

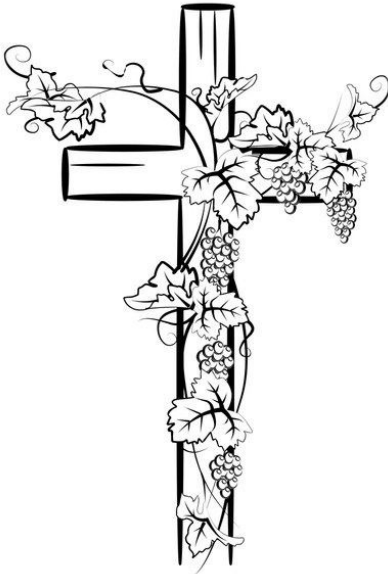


ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI
Since 1718



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



Rogation Sunday and the three subsequent Rogation Days commemorate Jesus' final days on earth before his Ascension. Accordingly, these days focus on the earth, agricultural work, and human dependence upon God.

Rogation comes from the Latin word, 'Rogare', meaning 'to ask'.

At Rogationtide we ask for God's blessing on the activity of the land.

On Rogation Sunday, we especially remember to abide in Christ the Vine, to receive his love and bear fruit in love for each other.

*"I am the vine; you are the branches.
Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit,
for apart from me you can do nothing."
John 15:5*

Rogation Sunday

with procession to garden

Choral Eucharist
Sunday 10th 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

Prelude in F, Op. 101 - C. V. Stanford (1852 - 1924)
Kingsfold Trumpet - Alfred Fedak (b. 1953)

Welcome

Introit

Sung by the choir

ETERNAL Ruler of the ceaseless round
Of circling planets singing on their way;
Guide of the nations from the night profound
Into the glory of the perfect day;
Rule in our hearts, that we may ever be
Guided and strengthened and upheld by thee.

O clothe us with thy heavenly armour, Lord,
Thy trusty shield, thy sword of love divine;
Our inspiration be thy constant word;
We ask no victories that are not thine:
Give or withhold, let pain or pleasure be;
Enough to know that we are serving thee.

Words: John Chadwick (1840 - 1904)

Tune: SONG 1
Orlando Gibbons (1583 - 1625)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

All

The world and all who dwell within it.

Let us worship the Creator of all things.

Let us worship God, who brings life and growth.

Praise the Lord, for He covers the earth with His bounty.

All sing

Entrance Hymn

- Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain **Great is Thy faithfulness! //
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided —
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!**

- Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.**
- Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Words: Thomas Chisholm (1866 - 1960)

Music: William Marion Runyan (1870 - 1957)

Please be seated

All say together

Prayer of Preparation | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Rogation Sunday | **page 427**

Read by the Presbyter

The Old Testament Reading | **page 427**

Joel 2: 21 - 27

A reading from the Book of Joel.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

*While seated sing the refrain
after every verse intoned by the choir*

Responsorial Psalm 104

**Refrain (all) Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

- ¹. Praise the Lord O my soul,
O Lord God, your glory is great:
How manifold are your works,
In wisdom you have made them all. **R**
- ². All creatures look to you,
To give them their food to eat:
When you open your hand, they are filled with good,
When you hide your face, they pine away. **R**

³. When you take away their breath, they die,
And return to the earth whence they came:
When you send forth your spirit, all things spring to life
And the face of the earth in renewed. **R**

⁴. The glory of the Lord shall never cease,
The Lord shall rejoice in all His works:
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God, while my breath remains. **R**

Please be seated

The Epistle | **page 428**

St. James 1:22 - 27

A reading from the Letter of James.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing

Judge eternal

Gradual Hymn | **# 423**

Tune: RHUDDLAN

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. *John 16:24*

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*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

By prayer and supplication with thanksgiving,
let your requests be made known to God.
And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will
guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

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.

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.*

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

**O Jesus, crowned with all renown,
since thou the earth hast trod,
thou reignest and by thee come down
henceforth the gifts of God.
Thine is the health and thine the wealth
that in our halls abound,
and thine the beauty and the joy
with which the years are crowned.**

² **Lord, in their change, let frost and heat,
and winds and dews be given;
all fostering power, all influence sweet,
breathe from the bounteous heaven.
Attemper fair with gentle air
the sunshine and the rain,
that kindly earth with timely birth
may yield her fruits again:**

³ **that we may feed the poor aright,
and, gathering round thy throne,
here, in the holy angel's sight,
repay thee of thine own:
That we may praise thee all our days,
and with the Father's Name,
and with the Holy Spirit's gifts,
the Saviour's love proclaim.**

Words: Bishop Edward Benson (1829 - 1896)

Tune: KINGSFOLD

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

The Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Words: Revd Thomas Ken (1637 - 1711)

Tune: Old 100th

Kneel as able or remain seated

Rogationtide Prayers

Intercessor Let us ask the God of creation to send a blessing upon us.
Upon the rich earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Let the earth be fruitful and its resources be hallowed.
We ask in faith:

All **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**
Upon human labour send a blessing, O Lord.
Prosper the work of our hands;
may all find dignity and just reward in their work;
free the exploited and oppressed. We ask in faith:
we ask you to hear us, good Lord.
Upon the produce of the earth send a blessing, O Lord.
Guide into a sustainable future,
and give us the will to share the fruits of the world.
We ask in faith:

we ask you to hear us, good Lord.
Upon the seas and waters send a blessing, O Lord.
Teach us to cherish the water of the earth,
and to conserve the seas, lakes and rivers.
We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**
Where the earth is parched and the well has run dry;
where war brings want, and children go hungry;
where the poor cry out for bread and for justice,
give hands to care and heal, and compel us to be generous.
We ask in faith: **we ask you to hear us, good Lord.**
We ask you to hear us, good Lord,
for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The General Confession & Absolution
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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

475 - Rejoice, O land

Tune: WAREHAM

304 - Bread of heaven

Tune: BREAD OF HEAVEN

Hymns

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the source of all goodness and growth,
pour His blessing upon all things created, and upon us His children,
that we may use His gifts to God's glory
and the welfare of all peoples.

