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The Church of North India

A member of the worldwide Anglican Communion

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday September 13, 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.



Narayan Seshadri
(Convert, Evangelist)
Commemorated on Sept 13

|The Preparation & Gathering|

“Jesu, joy of man’s desiring”

Voluntary

J.S. BACH, BWV 147 (1685 - 1750)

Call to Worship

Presbyter Come, let us praise God together!
People **Sing a new song —**
Presbyter a song of God’s goodness and mercy,
People **faithfulness and love.**
Presbyter For God delights in His people,
People **crowning them with honour and glory! Let us worship together.**

Opening Hymn

“Immortal, invisible God only wise”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=spE-BE23qxA>

| The Word of God |

The Collect for the Day

ALMIGHTY and everlasting God, give unto us the increase of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain that which thou dost promise, make us to love that which thou dost command; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lesson

2 Kings 5. 9 - 16

SO Naaman came with his horses and with his chariot, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of the LORD his God, and strike his hand over the place, and recover the leper. Are not Abana and Pharpar, rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? Then went he down, and dipped himself seven times in Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God: and his flesh came again like unto the flesh of a little child, and he was clean.

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Inspired by Inspiring Lives: Narayan Seshadri (Convert, Evangelist), baptised 1843

Today the Church in India commemorates Narayan Seshadri. Narayan, accepted Christ on September 1843. This happened against strong opposition (including a court case) from his family. He was ordained in 1854 and ministered in Bombay and Poona till 1862. Narayan, founded the Bethel Mission in Jalna (then in the Nizam’s territory of Hyderabad). At the Bethel Mission he ministered to the poor, specially the Mangs (outcaste poor of the region.) Narayan, received his Doctorate in Divinity from the University of Montreal. He travelled to Scotland and North America to raise funds for the Bethel Mission. He died enroute to Scotland on July 21, 1891.

We thank God for the life and work of Narayan Seshadri and pray that God will raise up in his Church leaders of like ability and devotion, with a special concern for the underprivileged and the downtrodden.

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And he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and came, and stood before him and he said, Behold, now I know that there is no God in all the earth, but in Israel: now therefore, I pray thee, take a blessing of thy servant. But he said, As the Lord liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused.

Psalm 119: 105 - 112

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dkb7yQ1mj18>

The Epistle

Galatians 5.16 - 24

I SAY then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary the one to the other; so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. But if ye be led by the Spirit, ye are not under the law. Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they who do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long-suffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh, with the affections and lusts.

The Holy Gospel

St. Luke 17.11-19

IT came to pass, as Jesus went to Jerusalem, that he passed through the midst of Samaria and Galilee. And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, which stood afar off: and they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go, shew yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass that, as they went, they were cleansed. And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving him thanks; and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus answering said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger. And he said unto him, Arise, go thy way, thy faith hath made thee whole.

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.'

People The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

| The Prayers of the People |

Invocation

"My faith looks up to Thee"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jeMcpnYLwjg>

Intercessory Prayers

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.

“Just as I am”

Hymn at the Closing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PKw7Hq8Go4U>

Dismissal

Presbyter Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

A Prayer for an End to the Pandemic

(Adapted from a prayer by The Symposium of the Episcopal Conferences in Africa and Madagascar,)

Almighty and merciful Father,
you show your love to all your creation.
We come before you asking for a quick control of the Corona virus.
Hear graciously the prayers we make for all who are affected by the virus.
Grant healing to the sick,
eternal life to the departed
and consolation to the bereaved.
We pray that an effective medicine to combat the virus be speedily found.
We pray for all governments and health authorities
that they take appropriate steps for the good of the people.
Look upon us in your mercy and forgive us our failings.
Amen.

~~~ Prayer requests and Announcements ~~~

Your prayers are requested for:

- † the ongoing challenges and concerns facing all nations. Pray for an end to the hardships and disruption caused by the pandemic. Pray that God in His mercy will hear our prayer.
- † the safe and speedy development of a vaccine to combat the Corona virus.
- † all doctors, nurses and healthcare workers. Especially for those in the Cathedral family: Evangeline Samuel, Samantha Dawson, Rekha Solomonraj, Sooraj Vijayan. Pray for their safety and well-being.
- † the well-being of all those in hospital and quarantine facilities. May God's presence be with them.
- † public worship to resume again and for church leaders as they make necessary arrangements.
- † in our community all senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for all care providers.
- † the Cathedral's security guards who have been faithful to their duty through the long months of lock down. Pray for their health and families.
- † in the Diocese, Khrista Prakash Church and the Revd K. Anandaraju.
- † the Church of North India's Diocese of Chandigarh and the Rt Revd Younas Massey.
- † the Church of South India's Diocese of South Karnataka and the Rt Revd Mohan Manoraj.
- † in the Anglican Communion, the Church in South America and the Most Revd Gregory James Venables (Presiding Bishop of the Anglican Church of South America & Bishop of Argentina.)

~~~ Birthdays ~~~

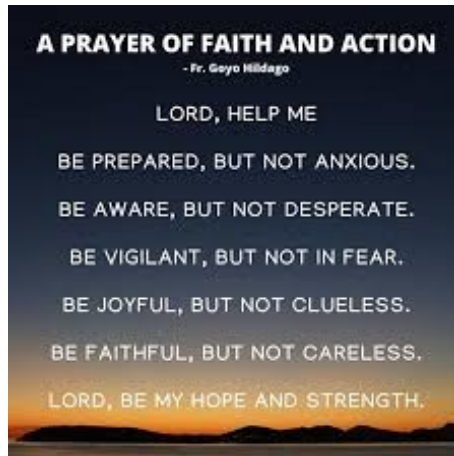
May God bless you abundantly.

Joyna Michyari (13), Amos Rangayya (16), Vijaya Pastala (17),
Karishma David (18), Nikhil Mengde (18)

~~~ Wedding Anniversaries ~~~

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

Roop & Rita Kamal (16)



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**Zooming INTO church from home!**

Contact the Presbyter for the zoom link and invitation.

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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. |