

THE PLEDGE

**India is my Motherland
and I regard all Indians as my brothers and sisters.
I love my country and I am proud of her rich heritage.
I shall try to be worthy of her.
I shall always respect my parents, teachers and elders
and be courteous to all.
I promise to be loyal to my country and countrymen,
for in their prosperity lies my happiness.**



*“Where the mind is without fear
and the head is held high,
where knowledge is free.*

*Where the world has not been broken up into fragments by
narrow domestic walls.*

*Where words come out from the depth of truth,
where tireless striving stretches its arms toward perfection.*

*Where the clear stream of reason has not lost its way
into the dreary desert sand of dead habit.*

*Where the mind is led forward by thee
into ever widening thought and action.*

*In to that heaven of freedom, my father,
LET MY COUNTRY AWAKE!”*

RABINDRANATH TAGORE (1861 - 1941)

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Thanksgiving for the Nation

(The Third Sunday after the Epiphany)

Sunday 26 January 2020 • HOLY EUCHARIST 7 A.M. & 8.45 A.M.

The Season of



**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
the love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
that lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
the love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
the love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

SIR CECIL SPRING RICE

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~~~ **Welcome** ~~~

Please silence all electronic devices.

Join us for fellowship in the porch after the Service.

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|The Entrance Rite|

**Voluntary**

“Prayer for peace”

CHARLES DEMOREST (1886 - 1950)

*Toccata & Fugue in F*

D. BUXTEHUDE, *BuxWV 157* (1637 - 1707)

*Chorale prelude on, “Eventide”*

C. HUBERT H. PARRY (1848 - 1918)

All gather in the porch for the **Hoisting of the Flag**

\*All resume their places and prepare for worship.\*

**Introit**

Sung by the choir

Great God of nations, now to Thee  
our hymn of gratitude we raise;  
with humble heart and bending knee  
we offer Thee our song of praise.

Words: ALFRED WOODHULL (1810 - 1836)  
Music: arr. from DMITRI BORTHIANSKY (1752 - 1825)

\* All stand. \*

**Call to Worship**

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door.

Presbyter

Let all the peoples praise you, O God;

People

**Let all the peoples praise you.**

Presbyter

Blessed be the nation whose God is the Lord.

People

**Happy are the people who serve the God of Jacob.**

Presbyter

We gather to thank Him for all His mercies, to remember  
those who have given themselves for the sake of justice  
and truth.

People

**We praise and we thank the Lord our Maker.**

Presbyter

Lord, bless us and those who rule over us.

People

**Bless O Lord our Motherland.**

**Hymn at the procession (all) 99 • O God our help in ages past**

\*All sit.\*

✠ The Service begins on pg. 350 of the Book of Common Prayer. ✠

|The Ministry of the Word|

**The Collect for our Nation**

Presbyter

O God of all nations, look in mercy, we beseech Thee, on our  
land. Give wisdom and understanding to the President, the Prime Minister  
and all her rulers, and to her people unity and concord. Guide their policies by  
the light of Thy life-giving Spirit, that she may go forward in justice and  
liberty, prosperity and peace; and in Thy good time grant that she may bring  
her glory and honour into the Kingdom of Thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our  
Lord.

All respond **Amen.**

**Hymn at the Closing (all) 214 • Guide me, O Thou great Redeemer**

**Dismissal**

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

Go forth from this place in peace.  
Be watchful, stand firm in your faith, be courageous and strong.  
Let all that you do be done in love.

All reply **Thanks be to God.**

**Postlude**

*Saare Jahan se acha & Jana Gana Mana*

Improvisations

\*Worship concludes with the postlude. You are invited to remain seated until the piece concludes.\*

~~~ **Prayer cycle & Announcements for this Week** ~~~

Your prayers are requested for: our country as we celebrate Republic Day today. Pray for our leaders and for the people of this land † peace in our world, especially in areas experiencing conflict. Pray for the work of the United Nations Organisation. 27 January is observed as the *International Holocaust Remembrance Day*. May there be healing and reconciliation between the nations of the world. Pray for all victims of war and terror † for the churches and congregations in the Diocese, remembering this week St James’s Church, Thane & the Revd Rajendra Bhonsle † the Church of North India’s Diocese of Barrackpore & the Moderator’s Commisary, the Rt Revd Dr Canning. Pray for the election of a new Bishop † the Church of South India’s Diocese of Dornakal & the Rt Revd Vadapalli Rao † in the Anglican Communion, for the Church in Brazil & the Most Revd Naudal Gomes (*Primate of Brazil & Bishop of Curitiba.*)

- The wedding of Jaya Yashna Mayadas (*daughter of Dhyana and Jyotsna Mayadas*) and Shawn Roger Williams will be solemnized in the Cathedral on 12 Feb 2020. This is the second announcement of the banns of marriage. Pray for the couple and the two families.
- Today is the last day for auditions for children (7 years to 13 years) keen to join the choir. Please encourage your children to audition (after service, 10.45 a.m.)
- To express our appreciation for the work and contribution of the support staff of the Cathedral, a lunch was hosted yesterday. Let us uphold the many who work silently behind the scenes to enable us to “worship in the beauty of holiness”.
- A couple of weeks ago a group from church had visited the Shepherd Widow’s Home. These pastoral visits are indeed a meaningful way to “live the Gospel” and share the love of Christ with the community.

~~~ **Birthdays this week** ~~~

May God bless you abundantly.

