



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



He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good;
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious Blood.

The Fifth Sunday in Lent

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 22nd March 2026 • 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*.

The choral setting for the Eucharist is by John Merbecke and Martin Shaw.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Fugue in b minor on a theme of Corelli, BWV 579 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Herzlich tut mich verlangen, bww 737 - Johann Sebastian Bach
(My heart is filled with longing)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Pange lingua gloriosi
Corporis mysterium,
Sanguinisque pretiosi,
Quem in mundi pretium
Fructus ventris generosi,
Rex effudit gentium.

Words: St Thomas Aquinas (1225 - 1274)
Sung in Latin

*Sing, my tongue,
the mystery of the glorious body,
and of the precious blood,
that for the world's salvation
the fruit of a noble womb,
the King of the nations, shed.*

Music: Anton Bruckner (1824 - 1896)

Opening Prayer

All stand and sing the opening hymn

There is a green hill far away

Entrance Hymn | # 106

Tune: HORSLEY

Please be seated

All say together

Prayer of Preparation | page 260

Kneel as able or remain seated

Kyrie Eleison

Lord have mercy. ///

Christ have mercy. ///

Lord have mercy. ///

Setting by John Merbecke (c. 1510 - c. 1585)

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | **page 370**

The Collect for Ash Wednesday | **page 357**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 371**

Exodus 24:4 - 8

A reading from the Book of Exodus.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to a chant by Wickes

Psalm

Deus, in nomine

54 : 1 - 4, 6 & 7

SAVE me, O God, for thy Name's sake : and avenge me in thy strength.

² Hear my prayer, O God : and hearken unto the words of my mouth.

³ For strangers are risen up against me : and tyrants, which have not God before their eyes, seek after my soul.

⁴ Behold, God is my helper : the Lord is with them that uphold my soul.

⁶ An offering of a free heart will I give thee, and praise thy Name,
O Lord : because it is so comfortable.

⁷ For he hath delivered me out of all my trouble : and mine eye hath seen his desire upon mine enemies.

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 371**

Hebrews 9:11 - 15

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Hebrews.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing the hymn

Gradual Hymn | **# 98**

Drop, drop, slow tears

Tune: SONG 46

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies,
it remains a single grain.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 372**

St. John 12:23 - 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.**

All sing

**In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find
rest beyond the river.**

Words: Frances Crosby (1820 - 1915)

Music: W. H. Doane (1832 - 1915)

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together

The Nicene Creed | *page 265*

Please be seated

Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

Anthem

Sung by the choir

O Saviour of the world, who by Thy Cross and precious Blood hast redeemed us:
Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech thee, O Lord.

Words: Collect for the visitation of the sick

Music: Sir John Goss (1800 - 1880)

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Christ has reconciled us to God in one body by the Cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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 | # 484

Take up thy cross, the Saviour said

Tune: BRESLAU

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

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Please be seated

Lent Prose

Cantor

Hear us, O Lord,

All

have mercy upon us:

For we have sinned against Thee.

Choir

Innocent, captive, taken unresisting:

Falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,

save us, we pray thee, Jesu our Redeemer.

arr. John Scott (1956 - 2015)

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Let us pray to the Father through his Son
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ's broken body, the Church.

Give to Christian people everywhere

a deep longing to take up the cross

and to understand its mysterious glory.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

All

Lord, save us and help us.

Bless those who lead the Church's worship
at this solemn time.

In the preaching of the word

and the celebration of the sacraments

draw your people close to you.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die.

Strengthen those who work to share

the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross.

By the Saviour's cross and passion,

Lord, save us and help us.

Continued

Intercessor Bring healing by the wounds of Christ
to all who are weighed down by pain and injustice.
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the
dying, to find strength in the companionship of Jesus,
and in his passion to know their salvation.
We pray for God's comforting presence to be with the
many who have lost loved ones in the conflict in the
Middle East.

All By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.
Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in
your friendship.
According to your promises,
bring them with all your saints
to share in all the benefits of Christ's death and
resurrection.
By the Saviour's cross and passion,
Lord, save us and help us.

The General Confession & Absolution | *pages 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 | **# 102**

O sacred head, sore wounded

Tune: PASSION CHORALE

All stand and say

Prayer after Communion

**Faithful God,
may we who share this banquet
glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
our salvation, life and hope,
who reigns as Lord now and for ever. Amen.**

Blessing
The Presbyter

Christ crucified draw you to himself,
to find in him a sure ground for faith,
a firm support for hope,
and the assurance of sins forgiven;
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

**On a hill far away stood an old rugged Cross,
the emblem of suffering and shame;
and I love that old Cross where the dearest and best
for a world of lost sinners was slain.**

*Refrain: So I'll cherish the old rugged Cross,
till my trophies at last I lay down;
I will cling to the old rugged Cross,
and exchange it some day for a crown.*

