



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

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The Church of North India
A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

Sundays 7 a.m. Eucharist (*said*) † 8.45 a.m. Eucharist (*sung*)

Weekdays 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. for a time of quiet prayer and reflection

Children's Ministry Sunday

I will make you like My
signet ring,
for I have chosen you.
Haggai 2:23



A signet ring, practically speaking, was a piece of metal jewellery that had an impression of the king's seal etched into it. The ring was used to authenticate his legal documents and royal decrees.

Signet ring of Davidic kings has become so corrupt, so ineffective in reflecting and representing the Lord's presence and authority on earth. God tears it off and throws it away into the land of Babylon – As Israel goes into exile.

He will “take” him out of Babylon, make him His “servant,” and make Him like a “signet ring” – the Lord *will* keep His promise to raise up one of David's heirs and to establish his throne forever – *Israel's hope is being renewed*

The Eighth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 10th August 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

'Jesus bids us shine' (little canonic variations) Kenneth Leighton (1929 - 1988)

Prelude & Fugue in F, BWV 556 Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Improvisation on, 'This little light of mine' Charles Callahan (1951 - 2023)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

One day when Jesus was preaching and teaching,
children were brought to Him to be blest.
"Don't send them away, they are special to me,
for the love of a child is purest and best."

*Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong;
they are weak, but He is strong.*

One day when Jesus was preaching and teaching,
children were blest, on them His hands laid.
"Don't send them away, they are special to me,
for of children like these is my kingdom made."

*Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so;
little ones to Him belong;
they are weak, but He is strong.*

Terry Kirkland (1940 - 2001), based on Matthew 19:13, 14
Incorporating 'Jesus loves me' by Anna Warner (1827 - 1915) and
William Bradbury (1816 - 1868)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Leader "The Lord of hosts declares,
'On that day, I will take you, Zerubbabel, my servant,
the son of Shealtiel,' says the Lord,
'and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen
you,' says the Lord of hosts." *(Haggai 2:23)*

All **Let us acknowledge God's sovereignty
and trust in His promises.**
May we be attentive to His voice
and willing to be used as His instruments in this world.
**We seek to be faithful to the Lord,
just as Zerubbabel was called to be a signet ring
in God's hand.**
Lord, fill our hearts with your joy as we gather today.
and may we be filled with a spirit of praise. Amen.

All join in singing the hymn
Give me joy in my heart

The Entrance Hymn | # 459

Tune: SING HOSANNA

Please be seated

All say together The Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 466**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson

Haggai 2:20 - 23

A reading from the Book of the Prophet Haggai.

The word of the Lord came to Haggai a second time on the twenty-fourth day of the month: "Tell Zerubbabel governor of Judah that I am going to shake the heavens and the earth. I will overturn royal thrones and shatter the power of the foreign kingdoms. I will overthrow chariots and their drivers; horses and their riders will fall, each by the sword of his brother.

"On that day," declares the Lord Almighty, "I will take you, my servant Zerubbabel son of Shealtiel," declares the Lord, "and I will make you like my signet ring, for I have chosen you," declares the Lord Almighty."

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 Dupuis

Psalm

119: 57 – 64

Portio mea, Domine

⁵⁷ THOU art my portion, O Lord : I have promised to keep thy law.

⁵⁸ I made my humble petition in thy presence with my whole heart : O be merciful unto me, according to thy word.

⁵⁹ I called mine own ways to remembrance : and turned my feet unto Thy testimonies.

⁶⁰ I made haste, and prolonged not the time : to keep Thy commandments.

⁶¹ The congregations of the ungodly have robbed me : but I have not forgotten Thy law.

⁶² At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee : because of Thy righteous judgements.

⁶³ I am a companion of all them that fear Thee : and keep Thy commandments.

⁶⁴ The earth, O Lord, is full of Thy mercy : O teach me Thy statutes.

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 467

Romans 8:12 - 17

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 | # 279

My God, accept my heart this day

Tune: ST. PETER

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, "If you hold to my teaching, you are really my disciples.

Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free." *John 8:31-32*

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 467**

St Matthew 7:15 - 21

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

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

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

Presentation by the Sunday School

Jesus loves me this I know

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so
Little ones to him belong
They are weak but he is strong
Yes, Jesus loves me. ///
The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves the little children

Jesus loves the little children,
All the children of the world
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in his sight
Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Jesus cares for all the children,
All the children of the world.
Red and yellow, black and white,
They are precious in his sight,
Jesus cares for all the children of the world.

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Jambu Jesus loves you.

