



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

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious Blood.



During the course of the service, we welcome into the fellowship of the church, Sahiesh Ravichandran. In baptism, the promises of God are visibly signed and sealed for us. We are joined to Christ, and made members of his body, the Church universal.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Choral Eucharist with Baptism

Sunday 6th April 2025 • 8.45 a.m.

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 *The English Hymnal*.

The choral setting for the Eucharist is by John Merbecke and Martin Shaw.



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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, 'Rockingham' - Healey Willan, 1880 - 1968

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, BWV 737 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)
(My heart is filled with longing)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Trisagion

All sing repeating after the Cantor

**Holy God,
holy and strong,
holy and immortal,
have mercy upon us.**

An ancient hymn of the eastern church.
The term, *Trisagion*, is from the Greek, meaning "thrice holy."

Opening Prayer

All stand and sing the opening hymn

Entrance Hymn

**Jesus, keep me near the cross,
there a precious fountain —
free to all, a healing stream —
flows from Calvary's mountain.**

Continued. Turn over.

Refrain: *In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.*

**² Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day,
with its shadows o'er me.**

**³ Near the cross I'll watch and wait
hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand,
just beyond the river.**

Words: Frances Crosby, 1820 - 1915

Music: W. H. Doane, 1832 - 1915

Please be seated

All say together

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

Kneel as able or remain seated

Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy upon us. (3)

Christ have mercy upon us. (3)

Lord have mercy upon us. (3)

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 370**

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Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 371**

Exodus 24:4 - 8

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

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 Wickes

Psalm

54 : 1 - 4, 6 & 7

Deus, in nomine

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake : and avenge me in thy strength.

² Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

³ For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

⁴ Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

⁶ An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name, O Lord : because it is so comfortable.

⁷ For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

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 371**

Hebrews 9:11 - 15

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

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 | # 106

There is a green hill far away

Tune: HORSLEY

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

The Gospel of Christ | **page 372**

St. John 12:23 - 33

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains a single grain.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

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

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.**

All sing **There is power power, wonder working power
In the blood of the Lamb;
There is power power, wonder working power
In the precious blood of Lamb.**

Lewis E. Jones, 1865 - 1936

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyterian*

The Order of Service

for

Baptism

The baptism of SAHIESH RAVICHANDRAN

Baptism is the gift of our Lord Jesus Christ. When he had risen from the dead, he commanded his followers to go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. We have come together today to obey that command.

Baptism marks the beginning of a journey with God which continues for the rest of our lives, the first step in response to God's love. Baptism with water signifies the cleansing from sin that Jesus' death makes possible, and the new life that God gives us through the Holy Spirit. The wider community of the local church and friends welcome the new Christian, promising support and prayer for the future. Hearing and doing these things provides an opportunity to remember our own baptism and reflect on the progress made on that journey, which is now to be shared with this new member of the Church.

We welcome you, Sahiesh, with your family. We give thanks for you, and pray that you may know God's love and faithfulness for ever.

The Introduction

The person being baptized assembles at the chancel steps near the vessel containing the water for baptism.

All sing

**Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
If thou wouldst my disciple be;
Deny thyself, the world forsake,
And humbly follow after me.**

Words: C. W. Everest, 1814 - 77

Tune: BRESLAU (# 484)

Melody adapted and harmonised by Mendelssohn

The priest says

Blessed be God who in His generosity and mercy has saved us through the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit.

**All Blessed be God, who poured forth the
Holy Spirit upon us plentifully through
Jesus Christ our Saviour, so that being
justified by his grace we might share in eternal life.**

Presbyter We rejoice that God has created in Sahiesh the desire to be baptised. By receiving baptism he will publicly demonstrate his commitment to Christ and his oneness with his Church in worship, witness and service to the world.

The Presbyter addresses the candidate

Presbyter Sahiesh do you desire to be baptised?

Candidate **I do.**

Presbyter God our heavenly Father,
you alone are the source
of all good desires and right actions.
We thank you for calling Sahiesh
into a closer union with Christ in baptism.

Purify his intentions;
grant him a clear vision of the life in Christ
and courage to yield completely
to the leading of the Holy Spirit;
and unite him and us
in the fellowship of your Son,
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Declaration of Faith Renunciation and Promise

Presbyter

You who have come to be baptised have heard that baptism is a sign of sharing in the death and resurrection of Christ and of receiving new life in him.

It is therefore necessary for you to be willing to accept this new life as a gift from God. He alone can transform your life and enable you to continue in the new life as a disciple of Christ.

You must therefore in the presence of the congregation renounce all that is evil and contrary to God's will, and openly declare your faith in him and your desire to follow the Lord Jesus Christ. I therefore ask you:

Do you believe and trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of all?

*Candidate
Presbyter*

Yes, I do.

Do you believe and trust in one God, Father almighty who created all things?

*Candidate
Presbyter*

Yes, I do.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit who sanctifies, strengthens and guides the people of God?

*Candidate
Presbyter*

Yes, I do.

Do you repent of all your past sins and of all that you know to have been unworthy of God in your life?

*Candidate
Presbyter*

Yes, I do.

Do you renounce Satan and all the powers of wickedness that rebel against God?

*Candidate
Presbyter*

Yes, I do.

Do you renounce all sinful desires that draw us away from the love of God and from the love of our fellow human beings?

Candidate

Yes, I do.

Presbyter Will you obey Christ, boldly bear witness to him in the world, and love and serve others as he did?

