



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

Jesus said, “You will see *greater things than these*.”- John 1: 50

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Today the Church commemorates St. Bartholomew – an apostle of Christ and a martyr for the faith. He is commonly understood to be the same person as Nathaniel who appears in today’s Gospel story (John 1:45).

In the Gospel this morning Jesus speaks about “greater things” that God has in store for those who trust, and who build their faith on the promise that God can do amazing deeds in our lives with the smallest of openings in our hearts.

Nathaniel’s experience of Jesus changes his attitude. In his case, the encounter with Jesus elicited both faith, and the bold proclamation of Jesus’ identity. And Jesus’ response reminds him – and all of us – that when we respond in faith, following the example and path of the humble and merciful Christ – we, too, are destined for “greater things.”

St. Bartholomew – went on to become one of the Twelve Apostles. Tradition has it that he preached the Gospel in India and Armenia where he died a martyr. No doubt it was his insight of faith, his perception of the greater things that gave him the strength and fortitude to preach the Gospel and die a martyr.

## Saint Bartholomew, *Apostle & Martyr*

*Choral Eucharist*  
Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

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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 *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*.

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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

Fantasia in c minor - Johann Sebastian Bach, BWV 562 (1685 - 1750)

*All keep silence and prepare for worship*

Welcome

Introit

*Sung by the choir*

O thou, of twelve Apostles one,  
O thou, alone of those the Son  
called to Himself, of guile found free:  
all hail Bartholomew to thee!

Out to the peoples thou wast sent;  
out from the Upper Room thou went,  
to make all India know God's grace,  
and Persia see His human face.

To God the Father, God the Son,  
and God the Spirit, Three in One:  
by saints above such praise be given  
that saints on earth seek only Heaven. Amen.

Words: Richard Major (b. 1963)

Tune: MELITA  
W. Whiting (1825 - 78)

*All stand and face the West Door*

Call to Worship

*Presbyter*

Philip followed Jesus's call, saying, "Come and see."

*All*

**We too are invited to "Come and see".**

We come with hearts eager to see the wonder  
of God's love in our lives and in our world.

*Continued*

*All*

**We come to see the transforming work of the  
One who brings hope and healing.**

Though we sometimes linger in doubt or fear,  
we acknowledge God's presence among us, calling  
us to something new.

**Strengthened by your Spirit,  
we are ready to follow, to learn, and to grow.**

Let us now open ourselves to God's presence and the new  
possibilities offered by Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

*All join in singing the hymn*

**The Entrance Hymn | # 298**

***Disposer supreme, and Judge of the earth***

*Tune: HANOVER (# 101)*

*Please be seated*

*All say together*

**The Prayer of Preparation | page 260**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

**The Collect for the day | page 558**

*Read by the Presbyter*

**The Lesson | page page 559**

*Genesis 28:10 - 17*

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 Arnold & Wicks*

**Psalm**

*115: 1 - 13*

*Non nobis, Domine*

NOT unto us, O Lord, not unto us, but unto thy Name give the praise :  
for thy loving mercy and for thy truth's sake.

<sup>2</sup> Wherefore shall the heathen say : Where is now their God?

- <sup>3</sup> As for our God, he is in heaven : he hath done whatsoever pleased him.  
<sup>4</sup> Their idols are silver and gold : even the work of men's hands.  
<sup>5</sup> They have mouths, and speak not : eyes have they, and see not.  
<sup>6</sup> They have ears, and hear not : noses have they, and smell not.  
<sup>7</sup> They have hands, and handle not; feet have they, and walk not : neither speak they through their throat.  
<sup>8</sup> They that make them are like unto them :  
and so are all such as put their trust in them.  
<sup>9</sup> But thou, house of Israel, trust thou in the Lord :  
He is their succour and defence.  
<sup>10</sup> Ye house of Aaron, put your trust in the Lord :  
He is their helper and defender.  
<sup>11</sup> Ye that fear the Lord, put your trust in the Lord:  
He is their helper and defender.  
<sup>12</sup> The Lord hath been mindful of us, and He shall bless us : even He shall bless the house of Israel, He shall bless the house of Aaron.  
<sup>13</sup> He shall bless them that fear the Lord : both small and great.

