

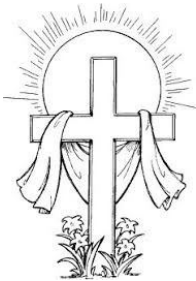


ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI
Since 1718



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



Between Easter and Pentecost: A Time of Waiting

Fear settled in before faith ever did.
In the Bible, after Jesus' crucifixion, the disciples weren't preaching about his resurrection. They were hiding, whispering behind locked doors, trying to figure out how not to die next.

That's where the season really begins: the seven weeks between Easter and Pentecost.

The resurrection, Christians believe, didn't just raise Jesus; it also forced his followers to confront what came next, even if they weren't ready.

As scholar and theologian Dr. Delores S. Williams wrote in "*Sisters in the Wilderness*," the resurrection is "not just about what happened to Jesus. It is about what can happen in communities that embrace life over death."

The season of Easter is a story of preparation. Jesus shows up behind locked doors, walks alongside them on the road to Emmaus, meets them in their confusion and keeps pointing them forward. Love each other. Stay together. Get ready.

Because what comes next will require more than belief.

Like those disciples waiting between resurrection and Pentecost, we find ourselves in the in-between — holding on to what we know, even as we wonder what comes next.

By the time Pentecost arrives, the same people who were hiding are speaking boldly, organizing, building something new out of what looked like total loss. The arc, from fear to purpose, is the real Easter story.

Fourth Sunday after Easter

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 3rd May 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

Voluntary

An Easter Alleluia - Gordon Slater (1896 - 1979)

Welcome

Introit

Sung by the choir

Cantate Domino canticum novum.

Sing a new song to the Lord.

Alleluia.

Alleluia.

Cantate Domino omnis terra. Alleluia.

Sing to Lord all the earth. Alleluia.

Sung in Latin

Taizé chant by Jacques Berthier (1923 - 1994)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Alleluia. Christ is risen!

All

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Jesus said, "If you love me, obey my commandments.

And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another

Advocate, who will never leave you."

He is The Holy Spirit, who leads into all truth.

For he will not speak on his own authority,

but whatever he hears he will speak,

and he will declare to you the things

that are to come.

All sing

Entrance Hymn | # 129

Christ the Lord is risen again

Tune: WIRTEMBURG

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | page 424

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | page 425

Job 19:21 - 27

A reading from the Book of Job.

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 J. Turle*

Psalm
82

Deus stetit

GOD standeth in the congregation of princes : He is a Judge among gods.

² How long will ye give wrong judgement : and accept the persons of the ungodly?

³ Defend the poor and fatherless : see that such as are in need and necessity have right.

⁴ Deliver the outcast and poor : save them from the hand of the ungodly.

⁵ They will not be learned nor understand, but walk on still in darkness : all the foundations of the earth are out of course.

⁶ I have said, Ye are gods : and ye are all the children of the most Highest.

⁷ But ye shall die like men : and fall like one of the princes.

⁸ Arise O God, and judge thou the earth : for thou shalt take all heathen to thine inheritance.

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

A reading from the Letter of James.

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

Gradual Hymn

1. **CHRIST is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.**
2. **In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.**
3. **Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.**
4. **Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.**

Words: Brian Wren (b. 1936)

Tune: TRURO (# 420)
Psalmody Evangelica (1789)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

When the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

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*

Song

Sung by the choir

The cross it standeth fast -
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Defying ev'ry blast -
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
The winds of hell have blown,
The world its hate hath shown,
Yet it is not overthrown -
Hallelujah for the cross!

*Hallelujah, hallelujah,
hallelujah for the cross;
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
it shall never suffer loss!*

It is the old cross still -
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Its triumph let us tell -
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
The grace of God here shone
Through Christ, the blessed Son,
Who did for sin atone -
Hallelujah for the cross!

Words: Revd Horatius Bonar (1808 - 1889)

'Twas here the debt was paid -
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
Our sins on Jesus laid -
Hallelujah, hallelujah!
So round the cross we sing
Of Christ, our offering,
Of Christ, our living King -
Hallelujah for the cross!

Music: James McGranahan (1840 - 1907)

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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¹ **Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:
Alleluia, alleluia.**

**The glad earth shouts her triumph high,
and groaning hell makes wild reply:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

² **He bade them see his hands, his side,
where yet the glorious wounds abide;
alleluia, alleluia.
the tokens true which made it plain
their Lord indeed was risen again:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

³ **All praise be thine, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
alleluia, alleluia.
all praise to God the Father be
and Holy Ghost eternally:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia. Amen.**

Words: Latin, 7th cent.
trans. Revd J. M. Neal (1818 - 1866)

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN
(# 519)

Kneel as able or remain seated

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Holy God, we come before you with thanksgiving for all your mercy and grace and we give thanks for the beauty and wonder of the world around us as we bring to you our prayers of intercession and thanksgiving.

Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Almighty God,

we pray today for your blessing to be upon our congregation and upon our diocese.

May your presence be seen vividly in all that we do and say each day.

We pray that your joy and your love will flow freely in and through us

and that we might never be a temptation to those around us. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

We pray for those parts of the world which badly need renewal.

Inspire and instruct our world leaders to constantly work for that day

when all the world's peoples may enjoy security, peace and a decent standard of living. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Almighty and eternal God,

protect our soldiers as they discharge their duties.

Protect them with the shield of your strength and keep them safe from all evil and harm.

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

Gracious God, in your great mercy

comfort and relieve those who are sick, injured, aged or distressed and according to their needs,

enable them to draw strength from you

and know that you are with them in all their troubles.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Intercessor

Loving God, we pray for those saddened by the death of a loved one. Help us to draw comfort from the Holy Spirit and the fellowship of our church family.

We remember now before God those who have died or whose anniversaries of passing fall at this time.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

at this time of transition we pray for the ministry of Avinash our Presbyter as he moves to the parish of St. Stephen's Church. We pray for Reverend Thomas Jacob as he begins his ministry here in the Cathedral next month.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,

we come before you today claiming the promise that you have given us in your word.

You have promised that when the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide us into all truth.

We ask that you send your Holy Spirit to guide us and lead us into all truth.

Merciful father:

accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. 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 we sing

Hymn | # 315

Jesu, gentlest Saviour

All stand and sing

The Blessing

Presbyter

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
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 | # 127

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heaven and voices raise

The Dismissal

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

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

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.

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 |

Birthdays this week

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Ephesians 2:10

Meagan Pandian (3), Nalina Sathia Raj (3), Sagarika Sharon (3),
Abhijit Kachhap (4), Sathia Raj (4), Kamal Jadhav (5),
Tarun Jacob (7), Cayleb Aravind (7), Ethan Dilip (8),
Charles Aravind (9), Priya David (9)

Wedding anniversaries this week

*"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up,
just as in fact you are doing."*

I Thessalonians 5:11

Mr. Michael Raj & Mrs. Junoliya Raj (6),
Mr. Ashish Uzgare & Mrs. Shreyaa Uzgare (7),
Mr. Rajeev Ohol & Mrs. Alfreda Ohol (7),
Captain Reuben Jadhav & Dr. Kamal Jadhav (8)



Ascension Day

Thursday 14th May 2026

***The Son of man is exalted
to the right hand of God***

Open air Eucharist in the Cathedral garden 7 a.m.

The Day of Pentecost

Sunday 24th May 2026

The gift of the Holy Spirit

Holy Communion (sung) 8.45 a.m.
All are welcome



† **THE WORLD** We pray for all who live with fear in their own homes — especially victims of domestic and family violence: that God would surround them with protection, bring them safely to places of refuge, and restore their dignity and hope. We pray for those who use violence or control others: that hearts may be convicted and changed, cycles of harm broken, and that there may be true repentance, accountability, and healing. Give wisdom, compassion and grace to those who work to protect and support the vulnerable — counsellors, shelters, police, social workers, clergy and community leaders in their demanding work. We uphold before God our society and our own communities: that we may never ignore suffering hidden behind closed doors, but be courageous in speaking truth, fostering respect, and building homes marked by safety, love, and peace.

† **OUR COUNTRY** Pray for our country, which like many, is impacted by the war in the Middle East. May God guide our leaders in their decisions that we may continue to live in security and sufficiency. Pray that individual citizens may live responsibly and in peace in such critical times • For respite from the intense heat wave being experienced in many parts of the country.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Apostles Philip and James commemorated today • Monica, mother of Augustine (387 AD) commemorated on 4th May • In the Anglican Communion for the Church of North India and the Most Revd Paritosh Canning (Moderator).

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Church of North India's Diocese of Nagpur • The Church of South India's Diocese of Thoothukudi - Nazareth.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Clergy transfers have been announced last week. We uphold the ministry of the priests who will be taking charge of new parishes from 1st June 2026.

The Revd Avinash T. Rangayya to St. Stephen's Church, Bandra

The Revd Thomas Jacob to St. Thomas' Cathedral, Fort

The Revd K. Dyvasirvadham to All Saints Church, Malabar Hill

The Revd John Roland to The Church of St. John the Evangelist (Afghan church), Wesley church and Chaplain of Wilson College.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • For travelling mercies on those who are away on holiday • We give thanks to God for the board examination results (ICSE, ISC).

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