



Colin Powel, was United States Secretary of State from 2001 - 2005. He had worshipped in the Cathedral in 1997.

After the service he had addressed the congregation and shared in the fellowship.

Seen in this photograph is our Bishop the Rt Revd Prakash Patole (he was the Cathedral Presbyter at the time) and Powell signing the visitor's book in the vestry.

General Colin Luther Powell passed away on 18th October. May his soul rest in peace in the Lord. We pray for his bereaved family.

A memorial service will be held in Washington National Cathedral on 5th November.



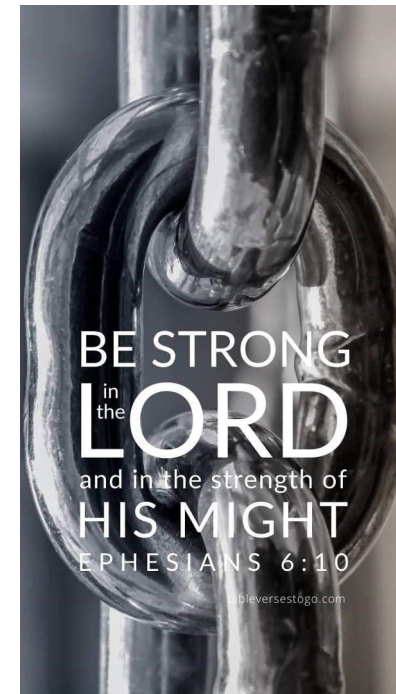
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Order of Service for the Liturgy of the Word

The Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity



Sunday 24th October 2021 • 8.45 am
Welcome

For your safety
Please keep **social distance** at all times
and give one another space as you exit through doorways.

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Please stay in your seat as much as possible

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Please use **face covering** at all times during the service

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Please use **hand sanitiser** on the way in and out

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Please take this **order of service away with you**
and dispose it yourself.

TEXT FOR THE DAY

In this passage Paul advises his followers to “keep alert and always persevere in supplication.” After encouraging his followers to put on various pieces of armour to battle against evil, Paul adds, be active in prayer.

As I have said many times, so much about the practice of prayer is entrenched in simply showing up. And I would like to clarify what I mean by ‘showing up.’ Paul encouraged his followers to keep alert. For me, the idea of showing up for prayer is rooted in keeping alert to exactly what I am doing. This means creating an inviting environment, staying true to battling away distractions, remaining still and quiet, perfecting staying alert, sharpening skills to be attentive to presence, listening with all of our being to what God may choose to reveal are the basic goals of prayer.

In the act of praying, we come seeking mercy, searching for hope that we will be heard, and, in the hearing, we hope in confidence we will be healed of our trials, torments, and temptations. We pray for ourselves, we pray for others, we pray that God will absolve us of our wrongdoings, repair our brokenness, and give us strength and courage to face our tomorrows.

Paul further says to the early church of the Ephesians, and to all of us this day *‘pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication.’*

God longs for us to come unto Him, not only with our prayers of need but when we are aware of the needs of others, or when we may feel thankful, or even afraid, or particularly joyful, or most assuredly when we are tentative, lost. Bidden or unbidden God is always with us, always waiting to hear our prayer.

So, step boldly forth, bow your head down, raise your hands up, turn your face heavenward – nothing could please the Lord more, and He is always patiently waiting for us.

• **"Sharing the Joy of Christmas"**

Food rations will be distributed to priests and missionaries of the dioceses in Maharashtra by our Diocese during the Christmas season. The cost of sponsoring one bag of food provision is Rs 3500.

There are six CNI dioceses in Maharashtra: Bombay, Kolhapur, Marathwada, Nagpur, Nasik and Pune. Many cover rural areas. Your generosity will go a long way in reaching out to our fellow brothers and sisters.

- The flowers in the sanctuary this morning are in loving memory of the late Mrs. Chandramathi Moses (beloved mother of Kamal Jadhav) on the occasion of the 8th anniversary of her passing. An English teacher of repute, Mrs. C. Moses was a member of the congregation at the time of the Cathedral's 250th year celebrations.
- The *Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (WFCS)* will conduct their AGM online on 7th November 2021 at 7pm via Zoom.
- The *Mumbai Diocesan Children's Ministry* will conduct virtual vacation Bible school (VBS) from 31st October to 7th November (Time: 8:30pm-9:30pm).
- Harvest Festival will be on 21st November.
- Restrictions limiting the number of people in places of worship to fifty percent of the capacity of the building are currently in place. Thank you for adhering to the safety protocols.
- Presently administration of Holy Communion is not allowed. Until further instructions from the Bishop, the service will be that of the Liturgy of the Word.
- Please make every effort to reach out in Christian fellowship to those who are unable to physically attend church. We pray that it will be safe for all to worship in God's sanctuary once again.
- Place your offering in the box placed at the entrance.

This order of service is printed on sustainably-produced paper. Worship material has been drawn from the Book of Common Prayer; and <https://www.churchofengland.org>.