*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 560**  
*2 Thessalonians 2: 16, 17 & 3: 1 - 4*

A reading from the Second Letter of Paul to the Thessalonians.

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

*All stand and join in singing*  
**Give us the wings of faith to rise**

**Gradual Hymn | # 324**  
*Tune: SONG 67*

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

## The Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you. *cf I Peter 1.25*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Gospel of Christ | **page page 560**

*St. John 1:43 - 51*

*Gospeller* The Lord be with you.

*All* **And with thy spirit.**

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

**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* We are all one in Christ Jesus.  
We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

*All*

*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 | # 177

**Thy kingdom come, O God**

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*All say*

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*Please kneel as able or sit*

The Prayers of the People

*Intercessor*

Heavenly Father,  
who created us to be sisters and brothers in Christ,  
hear us as we lift our hearts  
in thanksgiving and praise  
and hear our prayers and intercessions  
for all those in need.  
We thank you for the fellowship  
of the church family around us  
and as we gather once more in this house of prayer,  
may our worship not only honour you with our lips,  
but also with our hearts and minds. Lord, in your Mercy:

*All*

**Hear our Prayer.**

Creator God,  
we pray for peace in the world.  
We pray for a time when the weapons of war  
will be replaced by your protection;  
when oppression will be overcome by justice;  
when lies and deceit will be replaced by  
truth and integrity;  
and when hatred and cruelty  
will be replaced with your Spirit of love and justice.  
Lord, in your Mercy:

**Hear our Prayer.**

Gracious God,  
thank you for our friends and neighbours  
and those around us with whom we work  
and share our daily lives.  
We thank you for all the joys and blessings of family life.  
Help us when we quarrel or fall out  
to quickly put things right and forgive one another.  
Lord, in your Mercy:

**Hear our Prayer.**

*Continued*

*Intercessor*

Loving God,  
we raise before you all whose lives  
are restricted by illness.  
We remember the chronically ill,  
those in constant pain,  
the depressed and the despairing.  
We especially pray for those who are unwell and  
housebound in our congregation. Lord, in your Mercy:

**Hear our Prayer.**

Merciful God,  
we pray for those whose hearts have been saddened  
by the death of someone close and dear to them,  
for members of our families who have died  
and whose anniversary we recall.  
Help us to experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit  
within us, and the fellowship of the church family around us,  
until we are reunited once more in your heavenly kingdom.  
Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer.**

Apostles, prophets, martyrs,  
Who served you here on earth,  
Now reign with you in heaven,  
Singing your praise and worth.  
With them, and all whose witness  
Is known to you alone,  
We share our earthly journey  
Towards your heavenly throne.

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, while seated we sing*



## Hymn at the Communion | # 353

**Eternal Ruler of the ceaseless round**

*Tune: SONG I*

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

*All stand and sing*

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

## The Blessing

*The Presbyter* Heavenly Father, we thank You for the  
revelation of Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
We praise You for the words spoken to Nathaniel,  
that those who believe in Jesus  
will see greater things than these,  
and will see heaven opened,  
with angels ascending and descending upon Him.

*The choir sings* May God's blessings surround you each day  
As you trust Him and walk in His way  
May His presence within guard and keep you from sin,  
Go in peace, go in joy, go in love.

*Words & Music by Cliff Barrows (1923 - 2016)*

† 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 | # 304

**Hark! the sound of holy voices** (*omit v.v. \*2 & 3*)

*Tune: AUSTRIA (# 172)*

## Dismissal

*From the West Door the Presbyter says*

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

## Postlude

*Toccata Festiva - Franklin Ritter (1934 - 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 ~**

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

Proverbs 9:11

Ms. Maya Chacko (26), Ms. Almara Khan (26),  
Mr. Kevin Gladstone (26), Mr. Harshad Wairagar (26),  
Ms. Anna Ipe (27), Ms. Angelina James (30)

**~ Wedding Anniversary this Week ~**

*"Where you go I will go, and where you stay I will stay."*

Ruth 1: 16

Mr. Aarvind Charles & Mrs. Sony Charles (24)

**SAINT BARTHOLOMEW, APOSTLE & MARTYR**

24<sup>th</sup> August

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*Strengthen in us, O Lord, the faith,  
by which the blessed Apostle Bartholomew  
clung wholeheartedly to your Son,  
and grant that your Church may become for all the nations  
the sacrament of salvation.*

*Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
One God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

The Church celebrates the Feast of St. Bartholomew on 24<sup>th</sup> August. One of the twelve apostles of Jesus, Bartholomew is known to us only by his being listed among them in the Gospels according to Matthew, Mark, and Luke. His name means "Son of Tolmai.

