean Robert had become known to a wider global audience through his daily broadcast of Morning Prayer during the difficult days of the pandemic-induced lockdown. On some broadcasts St. Thomas's Cathedral was featured. He had led a Bible study for us during Lent of 2022 , garnering a viewership of over 14,000 on YouTube! Dean Robert was much-loved at Madras Christian College where he had preached on the occasion of the college's 175th anniversary in 2012. A prolific hymn writer, a hymn by him appears in the AMNS hymnal, '*The Kingdom is upon you!*' (512). Some members of our congregation had the opportunity to meet him and receive his warm hospitality in Canterbury Cathedral. We thank God for the many years of faithful ministry of Dean Robert Willis • Apostles Simon & Jude are commemorated on 28th October • All Saints Day falls on 1st November. God is glorified in His Saints, in whom we the riches of His grace • Commemoration of the faithful departed on 2nd November • In the Anglican Communion, for The Scottish Episcopal Church and Archbishop Mark Strange.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Patna and Bishop Francis Hansda • The Diocese of Thoothukudi - Nazareth.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Wesley Church and the Reverend Dyvasirvadham.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • For all young people in our congregation who are studying and working away from home.

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