



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



Rogation comes from the Latin word, 'Rogare', meaning 'to ask'. At Rogationtide we ask for God's blessing on the activity of the land. In the Church calendar it sits between Easter and Ascension. Rogation offers a joyful link between the new life, renewal and resurrection in the natural world and the Christian Church.

Rogation Sunday

with procession to garden

Holy Communion

Sunday 25th 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.

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

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Invocation and Mélodie - Théodore Salomé (1834 - 1896)

Trumpet tune on 'Ash Grove' ('Let all things now living') - David Lasky (b. 1957)

A Prayer for Peace

Let there be peace in our world.

Help us to love the earth as our mother;

help us to see other nations as our neighbours;

help us to wage peace.

Let there be peace in our time;

And let it begin with us. **Amen.**

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

All

Bless the Lord all you works of the Lord:

sing His praise and exalt Him for ever.

Bless the Lord you heavens:

sing His praise and exalt Him for ever.

Bless the Lord you angels of the Lord:

bless the Lord all you His hosts;

sing His praise and exalt Him for ever.

All sing

Rejoice, O land

Entrance Hymn | **# 475**

Tune: WAREHAM

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Rogation Sunday | **page 427**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 427**

Joel 2: 21 - 27

A reading from the Book of Joel.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and say the refrain

Responsorial Psalm

104

Refrain (all) **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

Bless the Lord, O my soul. ♦

O Lord my God, how excellent is your greatness!

O Lord, how manifold are your works! ♦

In wisdom you have made them all;

the earth is full of your creatures.

Refrain **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

All of these look to you ♦

to give them their food in due season.

When you give it them, they gather it; ♦

you open your hand and they are filled with good.

When you hide your face they are troubled; ♦

when you take away their breath,

they die and return again to the dust.

Refrain **I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.**

Continued

When you send forth your spirit, they are created, ♦
and you renew the face of the earth.
May the glory of the Lord endure for ever; ♦
may the Lord rejoice in his works.

Refrain (all) I will sing to the Lord as long as I live.

Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
**as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Please be seated

The Epistle | **page 428**

St. James 1:22 - 27

A reading from the Letter of James.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn | **# 140**

Lord, in thy name thy servants plead

Tune: ST. PETER (#405)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. *John 16:24*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 428**

St. John 16:23 - 33

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

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will
guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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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**O Lord my God when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed!**

Refrain **Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee;
How great Thou art, how great Thou art!**

**2. When through the woods and forest glades I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze.**

**3. And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.**

**4. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!**

Words: Carl Boberg (1859 - 1940), translated by Stuart K. Hine (1899 - 1989)

Music: Swedish folk song

The Doxology

**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.**

Words: Revd Thomas Ken (1637 - 1711)

Tune: Old 100th

Intercessor Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.
Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed.
We ask in faith:

All **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**
Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed.
We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.
Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Guide into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.
We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.
Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.
We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.
Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.
We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.
We ask you to hear us, good Lord,
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

The Presbyter

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour His blessing upon all things created, and upon us His children,
that we may use His gifts to God's glory
and the welfare of all peoples.
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

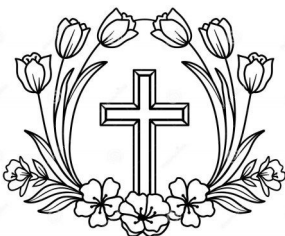
All join in singing

Recessional Hymn | **# 587**

All things bright and beautiful

Tune: ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

*The congregation walks in procession through the North Door
into the church garden*



Blessing of the Church Garden

Presbyter

Thank you, Lord for our gardens and allotments,
for the digging and planting, for the growing and the harvest;
through all this may our faith be renewed by your Spirit
which brings new life and hope,
and may we be inspired to care for all your creation.
Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

All sing

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

Presbyter

Our gardens give us pleasure; we plant and see things grow;
the flowers, shrubs and roses all make a splendid show.
Help us to love this planet, as much as our own plot;
to care for and improve it – or we will lose the lot!

All

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the, Lord,
O thank the Lord, for all his love.**

All sing

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided,
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.***

Words: Thomas O Chisholm (1866-1960)

Tune: FAITHFULNESS

The Dismissal

Presbyter
All

God the Father, Lord of creation,
have mercy upon us.

God the Son, through whom all things were made,
have mercy upon us.

God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,
have mercy upon us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God,
have mercy upon us.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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 through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life."

Proverbs 9:11

Mr. Joshua Desai (26), Mr. Suganth Samuel (26), Mrs. Swapnika Browne (28),
Mrs. Violet Truman (28), Mr. Joy Moses (31), Ms. Rysa Pande (31)

Wedding Anniversaries

"Do everything in love."

1 Corinthians 16:14

Mr. Shantha Kumar & Mrs. Ramani Kumar (26)
Mr. Jaiboy Phillips & Mrs. Leena Phillips (27)



Come celebrate

Ascension Day

*with an open air Eucharist
in the Cathedral garden*

Thursday 29th May 2025

7:30 a.m.

All are welcome

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We continue to pray for an end to violence in all war-torn regions of the world, and for those agencies who are working to assist those who have been affected. This week we especially pray for Haiti which is enduring political instability, gang violence and a collapsed health and economic system. We pray too for the elderly, the homeless, and anyone who feels isolated or neglected that they may feel seen, valued, and surrounded by compassion and care, and that we may do all that we can to assist and care for them.

† **OUR COUNTRY** God of peace and compassion give us lasting peace. Pray for the safety of all who protect our borders and shores.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** On Ascension Day (29th May) we celebrate that the Son of Man is exalted to the right hand of God • Augustine of Canterbury (Bishop, Evangelist 604 AD) is commemorated on 26th May. Augustine was a Benedictine monk who became the first Archbishop of Canterbury in the year 597. He is considered the “Apostle to the English” and a founder of the English Church • The reformer John Calvin of Geneva is commemorated on 27th May. His influence has persisted not only in the Reformed churches of France, Germany, Scotland, the Netherlands, and Hungary but also in the Church of England • In the *Anglican Communion* for the Anglican Church of Kenya and Archbishop Jackson Ole Sapit.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India’s Diocese of Agra and Bishop Bijaya Nayak (Moderator CNI) • The Church of South India’s Diocese of Jaffna (Sri Lanka) and Bishop Veluppillai Pathmathyalan.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. James’s Church (Malyalam pastorate), Borivali and Revd Robin.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • This week for the church sextons and security guards.

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• Sunday School	Sunday morning during term time
• Women’s Fellowship	2 nd Sunday of the month 10.45 am
• Youth Fellowship	2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 am
• Choir	Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm during term time

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