Bartholomew was a doctor in Jewish law and a dear friend of Philip the Apostle. Because Bartholomew was a man *"in whom there was no guile,"* his mind was open to the truth. He went willingly with Philip to see Christ and recognized the Saviour immediately as the Son of God

After having received the gifts of the Holy Spirit on the first Pentecost, Bartholomew evangelized Asia Minor, northwestern India, and Greater Armenia. While preaching in Armenia, Bartholomew, was arrested and condemned to death.

*Bartholomew and India ... ..*

Two ancient testimonies exist about the mission of Bartholomew in India. These are of Eusebius of Caesarea (early 4<sup>th</sup> century) and of Saint Jerome (late 4<sup>th</sup> century). The studies of Fr A.C. Perumalil SJ and Moraes hold that the Bombay region on the Konkan coast, a region which may have been known as the ancient city Kalyan, was the field of Bartholomew's missionary activities.

## Notices

- The *Youth Fellowship* will meet soon after the service this morning.
- The episcopal election for the Bishop of Bombay is scheduled to be held on 13<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at CNI Bhavan, New Delhi. Pray that the electoral body will be guided by the promptings of the Holy Spirit.
- The annual general body meeting of St Thomas' Cathedral will be held on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2025 soon after the 8:45 a.m. service. Please check the draft of the voters' list displayed on the notice board.
- The Cathedral directory is being updated. Share any updates with the Vestry.
- The Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS) will be conducting a seminar on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 by the diocesan youth will be on held Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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 next Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> 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. 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 (DWFCs) before 30<sup>th</sup> 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.*'

### Cathedral ministries... ....

*Get involved!*

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

## Pray with us

### † OUR WORLD

We continue to pray for peace in every place where there is conflict: Ukraine and Russia, Israel and Gaza, Sudan and other regions of unrest. We pray for leaders and diplomats seeking peaceful resolutions and we pray for the protection of civilians, children and the most vulnerable in conflict zones • We bring before God the hungry, homeless and displaced peoples of the world, particularly refugees and asylum seekers. We pray for all people suffering from domestic abuse. Give wisdom to the Church as it seeks to find more effective and compassionate ways to respond to this significant matter in our society and Church.

### † OUR COUNTRY

Pray for the many people who have been displaced or affected in any way by the heavy rain and flood situation in our city and other parts of the country • We uphold the upcoming election of the Vice President in our prayers. Pray that the new VP will uphold constitutional values

### † THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH

The Church offers thanksgiving today for the Apostle and Martyr Bartholomew and for all the apostles through whom Christ has built his Church • St Augustine of Hippo (convert, bishop, theologian 430 AD) is remembered on 28<sup>th</sup> August. As a youth Augustine lived a hedonistic lifestyle for a time. It was during this period that he uttered his famous prayer, "*Grant me chastity and continence, but not yet.*" In the summer of 386 Augustine underwent a profound personal crisis, leading him to convert to Christianity. He authored his biography in a book called "*The Confessions*" • In the Anglican Communion for The Church of the Province of South East Asia and Archbishop Titus Chung Boon.

### † THE CHURCH IN INDIA

The Church of North India's Diocese of Eastern Himalaya and Bishop Roshan Thapa • The Church of South India's Diocese of South Kerala.

### † THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY

Give your Church, O Lord in the Diocese of Bombay  
a shepherd after your own heart who will walk in your ways,  
and with loving care watch over your people.

May your Church be built up and your name glorified;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

- This week for the congregation of Emmanuel Church, Grant Road.

### † OUR CATHEDRAL

Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for all young people in our congregation and the ministry of the Cathedral's Youth Fellowship.

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