



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

The Second Sunday of Advent



And he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the Kingdom of God is near.

Luke 21: 29 - 31

Sunday 8th December 2024 • 8.45 am

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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AN ADVENT REFLECTION

Jesus is telling us to notice the signs of the times for it indicates the arrival, the advent, the presence, and the power of the Kingdom of God; like new leaves sprouting on a fig tree. This observation will help us to discern between what is of true value in the kingdom of God and what is passing. Hence there is a need to be watchful.

But today's Gospel also comes with an assurance for the faithful believer. We are told that the world in which we live will one day disappear, but the words of Jesus, words of truth and life will be forever valid.

The Gathering

Voluntary

Aria on, 'Bristol' ('Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes') Malcolm Archer, b. 1952

Welcome

*All keep silence and prepare for worship.
All stand and join in singing the hymn.*

Entry Hymn| # 30

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

Tune: BRISTOL

All sit

The Presbyter says

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader

Today we light the Second Candle of Advent, the Candle of Peace. We remember the prophets who spoke of the coming of Christ, of how a Saviour would be born, a king in the line of King David.

The prophet Isaiah called Christ "the Prince of Peace".

They told us how he would rule the world wisely and bless all the nations.

All

O God, give us your peace.

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

As the candle is lit, the choir sings

LONG ago, prophets knew
Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his people's burden,
Freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

When he comes,

Who will make him welcome?

Journey ends : where afar
Bethlem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
Unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

Jesus comes!

We will make him welcome!

Words: Revd F. Pratt Green, 1903 - 2000

Music: Piae Contiones, 1582

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 260

During the Advent Season we sing the Kyrie instead of the Summary of the Law

Lord, have mercy. (3)
Christ have mercy. (3)
Lord have mercy. (3)

*From 'New English Mass'
Patrick Appleford, 1925 - 2018*

The Liturgy of the Word

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Old Testament Reading | page 299

2 Kings 22.8 - 10 & 23.1 - 3

A reading from the Second Book of the Kings.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to a chant by Monk

Caeli enarrant

Psalm

19: 7 - 15

⁷ The law of the Lord is an undefiled law, converting the soul; * the testimony of the Lord is sure, and giveth wisdom unto the simple.

⁸ The statutes of the Lord are right, and rejoice the heart; * the commandment of the Lord is pure, and giveth light unto the eyes.

⁹ The fear of the Lord is clean, and endureth for ever; * the judgements of the Lord are true, and righteous altogether.

¹⁰ More to be desired are they than gold, yea, than much fine gold; * sweeter also than honey, and the honey-comb.

- ¹¹ Moreover, by them is thy servant taught; * and in keeping of them there is great reward.
- ¹² Who can tell how oft he offendeth? * O cleanse thou me from my secret faults.
- ¹³ Keep thy servant also from presumptuous sins, lest they get the dominion over me; * so shall I be undefiled, and innocent from the great offence.
- ¹⁴ Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, * be always acceptable in thy sight,
- ¹⁵ O Lord, my strength, and my redeemer.

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 300**

Romans 15. 4 - 13

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn

Gradual Hymn | **# 301**

How beautiful are their feet

Tune: ST. THOMAS

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

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God. *cf Isaiah 40.3–5*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 301**

St Luke 21.25 - 33

The Gospeller The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Luke.

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

At the conclusion of the reading

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

All sit

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

As we prepare to welcome Jesus as the light of the world,
let us share light with one another with the sign of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*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 | # 166

Lord, thy word abideth

Tune: RAVENSHAW

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

All sit

Advent Prose

Cantor

Pour down, O heavens, from above

Refrain (all)

and let the skies rain down righteousness.

We have sinned and become like one who is unclean;
we have all withered like a leaf, and our iniquities like the wind
have swept us away. You have hidden your face from us,
and abandoned us to our iniquities.

Edited by Stephen Cleobury

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Intercession | page 270

The General Confession & Absolution | pages 275, 276

The Consecration | page 277

The Communion | page 284

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.

During the administration of Communion, while seated we sing.

Hymn at the Communion | # 256

Let al mortal flesh keep silence

Tune: PICARDY

All stand and say

Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty and everliving God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood
of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries
that we are living members
of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom.
O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord.
Amen.**

All sing

The Advent Message

**Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, amen come Lord Jesus. (2)
O come quickly, come Lord Jesus,
O come quickly, come Lord come,
come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, Amen, come Lord Jesus.**

**Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus come (2),
Yea come quickly (3), come Lord come,
Amen, come Lord come.**

Martin How, b. 1931

The Presbyter

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Hymn at the Closing |# 28

Lo, he comes with clouds descending

Tune: HELMSLEY

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All reply **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

Postlude on, 'Helmsley' - James Vivian b. 1974

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

Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!

2 Corinthians 9:15

Mr. Ankith Kumar (8), Ms. Cheryl Adams (9), Mr. Solomonraj (10),
Ms. Shravya Kumar (12), Mrs. Latha Ravichandran (12)



Come to the stable....

NATIVITY PLAY

By the children of the Sunday School

This morning
8th December 2024
10:45 am

In the church garden

With visit of Santa Claus!

All are warmly welcome

Pray with us

- † **THE WORLD** As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace we pray for peace in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, Russia and in Bangladesh.
- † **OUR COUNTRY** Our continued prayers for a settlement to the unrest in Manipur and for a long-term solution.
- † **OUR STATE** Pray for the new government.
- † **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Advent marks the beginning of a new liturgical year. Help us, O Lord, to prepare ourselves for the coming of Thy Son • In the *Anglican Communion* - The Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and Archbishop Kumir Kondo .
- † **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** We give thanks to God for the life and witness of the 19th century Bengali missionary Gopinath Nandi • For the Diocese of Agra and the Most Revd Bijaya Nayak • The Diocese of Nandyal (Andhra Pradesh).
- † **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for Emmanuel Church, Vasai and the Reverend Anandaraju.
- † **OUR CATHEDRAL** Remember in your prayers Mr. Melvin Gladston and family. His father passed away on Friday 6th December 2024 • All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for all care providers • This week for the children of the Sunday School and their teachers.



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

The Nativity in scripture, carol and verse
with the Cathedral choir

Sunday 22nd December 2024

6:30 p.m.

All are welcome

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