



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

TEXT FOR THE DAY

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Joshua 24:15

The urgent call that Joshua gave to the people of Israel is the same call that is needed in the Church today: "Give ear to the LORD and serve Him in sincerity and truth." As believers, we also have been saved. We have been saved from bondage to sin and death. We have been rescued from the kingdom of darkness and brought into the kingdom of God's dear Son, by grace through faith in Him.

We have been saved, redeemed, and blessed with every spiritual blessing. We are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation unto God, and His special possession so that we may declare the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into his wonderful light. And yet too often we murmur against the Lord when things do not go as we expect or hope, and we demonstrate unbelief in our Heavenly Father by trusting in our own strength and not depending on Him in spirit and truth.

Let us take to heart Joshua's wise instructions to trust in the Lord with all our heart and to serve our Heavenly Father in sincerity, in spirit, and in truth, to His praise and glory.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 13th September 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

Meditation Gabriel Dupont (1878 - 1914)

Prelude and Fugue in F, BWV 556... .. Johann Sebastian Bach (1685 - 1750)

Prelude on "O love, how deep! How broad! How high! ... J. G. Walther (1684 - 1748)

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Sung by the choir

Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
lifest up thy people's head.
Alleluia,
Jesus, true and living bread!

Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia,
thou art here, we ask not how.

Words: G. H. Bourne (1840 - 1925)

Tune: ST. HELEN
G. C. Martin (1844 - 1916)

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

God is in His holy temple. Be ready to greet the Redeemer.
Stand up and bless the Lord your God
with heart and soul and voice.

Continued. Turn over.

Presbyter

God is with us and calls us to this holy hour.

All

We come rejoicing and praising God

This day let service to God be your choice.

God is our strength and song,

and his salvation ours;

then be his love in Christ proclaimed

with all our ransomed powers. Amen

All join in singing the hymn

The Entrance Hymn | # 199

Immortal, invisible, God only wise

Tune: ST. DENIO

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | **page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | **page 484**

The Lesson | **page 484**

Joshua 24:14 - 25

A reading from the Book of Joshua.

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 Armes

Psalm

119: 113 - 120

Iniquos odio habui

I hate them that imagine evil things : but thy law do I love.

¹¹⁴ Thou art my defence and shield : and my trust is in thy word.

¹¹⁵ Away from me, ye wicked : I will keep the commandments of my God.

¹¹⁶ O stablish me according to thy word, that I may live : and let me not be disappointed of my hope.

Continued

- ¹¹⁷ Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe : yea, my delight shall be ever in thy statutes.
- ¹¹⁸ Thou hast trodden down all them that depart from thy statutes : for they imagine but deceit.
- ¹¹⁹ Thou puttest away all the ungodly of the earth like dross : therefore I love thy testimonies.
- ¹²⁰ My flesh trembleth for fear of thee : and I am afraid of thy judgements.

*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 486**

Galatians 6:11 - 18

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Galatians.

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

All stand and join in singing

Gradual Hymn

**Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.
allelu, alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

² **Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
seek, and ye shall find;
knock, and the door shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.**

³ **Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord;
allelu, alleluia.**

Karen Lafferty (b. 1948)

Remain standing for the Gospel

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

We do not live by bread alone

but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

cf Matthew 4. 4

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 486**

St Matthew 6:24 - 34

Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

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

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 Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Blessed are the peacemakers:

they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All

and also with you.

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 | # 249

Take my life, and let it be

Tune: NOTTINGHAM

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All say

Offertory Prayer | page 270

Kneel as able or sit

Invocation

Sung by all

**Holy, holy, holy,
my heart, my heart adores you!
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are holy Lord.**

Variation on traditional liturgical text from Argentina

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

Everlasting God,
you are the source of growth
and blessed are those who love you.
We come before you now,
seeking your love, your way, your peace;
offering our love, our choices, our worship;
listening for wisdom, for challenge, for your ways.
Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Faithful God,
you call us to follow,
and you warn us of the cost of discipleship,
as your love overwhelms all our life.
We pray for those who pay a very high cost for faith.
We remember those who cry out for peace as they work in
their communities and across the world to end conflict.
We pray for those who speak up against systems of power,
as they seek to transform economics and politics
for the good of all.

Continued. Turn over.

Help us to work together so that truth and justice, harmony and fairness flourish among us. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Father God,

we pray today for your creation, paying such a high price for our development, greed and progress.

We pray for the seas and all that is in them,

where rising temperatures and major changes bring death.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Gracious God,

we pray for all those who are sick,

that you may guide and strengthen them through their illness.

We pray also for those who care for the sick,

those engaged in the caring professions and for family members who look after loved ones and especially for children who care for parents. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Merciful God,

as we remember loved ones who have departed this life, we thank you or all those who have gone before us.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Mighty God,

we trust in you for our time here on this earth and we place our trust beyond the grave for our eternal lives in your Spirit.

We ask that you will gather us in

with all your loving people,

to worship you forever. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Lord Jesus Christ,

make us not to worry about what we are to eat, drink and wear.

