



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



*Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme,
and at Cana, wedding guest,
in your Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine.
Anthems be to you addressed,
God in man made manifest.*

The Second Sunday of Epiphany

Sunday 19th January 2025 • 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 the tune, 'Aurelia' ('The Church's One Foundation') - John Barr, b. 1938

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

*Christ is all to me,
Jesus Christ is all to me.
In this world of strife and sorrow,
Christ is all to me.*

Brother he, me brother calls;
Bridegroom he, the Church his bride;
Parent, kinsman, Master Saviour,
And to each his Friend and Guide.

Teacher of the truth of God.
Prophet of God's heavenly reign.
Sent of God that man may find in
Serving him eternal gain.

Tamil devotional song, 'Ellaam Yesuvae '
Arr. Adaikalam Albert Gnanadoss, 1955
Translated by Revd. T. Niles, 1908 - 1970

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Lord, we need a miracle today.
Like Jesus changing water into wine
at the wedding feast in Cana,
We need a miracle today, Lord.
Your steadfast love, like a mighty mountain,
will not be moved.

Continued

Presbyter Your gifts, as many as the mighty winds,
cannot be counted.

All **Lord, crown us with your love.**
Show us your glory,
that in you we may be moved
to acts of kindness, love, justice, and mercy.
Lord, we need a miracle today.
Amen.

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 489

The Church's One, foundation

Tune: AURELIA

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

Read by the Presbyter

A Prayer for Ecumenism

To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

God our Father,
accept our praise and thanksgiving for what already unites
Christians in the confession of and witness to Jesus the Lord.
Hasten the hour when all churches will
recognise each other in the one communion you willed
and for which your Son prayed to you in the power of the Holy Spirit.
Hear us, you who live and reign now and forever.
Amen.

The Collect for the Day | **page 334**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Lesson | **page 334**

2 Kings 4:1 - 7

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

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

*Remain seated while the choir sings
the Psalm to a chant by John Goss.*

Psalm
9: 1 - 10

Confitebor tibi

I WILL give thanks unto thee, O Lord, with my whole heart : I will speak of all thy marvellous works.

² I will be glad and rejoice in thee : yea, my songs will I make of thy Name, O thou most Highest.

³ While mine enemies are driven back : they shall fall and perish at thy presence.

⁴ For thou hast maintained my right and my cause : thou art set in the throne that judgest right.

⁵ Thou hast rebuked the heathen, and destroyed the ungodly : thou hast put out their name for ever and ever.

⁶ O thou enemy, destructions are come to a perpetual end : even as the cities which thou hast destroyed, their memorial is perished with them.

⁷ But the Lord shall endure for ever : he hath also prepared his seat for judgement.

⁸ For he shall judge the world in righteousness : and minister true judgement unto the people.

⁹ The Lord also will be a defence for the oppressed : even a refuge in due time of trouble.

¹⁰ And they that know thy Name will put their trust in thee : for thou, Lord, hast never failed them that seek 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 335**

Romans 12:6 - 16

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 sing

Gradual Hymn | # 43

The race that long in darkness pined

Tune: DUNDEE

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 336**

St. John 2:1 - 11

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St 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,**

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon
Deacon Paul George

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 Corinthians I. 22

All

The peace of the Lord be always with you
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 | # 47

Songs of thankfulness and praise *omit v. 4**

Tune: ST. EDMUND

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

To mark the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Intercessor

In Christ, the world is reconciled to God
who entrusts to us the message of reconciliation.
As the ambassadors of Christ's reconciling work,
we make our petitions to God:

We pray that in the midst of our diverse
Christian traditions,
the Holy One will make our unity visible
and bring healing to the world. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Continued

Intercessor

We pray that as we read the Word of God in our diversity of language and context, the Revealing One will make our unity visible and bring healing to the world.

We pray to the Lord.

All

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that as we work for justice and solidarity, and move from fear to confidence, the Strengthening One will make our unity visible and bring healing to the world. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that as Christians work together to end suffering caused by war, injustice, disease, poverty and hopelessness, the Wounded One will make our unity visible and bring healing to the world. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray that as we are witnesses to the birth of Jesus Christ in Bethlehem, his ministry in Galilee, his death and resurrection, and the descent of the Holy Spirit in Jerusalem; and we yearn for peace and justice for all in the sure and certain hope of God's coming Kingdom, the Triune One will make our unity visible and bring healing to the world. We pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For having called us to faith in baptism, for the communion we share in the New Covenant, for your presence in the holy Church.

