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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

The Mystery of Faith

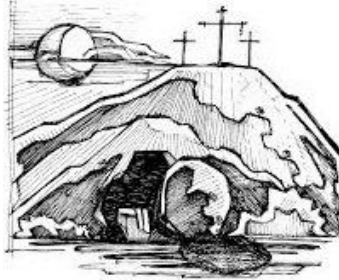
THE Church is very good at alleluias. We know how to fill a building with brightness, how to let the joy of Easter ring out, how to mark the feast with all the beauty it deserves. The resurrection is the heart of the Christian faith, and there is nothing excessive in rejoicing over it.

But Eastertide asks a harder question than Easter Day. It asks, “*What happens after the great declaration has been made?*”

This, it seems to me, is where Easter becomes most searching.

The Gospels
reception as a single,
after which everything
clear.

Mary Magdalene has
Christ in a garden,
Thomas learns that
discipleship; and Peter
does not erase his
beyond it. The disci-
learn that Christ is
fellowship, and bread broken together.



do not present resur-
overwhelming moment
becomes immediately

to learn to recognise
through tears;
doubt is not the end of
learns that resurrection
failure, but calls him
ples at Emmaus have to
known in scripture, fel-

The challenge of Eastertide is not to keep reproducing Easter Day: it is to allow Easter Day to shape what follows. The alleluia returns for a reason, not merely to brighten the liturgy. It is there to remind the Church that she now lives in a world where the tomb is empty.

The Church after the alleluia should be gentler, braver, less self-absorbed, and more alive to grace — not because she has mastered resurrection, but because resurrection has begun, slowly, to master her.

Third Sunday after Easter

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 26th April 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*.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

‘The Risen Christ’ - Charles Sergisson
incorporating hymn tunes from Palestrina and ‘Lyra Davidica’

Voluntary

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

In resurrectione tua, Christe,
cœli et terra laententur.

Sung in Latin

*Let heaven and earth rejoice
in your resurrection, O Christ.*

Taizé chant by Jacques Berthier (1923 - 1994)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

All

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Darkness is gone! Brightness reigns!

**God’s love has poured over us,
bringing us joy and hope!**

We gather, as the children of God,
committed to the call to peacemaking.

We gather, as the children of God,
finding refuge in our God of peace.

We are free from fear and doubt!

**We are free to celebrate and dance,
and shout the Good News “Christ is Risen!”**

All sing

He is risen

Entrance Hymn # 132

Tune: NEANDER (# 380)

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | page 421

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | page 422

Genesis 45:3 - 10

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Remain seated as the choir sings

the psalm to a chant by Elvey

Psalm

112: 1 - 9

Beatus vir

Blessed is the man that feareth the Lord; * he hath great delight in his commandments.

² His seed shall be mighty upon earth; * the generation of the faithful shall be blessed.

³ Riches and plenteousness shall be in his house; * and his righteousness endureth for ever.

⁴ Unto the godly there ariseth up light in the darkness; * he is merciful, loving, and righteous.

⁵ A good man is merciful, and lendeth; * and will guide his words with discretion.

⁶ For he shall never be moved: * and the righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

⁷ He will not be afraid of any evil tidings; * for his heart standeth fast, and

⁹ He hath dispersed abroad, and given to the poor. * and his righteousness remaineth for ever; his horn shall be exalted with honour. believeth in the Lord.

⁸ His heart is stablished, and will not shrink, * until he see his desire upon his

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 423**

I St. Peter 2:11 - 17

A reading from the First Letter of Peter.

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

Love's redeeming work is done

Gradual Hymn | **# 135**

Tune: SAVANNAH

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

“I call friends,” says the Lord, “you who are my disciples.
I make known to you all I’ve learned from my Father.”

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 423**

St. John 16:16 - 22

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.**

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Please be seated

Sermon

The Revd Avinash Rangayya, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of peace.

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

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**I will sing the wondrous story,
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross of Calvary.**

Refrain **Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
sing it with the saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.**

² **I was lost: but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.**

³ **Faint was I, and fears possessed me,
bruised was I from many a fall,
hope was gone, and shame distressed me:
but his love has pardoned all.**

Continued

**⁴ Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.**

Words: Revd Francis Rowley (1854 - 1952)

Music: Peter Bilhorn (1865 - 1936)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority.
Let us seek his intercession that our prayers may be
perfected by his prayer.
Jesus Christ, great high priest,
living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world.
Lord, hear us.

All

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, King of righteousness,
enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
pray for the world, and make it subject to your gentle
rule. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Son of Man,
drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your sisters and brothers in need, distress, or
sorrow. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation,
bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your promises.
Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,
ascended far above the heavens and filling the universe,
pray for us who receive the gifts you give us for work in
your service. Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor Jesus Christ,
keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit
and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your
feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father
and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

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

The Consecration | *page 277*

The Proper Preface for Eastertide | *page 279*

The Communion | *page 284*

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

While seated, all sing

Hymn | # 283

Most glorious Lord of life

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Blessing

Presbyter God, who through the resurrection of our Lord Jesus
Christ has given us the victory,
give you joy and peace in your faith;
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

Recessional Hymn | # 381

Crown him with many crowns

Tune: DIADEMATA

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

He is not here. He is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.