Jambu, Jesus loves you
Are you happy? He is with you
Kareebo, into his presence, why do you worry?
Hakuna matata.
Oh
Almighty God.//

* * *

I'm in the Lord's army

I may never march in the infantry
Ride in the cavalry, shoot the
artillery
I may never fly o'er the enemy
But I'm in the Lord's army.
I'm in the Lord's army (yes sir!) //

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Sermon

Dr. (Mrs.) Michelle Philip

A member of St. Stephen's Church, Bandra,

Dr. Philip, was the former Head of the English Department, Wilson College.

She has led an online Lenten Bible Study for us in 2022.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in His name and share His peace.

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.

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**He leadeth me, O blessed thought!
O words with heavenly comfort fraught!
Whate'er I do, where'er I be,
still 'tis God's hand that leadeth me.**

*Refrain He leadeth me, He leadeth me;
by His own hand He leadeth me:
His faithful follower I would be,
for by His hand He leadeth me.*

- 2. Sometimes mid scenes of deepest gloom,
sometimes where Eden's bowers bloom,
by waters still, o'er troubled sea,
still 'tis His hand that leadeth me.**
- 3. Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine,
nor ever murmur nor repine;
content, whatever lot I see,
since 'tis my God that leadeth me.**
- 4. And when my task on earth is done,
when, by Thy grace, the victory's won,
e'en death's cold wave I will not flee,
since God through Jordan leadeth me.**

Words: Joseph H. Gilmore (1834 - 1918)

Music: William B. Bradbury (1816 - 1868)

Please kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor Loving God, we come today bringing prayers for your
beloved children near and far.
We pray for the children in our congregation and
families.
We pray that we do the work we promised at their
baptism. That we love and support them,
hold them in our daily prayers.
May children find peace and rest within this congregation
Lord, in your mercy:
All Hear our prayer.

Continued

Intercessor

We pray for the children in our community.
Bless them with enough food to eat each day and a safe place to take their rest each night.

We pray for all children in our nation.

We grieve for those who have perished this year from violence and natural calamities. Lord, in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

We give you great thanks for the children who are standing up and advocating for themselves and for others, from standing up against bullies in their classroom to advocating internationally for justice for all children and their future. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

May children find peace and rest in our nation and in your loving embrace. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the children of this world.

We ask you to place a protective hand over every child living in fear of war or genocide, of drought or evacuation.

Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

While we await your beloved Kingdom, we are reminded of your mandate to care for these, your beloved children, and put their wellbeing above the conflicts of politics. May all children find peace and rest in our world and in your loving embrace wherever their journeys may lead. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Lord we thank you for the renewed promised, given to Zerubbabel.

A promise of judgement and restoration, one which we see fulfilled in your Son Jesus.

We rejoice in our Lord Jesus, who is restoring your Kingdom rule, and who shall one day come again. **Amen.**

The General Confession & Absolution | *page 275, 276*

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Communion | *page 284*

While seated, we sing

Hymn at the Communion | # 473

I come with joy to meet my Lord

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

Closing Prayer

"Heavenly Father, we thank you for your word in Haggai 2:23,
where you promise to make Zerubbabel like a signet ring,
a symbol of your favour and authority.
We recognize that you are the Lord of hosts,
the sovereign ruler of all creation.
We ask that you would seal us with your Holy Spirit,
and that your hand would be upon our lives, guiding us in your ways.
May your favour and blessing rest upon us,
empowering us to be a reflection of your glory
and a testimony to your faithfulness. In Jesus' name.

Amen.

The Blessing

May the love of † God who created each child in
God's own image; may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ
who cherished and blessed the children;
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
whom Jesus called the Advocate,
be with you and each child of God now and forevermore.

Amen.

All join in singing

Hymn at the Closing

*The Feast of the Transfiguration (6th August),
is a momentous event in the life of Christ and the Christian tradition.
It holds profound significance as it reveals a glimpse of the divine glory of Jesus Christ.
The Gospels of Matthew, Mark, and Luke all recount the Transfiguration.
Jesus, accompanied by Peter, James, and John, ascends a mountain.
He meets with Moses and Elijah and undergoes a remarkable transformation.
Immediately, the disciples witness Jesus' divine nature,
confirming that he is not merely a prophet or a rabbi but the very Son of God.*

**^{1.} See our Lord in all His glory,
Now arrayed in dazzling white!
See Him shine in holy splendour,
Bathed in everlasting light!
See the law and prophets gather,
Lifting high the Living Christ!
Lifting high the Living Christ!**

**^{2.} See the cloud of ancient fire
Guiding through our wilderness.
Hear the voice of God our Father.
Hear the love His words express:
This my Son is pure and pleasing.
Hear the blessing that He brings!
Hear the blessing that He brings!**

**^{3.} Jesus Lord, we see Your splendour
Here and now by daily faith.
In our service, in our suffering
We will follow unafraid,
On from glory into glory
Till we see You face to face,
Till we see You face to face.**

Words: Ken Bible (b. 1950)

Tune: CWM RHONDDA
John Hughes (1873 - 1932)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Improvisation on the hymn tune, *Cwm Rhondda* Paul Manz (1919 - 2019)

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 ~

*"You make known to me the path of life; you will fill me with joy
in your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand."*

Psalm 16:11

Mr. Vaibhav Salvi (10), Mr. P. V. George (11), Ms. Malika Khan (14),
Mrs. Rekha Joshi (16), Mrs. Leena Phillips (16), Mr. Sahiesh Ravichandran (16)

~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

"And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity."