We thank you, O Lord, and bless your name!

For the witness of persecuted Christians, for the suffering of their martyrdom, for their participation in Christ's passion.

We thank you, O Lord, and bless your name!

For all servants of communion, for those who pray and work for the reconciliation of churches, for those who offer their lives for unity.

We thank you, O Lord, and bless your name!

The Presbyter

God our Father,
we praise you and bless your name.

Continued

Accept our thanksgiving for the unity Christians
already enjoy in the confession of Jesus the Lord.
Hasten the day of the full mutual recognition of our
churches in the communion that you desire,
and for which your Son prayed.
We ask this in the power of the Holy Spirit.
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 | **# 439**

My faith looks up to Thee

Tune: OLIVET

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Presbyter

Dear Lord,
may the boldness of your Spirit transform us,
may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us,
may the gifts of your Spirit equip us
to serve and worship you now and always.
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All

Amen.

All join in singing

Recessional Hymn | # 259

Forth in thy name, O Lord I go

Tune: DUKE STREET (# 167)

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Dismissal

We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

Rigaudon - Andre Campra, 1660 - 1744

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 ~

*"I thank my God every time I remember you.
In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy."*

Philippians 1:3, 4

Reuel Browne (19), Ms. Ruchita Salvi (20), Mr. Samuel Joseph (22),
Mrs. Miriam John (22), Ms. Anisha Ghose (25)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

*"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"*

Galatians 5:22

Mr. Ronald & Mrs. Swapnika Browne (20)



The word “oikoumene” comes from the Greek word “oikos” meaning house. Its English equivalent is “ecumenical”. In modern usage, it signifies the whole household of faith, all races, all nations, all the churches. Pictured above is the logo of the *World Council of Churches*.

About Ecumenical Sunday

Ecumenical Sunday gives Christians an annual opportunity to continue their quest for the unity they already share in Christ. Working together to develop closer relationships and better understanding is what United Churches is all about.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place in the octave 18th January (*The Confession of St Peter*) to 25th January (*The Conversion of St Paul*). By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfilment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. John 17:21)

This worldwide movement is coordinated by the *World Council of Churches (WCC)* and *The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity*.

THE WEEK of PRAYER for CHRISTIAN UNITY 2025

“Do you believe this?” (John 11:26)

“Do you believe this?” (v. 26), takes its cue from the dialogue between Jesus and Martha when Jesus visited the home of Martha and Mary in Bethany following the death of their brother Lazarus, as narrated by the evangelist John.

Like Martha, the first generations of Christians could not remain indifferent or passive when the words of Jesus touched and searched their hearts. They earnestly sought to give a comprehensible answer to Jesus' question, “Do you believe this?”

While awaiting his return, Christians around the world are called to witness together to this faith in the resurrection, which is for them the source of hope and joy, to be shared with all peoples.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Our prayers continue for the rescue, relief and rehabilitation of the many affected by the wildfires raging in the Los Angeles area in the USA • The inauguration of President Elect, Mr. Donald Trump as the 47th President of the United States will take place tomorrow 20th January 2025. Pray for God's guidance to the new administration and for the people of the USA.

† **OUR COUNTRY** As Republic Day approaches, pray for all in government, all parliamentarians, the Judiciary and the armed forces. Let the dreams of our founding fathers and the values enshrined in our Constitution: Equality, Liberty and Fraternity - be always held in highest esteem.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Pray for all Church denominations as the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* begins this week. Pray for church leaders and councils that they may earnestly work for greater ecumenism • Timothy, Companion of Paul is remembered on 24th January • We give thanksgiving for Paul's wonderful conversion as the Church commemorates the conversion of Paul on 25th January • In the Anglican Communion, for The Church in the Province of the West Indies and for Archbishop Howard Gregory.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Calcutta and the Right Reverend Dr. Paritosh Canning • The Diocese of North Karnataka and the Right Reverend Martin Borgai.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Grace Church, Sion-Koliwada and the Reverend B. S. Christdoss

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • Pray for all pupils writing their examination and for those preparing for their board examination.

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