Postlude

Sound the trumpet - Humphrey Turner

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

Komal Salvi (28), Jolly Abraham (30), Deborah Baker (30),
Premanand Telgote (1st May), Roshni Jadhav (1), Yamini Ohol-Gupta (1),
Michelle Pasgon (1), Sujatha Merlin (2)

Wedding anniversaries this week

"Be devoted to one another in love. Honour one another above yourselves."

Romans 12:10

Mukul Gupte & Vijaya Pastala (26), Premanand & Supriya Telgote (29),
Rekha & Bhaskar Ghose (1)

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 am |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 am & Saturday 5.30 pm |

Journeying to Emmaus

An Eastertide reflection

Journeying, and especially journeying with God, is a motif embedded deep within the biblical and Christian tradition. It runs from near the beginning of the Bible to its close. We hear of the travels of Abraham and his descendants, of the wilderness wanderings of the people after the Exodus from Egypt. In the New Testament all four Gospels are presented in the form of a journey made by Jesus and his followers, initially in and around Galilee, but then as a kind of pilgrimage to Jerusalem itself to meet what awaited there. After the resurrection the tale of travelling continues as the Gospel moves out from Jerusalem, crossing eventually from Asia to Europe, to culminate in Paul's goal of reaching Rome. Even the mysterious final book of the Bible, the Revelation of John, seems to be framed as a journey of pilgrimage to the new Jerusalem.

Among the many biblical stories which speak on journeying, the description of Jesus' encounter with two disciples on the road to Emmaus, and their realisation in the course of a meal that they were meeting with the resurrected Lord, has a specially cherished place in the Christian imagination. It reveals to us some eternal truths, 'It is a parable of the life of the post-Easter Church, walking with Christ down the long road of history and knowing him in the Word and in the breaking of bread.'

Here are four areas which can sustain us in our journey of faith:



Knowing God:

To commit ourselves to regular participation in an act of worship.

Growing in Christ:

To commit ourselves to regular prayer and intentional study of our faith, and where possible to seek guidance from another to resource us as we seek to journey with Christ.

Building community:

To offer time, treasure and talents to work constructively with our fellow Christians

in building community within the church and in the places where we live.

Living beyond ourselves:

To seek purposefully to find a specific way or ways to relate our faith to the wider world in which we have been placed by God our Creator.

Source: <https://anglicanchurchathens.gr>

"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." – Genesis 2:15



Every year April 22nd is observed as Earth Day, a day specifically set aside to honour God's creation and our roles in taking care of the Earth.

Reverence For God's Creation

God of love,
we praise you for the magnificence of creation.

We marvel at both its grandeur
and the intricacies of its smallest microscopic life forms.

As we reflect on the creation, help us to take in its true significance.

This is your work in which you have invested deeply of yourself.

It is the costly outpouring of your creativity.

So, we ask you to instill in us a proper reverence for all that you have made - a genuine respect for all environments and all creatures.

Lord, we are in awe of the formidable power of nature,
but, in these times, may we also come to comprehend its complex fragility.

Amen.

- Reverend Prebendary Mark Geldard



Ideas for churches:

- **Host a green fellowship time** - Enjoy organic treats and coffee using reusable or compostable dishes during your coffee fellowship (Make sure people know what you're doing and why!)
- **Organize a hike at a trail, park, or natural area** - Find a time and place to get together as a congregation and enjoy God's beautiful creation.
- **Incorporate earth-inspired prayer and liturgy into your worship service**
- **Youth Curriculum** - A four-week Creation Care curriculum for Sunday school and youth

† **THE WORLD** In this week in which the world remembered “Earth Day”, we give thanks for the beauty of creation and pray that we and all people will work towards the right use of, and preservation of resources of the earth. We pray for a world in which every person is seen, valued, and respected • In times of division and misunderstanding, grant us humility, compassion, and the grace to recognise your image in one another • We pray for all who work to protect and restore health across the world. Strengthen those who care for the sick, guide public health efforts, and bring healing and hope to all in need • For an end to conflict and restoration of peace.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for the states which have had Assembly elections: Assam, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, West Bengal. Pray that justice, equity and unity are strengthened in all walks of life in our country. May we as followers of the Servant King, renew our commitment to follow Jesus’ teaching of love, compassion and service especially to the neglected in our society • At least 13 people have been killed in an explosion at a firecracker factory in Thrissur, where around 40 people were believed to be assembling firecrackers in a cluster of sheds. This was the second such incident this week after a blast at a firecracker factory in neighbouring Tamil Nadu. Pray for the grieving families of the victims.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** In the *Anglican Communion* for The Church of Nigeria and Archbishop Henry Ndukuba.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India’s Diocese of Marathwada and Bishop Prakash Patole • The Church of South India’s Diocese of Madurai-Ramnad.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Andrew’s Church, Agripada and the Revd. Sandeep J. Waghmare.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • This week for all youth in our congregation, especially for those who are studying and working away from their home.

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