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Reformation Sunday

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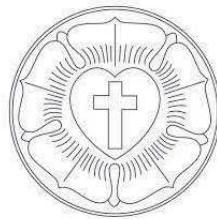
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SOLUS CHRISTUS
BY CHRIST ALONE

SOLA SCRIPTURA
ACCORDING TO SCRIPTURE ALONE

SOLI DEO GLORIA
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD ALONE

Rooted in the past and growing into the future, the Church must always be reformed in order to live out the love of Christ in an ever-changing world. We celebrate the good news of God's grace, that Jesus Christ sets us free every day to do this life-transforming work. Trusting in the freedom given to us in baptism, we pray for the Church, that Christians will unite more fully in worship and mission.



Choral Eucharist † Sunday 29th October 2023 • 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. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 300 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition.

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

Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott, *BWV 720*
(‘A mighty fortress is our God’)... Johann Sebastian Bach, 1685 - 1750

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Welcome

Introit
Sung by the choir

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me,
All his wonderful passion and purity;
Oh, Thou Spirit divine,
All my nature refine
Till the beauty of Jesus be seen in me.

Words: Albert W. T. Orsborn , 1886 - 1967

Music: Tom M. Jones, 1891 - 1978

All stand and face the West Door.

Invitation to Worship

The Presbyter Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **And blessed be His kingdom, now and forever.**

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God and Father of all.

Continued

The Presbyter

Blessed be God who sustains and protects
His Holy Church.

All

**And blessed be God
who guides and confirms us in our Faith.
Amen. Alleluia!**

All sing

The Entrance Hymn | # 99

O God, our help in ages past

Tune: ST. ANNE

All sit

All say together

The Collect for Purity | page 260

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for Reformation Sunday

Read by the Presbyter

Gather us together this Reformation Sunday, O God,
that we may celebrate the witness
of our forefathers and foremothers
and the courage that gave birth to the Reformation.
Teach us how to honour the saints of God in ages past
as well as in our present days.
May the conviction of your grace written on their hearts
be one that forms our own faith.
Inspire us in the continuing reformation of the Church
and be present to us your in word and sacrament.
In Christ's name we pray.
Amen.

The Old Testament Lesson

2 Kings 23:1 - 9

A reading from the Second Book of Kings.

Josiah Renews the Covenant

Then the king called together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. He went up to the temple of the Lord with the people of Judah, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the priests and the prophets—all the people from the least to the greatest. He read in their hearing all the words of the Book of the Covenant, which had been found in the temple of the Lord.

The king stood by the pillar and renewed the covenant in the presence of the Lord—to follow the Lord and keep his commands, statutes and decrees with all his heart and all his soul, thus confirming the words of the covenant written in this book. Then all the people pledged themselves to the covenant.

The king ordered Hilkiah the high priest, the priests next in rank and the doorkeepers to remove from the temple of the Lord all the articles made for Baal and Asherah and all the starry hosts. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and took the ashes to Bethel. He did away with the idolatrous priests appointed by the kings of Judah to burn incense on the high places of the towns of Judah and on those around Jerusalem—those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun and moon, to the constellations and to all the starry hosts. He took the Asherah pole from the temple of the Lord to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem and burned it there. He ground it to powder and scattered the dust over the graves of the common people. He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes that were in the temple of the Lord, the quarters where women did weaving for Asherah.

Josiah brought all the priests from the towns of Judah and desecrated the high places, from Geba to Beersheba, where the priests had burned incense. He broke down the gateway at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua, the city governor, which was on the left of the city gate. Although the priests of the high places did not serve at the altar of the Lord in Jerusalem, they ate unleavened bread with their fellow priests.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

81: 1 - 14

Sung by the choir to chants by Hiles and Kelway

Exultate Deo

- SING we merrily unto God our strength :
make a cheerful noise unto the God of Jacob.
- ² Take the psalm, bring hither the tabret : the merry harp with the lute.
- ³ Blow up the trumpet in the new-moon :
even in the time appointed, and upon our solemn feast-day.
- ⁴ For this was made a statute for Israel : and a law of the God of Jacob.
- ⁵ This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony :
when he came out of the land of Egypt, and had heard a strange language.
- ⁶ I eased his shoulder from the burden :
and his hands were delivered from making the pots.
- ⁷ Thou calledst upon me in troubles, and I delivered thee :
and heard thee what time as the storm fell upon thee.
- ⁸ I proved thee also : at the waters of strife.
- ⁹ Hear, O my people, and I will assure thee, O Israel :
if thou wilt hearken unto me,
- ¹⁰ There shall no strange god be in thee :
neither shalt thou worship any other god.
- ¹¹ I am the Lord thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt :
open thy mouth wide, and I shall fill it.
- ¹² But my people would not hear my voice : and Israel would not obey me.
- ¹³ So I gave them up unto their own hearts' lusts:
and let them follow their own imaginations.
- ¹⁴ O that my people would have hearkened unto me :
for if Israel had walked in my ways.