The Text for the Day is an extract from an article by the Revd Jane Ellis (the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, Alabama) <https://ascensionepiscopal.dioala.org/about/clergy-staff.html#> • Opening acclamation from Nathan Decker, *Worship's Wake* <https://worshipwake.wordpress.com/2015/08/19/call-to-worship-with-superheroes-from-ephesians-610-20/> • Intercession from <https://cliftondiocese.com/>

Hymns are taken from the English Hymnal (1933 edition).

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1st November is **All Saints' Day**.

This is a day to give thanks for all Saints and Marytrs of the Church. We will observe this on 31st October.

Reformation Sunday is observed on the last Sunday in October. We will have an occasion to lift our hearts in prayer and praise, giving thanks to God for the life and witness of His people in every time and age.



2nd November is **All Soul's Day**.

This is a day set aside by the Church to commemorate the faithful departed.

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Evening Prayer

Tuesday 2nd November

7 pm

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*In the silence of the sanctuary
prayers will be offered for the many
who lost their life in the pandemic.*

The Gathering

Voluntary

Chorale prelude on the tune, 'Martyrdom'

C. Hubert H. Parry (1848 - 1918)

All keep silence and prepare for worship

Introit

Lord, take my life,
and make it wholly Thine;
fill my poor heart with
Thy great love divine.
Take all my will,
my passion, self, and pride.
I now surrender;
Lord, in me abide.

Words: Edwin Orr (1912 - 1987)
Music: Maori melody

All stand

Opening Acclamation

Led by the Presbyter from the West Door

Presbyter Brothers and sisters, find strength in the Lord.

All **Put on the armour of God.**

Presbyter Make a stand against the enemy – apathy, hate, war, greed.
You are armed with truth, justice, the good news of peace.

All **Put on the armour of God.**

Presbyter Carry the Shield of Faith and the Sword of the Spirit.
Wear your Salvation for everyone to see.

All **Put on the armour of God.**

Processional Hymn

**Soldiers of Christ, arise,
And put your armour on;
Strong in the strength which God supplies,
Through His eternal Son;**

**Strong in the Lord of Hosts,
And in His mighty power;
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts
Is more than conqueror.**

**Stand then in His great might,
With all His strength endued;
And take, to arm you for the fight,
The panoply of God.**

**From strength to strength go on,
Wrestle, and fight, and pray;
Tread all the powers of darkness down,
And win the well-fought day.**

**That having all things done,
And all your conflicts past,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone,
And stand entire at last.**

Words: Charles Wesley (1707 - 88)
Tune: *ST. ETHELWALD*, by W.H. Monk (1823 - 89)

All sit

Birthdays this Week

May God bless you abundantly.
Rhea Daniel (25), Patricia Bijlani (28)

Wedding Anniversaries this Week

Be blessed with love, joy and companionship all the years of your life.
Gopa & Joseph Long (28)

Prayer Requests & Announcements

Your prayers are requested for:

- † the safety and well-being of all as lockdown restrictions are further eased.
- † all pupils, teachers and school managements as physical classes resume.
- † the success of the vaccination drive and an end to the pandemic.
- † all who are unwell, all senior citizens in our congregation and those who are house-bound.
- † the resuming of the administration of Holy Communion.
- † in the Diocese, for Emmanuel Church, Grant Road (Gujarati congregation) and the Revd Suresh Pawar.
- † the *Church of North India's* Diocese of the Andamand & Nicobar Islands and the Rt. Revd Christopher Paul. Pray for St Thomas's Cathedral in Car Nicobar.
- † the *Church of South India's* Diocese of Rayalaseema and the Rt Revd Isaac Prasad.
- † The Extra-Provincial Churches in the *Anglican Communion*. These are a group of semi-independent church entities within the Anglican Communion: Bermuda, Ceylon (Sri Lanka), Cuba, The Falkland Islands, Portugal and Spain.

**Stand up! – stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song.
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.**

Words: G. Duffield (1818 - 88)
Tune: 'MORNING LIGHT', by G. J. Webb (1803 - 87)

The Dismissal

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Felix Mendelssohn (1809 - 1847)
Op. 65 No. 3 (first movement)

Con moto maestoso

Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day

Read by the Presbyter

GRANT, we beseech thee, merciful Lord, to thy faithful people pardon and peace; that they may be cleansed from all their sins, and serve thee with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All Amen.

Old Testament Reading

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

THEN Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that stood by him; and he cried, Cause every man to go out from me. And there stood no man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto his brethren. And he wept aloud: and the Egyptians and the house of Pharaoh heard.

And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. Now therefore be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and yet there are five years, in the which there shall neither be ploughing nor harvest. And God sent me before you to preserve you a posterity in the earth, and to save your lives by a great deliverance. Moreover he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Sung by the Cantors to chants by Dupuis and Barnby

Psalm 119: 161 - 168 • *Principes persecuti sunt*

PRINCES have persecuted me without a cause; * but my heart standeth in awe of thy word.

I am as glad of thy word, * as one that findeth great spoils.

As for lies, I hate and abhor them; * but thy law do I love.

Seven times a day do I praise thee; * because of thy righteous judgements.

Great is the peace that they have who love thy law; * and they have none occasion of falling.

Lord, I have looked for thy saving health, * and done after thy commandments.

