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The Church of North India

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THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday June 28, 2020

This is an abridged service bulletin to serve as an online aid to worship.

The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.



|The Preparation & Gathering|

“O God our help in ages past”

Opening Hymn ¶ All sing

[View in the YouTube link to the service](#)

1. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home.
2. Under the shadow of Thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone,
And our defense is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly, forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

Words: from Psalm 90, ISAAC WATTS (1674 - 1748)
Music: WILLIAM CROFT (1678 - 1727)

The Call to Worship

Presbyter God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home.
People **God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us.**
Presbyter In Christ, the lost are found.
People **Praise be to God! Let us rejoice!**

|The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

O LORD, we beseech thee mercifully to hear us; and grant that we, to whom thou hast given an hearty desire to pray, may by thy mighty aid be defended and comforted in all dangers and adversities; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reflections on Luke 15

Throughout the gospel stories Jesus chooses to hang out with the wrong kind of people. That's why in today's gospel the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. He offered them something no one else could or would. The difficulty for most of us is that we don't see ourselves as the wrong kind of people. To the contrary we try really hard to be the right kind of people. I'm not suggesting we need to make ourselves into the wrong kind of people, whatever that might be. I'm suggesting that we need a different starting point, not only for ourselves but also for each other.

The starting point for Jesus is grace: searching not blaming, finding not punishing, rejoicing not condemning. For Jesus, everyone is already in. Everyone is invited. The first question and primary concern is one of presence. Have we shown up or are we lost and missing?

~ THE REV. DR. MICHAEL MARSH

The Lesson
2 Chronicles 33. 9

So Manasseh made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to err, and to do worse than the heathen, whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel. And the Lord spake to Manasseh, and to his people: but they would not hearken. Wherefore the Lord brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, which took Manasseh in chains and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. And when he was in affliction, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers, and prayed unto him: and he was intreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that the Lord he was God.

Psalm 119: 17 - 24
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IF0Xzde27sQ>

The Epistle
1 St. Peter 5.5-11

ALL of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility: for God resisteth the proud, and giveth grace to the humble. Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due time; casting all your care upon him, for he careth for you. Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about seeking whom he may devour: whom resist stedfast in the faith, knowing that the same afflictions are accomplished in your brethren that are in the world. But the God of all grace, who hath called us into his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

The Holy Gospel
St. Luke 15.1-10

THEN drew near unto him all the Publicans and sinners for to hear him. And the Pharisees and Scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them. And he spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you having an hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and neighbours, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbours together, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end. And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.

The Sermon
The Revd Avinash Rangayya

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord,
'there am I in the midst of them.'
The peace of the Lord be always with you
People **And also with you.**

|The Prayers of the People|

We pray for ourselves and particularly on behalf of others. In our prayers we pray for
† the Universal Church,
† the nation and all who govern,
† the welfare of the world, especially in these times of great uncertainty and anxiety
† the concerns of our community of faith, including those who are in need or suffer, and for the departed.
We are reminded in prayer that we are part of a larger fellowship, the Church — the Body of Christ.



|The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.
All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.
The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith,
giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly
"eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ",
although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.
The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building
but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.
In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere
to be nourished by the one who tells us, "I am the Bread of Life."*

|The Thanksgiving|

Closing Prayer and Benediction *The Presbyter*

The peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

"There's a wideness in God's mercy"

Hymn at the Closing
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vjwFT3SY_PU

The Dismissal

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

Postlude

Trumpet in tune in D DANIEL BISHOP
*Played for the online service by DENHAM PEREIRA
(Organist & Director of Music at the Church of St Michael & All Angels, Polwatte, Colombo, Sri Lanka)*

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † peace at our borders. We especially pray for the safety of all personnel in the armed forces. May negotiations and diplomatic channels lead to lasting peace.
- † all nations and leaders as they manage a 'new reality' following the easing of restrictions.
- † all doctors, nurses, healthcare workers and those who provide for our essential services.
- † all scientists and pharmaceutical companies as they work towards finding a vaccine.
- † the worldwide Church as the clergy and faithful work towards "reimagining worship" in the present circumstances.
- † the worshipping community here at the Cathedral; especially those who at this time are separated from their loved ones.
- † all senior citizens in our community and their care givers.
- † the security guards in the Cathedral. They have been away from their families since the lockdown began.
- † all pupils of standards 10 and 12 who have to make important decisions about their higher education.
- † in the Diocese: for the Church of the Holy Nativity, Matunga and the Revd V. P. Ingle.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Pune and the Rt Revd Paul Prabhudas Dupare.
- † the Revd Dennis Lal as he assumes the post of the General Secretary of the CNI Synod
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of Vellore and the Rt Revd Sharma Nithiyanandam.
- † in the Anglican Communion for the Church of North India (CNI) and the Most Revd Dr Prem Chand Singh (Moderator and Bishop of Jabalpur.)
- Our grateful thanks to Frederick Mony for compiling the virtual choir for today's worship.

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

Tara Chacko (28), Reena Pasgon (28), Franklyn Joseph (28), Prabhakaran Thomas (2 July)

~~~ Wedding Anniversary ~~~

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.

Samantha & Dilip (3 July)

**Bank details** to make your online offering and payment for your membership

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**Zooming INTO church from home!**

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| Sun   | 10 am    | Prayer and fellowship lasting approximately 45 minutes.       |
|       | 11:15 am | Sunday school                                                 |
|       | 7:30 pm  | Bible study for the youth.                                    |
| Daily | 6pm      | Prayer cycle led by the Women's Fellowship.                   |
| Sat   | 5 pm     | Class on liturgy & theory of music for the junior choristers. |

Contact the Presbyter for the zoom link and invitation.

*May your love that never fails strengthen the weak  
encourage the fearful calm the anxious heal the sick  
through your Church –  
your washed hands and feet on earth –  
distant but still present, virtual but still connected, apart but still helping.  
God in your mercy, hear our prayer. Amen.*

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Contact the Presbyter for pastoral visits and administering Communion to the house-bound.

This will resume once the restrictions in place are eased.

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