



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

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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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

Elijah and the Widow at Zarephath

I Kings 17: 8 - 16

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God often deepens our walk with him by giving us more and more that we can handle....In the scripture today God sends Elijah several hundred miles from the brook in Jordan to Zarephath in Sidon.

Elijah goes to the widow's home and is blessed by the miracle of the jar of flour and oil that never run dry. When all looks hopeless, it is a miracle of God's provision.

As I consider the example of Elijah and his incredible faith, the heart of the story is his capacity to trust. The woman cries out to Elijah for help. Her honest heart felt words are an act of trust, for she is reaching out, trying to find something to hang onto, something to give a spark of understanding. She turns to Elijah to help carry her burden.

When you are at the end of your rope, when you feel hopeless, find those who seem to have a greater trust in God as your world falls apart. Isn't this one of the roles of the Church, Christian brothers and sisters?

When the widow reached the end of her rope, she turned to the man of God to help assure her that God hears and answers our prayers. When you are at the end of your rope, let go and trust God. Amen.

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 19th July 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 *Hymns Ancient & Modern New Standard*.



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Order of Service

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

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on the tune 'Slane' - Gordon Young (1919 - 1998)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Bless the Lord, O my soul;
and all that is within me bless His holy name.

Words: Psalm 103:1

Music: anonymous

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

Feed us, O God,
from stores that never empty.

All

**Anoint us, O God,
with oils that never fail.**

Arise, go, and look for grace in unexpected places.

**We step out in faith,
trusting the One who provides.**

Come, let us worship the God of the widow's jar.

**Let us praise the Lord
whose abundance never fails!**

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 149

Ye servants of God

Tune: PADERBORN

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 463**

Said by all

The Lesson | **page 463**

1 Kings 17:8 - 16

A reading from the First Book of Kings.

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 Jones

Psalm

119: 49 – 56

Memor esto servi tui

O THINK upon thy servant, as concerning thy word : wherein thou hast caused me to put my trust.

⁵⁰ The same is my comfort in my trouble : for thy word hath quickened me.

⁵¹ The proud have had me exceedingly in derision : yet have I not shrunk from thy law.

⁵² For I remembered thine everlasting judgements, O Lord : and received comfort.

⁵³ I am horribly afraid : for the ungodly that forsake thy law.

⁵⁴ Thy statutes have been my songs : in the house of my pilgrimage.

⁵⁵ I have thought upon thy Name, O Lord, in the night-season : and have kept thy law.

⁵⁶ This I had : because I kept thy commandments.

All stand

choir

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.

The Epistle | **page 464**

Romans 6:19 - 23

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing

Be thou my vision

Gradual Hymn | **# 343**

Tune: SLANE

*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 1 Peter 1.25

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 465**

St Mark 8:1– 9

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

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

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 Thomas Jacob, *Cathedral Presbyter*

The Awakening and Blessing of the Organ

A historical note

St. Thomas's Cathedral has had three pipe organs in succession over the course of its long history dating back to the 18th century.

The last pipe organ used in worship sadly fell silent in 1953 and was dismantled. All that remains of that instrument is the organ screen (behind the Bishop Thomas Carr memorial). This was the instrument played by legendary Cathedral organists of the past, including Edgar Faulkner from 1900 to 1926 and Charles Velu from 1948 to 1970.

In 1953 the Cathedral acquired its first electronic American made Hammond organ. This fell into disrepair and was replaced in 1993 with an Indian made organ manufactured in Tamil Nadu by the late John George (*Reginald organs*). This was a personal gift of the late T. Thomas (the then Chairman of the Cathedral Trustees) himself an amateur organist.

It was in 2008 that the current state-of-the-art digital classical organ was imported from The Netherlands (*Content organs*) and installed and blessed for use in divine worship. This too was a generous gift of Mr. T. Thomas to whom we shall be ever thankful for enhancing the music offering in worship here at the Cathedral.

We are grateful to the Cathedral Trustees for their support in getting the organ repaired and sounding once again. We express our thanks to *Content organs*, their India representative, Godwin and his team who have been instrumental in getting the organ to sound again.

The Presbyter says

My dear brothers and sisters, we bless this organ which has been restored so that the celebration of the liturgy may become more beautiful and solemn.

The purpose of music in the liturgy is above all to give glory to God and to lead us to holiness. Thus the music of the organ wonderfully expresses the new song that scripture tells us to sing to the Lord.

Presbyter “Wake up, organ, sacred instrument! Speak and sound the praises of God our Creator and our Father!”

The organ responds with a short improvisation

“Organ, sacred instrument, celebrate Jesus, our Lord, who died and rose for us!”

