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Ecumenical Sunday



The word "oikoumene" comes from the Greek word "oikos" meaning house. Its English equivalent is "ecumenical". In modern usage, it signifies the whole household of faith, all races, all nations, all the churches.

Pictured above is the logo of the *World Council of Churches*.

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

Choral Eucharist

Sunday 21st January 2024 • 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 ***The English Hymnal***.



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About Ecumenical Sunday

Ecumenical Sunday gives Christians an annual opportunity to continue their quest for the unity they already share in Christ. Working together to develop closer relationships and better understanding is what United Churches is all about.

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity takes place in the octave 18th January (*The Confession of St Peter*) to 25th January (*The Conversion of St Paul*). By annually observing the WPCU, Christians move toward the fulfilment of Jesus' prayer at the Last Supper "that they all may be one." (cf. *John 17:21*)

This worldwide movement is coordinated by the *World Council of Churches (WCC)* and *The Pontifical Council for Promoting Christian Unity*.

The Gathering

Voluntary

Prelude on the hymn tune, 'Aurelia' ('The Church's one foundation')

John G. Barr, b. 1938

Welcome

All keep silence and prepare for worship.

Introit

Sung by the choir

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
The wondrous tale is written,
Full clear, on every page;
Our fathers owned thy goodness,
And we their deeds record;
And both of this bear witness:
One Church, one Faith, one Lord.

Words: Basil E. H. Plumptre, 1821 - 91

Tune: THORNBURY
Basil Harwood, 1859 - 1949

All stand and face the West Door

Opening Acclamation

Presbyter Send your Holy Spirit to kindle in us your holy fire.
Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world.

All **That we may all be one.**
Reconciling and healing God,
restore the unity of all those who confess your Son
Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of all.

That we may all be one.

Continued

Presbyter “There is one body and one Spirit,
just as you were called to the one hope of your calling.”
All “**One Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.**”

All sing **Entrance Hymn| # 536**
Praise to the Lord v.v. 1, 2, 3 & 7 Tune: HAST DU DENN, JESU

Please be seated

All say together **The Collect for Purity | page 260**

The Liturgy of the Word

The Collect for the Day | page 337
Read by the Presbyter

A Collect for Christian Unity
All say

**Creator of the universe,
who made us different from one another
in myriad ways we can see
and in more ways we shall never know,
yet made us all in your image;
fill our hearts with your love
and our minds with your wisdom,
that we may truly become brothers and sisters
of your only Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 33:12 - 17

A reading from the second book of Exodus.

Moses said to the Lord, "You have been telling me, 'Lead these people,' but you have not let me know whom you will send with me. You have said, 'I know you by name and you have found favor with me.' If you are pleased with me, teach me your ways so I may know you and continue to find favor with you. Remember that this nation is your people."

The Lord replied, "My Presence will go with you, and I will give you rest."

Then Moses said to him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here. How will anyone know that you are pleased with me and with your people unless you go with us? What else will distinguish me and your people from all the other people on the face of the earth?"

And the Lord said to Moses, "I will do the very thing you have asked, because I am pleased with you and I know you by name."

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Sung by the choir to a chant by Kelway.

Psalm

15

Domine, quis habitabit?

Lord, who shall dwell in thy tabernacle : or who shall rest upon thy holy hill?

² Even he that leadeth an uncorrupt life : and doeth the thing which is right, and speaketh the truth from his heart.

³ He that hath used no deceit in his tongue, nor done evil to his neighbour : and hath not slandered his neighbour.

⁴ He that setteth not by himself, but is lowly in his own eyes : and maketh much of them that fear the Lord.

⁵ He that sweareth unto his neighbour, and disappointeth him not : though it were to his own hindrance.

Continued

⁶ He that hath not given his money upon usury : nor taken reward against the innocent.

⁷ Whoso doeth these things : shall never fall.

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.

Please be seated

The Epistle

Philippians 1:19 - 26

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Philippians.

For I know that through your prayers and God's provision of the Spirit of Jesus Christ what has happened to me will turn out for my deliverance. I eagerly expect and hope that I will in no way be ashamed, but will have sufficient courage so that now as always Christ will be exalted in my body, whether by life or by death. For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

At the conclusion of the reading the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and join in singing the gradual hymn on the next page.

