



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

*"I pray that out of his glorious riches he may strengthen you with power
through his Spirit in your inner being..."*

Ephesians 3:16

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While it is important to take good care of our physical and mental health, to lead a life that is pleasing to God requires giving attention to spiritual health. The inner being needs to be strengthened. The inner being, biblically, refers to the spiritual and moral core of a person. The inner being is where transformation and renewal of a person take place through the work of the Holy Spirit. We cannot resist temptation, overcome sinfulness and evil, and grow in Christlikeness, with our own strength. It is the strength that comes from God through the indwelling Holy Spirit that we can lead a victorious Christian life.

What is the purpose of being strengthened? So that Christ may dwell in our hearts (*Ephesians.3:17*), We must draw near to Christ in faith and submit ourselves increasingly to his lordship over our hearts, minds and lives. Further, Paul prays that the believers are strengthened to know and enjoy the depth of God's love (*Ephesians 3:18*). When we are strengthened by God to follow Christ and to experience his love, we will be filled with the goodness of God (*Ephesians 3:19*).

The Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 20th 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

Chorale prelude on “Schmücke dich, o liebe Seele”

(“Adorn yourself, oh dear soul”) ... J. S. 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

Search me, O God, and know my heart today;
try me, O Saviour, know my thoughts, I pray.
See if there be some wicked way in me;
cleanse me from every sin and set me free.

Words: James Edwin Orr (1912 - 1987)

Tune: Maori melody

All stand and face the West Door

Call to Worship

Presbyter

May Christ dwell in our hearts, rooting us in His love.

All

**Empower us to comprehend the vast and
immeasurable love of Christ.**

To know this surpassing love
and be filled with God's fullness!

**To Him who works powerfully within us
to do far more than we ask or imagine.**

**Glory be to Him in the Church and in Christ Jesus
forever and ever! Amen.**

All join in singing the hymn

Praise to the Lord

The Entrance Hymn | # 207

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

Please be seated

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the day | page 487

The Lesson | page 488

1 Kings 17:17 - 24

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.

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

Psalm

119: 121 - 128

Feci iudicium

I deal with the thing that is lawful and right : O give me not over unto mine oppressors.

¹²² Make thou thy servant to delight in that which is good : that the proud do me no wrong.

¹²³ Mine eyes are wasted away with looking for thy health : and for the word of thy righteousness.

¹²⁴ O deal with thy servant according unto thy loving mercy : and teach me thy statutes.

¹²⁵ I am thy servant, O grant me understanding : that I may know thy testimonies.

¹²⁶ It is time for thee, Lord, to lay to thine hand : for they have destroyed thy law.

¹²⁷ For I love thy commandments : above gold and precious stone.

¹²⁸ Therefore hold I straight all thy commandments : and all false ways I utterly abhor.

*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 489**

Ephesians 3:13 - 21

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

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

**What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!**

² **Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!**

³ **Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge--
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you;
you will find a solace there.**

Words: Joseph Scriven (1819 - 1886)

Tune: CONVERSE Charles Converse (1832 - 1918)

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

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Welcome with meekness the implanted word
that has the power to save your souls. James 1. 21

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospel of Christ | **page 489**

St Luke 7:11 - 17

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 Thomas Jacob, Cathedral Presbyter

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

All stand

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

God is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

All

*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 | # 119

O love, how deep, how broad, how high

Tune: EISENACH

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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

Almighty God,
in the noise and confusion of life,
we pray for peace in our hearts.
In these few moments of stillness we bring before you
our prayers, asking for help and guidance as we journey
through our earthly life
and giving thanks and praise for our many blessings.
Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Holy God,
we pray for your Church today,
gathering all round the world in tiny churches
and great cathedrals, to praise you,
to hear your holy word,
and to meet you in bread and wine.
Give us a sense of expectation
as we come and inspiration as we go.
Help us to put our differences behind us
and unite instead behind the great commission of Jesus,
to make disciples of all nations. Lord, in your mercy:
hear our prayer.

Continued. Turn over.

Intercessor

Creator God,
we pray for peace in the world;
that every nation may seek the way that leads to peace;
that human rights and freedoms may everywhere be
respected and the world's resources be ungrudgingly
shared. Lord, in your mercy:

All

hear our prayer.

Father God,
we pray for ourselves.
Give us this day, the eye that is willing to see
the meaning of the ordinary, the familiar, the commonplace;
to see our own faults for what they are;
to see the likeable qualities in those we may not like;
to recognise the mistakes in what we thought was correct;
to understand the strength in what we labelled as
weakness. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Help us to entrust the past to your mercy,
the present to your love and the future to your wisdom.
Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer.**

Gracious God,

We pray for those in our congregation who are sick or
suffering at this time.

