



ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL
MUMBAI

Since 1718



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

PRAYER for PEACE

Good and gracious God, forgive our past silence,
give us the courage and strength
to tirelessly raise our prophetic voices
to work to eliminate weapons of mass destruction.
Let us remember Hiroshima and Nagasaki as beacons
as we commit ourselves to find ways to live together in peace,
that we may not be just peace lovers, but peacemakers.

In the words of Isaiah:

*It shall come to pass that the peoples shall
beat their swords into plowshares
and their spears into pruning hooks.*

And so, we pray for the time when
“Nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.”

Amen, so be it.

Hiroshima Day is observed on 6th August to mark the anniversary of the atomic bombing in 1945, honour victims, remember survivors, and promote peace and nuclear disarmament.

The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 2nd August 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

Chorale prelude on “Lord, teach us how to pray aright”... Alec Rowley (1892 - 1958)

Prelude and Fugue in C, BWV 553 ... Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Sing hallelujah to the Lord!

Words & Music: Linda Stassen (b. 1951)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

God rejoices at our presence here today

All

and welcomes us home with a celebration.

A rich feast awaits those who call upon the Lord.

God offers to us all the bounty of His love.

How we have thirsted for hope and peace!

How we have longed for joy and love!

God continually blesses and heals us.

Praise be to God for His steadfast love. Amen.

All join in singing the hymn

Praise, my soul

The Entrance Hymn | **# 192**

Tune: PRAISE, MY SOUL

Please be seated

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 468**

Said together by all

The Lesson | **page 468**

Numbers 10: 35, 36 & 11: 1 - 3

A reading from the Book of Numbers.

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

Thanks be to God.

*Remain seated as the choir sings
the psalm to a chant by King*

Psalm

119: 65 – 72

Bonitatem fecisti

O LORD thou hast dealt graciously with thy servant : according unto thy word.

⁶⁶ O learn me true understanding and knowledge : for I have believed thy commandments.

⁶⁷ Before I was troubled, I went wrong : but now have I kept thy word.

⁶⁸ Thou art good and gracious : O teach me thy statutes.

⁶⁹ The proud have imagined a lie against me : but I will keep thy commandments with my whole heart.

⁷⁰ Their heart is as fat as brawn : but my delight hath been in thy law.

⁷¹ It is good for me that I have been in trouble : that I may learn thy statutes.

⁷² The law of thy mouth is dearer unto me : than thousands of gold and silver.

*All stand
(sung by the 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.

Please be seated

The Epistle | **page 469**

1 Corinthians 10: 1 - 13

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians.

At the conclusion of the reading: This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing

Blest are the pure in heart

Gradual Hymn | **# 238**

Tune: FRANCONIA

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:

Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 470**

St Luke: 15: 11- 32

Gospeller The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
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 Keith Pasgon

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

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1. **Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
That saved a wretch; like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
Was blind, but now I see.**
2. **‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**
3. **Through many dangers, toils and snares,
I have already come;
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.**
4. **When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we first begun.**

Words: John Newton (1725 - 1807)

Tune: NEW BRITAIN
Early American melody

All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Kneel as able or sit

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Holy God Make us receptive and open as we lay our intercessions before you.

May we accept Your Kingdom like children taking bread from the hands of their father or mother.

Lord, in your mercy:

All

Hear our prayer.

We pray for Paritosh our Moderator; Reuben, Moderator of *The Church of South India*, Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*, Prabhu our Bishop and Thomas our Presbyter.

May they always be aware of the blessings you bestow on them; strengthen and uphold them when they grow weary in their ministries.

Constantly remind us all that You who began all good work in us will ultimately perfect it through your son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Loving God bring healing to all who are wounded, make whole those who are broken, and shed light wherever there is darkness. Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Merciful God we thank you for those who have travelled before us on the way of the cross and are now at peace in your eternal presence.

Help us to live always mindful of your promise to us that the road of faith will lead into your heavenly kingdom.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Faithful God, fill our hunger with the food that lasts, the bread of God which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.

Lord, in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor

Merciful Father, you sent your only-begotten Son,
who, by his life and parables taught us
about your fatherly love.
Make us worthy to celebrate today your great mercy
as revealed in the parable of the prodigal son
who repented and returned to his father.
Like him, bring us back from the exile of sin
to your fatherly house,
that we may glorify you, your only Son,
and your Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**
Merciful Father,
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

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

Hymn at the Communion | **# 383**

Jesus, whose all-redeeming love

Tune: STRACATHRO

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

All stand

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May you know that you are never too far gone to turn back.

May your eyes catch the welcoming gaze of the Father waiting on the horizon.

May your feet feel the steady path toward peace, healing, and truth

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 | #367

God of grace and God of glory

Tune: REGENT SQUARE

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

March in D, *BWV Anh 122* Johann Sebastian Bach

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 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 |

The Collect for

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

6th August

O GOD, who on the holy mount didst reveal to chosen witnesses
thy well-beloved Son, wonderfully transfigured, in raiment white and glistening:
Mercifully grant that we, being delivered from the disquietude of this world,
may by faith behold the King in his beauty;
who with thee, O Father, and thee, O Holy Ghost, liveth and reigneth,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

~ Birthdays this Week ~

“May He give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.”

