



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
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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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

*And God is faithful; He will not let you be tempted
beyond what you can bear. But when you are tempted,
He will also provide a way out so that you can endure it.*

I Corinthians 10: 13

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In I Corinthians 10:1-13 Paul includes a rather bizarre retelling of Israel's exodus to illustrate for the Corinthians their own precarious position as a church living in a wilderness time — a limbo of sorts between their newfound freedom in Christ and the waited fruition of God's kingdom. In this period of waiting, Paul urges the floundering church to learn from the mistakes of their "ancestors" and to be faithful to God.

Paul is concerned that some may turn away from the faith. The actions of the ones who know better could cause their brothers or sisters, who are less certain that there is only one God and one Lord, to resort to their former religious commitments and, thus, to abandon their life in Christ.

The same Spirit that sustained the people of God in the wilderness period is the Spirit that sustains the church.

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist
Sunday 17th 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

Prelude on the hymn tune, 'Rhosymedre' - Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872 - 1958)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Welcome

Introit

Sung by the choir

Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
Over life's tempestuous sea;
Unknown waves before me roll,
Hiding rock and treacherous shoal.
Chart and compass come from Thee.
Saviour, pilot me.

Words: Edward Hopper (1818 - 1883)

Tune: PILOT, John H. Gould (1822 - 1875)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter Brothers and sisters, let us draw near to God,
for He is faithful!

All **We acknowledge your faithfulness, O God,
and your provision of strength to overcome
temptation.**

We have been set free in Christ Jesus.

**We acknowledge our freedom in Christ,
and we commit to using it to serve you, Lord.**

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 145

Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem

Tune: NEANDER

Please be seated

All say together

The Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 468**

Read by the Presbyter

The Lesson | **page 468**

Numbers 10: 35, 36 & 11: 1 - 3

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

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 King

Psalm

119: 65 – 72

Bonitatem fecisti

○ LORD thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

⁶⁶ ○ learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.

⁶⁸ Thou art good and gracious : ○ teach me thy statutes.

⁶⁹ The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

⁷⁰ Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

⁷² The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

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 469**

I Corinthians 10: 1 - 13

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

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 | **# 115**

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

Tune: REPTON

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 470**

St Luke: 15: 11- 32

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 Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.
cf Romans 12.9, 17, 18

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

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

**God's great love is so amazing!
See — a shepherd with his flocks!
Ninety-nine are safely grazing;
one is lost among the rocks.
That good shepherd goes and searches
till he finds the one astray.
So God says to fill our churches
with the ones who've lost their way.**

**2. God in love is always seeking!
See — a woman with her broom!
For a single coin she's sweeping
every corner of the room.
When it's found she calls each neighbour,
telling friends from all around.
So God says to search and labour
till God's precious ones are found.**

Continued

3. **God keeps waiting, searching, yearning!
See — a father's heartfelt joy!
Thankful for his son's returning,
he runs out to greet his boy.
To the angry older brother,
hear the father's patient call.
So God says to love each other,
for in Christ, God loves us all.**

Words: Revd Carolyn Winfrey Gillette, b. 1961

Tune: CONVERSE

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Holy God Make us receptive and open as we lay our intercessions before you. May we accept Your Kingdom like children taking bread from the hands of their father or mother. Lord, in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Bijaya our Moderator, Reuben, Moderator of *The Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*, Manoj, Commissary to the Diocese and Avinash our Presbyter.

May they always be aware of the blessings you bestow on them; strengthen and uphold them when they grow weary in their ministries.

Constantly remind us all that You who began all good work in us will ultimately perfect it through your son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

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

Loving God bring healing to all who are wounded, make whole those who are broken, and shed light wherever there is darkness. Lord, in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Merciful God we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence.

Help us to live always mindful of your promise to us that the road of faith will lead into your heavenly kingdom.

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

Continued

Intercessor

Faithful God, fill our hunger with the food that lasts,
the bread of God which comes down from heaven
and gives life to the world.

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

Merciful Father, you sent your only-begotten Son,
who, by his life and parables taught us
about your fatherly love.

Make us worthy to celebrate today your great mercy
as revealed in the parable of the prodigal son
who repented and returned to his father.

Like him, bring us back from the exile of sin
to your fatherly house,

that we may glorify you, your only Son,
and your Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

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

During the administration of Communion, the choir sings

God is here, and that to bless us
With the Spirit's quickening power;
See, the cloud already bending,
Waits to drop the grateful shower.

*Let it come, O Lord, we pray Thee,
Let the shower of blessing fall;
We are waiting, we are waiting,
Oh, revive the hearts of all.*

God is here! we feel His presence
In this consecrated place;
But we need the soul refreshing
Of His free, unbounded grace.