Candidate **Yes, I will with God's help.**

Presbyter Do you therefore desire to be baptised and to commit yourself to Jesus Christ as your Saviour, Lord and Guide in the fellowship of His Church.

Candidate **Yes, I do.**

The Baptism

Presbyter Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God,
Your blessed Son our Lord Jesus Christ
has commanded us
to make disciples of all nations,
and to baptise them in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Send your Holy Spirit, heavenly Father,
to sanctify this water,
and grant that
Sahiesh now to be baptised in it
may die to his sinful nature.
and rise to the new life in union with Christ.
May he be filled with your power and peace,
and grow as a member of the body of Christ.
To him, to you Father,
and to the Holy Spriiit,
be all honour and glory to the end of the ages.

All **Amen.**

Presbyter Sahiesh, I baptise you in the name of God,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

While all seated all sing:

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

Presbyter We are the body of Christ.

All **In the one Spirit we were all baptised
into one body.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ever shall be
to the end of the ages. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the Cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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 | # 99

Glory be to Jesus

Tune: CASWALL (# 315)

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Please be seated

Lent Prose

Cantor

All

Hear us, O Lord,
**have mercy upon us:
For we have sinned against Thee.**

Choir

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:
Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,
save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

arr. John Scott, 1956 - 2015

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us pray to the Father through his Son
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.
Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church.
Give to Christian people everywhere
a deep longing to take up the cross
and to understand its mysterious glory.

All

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship
at this solemn time.

In the preaching of the word
and the celebration of the sacraments
draw your people close to you.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die.

Strengthen those who work to share
the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice.

Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the
dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his passion to know their salvation.

We pray for God's comforting presence to be with the
many who have lost loved ones in the recent earthquake
in Myanmar and Thailand.

Intercessor
All

By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.
Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in
your friendship.
According to your promises,
bring them with all your saints
to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and
resurrection.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

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 | **# 98**

Drop, drop, slow tears

Tune: SONG 46

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O sacred head, sore wounded

Tune: PASSION CHORALE

All stand and say

Prayer after Communion

**Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing
The Presbyter

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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

Hymn at the Closing

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged Cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old Cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged Cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

² **Oh that old rugged Cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.**

³ **In that old rugged Cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old Cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.**

⁴ **To that old rugged Cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
where His glory forever I'll share.**

George Bennard, 1873 - 1958

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Postlude

Fantasia and Imitation in b minor - Johann Sebastian Bach, BWV 563

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 I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Mrs. Rebecca Baker (9), Mrs. Elizabeth George (11), Ms. Sarah Phillips (11)

HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2025

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| PALM SUNDAY | 8.45 am | Eucharist (choral) with Procession and the Blessing and Distribution of Palms |
| 13 th April | | |
| Monday in Holy Week | 6.30 pm | Holy Week Meditation in Word and Organ Music |
| 14 th April | | |
| Tuesday in Holy Week | 6.30 pm | “Hymns of Faith” with reflections on the stories of the hymn writers |
| 15 th April | | |
| Wednesday in Holy Week | 6.30 pm | Holy Week Meditation in Word and Organ Music |
| 16 th April | | |
| MAUNDY THURSDAY | 6.30 pm | Eucharist (choral) with Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar followed by Vigil |
| 17 th April | | |
| GOOD FRIDAY | 9 am to 12 noon | Meditation on the Seven Words from the Cross |
| 18 th April | | |
| THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER | 8 pm | Lighting of the Paschal Candle and the First Eucharist of Easter |
| Holy Saturday | | |
| 19 th April | | |
| EASTER DAY | 9 am | A joyful sung service of Holy Eucharist with canticles, hymns, readings and sermon |
| Sunday | | |
| 20 th April | | |

Notices

- **Lenten Bible study:** is conducted every Wednesday at 7pm (online).
Zoom ID 229 239 2476 Passcode 123456
- **Organ music:** Lenten reflections through the chorale preludes of J. S. Bach (played on the Cathedral organ) on Friday 11th April 2025 at 7 pm.
- **Confirmation service** will be held on Sunday 27th April 2025. Classes are held every Sunday 10:45 am. All confirmands are expected to attend.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray in earnest for the bereaved families of those who perished in the recent earthquake in Burma (Myanmar) and Thailand. Pray for the rehabilitation efforts underway.

† **OUR COUNTRY** In the aftermath of the attack on a priest in Jabalpur, pray for the safety and well-being of Christians and pray for religious freedom.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Evangelists Adoniran Judson of Burma and Joseph Damien are commemorated on 12th April. Judson was an American linguist and Baptist missionary in Myanmar (Burma), who translated the Bible into Burmese and wrote a now standard Burmese dictionary. Damien was a Belgian priest who dedicated his life to caring for lepers in the Hawaiian Islands. After 11 years of service, Damien contracted leprosy, but continued his work despite the infection, eventually succumbing to the disease on 15th April, 1889 • In the Anglican Communion for the Iglesia Anglicana de Chile (the Anglican Church in Chile) and Archbishop Enrique Lago Zugadi.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Martyrs of Thana (1321) are commemorated on 9th April. In the early fourteenth century, four Franciscan friars set out for East Asia to preach the Gospel among the Mongols. In the city of Thana, however, they met their end after running afoul of the local administrators.

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

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all senior citizens, those who are house bound and for their care providers • For the office bearers of the Pastorate Committee.

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