



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



# Fourth Sunday after Easter

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

*Holy Communion*

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> May 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.

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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*.

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# Order of Service

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The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

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## *The Gathering*

Voluntary

'Prayer for Peace' - Charles Demorest (1886 - 1950)

Welcome

A Prayer for Peace

*The Presbyter*

Eternal God,  
in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn  
but the sword of righteousness,  
no strength known but the strength of love:  
So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples  
may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace,  
as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory,  
now and for ever.

**Amen.**

*All stand and face the West Door*

Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

*All*

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Jesus said, "If you love me, obey my commandments.  
And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another  
Advocate, who will never leave you."

**He is The Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.**

For he will not speak on his own authority,  
but whatever he hears he will speak,  
**and he will declare to you the things  
that are to come.**

*All sing*

Entrance Hymn | # 625

***The strife is o'er, the battle done***

*Tune: VICTORY*

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

The Collect for the Day | **page 424**

*Read by the Presbyter*

The Old Testament Reading | **page 425**

*Job 19:21 - 27*

A reading from the Book of Job.

*At the conclusion of the reading the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

***All Thanks be to God.***

*All stand and read the verses in bold*

Psalm

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<sup>1</sup> God has taken his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
in the midst of the gods he gives judgement:

<sup>2</sup> **'How long will you judge unjustly \*  
and show such favour to the wicked?**

<sup>3</sup> 'You were to judge the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the right of the humble and needy;

<sup>4</sup> **'Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the hand of the wicked.**

<sup>5</sup> 'They have no knowledge or wisdom; \*  
they walk on still in darkness:  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.

<sup>6</sup> **'Therefore I say that though you are gods \*  
and all of you children of the Most High,**

- <sup>7</sup> 'Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals \*  
and fall like one of their princes.'
- <sup>8</sup> **Arise, O God and judge the earth, \***  
**for it is you that shall take all nations for your possession.**  
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 425**

*St. James 1:17 - 21*

A reading from the Letter of James.

*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*

## Gradual Worship Song

**Refrain Alleluia, Alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord,**  
**Alleluia, alleluia, give praise to His name.**

<sup>1</sup> Jesus is Lord of all the earth.

He is the King of creation. **Refrain**

<sup>2</sup> Spread the good news o'er all the earth.

Jesus has died and has risen. **Refrain**

<sup>3</sup> We have been crucified with Christ.

Now we shall live forever. **Refrain**

<sup>4</sup> Come, let us praise the living God,

Joyfully sing to our Saviour. **Refrain**

Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good.

The love of the Lord knows no ending.

All in Israel say, "God's love has no end."

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

## The Gospel of Christ | **page 426**

*St. John 16:5 - 15*

*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.**

*Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together*

## The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

*Please be seated*

### Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, Cathedral Presbyter

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

*All stand*

### The Peace

*The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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.*

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*All join in singing*

## Hymn at the Offertory

- 1. I will sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me.  
How He left His home in glory  
For the cross of Calvary.  
I was lost, but Jesus found me,  
Found the sheep that went astray,  
Threw His loving arms around me,  
Drew me back into His way.**
- 2. I was bruised, but Jesus healed me;  
Faint was I from many a fall;  
Sight was gone, and fears possessed me,  
But He freed me from them all.  
Days of darkness still come o'er me,  
Sorrow's paths I often tread,  
But the Saviour still is with me;  
By His hand I'm safely led.**
- 3. He will keep me till the river  
Rolls its waters at my feet;  
Then He'll bear me safely over,  
Where the loved ones I shall meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
Of the Christ who died for me,  
Sing it with the saints in glory,  
Gathered by the crystal sea.**

Words: Revd Francis Rowley (1854 - 1952)  
Tune: HYFRYDOL, R. H. Prichard (1811 - 87)

*All say*

## Offertory Prayer | *page 270*

*A soloist sings*

### Invocation

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:  
Such a Way, as gives us breath:  
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:  
Such a Life, as killeth death.

Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:  
Such a Light, as shows a feast:  
Such a Feast, as mends in length:  
Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:  
Such a Joy, as none can move:  
Such a Love, as none can part:  
Such a Heart, as joys in love.