David Palukuri (26), Alvinga Magar (27), Vijay Pandian (28),  
Augustine Pastala (29), Helen Ponpandian (29)

~~~ **Wedding anniversary this week** ~~~

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

James & Deborah Baker (26)



People

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Leader

May we be “good Samaritans” to the least of our brothers and sisters. May we who have been given most; give most.

People

Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

While seated all sing

I need Thy presence every passing hour;
what but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s power?
who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

Words: H. F. LYTE (1793-1847) • Music: W. H. MONK (1823-1889)



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|The Communion| pg. 368

At the distribution of the Communion, the choir sings:

Come now, remember the Lord, Here at His table spread.
Welcome His mercy outpoured, feast on the healing bread.
Celebrate, His sacrifice. Celebrate, His gift of life.

Come now, remember the Lord, earnestly seek His face.
Thank Him for hope now restored, drinking this cup of grace.
Celebrate, His sacrifice. Celebrate, His gift of life.

TOM FETKE (b. 1941)

|The Thanksgiving|

* All stand and sing the Gloria in Excelsis.* pg. 371

All say the **Closing Prayer**

Look graciously, Almighty God, upon this land.
Where it is in pride, subdue it.
Where it is in need, supply it.
Where it is in error, rectify it.
Where it is in default, restore it.
And where it holds to that which is just and compassionate, support it.
In your holy Name we pray. Amen.

The Benediction

Presbyter

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.

All respond **Amen.**

The Lesson

1 Kings 3:5-12

Solomon asks for Wisdom

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, “Ask, what shall I grant you?” Solomon said, “You dealt most graciously with Your servant my father David, because he walked before You in faithfulness and righteousness and in integrity of heart. You have continued this great kindness to him by giving him a son to occupy his throne, as is now the case. And now, O Lord my God, You have made Your servant king in place of my father David; but I am a young lad, with no experience in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of the people You have chosen, a people too numerous to be numbered or counted. Grant, then, Your servant an understanding mind to judge Your people, to distinguish between good and bad; for who can judge this vast people of Yours?” The Lord was pleased that Solomon had asked for this. And God said to him, “Because you asked for this—you did not ask for long life, you did not ask for riches, you did not ask for the life of your enemies, but you asked for discernment in dispensing justice—I now do as you have spoken. I grant you a wise and discerning mind; there has never been anyone like you before, nor will anyone like you arise again.”

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**

All **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm 104

All sing the response after every verse intoned by the choir.

Response all

**Send forth your spirit, O Lord,
and renew the face of the earth.**

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| <p>1. Praise the Lord, O my soul,
O Lord God, your glory is great:
How manifold are your works,
In wisdom you have made them all. R</p> | <p>2. All creatures look to you,
To give them their food to eat:
When you open your hand,
they are filled with good,
When you hide your face,
they pine away R</p> |
| <p>3. When you take away their breath,
they die,
And return to the earth whence
they came:
When you send forth your spirit,
all things spring to life,
And the face of the earth is renewed. R</p> | <p>4. The glory of the Lord shall never cease,
The Lord shall rejoice in all His works:
I will sing to the Lord as long as I live,
I will praise my God while my
breath remains. R</p> |

The Epistle

1 Peter 2:11-16

Living Godly Lives

Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.

Continued

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves.

Reader **The Word of the Lord.**
All **Thanks be to God.**

** All stand and sing.**

The Gradual 295 • I vow to thee, my country

** Remain standing for the Gospel and Creed.**

The Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:16-22

The Pharisees sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians. "Teacher," they said, "we know that you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by others, because you pay no attention to who they are. Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay the imperial tax to Caesar or not?"

But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, "Whose image is this? And whose inscription?"

"Caesar's," they replied.

Then he said to them, "So give back to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."

When they heard these words, they were amazed. So they left him and went their way.

The Acclamation (all)

May all who seek to praise aright through purer
lives show forth your light. To you, the King of
glory, now all faithful hearts adoring bow.

Words: Latin, 10th cent. (tr. HOUSMAN)
Music: C. RATCLIFF (tune: ELMSHURST)

All recite **The Nicene Creed** pg. 354

All sit for **The Sermon**

Welcome & Announcements

All stand.

|The Sharing of the Peace|

Presbyter God has made us one in Christ. He has set His seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.** *The people greet one another with a sign of God's peace and then join in singing the hymn.*

|The Offertory|

An offering is received to support the Cathedral's work of sharing God's love with the world. Thank you for your generosity.

Hymn at the Presentation 361 • For the healing of the nations

All say the **Offertory Prayer** pg. 357

** All sit.**

|The Prayers of the People|

Invocation (all) Abide with me; fast falls the eventide:
the darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide;
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.

A Litany for India

Leader Lord, we pray for our nation and ask that You would look down on us in pity and mercy. Forgive us for the many times when we have turned our backs on You. Bring us back as a people who seek to follow the ways of justice and peace.

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

Leader Keep our land free from war and strife – from storms and earthquakes – from fear and confusion and from things that can cause hurt, fear and confusion. May we as a nation turn to You and call out to You in the day of trouble.

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

Leader Guide our leaders. Grant them wisdom and discernment as they rule. May the decisions they make be wise. Lord, may we look to You for wisdom and strength.

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

Leader As a nation we seem to have moved so far from the true gospel of grace; our churches and fellowships seem to be embracing many alternative and compromised teachings that are not true to Your word. Revive us and lead us in Your ways.

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

Leader Revive this land. Stir up the hearts of those that have come to trust in Jesus Christ. Pray for all the diverse communities that make up our nation. May we be united in Thy love.

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

Leader Pray for our brave soldiers who guard our borders. Keep them and their families safe.

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

Leader We give Thee thanks for the "liberty of belief, faith and worship" enshrined in the Constitution. Pray for the Church in this land and freedom to worship. *Continued overleaf.*