



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 Third Sunday of Advent



**PRE
PARE
THE
WAY**

*'I will send my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.'*

Matthew 11:10

Sunday 15th 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

The third Sunday of Advent is known as Gaudete Sunday (“Rejoice Sunday.”) We are reminded to rejoice on this third Sunday of Advent. As we light the third pink-colored candle, we rejoice to know that God gives us salvation. No matter the challenges or difficulties we face, we must be joyful. We know that God is faithful and is in control of all creation. Because we hope in God, we have reason to rejoice.

The Gathering

Voluntary

'Sleepers, wake', BWV 645 - Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

Welcome

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

Entry Hymn| # 26

O come, O come, Emmanuel

Tune: VENI EMMANUEL

All sit

The Lighting of the Advent Wreath

The Presbyter says

May the grace and peace of God be with you.

All And also with you.

Reader

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, just and true:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.

May we your servants rejoice in his light,
and so be led to witness to him

who is the Lord of our coming kingdom,
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages.

All

Lord Jesus, light of the world,

**John told the people to prepare,
for you were very near.**

**As Christmas grows closer day by day,
help us to be ready to welcome you now.**

Amen.

As the candle is lit, the choir sings

O Jesus, with Thy advent
quiet my restless soul and anxious mind.
In true humility I welcome Thee
Jesus Christ, my joy divine.
My thoughts, desires and all my longings
I dedicate, O Christ, to Thee.
Come Thou precious Sun most radiant,
Thy beams illumine my heart and soul.

Words: W. Osterwald (1820 -1887)

Music: Johann W. Franck (arr. Stein) (1644 - c. 1710)

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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Read by the Presbyter

The Collect for the First Sunday of Advent | **page 296**

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Old Testament Reading | **page 302**

Isaiah 35. 1 - 10

A reading from the prophesy of Isaiah.

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

Psalm

4:1 - 5

Cum invocarem

HEAR me when I call, O God of my righteousness * thou hast set me at liberty when I was in trouble; have mercy upon me, and hearken unto my prayer.

² O ye sons of men, how long will ye blaspheme mine honour, * and have such pleasure in vanity, and seek after lying?

³ Know this also, that the Lord hath chosen to himself the man that is godly; * when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

⁴ Stand in awe, and sin not; * commune with your own heart, and in your chamber, and be still.

⁵ Offer the sacrifice of righteousness, * and put your trust in the Lord.

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 303**

I Corinthians 4. 1 - 5

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 | **# 139**

Rejoice! the Lord is King

Tune: GOPSAL

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

The Gospel Acclamation

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 304**

St Matthew 11. 2 - 10

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

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

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

Deacon Paul George

Announcements

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.

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 | # 27

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry

Tune: WINCHESTER NEW

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.

You are my witnesses, says the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know me and believe me. I myself am the Lord, and none but I can deliver, what my hand holds, none can snatch away.

Edited by Stephen Cleobury

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

Come to your Church as Lord and judge.

Help us to live in the light of your coming and give us a longing for your Kingdom. Maranatha:

All

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to your world as King of the nations.

Before you rulers will stand in silence. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Continued

Intercessor

Come to the suffering as Saviour and comforter.
Place your healing hand on all who are unwell.
Break into our lives,
where we struggle with sickness and distress,
and set us free to serve you for ever. Maranatha:

All

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come to us as shepherd and guardian of our souls.
Give us with all the faithful departed
a share in your victory over evil and death. Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come from heaven, Lord Jesus,
with power and great glory.

Lift us up to meet you,
that with all your saints and angels
we may live and reign with you in your new creation.
Maranatha:

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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 | **# 29**

The Lord will come and not be slow

Tune: ST. STEPHEN

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.**

Continued. Turn over.

**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 | # 316

Lo, from the desert homes

Tune: DARWALL'S 148TH

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

The Advent of our God is nigh - Besançon tune, arr. Richard Warner

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 we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.'

Ephesians 2:10

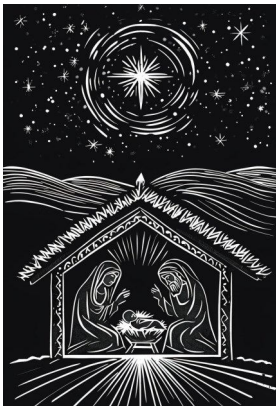
Mrs. Alice Dawson (16), Ms. Florence Harbour (17), Mrs. Bhanumathi Patil (18), Mrs. Ramola Joshi (19), Mrs. Pritam Knox (19), Mrs. Alka Tiwari (19)

Wedding Anniversary this week

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

Galatians 5:22

Mr. Arnold Pasgon & Mrs. Reena Pasgon (15)



A Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

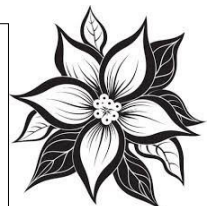
The Nativity in scripture, carol and verse
with the Cathedral choir

Sunday 22nd December 2024

6:30 p.m.

All are welcome

- Services during Advent, Christmastide & New Year are listed on the notice board in the porch.
- Every year at Christmastime Godrej gardens gift beautiful Poinsettia flowers. We express our thanks to Mrs. Rati Godrej.



- † **THE WORLD** As we await the coming of the Prince of Peace we pray for peace in the Holy Land, in Ukraine, Russia, Syria and in Bangladesh.
- † **OUR COUNTRY** Our continued prayers for a settlement to the unrest in Manipur and for a long-term solution.
- † **OUR STATE** Following Assembly elections, pray for the formation of 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 • Ignatius of Antioch (bishop, theologian and martyr c. 107) is commemorated today • In the *Anglican Communion* - The Anglican Church of Tanzania and Archbishop Maimbo Mndolwa.
- † **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Diocese of Amritsar and Bishop Samantarooy • For the Diocese of Rayalaseema (Andhra Pradesh) and Bishop P. I. Vara Prasad.
- † **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the CNI congregation in Andheri and the Reverend Keith Pasgon.
- † **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for all care providers • This week for the Cathedral Trustess.

An Advent Prayer for Courage

Heavenly Father,
Help me to hear your voice.
Touch me once again.
Give me the courage to be your beloved.
Give me courage to choose joy.
I need you now this Christmas.
Be born in me again. Today.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

~ by Bonnie Gray

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