² **Oh that old rugged Cross, so despised by the world,
has a wondrous attraction for me;
for the dear Lamb of God left His glory above
to bear it to dark Calvary.**

³ **In that old rugged Cross, stained with blood so divine,
a wondrous beauty I see,
for 'twas on that old Cross Jesus suffered and died,
to pardon and sanctify me.**

⁴ **To that old rugged Cross I will ever be true,
its shame and reproach gladly bear;
then He'll call me some day to my home far away,
where His glory forever I'll share.**

George Bennard (1873 - 1958)

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

“O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig” (O Lamb of God, most stainless)

- Johann Sebastian Bach, BWV 563

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 I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”

Jeremiah 29:11

Mrs. Premila Thomas (22), Mr. Jeffry Frazer (24),
Mrs. Omana Mathew (25), Mr. Yohan Pastala Gupte (25),
Mr. Shantha Kumar (27), Mrs. Ria George (28)

Ecclesiastical trivia

Veiling crosses during Lent (specifically Passiontide) is an ancient tradition symbolizing penance, mourning, and the "fasting of the eyes". It heightens anticipation for Easter, marks the hidden divinity of Jesus, and reminds faithful that sin obscures their vision of God, preparing them for the revelation of the Resurrection.

The veil symbolizes the shame of sin and the sorrow of the Church, reflecting the period of mourning during Jesus' Passion.

This practice dates back to the 9th century, with roots in the tradition of covering the sanctuary with a "Hungertuch" (hunger cloth) to create a visual barrier during the penitential season.

The veils are traditionally removed before the Easter Vigil begins, signifying the victory of Christ over death.



HOLY WEEK & EASTER 2026

PALM SUNDAY	8.45 am	Eucharist (choral) with Procession and the Blessing and Distribution of Palms
29 th March		
Monday in Holy Week	6.30 pm	Holy Week Meditation in Word and Organ Music
30 th March		
Tuesday in Holy Week	6.30 pm	“Hymns of Faith” with reflections on the stories of the hymn writers
31 st March		
Wednesday in Holy Week	6.30 pm	Holy Week Meditation in Word and Organ Music
1 st April		
MAUNDY THURSDAY	6.30 pm	Eucharist (choral) with Washing of Feet and Stripping of the Altar followed by Vigil
2 nd April		
GOOD FRIDAY	9 am to 12 noon	Meditation on the Seven Words from the Cross
3 rd April		
THE GREAT VIGIL OF EASTER	8 pm	Lighting of the Paschal Candle and the First Eucharist of Easter
Holy Saturday 4 th April		
EASTER DAY	9 am	A joyful sung service of Holy Eucharist with canticles, hymns, readings and sermon
Sunday 5 th April		

Lenten Bible Study series

Message to the Churches *Revelation 2:1 - 3:22*
online 7 pm to 8 pm • zoom ID: 875 9250 2710 (passcode 880734)

Wed 25/2/26	Rev. Dr. Wilson Paluri
Wed 4/3/26	Rev. Dr. Jacob Thomas
Wed 11/3/26	Deacon Paul George
Wed 18/3/26	Rev. Dr. Paras Tayade
Wed 25/3/26	Pastor Peter Akbar, <i>Grace Community Fellowship</i>

Bible Quiz

Questions based on the Second Epistle of John,
the Third Epistle of John, the Epistle of Jude and the Book of Nehemiah.

Today 10:45 am

† **THE WORLD** We pray in earnest for a return to peace in the Middle East.

Pray for the many who have lost their lives in the conflict and whose lives have been disrupted. May dialogue and diplomacy show the way for normalcy to return.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for the Indian diaspora in the Middle East, the seafarers on ships at risk. With the impact of the war being felt on the economy we pray that availability of basic amenities like fuel and cooking gas is not adversely affected.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** For the new Archbishop of Canterbury the Most Revd and Right Honourable Dame Sarah Mullally. Archbishop Sarah will be installed in Canterbury Cathedral on 25th March 2026 (The Feast of the Annunciation). Pray for her ministry as she assumes leadership of the many millions in more than 165 countries in the worldwide Anglican Communion • In the Anglican Communion for the Anglican Church of Korea.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Gujarat and Bishop Silvans Christian (Deputy Moderator) and the Diocese of Erode Salem.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Jubilee Church, Sanpada and the Revd Graham Engineer.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** For all senior citizens, those who are house bound and for their care providers • For the Cathedral Youth Fellowship.

The Collect for the

THE FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION

25th March

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We beseech thee, O Lord, pour thy grace into our hearts;
that, as we have known the incarnation of thy Son Jesus Christ by the message of an angel, so by his cross and passion we may be brought unto the glory of his resurrection;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

This day commemorates the moment when the angel Gabriel announced to Mary that she would bear God's Son.

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