Psalm 20:4

Mr. Stavan Telgote (2), Mr. Gabriel Samuel (3),

Mrs. Irene Joshua (5), Ms. Rohini Christie (8)

Announcements

- We express our thanks to the Revd. Keith Pasgon for celebrating the Eucharist this morning and preaching to us in the absence of our Presbyterian who has taken ill. Pray for Revd. Thomas Jacob's good health.
- The **annual general meeting** (AGM) of the *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)* will be held on Sunday 9th August 2026 immediately after the 8:45 a.m. service.
- There is a **Eucharist service** (said) every **Sunday** at **7 a.m.** Let family and friends know about the provision of this early morning service on Sundays. For most of last month there has been no congregation at the 7 a.m. Eucharist. Do spread the word so a worshipping community can be built up.
- 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/-.
- Parents are encouraged to send their children to Sunday school.
- Young people in the congregation are reminded that the Cathedral's Youth Fellowship meets every second and fourth Sunday of the month. Make yourself available to be part of this ministry.
- Carry this service bulletin home with you and share it with a friend. Kindly avoid leaving it behind.

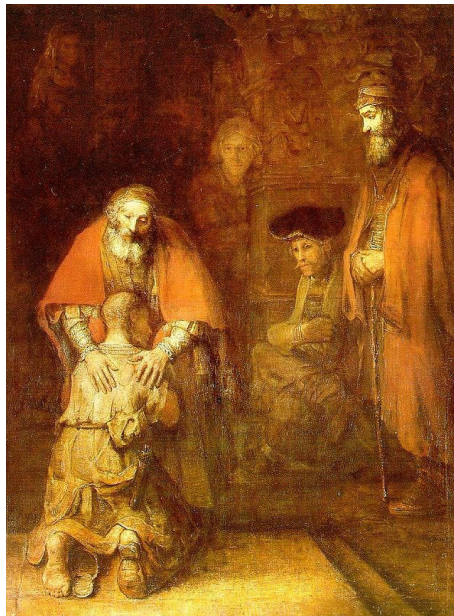
The Return of the Prodigal Son

Repentance at the font of God's mercy is at the heart of Christian discipleship. Yet how is an artist to depict the interior movement of a repentant heart that returns to God, who is rich in mercy? Countless artists have attempted to bring this biblical passage to life. Rembrandt van Rijn's *The Return of the Prodigal Son* is, by far, one of the most evocative of these "visual homilies." One cannot be left unmoved before this unforgettable image, permanently housed at the Hermitage Museum in St. Petersburg, Russia.

The parable of the prodigal son, recounted in Luke 15:11-32, offers a radical image of reconciliation between a repentant son and his merciful father.

His father receives him with a tender gesture. His hands seem to suggest mothering and fathering at once; the left appears larger and more masculine, set on the son's shoulder, while the right is softer and more receptive in gesture. The prominent space allotted to the older brother is a cue that *both* sons have lost the dignity of their common sonship. The prodigal son was lost, in an obvious way; but the older brother's sonship was also diminished, through the not-so-obvious sin of smug self-righteousness. The forgiveness of the father, bent over in mercy, flows down the gentle slope of his shoulders to **his tender yet strong hands that enfold the prodigal son.**

For who among us would not be grateful to find such forgiving tenderness after so much selfish infidelity?



"The Return of the Prodigal Son" (c. 1669)
by Rembrandt (1606 - 1669)

Pray with us

† **FOR THE WORLD** God of peace, we bring before you the places of our world that are torn apart by war, conflict and oppression, especially in Russia and Ukraine, and the growing tensions between Iran and the United States. We pray for all who have been displaced by violence, for those living in fear, grief or uncertainty, and for all who suffer poverty and deprivation. Guide the leaders of the nations, all who govern and administer justice, that they may seek peace with wisdom, integrity and compassion. Shape us by your Holy Spirit, that we may be instruments of your peace and justice, working for a world where righteousness and peace may flourish.

† **FOR OUR COUNTRY** Pray for relief and rescue operations under way in flood affected areas of Assam. Over 1.1 million people have been displaced. Pray for efforts being made to build up infrastructure including embankments, roads and schools.

† **FOR THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The 13th century monk and evangelist, Dominic is commemorated on 4th August. He was the founder of the Dominican Order of Preaching Friars. *"Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword; wear humility rather than fine clothes."*

- The Feast of the Transfiguration of our Lord is on 6th August. This day celebrates Jesus' radical change of appearance while in the presence of Peter, James, and John, on a high mountain (Mt 17:1-8; Mk 9:2-8; Lk 9:28-36). The Gospel of Matthew records that *"he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his garments became white as light."*

- In the worldwide *Anglican Communion* for The Church of the Province of Uganda and Archbishop Stephen Kaziimba Mugalu.

† **FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Bhopal (CNI) and Bishop Neena Charan • the Diocese of South Karnataka (CSI) and Bishop Hemachandra Kumar.

† **FOR THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for the Church of St. Mary the Virgin, Parel and the Revd. Christopher Karkada. Pray for the congregation as they face major challenges with severe water logging during the monsoons.

† **FOR OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for the Cathedral Presbyter and his family.

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