God is here! oh, then, believing,
Bring to Him our one desire,
That His love may now be kindled,
Till its flame each heart inspire.

Saviour, grant the prayer we offer,
While in simple faith we bow;
From the windows of Thy mercy
Pour us out a blessing now.

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915) Tune: ARCH STREET, John. R. Sweeney (1837 - 1899)

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

Thank you for your grace, your mercy,
and your provision in our lives.
Help us to learn from the mistakes of the past
and to walk in your ways, trusting in your
faithfulness always.
We commit ourselves to you,
asking that you would help us to live a life that is
pleasing to you. **Amen.**
† 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 | **# 239**

Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go

Tune: TRURO (# 143)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Jubilate - Roy Douglas (1907 - 2015)

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 ~

"May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed."

Psalm 20:4

Mr. Henry Joseph (18), Mr. Jacob Abraham (19), Ms. Sunita Thomas (19),
Mrs. Supriya Telgote (19), Dr. Sudheer Deekollu (20),
Mr. Minnal Pastala (21), Mr. Alexander Moses (23)


~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness,"

Galatians 5:22

Mr. Suganth Samuel & Mrs. Moushumi Suganth (17),
Mr. Nishanth Daniel & Mrs. Supriya Daniel (18)

*The flowers in the Sanctuary this morning are offered
in loving memory of late Mr. Amprail John Phillips
(beloved father of Mr. Jaiboy Phillips)
to commemorate his death anniversary
(14th August 1992)*



*"Loved beyond words....missed beyond measure.
Forever in our hearts."*

Cathedral ministries... ..	<i>Get involved!</i>
• 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

*“Jesus the very thought of Thee
With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far Thy face to see,
And in Thy presence rest.” — Bernard of Clairvaux*

On 20th August the Church honours Bernard of Clairvaux (1090 - 1153), Cistercian abbot, mystic, and preacher, whose writings stirred hearts and rekindled monastic life in medieval Europe. He burned with divine love and clarity of purpose.

Notices

- Next Sunday 24th August we offer thanksgiving for **Bartholomew, Apostle & Martyr** and all the apostles through whom Christ has built his Church.
- 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.
- The Diocesan Youth Fellowship Committee is conducting a Talent Fiesta on Wednesday 27th August 2025 in the Church of the Good Shepherd, Dharavi from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
The theme for the Talent Fiesta is “Be an Example” - *1 Timothy 4:12*
Activities planned are: solo singing, instrumental music, painting, poetry writing, memory verse challenge and many more.
- A Bible quiz will be conducted for the Cathedral congregation on 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. Meet 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.
- The month of September has been designated as ‘Stewardship Month’ by the Diocesan Stewardship Committee. Stewardship involves recognising that all that we have is a gift from God. We must manage these gifts with responsibility for the glory of God and benefit of others. The theme for this year’s Stewardship Sunday is, ‘*Christian Stewardship is the practice of discipleship.*’
- A draft of the voters’ list has been displayed on the notice board. Please contact the office bearers if any correction has to be made.

Pray with us

† **OUR WORLD** The high-stakes meeting between US President Donald Trump and Russian President Vladimir Putin on 15th August was billed as a vital step towards peace in the Ukraine war. But with no ceasefire and an invitation to Moscow, the almost three-hour meeting between the two leaders had yielded more questions than answers. Let us pray in earnest that peace and reconciliation will take place between warring nations.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We give thanksgiving for God's hand of protection upon our nation as we celebrated our 79th Independence Day on 15th August. O Lord, we pray that the principles and values enshrined in our Constitution will always be upheld • A devastating cloudburst in Kishtwar (Jammu & Kashmir) has tragically claimed many lives. Pray for God's comforting hand on the bereaved families and for ongoing relief and rescue operations. Pray for all states experiencing torrential rains (Maharashtra, Telengana, Kerala, Tamil Nadu and the National Capital Region.) • Increasing numbers of states in India have passed anti-conversion laws and more are contemplating doing so. In states where anti-conversion laws have been passed recently, there has been a rapid increase of incidents of persecution against Christians. Pray that persecution against Christians will stop.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** On 20th August the Church commemorates the 12th century monk and theologian, Bernard of Clairvaux • In the Anglican Communion for The Scottish Episcopal Church and the Most Revd Mark Strange.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India's Diocese of Durgapur and the Rt. Revd. Sameer Isaac • The Church of South India's Diocese of Cochin and the Rt. Revd. Kurian Peter; the Diocese of Erode - Salem and the Rt. Revd. Dr. A. Jacob Livingston. Both bishops were consecrated recently.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit in the election of a new Bishop for the Diocese • This week for the congregation of Ambroli Gujarathi Church, Ville Parle and the Revd Suresh Pawar.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for the office bearers of the Cathedral's Pastorate Committee.

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