The organ responds

“Organ, sacred instrument, sing to the Holy Spirit, who animates our life with the breath of God!”

The organ responds

“Organ, sacred instrument, proclaim the glory of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit!”

All stand and sing 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.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil.
As far as it lies with you, live at peace with everyone.
cf Romans 12.9,17,18

All

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

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

- ^{1.} **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!*

- ^{2.} **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.**

- ^{3.} **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)

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Please kneel as able or sit

The Intercession | **page 270**

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

The Consecration | **page 277**

The Communion | **page 284**

Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion

While seated, we sing

Song at the Communion

**Why should I feel discouraged?
Why should the shadows come?
Why should my heart be lonely
And long for heaven and home,
When Jesus is my portion?
My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me. //**

Refrain **I sing because I'm happy—
I sing because I'm free—
For His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me.**

**“Let not your heart be troubled.”
His tender word I hear,
And resting on His goodness,
I lose my doubt and fears;
Though by the path He leadeth,
But one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me. //**

**Whenever I am tempted,
Whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing,
When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him,
From care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow,
And I know He watches me. //**

Words: Civilla Martin (1866 - 1948)

Music: Charles H. Gabriel (1856 - 1932)

The Thanksgiving | **page 287**

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | **page 288**

Please be seated for the announcements

All stand for the blessing

The Blessing

The Presbyter Elijah was sent to someone in need—
not only to serve,
but that he too might also be served.
Wherever God sends you, go to serve,
but allow others to serve you as well;
and may the peace of Christ go with you.
Go in peace. **Amen.**
† 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

- My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name.**

Refrain **On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand:
all other ground is sinking sand. //**

- When darkness veils his lovely face,
I rest on his unchanging grace;
in every high and stormy gale,
my anchor holds within the veil.**
- His oath, his covenant, his blood,
support me in the whelming flood;
when all around my soul gives way,
he then is all my hope and stay.**
- When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found:
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne.**

Words: Edward Mote (1797 - 1874)

Music: William Bradbury (1816 - 1868)

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

"Erstanden ist der heilige Christ", BWV 628 - Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

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 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

The Revd Thomas Jacob (19), Sarah Solomon (20),
Mr. Roop Kamal (22), Mrs. Archana Magar (25)

The Collect for

Mary Magdalene 22nd July

Almighty God,
whose Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of mind and body
and called her to be a witness to his resurrection:
forgive our sins and heal us by your grace,
that we may serve you in the power of his risen life;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- A **Bible quiz** will be conducted on Sunday 23rd August 2026 at 10:45 am. The quiz will have objective type questions based on Psalm 119: 1 - 72 (open Bible), the Book of Haggai and the Book of Zephaniah. Refer the *New King James Version (NKJV)*. Please register your name with Ms. Violet Truman by paying ₹100/-.

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 a.m. |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 a.m. |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 a.m. & Saturday 5.30 p.m.
during term time |

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** All the people of Ukraine for their safety and sovereignty. Prayers also that the government of Russia will turn to reason & respect for their own peoples' lives as well as for Ukrainian families • Those in mortal danger in the continuing war in Iran. For the leaders of nations to set aside assassination and warfare in favour of just, diplomatic solutions to conflict.

† **OUR COUNTRY** A group of Indian tourists were killed in a boating accident in Vietnam earlier this week – pray for their families and for the safe repatriation of their remains • The escalating Iran-US tensions in the Gulf has put Indian shipping and energy supply at risk. We pray for peace and understanding among nations • There is continued political tensions around the Election Commission's revised roll-revision timeline in the Punjab, Karnataka, Telengana and Delhi. Pray for wisdom and integrity in our leaders • We continue to pray for the communities in Manipur still affected by ethnic tension and blockades • Continue to pray for all those affected by heavy rains in different parts of the country and for the safe and swift repairs of the disrupted Mumbai-Pune rail services, still in phased restoration after track damage.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** Mary Magdalene – the *Apostle to the Apostles* is commemorated on 22nd July. She was the first among the disciples to see and recognize the risen Christ • In the *Anglican Communion* for Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan and Archbishop Revd Ezekiel Kumir Kondo.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of the Andaman & Nicobar Islands and Bishop Thomas Nathan • The Diocese of Central Karnataka and Bishop Vincent Vinod Kumar.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the congregation of St. John's Church (Tamil Pastorate), Goregaon and the Revd D. Jeyaraj.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** We give thanks for the technicians who have painstakingly restored the Cathedral organ to sound once again and adorn the liturgy with music • Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for the altar guild: the lay readers and servers.

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