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.

All sit

The Epistle

Romans 11: 1 - 6

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

I ask then: Did God reject His people? By no means! I am an Israelite myself, a descendant of Abraham, from the tribe of Benjamin. God did not reject His people, whom He foreknew. Don't you know what Scripture says in the passage about Elijah—how he appealed to God against Israel: "Lord, they have killed your prophets and torn down your altars; I am the only one left, and they are trying to kill me"? And what was God's answer to him? "I have reserved for myself seven thousand who have not bowed the knee to Baal." So too, at the present time there is a remnant chosen by grace. And if by grace, then it cannot be based on works; if it were, grace would no longer be grace.

At the end of the reading This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and sing.

Gradual Hymn | # 114 v.v. 1 & 2

A safe stronghold our God is still

Tune: EIN' FESTE BURG

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

The Gospel of Christ

St. John 8: 31 - 36

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever.

The word of the Lord is the good news announced to you.

cf 1 Peter 1.25

Alleluia, alleluia, alleuia.

The Gospeller The Lord be with you.

All **And with thy spirit.**

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

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, “If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.” They answered him, “We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, ‘You will be made free?’”

Jesus answered them, “Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.”

At the end of the Gospel:

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

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

Remain standing for the Creed, all reciting together.

The Nicene Creed | *page 265*

All sit

Sermon

The Reverend Avinash Rangayya,
Cathedral Presbyter

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace

Celebrant

Christ is our peace.
We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All

and also with you.

*Members of the congregation greet one another.
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.*

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All sing

Hymn at the Offertory | # 265

O thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES # 260 ii

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

*We keep a moments silence as a candle is lit
to symbolise God's light in this time of conflict and despair in the Holy Land.
Kneel as able or remain seated*

The Intercession | **page 270**

The General Confession & Absolution | **pages 275, 276**

The Consecration | **page 277**

The Communion | page 284

*Proceed to the High Altar for receiving Communion.
During the administration of Communion, while seated we sing.*

Hymn | # 359

Filled with the Spirit's power

Tune: FARLEY CASTLE

The Thanksgiving | page 287

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | page 288

All say

Closing Prayer

**With love and mercy,
you have cared, led, inspired and sustained
your daughters and sons in all generations.
Shine within us, inspire us,
use us to make visible your peace, justice and truth.
You, who are holy for all eternity
sanctify our lives with your blessing.**

The Blessing

The Presbyter

May we leave this place
understanding that this is the beginning.
May we depart today
knowing that the best of our faith is yet to come.
And may the exhilarating mystery of God,
the courage of the Great Reformer Jesus,
and the dynamic nudging of the Spirit excite us as we become re-
formers for the Divine. **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

For all the saints v.v. 1 to 4 & 8

Hymn at the Closing | # 305

Tune: SINE NOMINE

From the West Door the Presbyter says

The Dismissal

Presbyter

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Trumpet tune on, "In dir ist freude"

("In Thee is gladness")

... .. David Lasky, b. 1957

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

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace.

Numbers 6: 24 - 26

Mohini Patil (31), Gaurav Salvi (31), Poonam Bodra (3rd November), Nishanth Daniel (3), Sudhakar Solomonraj (4)



ALL SAINTS' DAY

Eucharist

Wed 1st November 8 A.M.

In the Lady Chapel

All are welcome

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

ALL SOULS' DAY

Knowing God's Love

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Remembering with thanksgiving those who have gone before us

Thursday 2nd November 7 P.M.

In the Quire



If you would like to honour the memory of a loved one by name; please let the Presbyter know.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Choral Eucharist 8.45 a.m. • Sunday 5th November 2023



*Come and patronise the food and games stalls.
Give generously to fund the Cathedral's ministries
and outreach programmes.*

Notices

- Bishop Prakash Patole has been appointed as the Moderator's Episcopal Commissary to the Diocese of Bombay with effect from 25th October 2023.
- The Cathedral and John Connon School is opening its newest building, Thomas House, on Monday 30th October 2023 at 12.30 p.m. Pray for all pupils, staff, the Principal and the Board of Governors.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** Our heartfelt prayers continue for peace between Israel, and Palestine. For all who have lost relatives and friends, and all those who have been imprisoned.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** In the Anglican Communion - The Anglican Church of Melanesia and the Most Reverend Leonard Dawea.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** The Diocese of Chota Nagpur and the Right Reverend B. B. Baskey • The Diocese of Tirunelveli and the Right Reverend A. Barnabas.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** Khrista Prakash Church and the Reverend R. D. Ghorpade.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for all care providers. For the children of the Sunday school and their teachers.

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 am |
| • Youth Fellowship | 2 nd & 4 th Sunday of the month 10.45 am |
| • Choir | Sunday 10.45 am and occasionally Saturday |

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