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

All things bright and beautiful

Recessional Hymn | **# 587**

Tune: ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL

*The congregation walks in procession through the North Door
into the church garden*

Blessing of the Church Garden

Presbyter

Thank you, Lord for our gardens and allotments,
for the digging and planting, for the growing and the harvest;
through all this may our faith be renewed by your Spirit
which brings new life and hope,
and may we be inspired to care for all your creation.
Lord in your mercy.
Hear our prayer.

All sing

**This is my Father's world,
And to my listening ears
All nature sings, and round me rings
The music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world:
I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas--
His hand the wonders wrought.**

Presbyter

Our gardens give us pleasure; we plant and see things grow;
the flowers, shrubs and roses all make a splendid show.
Help us to love this planet, as much as our own plot;
to care for and improve it – or we will lose the lot!

All All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above,
then thank the, Lord,
O thank the Lord, for all his love.

All sing O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed;

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art! //*

The Dismissal

Presbyter God the Father, Lord of creation,
All **have mercy upon us.**
God the Son, through whom all things were made,
have mercy upon us.
God the Holy Spirit, who renews the face of the earth,
have mercy upon us.
Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity, creating and saving God,
have mercy upon us.
Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia!
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Mrs. Jaisy Desai (11)

Wedding Anniversaries

“Do everything in love.”

1 Corinthians 16:14

Mr. Sathia Raj & Mrs. Nalina Sathia Raj (11),
Mr. Dhanasekaran Chempaka & Mrs. Kala Thresilla (15)

We give thanks to God for the life of Beryl Moses
(daughter of the late Mr. Allen & Mrs. Rajathi Moses and beloved sister of
Alice) on her fifth death anniversary (9th May 2021).

Rest in peace and rise in glory



Come celebrate

Ascension Day

*with an open air Eucharist
in the Cathedral garden*

**Thursday 14th May 2026
7 a.m.**

All are welcome

MOTHER'S DAY

Blessings on all the mothers, grandmothers, spiritual mothers and mother-figures.

We thank you for giving life and nurture and for your love and patience.

We thank you for your prayers and Christian witness.

You are a great blessing to your families, your church and the wider community.

May God fill you afresh with His Spirit and peace.

Transitions: saying Goodbye, saying Hello

The Reverend Avinash Theophilus Rangayya has faithfully pastored the Cathedral congregation for the past fifteen years making him one of the longest serving Presbyters of the Cathedral Church of St. Thomas the Apostle. Father Avinash came to us from the parish of All Saints Church, Malabar Hill on 1st June 2011.

June is the traditional month when clergy transfers and new appointments are made in our Diocese.

Father Avinash's last Sunday as Presbyter-In-Charge of the Cathedral will be on 31st May 2026 when he will preach and celebrate the Eucharist on Trinity Sunday.

At 10:45 am after the service there will be an opportunity for us to bid farewell to Reverend Avinash Rangayya and his family. Following the felicitation, lunch will be served.

During his ministry in the Cathedral, Father Avinash, has touched many lives. In 2018 he oversaw and helped coordinate the tercentenary celebrations of the Cathedral. For many, a lasting legacy will be his creative and almost spontaneous response to the pandemic-induced lockdown, when the Cathedral became a 'virtual church'!

Farewells and times of transition are never easy. We assure Reverend Rangayya of our continued prayers as he goes from here to minister to the faithful in the parish of St. Stephen's Church, Bandra.

On the First Sunday after Trinity (7th June 2026) we will be saying hello to the Reverend Thomas Jacob and his family as he comes to minister to the faithful in St. Thomas' Cathedral, Fort.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** We pray for all people throughout the world who are seeking to know and worship God, that they may come to know the one true God through Jesus Christ. We thank God that Jesus is the prince of peace and continue to pray that peace may come to reign in all places where there is war, violence and unrest, especially remembering the people of the Middle East, Ukraine, Sudan, and Myanmar. Grant wisdom to world leaders, protection to civilians, comfort to those who mourn, and courage to all who work for justice and reconciliation. We pray that the Strait of Hormuz may be permanently reopened quickly, and we uphold all people who are facing economic uncertainty, rising living costs, and shortages of food and fuel. Strengthen those who are struggling to provide for their families, and guide governments and communities to act with compassion, fairness, and generosity toward the vulnerable.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We remember the families of those who have become victim to poll violence. May there be justice and honesty in all our dealings big and small. May who those elected to govern in the states of Assam, West Bengal, Kerala, Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu be always aware of the trust placed in them and minister to the people faithfully without fear or favour.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** On Ascension Day (this year on 14th May) we celebrate that the Son of Man is exalted to the right hand of God • In the *Anglican Communion* for the United Church of Pakistan and the Most Revd Dr Azad Marshall.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Nasik • The Diocese of Tirunelveli and Bishop A.R.G.S.T. Barnabas.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Christopher's Church, Kalyan (Marathi Pastorate) and the Revd Mahendra N. Kavathekar.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** Dear Lord, our God and Father, in this time of transition, give us eyes to see Your presence in our lives, ears to listen to Your will, lips to speak Your words, and hands to do Your work. Grant us grace and go before us, as we seek Your Holy Spirit's counsel, as we live in community during this time, and as we prepare for the arrival of a new priest in our midst. We make this pray in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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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 during term time |

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