In your goodness and mercy, grant them health of body,
soundness of mind and peace of heart. Lord, in your mercy:

hear our prayer.

Loving God,

into your hands we commit those who have run the race
and kept the faith,
even if that faith was known only to you
and now have gone to their reward.

May your light shine on them for ever
and our lives be richer because of their memory.

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

Faithful God

we pray that we being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth;
and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge,
that we may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Intercessor Merciful father:
All **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 | **# 257**
Deck thyself, my soul, with gladness *Tune: SCHMÜCKE DICH*

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 May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith —
that you, being rooted and grounded in love,
may have strength to comprehend with all the saints
what is the breadth and length and height and depth,
of the love of Christ and to know this love that
surpasses knowledge,
that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. **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 | # 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

Epilogue Norman Gilbert (1912 - 75)

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 ~

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."

Philippians 4:13

Mrs. Deepa Thomas (20), Mr. Anil Amolik (20), Ms. Rachel Pasgon (21),
Mr. Sandeep Magar (24), Mrs. Lina Phillips (25), Mrs. Saras Ratnaswamy (26)

~ Wedding Anniversaries this Week ~

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love."

Ephesians 4:2

Mr. Abraham Jacob & Mrs. Annie Jacob (20)

ST. THOMAS the APOSTLE

Patronal Festival

Come join us at the 8.45 AM Sung Eucharist on Sunday 4th October 2026

as we, the Cathedral community, celebrate

The Festival of Saint Thomas the Apostle

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 |

Announcements

- The Synod of the *Church of North India (CNI)*, New Delhi has announced **applications for the post of General Secretary**. The application form is available from the CNI Synod website www.cnisynod.org. For further details contact the Presbyter. The last date for receipt of applications is 30th September 2026.
- **Confirmation classes** for confirmands are held every second and fourth Sunday of the month.
- The **Annual General Meeting (AGM)** of St. Thomas's Cathedral will be held next 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.
- 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 **Diocesan Women's Fellowship for Christian Service** is organizing a **singing competition** on Tuesday 20th October 2026 at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's School Mazgaon. WFCS of all churches in the Diocese are invited to participate. The entry form must be submitted on or before 4th October 2026.

SAINT MATTHEW THE APOSTLE

21st September

The Collect

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O ALMIGHTY God, who by thy blessed Son
didst call Matthew from the receipt of custom
to be an Apostle and Evangelist:
Grant us grace to forsake all covetous desires
and inordinate love of riches,
and to follow the same thy Son Jesus Christ,
who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Ghost,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

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Incidentally it was on St. Matthew's day 1714 that the Reverend Richard Cobbe, Chaplain appointed by the East India Company, arrived in Bombay (after an almost six month voyage.) Revd. Cobbe was instrumental in raising the much-needed funds for the completion of the building of St. Thomas' Church; which later was elevated to the status of a cathedral (1837), the seat of the Bishop of Bombay.

Pray with us

† **FOR THE WORLD** Remembering the people of Fiji as HIV cases surge • All those battling the Ebola virus in central Africa • For Indonesia following the ferry disaster in the Java Sea, 130 feared missing and guidance for those under rescue operation • We continue to pray for peace: in Ukraine and Russia, in the Middle East and South Sudan, we ask God's guidance to provide long-term peace.

† **FOR OUR COUNTRY** We pray for the economy of our country following US President Trump approving a Russia sanctions bill into law that gives him authority to impose a 100% tariff on India and China, tied to their continued purchases of Russian oil • India's campaign at the 2026 Asian Games officially began with the opening ceremony on 19th September 2026 in Aichi-Nagoya, Japan. May talented sportsmen and women in our country get adequate opportunities for training and participating in sporting events.

† **FOR THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** We give thanksgiving for the call of Matthew to be an Apostle. St. Matthew's day is tomorrow • In the worldwide *Anglican Communion* for The Anglican Church in Australia and the Rt. Revd. Dr. Mark Short.

† **FOR THE CHURCH IN INDIA** For the Synod search committee as they begin the process of selecting and appointing the new General Secretary of the CNI • For the CNI Diocese of Delhi and the Rt. Revd. Dr. Paul Swarup • For the CSI Diocese of Coimbatore and the Rt. Revd. S. Prince Calvin.

† **FOR THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Paul's Church (Malayalam Pastorate), Vakola and the Revd. Mathew • For the ministry of Bishop Prabhu Jebamani as he completes one year in office this month.

† **FOR OUR CATHEDRAL** Pray for all senior citizens and their care providers • This week for all young people in our congregation. Pray for those who are studying and working away from home • For the ministry and fellowship of the Cathedral's Youth Fellowship.

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