*Sung by Karen Harmon*

*Words: George Herbert (1593 - 1633)*

*Music: from Five Mystical Songs*

*Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)*

*Kneel as able or remain seated*

## The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

Holy God, we come before you with thanksgiving  
for all your mercy and grace  
and we give thanks for the beauty and wonder  
of the world around us as we bring to you  
our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.  
Lord, in your mercy:

*All*

**hear our prayer.**

Almighty God,  
we pray today for your blessing to be upon  
our congregation and upon our diocese.  
May your presence be seen vividly  
in all that we do and say each day.  
We pray that your joy and your love  
will flow freely in and through us  
and that we might never be a temptation  
to those around us. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

We pray for those parts of the world  
which badly need renewal.  
Inspire and instruct our world leaders

*Continued*



All

to constantly work for that day  
when all the world's peoples may enjoy security, peace  
and a decent standard of living. Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Almighty and eternal God,  
protect our soldiers as they discharge their duties.  
Protect them with the shield of your strength  
and keep them safe from all evil and harm.  
Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, in your great mercy  
comfort and relieve those who are sick,  
injured, aged or distressed and according to their needs,  
enable them to draw strength from you  
and know that you are with them in all their troubles.  
Lord, in your mercy:

All

**hear our prayer.**

Loving God, we pray for those saddened by the death  
of a loved one. Help us to draw comfort from the Holy  
Spirit and the fellowship of our church family.  
We remember now before God those who have died  
or whose anniversaries of passing fall at this time.  
Lord, in your mercy:

**hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father,  
we come before you today claiming the promise  
that you have given us in your word.  
You have promised that when the Spirit of truth comes,  
he will guide us into all truth.  
We ask that you send your Holy Spirit to guide us  
and lead us into all truth.  
Merciful father:

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The General Confession & Absolution

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The Consecration | page 277

The Proper Preface for Eastertide | *page 279*

The Communion | *page 284*

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion*

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

*Presbyter*

God the Holy Spirit,  
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.  
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*

Recessional Song

<sup>1</sup> **I serve a risen Saviour,  
He's in the world today;  
I know that He is living,  
whatever men may say.  
I see His hand of mercy,  
I hear His voice of cheer,  
and just the time I need Him,  
He's always near.**

<sup>2</sup> **In all the world around me  
I see His loving care,  
and though my heart grows weary,  
I never will despair.  
I know that He is leading  
through all the stormy blast;  
the day of His appearing  
will come at last.**

*Refrain*

**He lives, He lives,  
Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me  
along life's narrow way.  
He lives, He lives,  
salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know He lives?  
He lives within my heart.**

*Continued*

3. **Rejoice, rejoice, O Christian,  
lift up your voice and sing  
eternal hallelujahs  
to Jesus Christ, the King!  
The hope of all who seek Him,  
the help of all who find;  
none other is so loving,  
so good and kind.**

*Refrain*

Alfred H. Acklet (1887 - 1960)

*From the West Door, the Presbyterian says:*

## The Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.  
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia.**

*All*

## Postlude

Trumpet tune in G - Jon Roberts

Please stay back after the service for a time of fellowship over a cup of coffee.  
Introduce yourself to the Presbyterian 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

Dr. (Mrs.) Evangeline Samuel (18), Samuel Sinate (18),  
Mr. Malcolm Desai (19), Mr. Vidyut Tiwari (20), Mr. Jaiboy Phillips (21),  
Aryan Jadhav (22)), Revd. Arpana Rangayya (23)

### **Wedding anniversaries this week**

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,  
just as in fact you are doing."*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

Mr. Colin Dawson & Mrs. Alice Dawson (18),  
Mr. Samuel Joseph & Dr. (Mrs.) Malathy Samuel (19),  
Mr. Roshan Thomas & Smita Thomas (20)

## Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray for an end to violence in war-torn regions of the world, praying for Ukraine, Gaza/Israel, Sudan, and Myanmar. We pray for protection for civilians, especially children, wisdom and courage for peacemakers and leaders, and comfort for those grieving loss and living in fear. We pray for the over 800 million people in the world who go to bed hungry each night. We pray for provision of food, clean water, and shelter, support for aid organisations and just policies, and empowerment of communities to lift themselves out of poverty.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for peace at our borders and for the safety of personnel in the armed forces who guard our borders and shores.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Charles and John Wesley are commemorated on 24<sup>th</sup> May. Both the brothers founded the Methodist movement. As a hymn-writer, Charles Wesley is said to have written no less than 6,500 hymns • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Episcopal Church in Jerusalem & The Middle East and Archbishop Hosam Naoum.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India's Diocese of Sambalpur and Bishop Immanuel Dani • The Church of South India's Diocese of Vellore and Bishop Sharma Nithiyanandam.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Thomas's Church (Tamil Pastorate), Airoli and the Reverend Ananda Maharajan.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • For travelling mercies on those who are away on holiday.

### Ascension Day

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> May 2025

***The Son of man is exalted to the right hand of God***

Open air Eucharist in the Cathedral garden 7:30 a.m.

### Pentecost

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> June 2025

***The gift of the Holy Spirit***

Holy Communion (sung) 8.45 a.m.

*All are welcome*

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