Always remind us

that all these things we need will be given unto us

if we seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Intercessor
All

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

**Jesus, Saviour, pilot me
over life's tempestuous sea:
unknown waves before me roll,
hiding rocks and treacherous shoal;
Chart and compass come from Thee:
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.**

² **As a mother stills her child,
Thou canst hush the ocean wild;
boisterous waves obey Thy will
when Thou say'st to them, "Be still!"
Wondrous Sovereign of the sea,
Jesus, Saviour, pilot me.**

³ **When at last I near the shore,
and the fearful breakers roar
'twixt me and the peaceful rest,
then, while leaning on Thy breast,
may I hear Thee say to me,
"Fear not, I will pilot thee."**

Words: Edward Hopper (1816 - 1888)

Tune: PILOT
John Gould (1822 - 1875)

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

Please be seated for the announcements

All stand

The Blessing

The Presbyter “As for me and my house, today we will serve the Lord.” God, we pray this.
We choose to serve you.
Help us, O God, to serve you with our thoughts,
with our desires, with our words, with our actions.
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 | **# 235**

O Jesus, I have promised

Tune: DAY OF REST

Dismissal

From the West Door the Presbyter says

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

Postlude

Trumpet tune in D David Johnson (1922 - 87)

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 |

~ Birthdays this Week ~

“For through wisdom your days will be many, and years will be added to your life.”
Proverbs 9. 11

Miss Joyna Michyari (13), Mr. Kenny Paul (13),
Mrs. Vijaya Pastala (17), Mr. Chandra Kumar (17),
Mr. Nikhil Mengde (18), Mr. Melvin Gladstone (19)

~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~

"Do everything in love." ~ 1 Corinthians 16. 14

Mr. Roop Kamal & Mrs. Rita Kamal (16)

Announcements

- The Synod of the *Church of North India (CNI)*, New Delhi has announced **applications for the post of General Secretary**. Applications are invited from any full communicant member of the CNI who fulfills the qualifications and eligibility criteria prescribed by the CNI Synod. The application form is available on the CNI Synod website www.cnisynod.org. For further details contact the Presbyter. The last date for receipt of application is 30th September 2026.
- **Confirmation classes** commence from today. Candidates are requested to stay back for class in the parish hall after the service.
- The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of St. Thomas's Cathedral is on Sunday 27th September 2026 at 10:45 a.m. The draft voters' list is displayed on the notice board. Members are requested to get in touch with the office bearers for any assistance.
- The Diocese is organising a training programme for VBS (Vacation Bible School) directors on 14th and 15th September 2026 (9.30 am to 4 pm) at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Dadar.
- The final round of the Sunday school children's drawing competition will be conducted on 14th September at the Church of the Holy Redeemer, Dadar.
- A one day **retreat for Christian children** aged 5 to 15 years will be held at the Cathedral on Friday 2nd October 2026 from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The theme this year is: “*You are Mine!*” Sunday school children from churches in the Diocese are encouraged to take part.

*The flowers in the sanctuary are placed in loving memory of
the late Mr. Suryakant K. Magar
(beloved father of Sandeep Magar and Pritam Kher)*

Pray with us

† FOR THE WORLD

As we remember the lives lost twentyfive years ago on 11th September, hold close to all who still carry grief, give strength and comfort to families, survivors and those who served in the aftermath • Those affected by volcanic eruption in Indonesia • We continue to pray for those caught in conflict across the Middle East facing renewed escalation • Those suffering through the intensifying war in Ukraine • We give thanks for the rescue workers in Nepal, for every survivor brought into safety, those still waiting for news, strength for those risking their own lives to save others • For the people of Norway as they grieve the death of King Harald V and pray for their new King Haakon VIII.

† FOR OUR COUNTRY

Our hearts are saddened by the recent tragedy in the Satya Niketan neighbourhood of New Delhi where a boys' hostel collapsed resulting in loss of lives and injury. Pray for the grieving families and recovery of those who are injured • The BRICS Summit with leaders from member countries is currently being held in New Delhi. We pray for fruitful discussions.

† **FOR THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The 3rd century, bishop, theologian and martyr Cyprian of Carthage 258 AD is commemorated tomorrow • John Chrysostom (bishop, theologian) 407 AD is commemorated tomorrow • In the worldwide *Anglican Communion* for The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia (Archbishops Don Tamihere, Justin Duckworth and Sione Ulu'ilakepa)

† **FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the search committee as they select and appoint the General Secretary of the CNI • For The Diocese of Cuttack (CNI) and Bishop Surendra Kumar Nanda • The Diocese of South Kerala (CSI) and Bishop Prinstone Ben.

† **FOR THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Paul's Church (Tamil Pastorate), Dombivli and the Revd John Thavakumar • For the Diocese's ministry to children, all Sunday school children and teachers • For all educational institutions in the Diocese.

† **FOR OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for the altar servers' guild.

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