



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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

Luke 6:36

Did you notice something very peculiar in today's passage? Jesus says "the measure you give will be the measure you get back" — but think about it. The measure we're being asked to give is simply a measure. The measure we're getting back, on the other hand, is a good measure to begin with, then pressed down, so whatever is in it is tightly packed in; it's shaken together, so that it settles into any empty spaces, however tiny, filling them; and finally, it's clearly running over! It is, effectively, no longer the *same* measure — and what we receive is *far* more than what the cup can even contain.

And so, God gives his mercy to *us* like this — in His special measuring cup — so that we may be able to give it to others freely, knowing that we will always have enough for ourselves.

Jesus came to earth to live and die for all — a living statement of God's mercy towards us.

So don't be afraid to give freely to others from your cup of mercy, knowing that God will always be there to top it up and keep you "mercy full".

The Fourth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 13th July 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 *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

Andante Religioso - Léon Boëllmann (1862 - 1897)

Sonata, Op. 65 No. 3 (Con moto maestoso) - Felix Mendelssohn Bartholdy (1809 - 1847)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Marvellous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt!

Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within!
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin!

Words: Julia H. Johnston (1849 - 1919)

Tune: MOODY
Daniel B. Towner (1850 - 1919)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Happy are those who follow the ways of the Lord.

All

God's ways are just and merciful.

Let us come before God with humble hearts,
acknowledging our need for His mercy and grace.

All

**Let us worship the God who is slow to anger and
abounding in steadfast love**

All join in singing the hymn
Praise, my soul, the King of heaven

The Entrance Hymn | # 192

Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL

Please be seated

All say together

Prayer of Preparation | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | page 455

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | page 456

Genesis 3: 17 - 19

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

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

Sung by the choir to a chant by Hindle

Psalm

119: 25 - 32

Adhaesit pavimento

MY soul cleaveth to the dust : O quicken thou me, according to thy word.

²⁶ I have acknowledged my ways, and thou heardest me : O teach me thy statutes.

²⁷ Make me to understand the way of thy commandments : and so shall I talk of thy wondrous works.

²⁸ My soul melteth away for very heaviness : comfort thou me according unto thy word.

²⁹ Take from me the way of lying : and cause thou me to make much of thy law.

³⁰ I have chosen the way of truth : and thy judgements have I laid before me.

³¹ I have stuck unto thy testimonies : O Lord, confound me not.

³² I will run the way of thy commandments : when thou hast set my heart at liberty.

All stand

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 456**

Romans 8. 18 - 23

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn

1. **Make me a channel of your peace.**
Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

2. **Make me a channel of your peace.**
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy:

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved as to love with all my soul.*

3. **Make me a channel of your peace.**
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Words: St. Francis of Assisi (1182 - 1226)

Music: Sebastian Temple (1928 - 1997)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned.

Forgive, and you will be forgiven.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 457**

St Luke 6. 36 - 42

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

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, O Christ.**

Remain standing, all reciting the Creed

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant God has reconciled us to Himself through Christ
and given us the ministry of reconciliation.

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 | # 528

Where love and loving-kindness dwell

Tune: MAISEMORE

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All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Almighty God,
as we come together to worship and praise you,
and thank you for all that you give us,
we ask you to hear our prayers for the Church, the world,
our local community and people in need.
Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Holy God,

we pray for all churches throughout the world
as they meet to worship and praise you and enjoy
fellowship with each other.

We particularly pray for the safety of Christians who are
persecuted because of their faith. Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

We pray for all Church leaders. Especially for Bijaya our
Moderator; the bishops, clergy and laity of the *Church of
South India*, Theodosius Mar Thoma, Metropolitan of the
Mar Thoma Church; Manoj, the Episcopal Commissary to the
Diocese and Avinash our Presbyter. Send your Holy Spirit
to guide, strengthen and inspire them as they seek to lead
their congregation. Lord, in your mercy

All

hear our prayer.

At this time of episcopal interregnum we pray in earnest,
O Lord, to show us that shepherd who will feed and tend
your flock as Bishop of our Diocese. Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Continued

Intercessor

We pray for your blessing on the congregation of the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us to reach out to people in need.

Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Creator God,

we pray for our troubled world.

Give wisdom to all world leaders and encourage them to look for ways to bring peace to all areas where there is conflict. We pray for reconciliation between people of the various faiths that exist throughout the world.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Loving God,

we pray for those who are ill, for those who are experiencing extreme pain and for those anxiously awaiting a diagnosis, treatment or an operation.

We ask for your healing hand on Reverend Dyvasirvadham.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Merciful God,

your Son Jesus Christ is the light of the World,
a light which no darkness can quench.