My soul hath kept thy testimonies, * and loved them exceedingly.

I have kept thy commandments and testimonies; * for all my ways are before thee.

All stand

*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.*

Sit

Hymn at the Closing

Stand up! – stand up for Jesus!

**Ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high His royal banner,
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.**

Stand up! – stand up for Jesus!

**The solemn watchword hear,
If while ye sleep He suffers,
Away with shame and fear;
Where'er ye meet with evil,
Within you or without,
Charge for the God of battles,
And put the foe to rout.**

Stand up! – stand up for Jesus!

**The trumpet call obey,
Forth to the mighty conflict,
In this His glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve Him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.**

Stand up! – stand up for Jesus!

**Stand in His strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the Gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there.**

Continued

Closing Prayer

All stand and say together

**All powerful God,
you give me strength without fail.
Strengthen my will.
Strengthen my heart.
Strengthen my soul.
Give me the boldness to be strong when others are fearful.
I cannot rely on myself, because it is You who gives me strength.
In Jesus' name I pray, amen.**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

THE God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ Jesus, establish, strengthen and settle you in the faith; and the blessing of God almighty, † the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Epistle

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

MY brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might. Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth; and having on the breast-plate of righteousness; and your feet shod with the preparation of the Gospel of peace; above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked: and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God: praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance, and supplication for all saints; and for me, that utterance may be given unto me, that I may open my mouth boldly, to make known the mystery of the Gospel, for which I am an ambassador in bonds; that therein I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn

Gradual Hymn

**As pants the hart for cooling streams
When heated in the chase,
So longs my soul, O God, for thee
And thy refreshing grace.**

**For thee, my God, the living God,
My thirsty soul doth pine:
O when shall I behold thy face,
Thou Majesty Divine!**

**Why restless, why cast down, my soul?
Hope still, and thou shalt sing
The praise of Him who is thy God,
Thy health's eternal spring.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom we adore,
Be glory, as it was, is now,
And shall be evermore. Amen.**

Words: N. Tate & N. Brady (1696)
Tune: 'MARTYRDOM', from Smith's 'Sacred Music, 1825
Possibly an Old Scottish melody

Remain standing for the Gospel

The Gospel of Christ

Cantor Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

I am the light of the world, says the Lord,
anyone who follows me will have the light. (John 8.12)

All **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

The Gospeller The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all who are sick or housebound, elderly or vulnerable.
Especially praying for those in our congregation who are
unable to attend church, that they will be comforted by
the knowledge of Christ's love. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

While seated, we join in singing

**Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer
Thy wings shall my petition bear,
To Him whose truth and faithfulness
Engage the waiting soul to bless;
And since He bids me seek His face,
Believe His word and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
And wait for Thee, sweet hour of prayer.**

Words: William Bradbury (1816 - 1868)
Music: William Walford (1772 - 1850)

The Presbyter

God our Father, you are our strength and our protection.
Open our hearts to your grace that we may always know,
and do, your will.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen**

Intercessor Let us turn to the Lord with our prayers, asking that His voice will renew in us our love for God and neighbour and Help us with prayer to put on the 'armour of God':

Together with Prem Chand our Moderator, Dharamraj the Moderator of the *Church of South India* Theodosius Mar Thoma Metropolitan of the *Mar Thoma Church*, Prakash our Bishop and Avinash our Presbyter – let us pray for all Church leaders throughout the world, that they may continue to be open to the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those in authority, that the leaders of the world's nations, acting with integrity, may relieve poverty and bring an end to injustice.

Guide, O Lord, world leaders who will meet for the 26th UN Climate Change Conference in Glasgow later this month. May there be commitment to protect and restore your creation to what you intended it to be. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For all who refuse to listen to the Gospel or who seek to silence the Church, that their ears may be opened to the voice of peace and their hearts to the abiding presence of God. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For our own Cathedral congregation, that we may be renewed in spirit by God's word and strengthened by the Eucharist. We pray that it will be safe for us to once again partake of the Eucharist. Pray for those celebrating their birthday this week: Rhea Daniel, Patricia Bijlani. Pray for Gopa and Joseph Long on their wedding anniversary. Lord in your mercy,

All **hear our prayer.**

Intercessor For those who feel worthless in the sight of others, that they may know that they are chosen and loved by God. Lord in your mercy,

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. John.

All **Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

THERE was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe. The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die. Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way, thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way. And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. Then inquired he of them the hour when he began to amend: and they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth; and himself believed, and his whole house. This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing for the Creed

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.

Music: from 'An Anglican Folk Mass' by Martin Shaw (1875 - 1958)

All sit

Sermon
The Revd Avinash Rangayya

Welcome & Announcements

Greeting of Peace

The Presbyter offers a greeting of peace

Once we were far off but now in union with Christ Jesus
we have been brought near through the shedding of
Christ's blood, for he is our peace. *cf Ephesians 2.13*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*While remaining in your place, share the sign of peace with a namaste
with your neighbour*

Please kneel as able or sit

Prayers of the People

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All join in singing

OUR FATHER,
who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name;
Thy Kingdom come;
Thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that trespass against us,
and lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom,
the power, and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.