Mr. Rahul Pande & Mrs. Sharmistha Pande (11)

Cathedral ministries... ..

Get involved!

• 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

Notices

- A draft of the voters' list is displayed on the notice board. Please check and revert to the office bearers if any correction has to be made.
- A one day seminar is being organised by the Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) on Wednesday 27th August 2025 here in the Cathedral from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme is "Am I my Brother's (Sister's) Keeper?" - *Genesis 4:9*. Registration fee of ₹100/- per person.
- A Talent Fiesta is being hosted by the Diocesan Youth Fellowship Committee Wednesday 27th August 2025 in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dharavi from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. The theme is from *1 Timothy 4:12* "Be an Example."
Activities will include: solo singing, instrumental music, painting, poetry writing, memory verse challenge.
- A seminar on children's ministry and stewardship will be held on Saturday 30th August 2025 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in St. Stephen's Church, Bandra. It will be led by Brother Jayan Varghese. Registration ₹100/-, confirm participation before 25th August 2025 (Rev. Kingsley Johnpaul, *Stewardship Director* 98928 40266)
- A Bible quiz will be conducted for the Cathedral congregation on Sunday 31st August 2025 at 10:45 a.m. 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.
- Articles for the WFCS magazine, '*Dipeesha*' are welcome. This magazine will be published in time for CNI Day in November. Theme: Christmas, New Year or Thanksgiving. Contact Mrs. Supriya Telgote for more information.
- Scholarship for girl students is being offered by the Diocesan WFCS. Applications must reach the Secretary (DWFC) before 30th August 2025.

Thoughts & Reflections for Independence Day

(15th August is Independence Day)

*Where the mind is without fear and the head is held high
Where knowledge is free
Where the world has not been broken up into fragments
By narrow domestic walls
Where words come out from the depth of truth
Where tireless striving stretches its arms towards perfection
Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
Into the dreary desert sand of dead habit
Where the mind is led forward by thee
Into ever-widening thought and action
Into that heaven of freedom, my Father, let my country awake.*

~ Rabindranath Tagore (1861 - 1941)



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 processs 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** In this week of the International *Day of the World's Indigenous Peoples*, we pray for the rights and dignity of indigenous communities worldwide as well as here in India. We pray for healing, justice, and strengthened respect of cultures. In the face of the many humanitarian crises throughout the world, we pray for those suffering displacement, conflict, natural disasters, and systematic poverty. We ask that there may be generous global responses, protective policies, restoration of developing communities and above all, peace.

† **OUR COUNTRY** On Independence Day (15th August) we remember the founders of our nation. We give thanks for the freedom we enjoy which can only be preserved by discipline and self-sacrifice • We pray for a turn of heart of those who persecute Christians continuing to pray for justice for the Assisi sisters who were granted bail last week. May our land be one where all faiths are respected and where there is communal harmony • Rescuers are looking for dozens of people who are feared to be trapped after a massive cloudburst triggered heavy rains and flash floods in the village of Dharali in Uttarakhand's Uttarkashi district. Pray for families who have been affected and for relief operations.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The 13th century nun, Clare of Assisi is commemorated on 12th August – one of the first followers of Saint Francis of Assisi, she founded the *Order of Poor Ladies*, a monastic religious order for women in the Franciscan tradition, and wrote their *Rule of Life*. The community of 'Poor Clares' continues to this day, both in the Roman Catholic Church and in the Anglican Communion • In the Anglican Communion for the Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda (the Anglican Church of Rwanda) and Archbishop Laurent Mbanda.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India's Diocese of Doars and Rt. Revd. David Roy • For the newly consecrated bishops in the Church of South India dioceses of: Karnataka Central (Bp. Vincent Kumar), Nandyal (Bp. Santhosh Rao), Dornakal (Bp. Padmarao), Kollam-Kottarakara (Bp. Jose George), Madras (Bp. Paul Ravichandran), Madurai-Ramnad (Bp. Jeyasingh Prabhakaran).

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election of a Bishop for the Diocese. This week for All Saints' Church (Tamil pastorate), Govandi and the Revd. D. Jebamani.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers
• The children and teachers of the Sunday School.

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