We remember before You those who have died,
and pray that they are now experiencing
the light of Christ which shines eternally and brings hope
and comfort to the bereaved. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Everlasting God,

as we leave this service, we thank you for the knowledge
that you are always with us
as we seek to serve you during the coming week.

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

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 | **# 260**

And now, O Father

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

The Presbyterian

May the Lord our God make us into a community that is built upon love, forgiveness, and obedience.

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you.

May the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you 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

Hymn at the Closing | **# 234**

Thine for ever! God of love

Tune: NEWINGTON

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyterian says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Alla Marcia - Jonathan Battishill (1738 - 1801)

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

Mrs. Annie Jacob (14), Mr. Pranay Roberts (15), Mr. Ronald Browne (16),
Mr. Ernest Knox (17), Olivia Isaac (19)

Notices

- The Episcopal election for the 17th Bishop of Bombay has been declared by the Synod of the Church of North India.
- The annual general meeting of the *Women’s Fellowship for Christian Service* (WFCS) will be held today Sunday 13th July 2025 at 10:45 am.
- 10th August will be observed as Children’s Ministry Sunday. We look forward to the children of our Sunday School taking part in the service. Dr. Michelle Philip will be the guest preacher that Sunday.
- The Cathedral’s *Youth Fellowship* meets every second and fourth Sunday of the month at 10:30 am. Young people are encouraged to attend.
- A Bible quiz will be conducted on 31st August 2025 at 10:45 am. Questions will be based on the Book of Daniel and the First Letter of John (*New International Version*). Participation fee ₹100. Register your names with Mrs. Violet Truman.
The written quiz will comprise of two parts: the first part (15 minutes) will be based on 1 John. There will be objective-type questions.
The second part will be an open book quiz based on Daniel. Objective type answers have to be completed in thirty minutes.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children regularly for Sunday School classes.
- The Cathedral choir is in need of more voices, particularly in the soprano section. If you enjoy choral music and can make the commitment to attend weekly services regularly, attend choir practice after the service.

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

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| • Sunday School | Sunday morning during term time |
| • Women’s Fellowship | 2 nd Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.
during term time |



I Samuel 2:35

*"I will raise up for myself a faithful priest,
who shall do according to my heart and mind:
I will establish a lasting house for him and he shall walk before me all his days."*

Prayer for the Election of a Bishop

Almighty and everliving God,
in all ages you have raised up faithful shepherds
to pastor and guide the faithful.

Increase in us the gifts of discernment and understanding that,
all those involved in the process of the Episcopal Elections to the See of Bombay
might know and do your will.

Send your Holy Spirit

among the Bishops, other Clergy and Laity of the Synod.

Open their minds, hearts and eyes that they may see you and choose as you would,
a new Bishop of faith and godliness; who with compassion and grace,
may lead the faithful for the renewal of your Church's Mission
in the Diocese of Bombay.

Gracious and loving God, you are our guide and Good Shepherd,
in you we place our hope and trust:

hear the prayers of your faithful people,
lead us to one mind and one heart in you,
and show us that shepherd who will feed and tend your flock and, in turn,
give glory and honour to your name.

Grant this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We continue to pray for peace, justice, and an end to war in Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Palestine, Haiti, Sudan, Democratic Republic of Congo, Yemen and Iran • We pray too for relief from military oppression and the restoration of democracy and the safety of ethnic minorities in Myanmar • We uphold before God women and girls in Afghanistan who are deprived of education, freedom, basic rights and humanitarian aid • We pray too for people suffering because of natural disasters, especially those affected by the terrible floods in Texas.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Earlier this week two young Indian Air Force pilots tragically lost their lives in the Jaguar fighter bomber crash in Rajasthan's Churu district. We pray for God's comforting presence to be with the families of Squadron Leader Lokendra Singh Sindhu and Flight Lieutenant Rishi Raj Singh.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Silas Companion of Paul (Evangelist) is commemorated today • In the Anglican Communion, for The Church of North India and the Most Revd Bijaya Nayak.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India's Diocese of Chhattisgarh and Bishop Sushma Kumar • The Church of South India's Diocese of Central Karnataka and the ministry of St. Mark's Cathedral, Bangalore.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Earlier this week Revd Dyvasirvadham met with a road accident. He is awaiting surgery which is scheduled for tomorrow. Pray for God's healing hand upon him. Father Dyva is Presbyter of Afghan Church and Wesley Church and is a former Presbyter of the Cathedral • Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in choosing a new Bishop to lead his flock in the Diocese of Bombay • This week for Christ Church (Tamil Pastorate), Ulve and the Revd. David Paramanandham.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** This week for the ministry of the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service* as they gather for their annual general meeting this morning • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • We thank God for the architectural beauty of the sanctuary we worship in and pray for the experts working on the conservation work being carried out in the Cathedral.

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