Gradual Hymn

**In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north,
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.**

**² In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find.
His service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.**

**³ Join hands, then, people of the faith,
whate'er your race may be.
All children of the living God
are surely kin to me.**

**⁴ In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north.
All Christly souls are joined as one
throughout the whole wide earth.**

Words: William Arthur Dunkerley, 1852 - 1941

Tune: ST. STEPHEN
W. Jones, 1726 - 1800

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

The Gospel of Christ

St. John 1:35 - 42

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia
Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.
Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Gospeller The Lord be with you
All and with thy spirit.

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

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

The next day John was there again with two of his disciples. When he saw Jesus passing by, he said, "Look, the Lamb of God!"

When the two disciples heard him say this, they followed Jesus. Turning around, Jesus saw them following and asked, "What do you want?"

They said, "Rabbi" (which means "Teacher"), "where are you staying?"

"Come," he replied, "and you will see."

So they went and saw where he was staying, and they spent that day with him. It was about four in the afternoon.

Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, was one of the two who heard what John had said and who had followed Jesus.⁴¹ The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus.

Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You will be called Cephas" (which, when translated, is Peter).

At the conclusion of the reading

The Gospeller This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
All **Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**

Remain standing for the Creed and all recite together.

The Nicene Creed | **page 265**

Sermon

The Revd Clement Christian, *Bible Society of India*

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

The Celebrant offers a greeting of peace.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body you are called to peace

cf Colossians 3:15

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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.

All join in singing

Hymn at the Offertory | **# 489**

The Church's one foundation

Tune: AURELIA

See inside front cover for bank details to make your offering.

All say

Offertory Prayer | **page 270**

Invocation

Sung by the choir

Bring we the frankincense of our love
To the feet of the holy Child,
Ever remembering God's great gift
Of a love that is undefiled.

Holy the Infant and holy the mother
And holy and precious the gifts that we bring;
Praise to the Father and praise to the Spirit
And praise to Christ Jesus our King.

H. Kenn Carmichael, 1908 - 1996

Kneel as able or remain seated.

The Prayers of the People

Intercessor

We offer the treasure of our faith in the frailty of
our personal witness, our communities and our
ecumenical achievements.

May the Lord renew in us His gifts of light, strength
and communion.

All

Come Holy Spirit, come enlighten us.

Confronted by so much suffering and evil
we are submerged by despair.

May the Lord help us to hear the witness of people
and communities who, under pressure from all sides,
have continued to hope and to act in the midst of distress.

Come Holy Spirit, come enlighten us.

Faced with the demands of mission in the world
and conscious of the importance of the gospel
which is entrusted to us, we can feel quite overwhelmed.

May the Lord give us confidence to confess our faith.

Come Holy Spirit, come enlighten us.

Continued

Intercessor We pray, Lord, for all those who have at heart
the ministry of Christian unity
and who strive to do so in a spirit of love
and understanding.
Strengthen them, Lord, in their endeavours.

All **Come Holy Spirit, come enlighten us.**
Lord of unity,
help us strengthen the spirit of communion
by respecting you and others
through our thoughts, words and actions.
Come Holy Spirit, come enlighten us.
Endow us with the virtue of humility
that opens us to love and friendship
and give us a loyal heart
that helps us be respectful to one another.
Come Holy Spirit, come enlighten us.
Lord of consolation,
we bring to you those who are unable to see goodness in
themselves, in those around them and in the world.
May your gentleness allow them to change their
perspective and to open their heart
to your spirit of renewal.
Come Holy Spirit, come enlighten us.
Help us understand, Lord, that we are all your children.
May we realise we are called to love and to ease the pain
of those who are suffering close by or far away.
Come Holy Spirit, come enlighten us.
Through the coming together of our churches may the
Lord inspire this search for oneness.
Come Holy Spirit, come enlighten us.

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 at the Communion | **# 324**

O Thou, who at thy Eucharist didst pray

Tune: UNDE ET MEMORES

The Thanksgiving | *page 287*

All stand and sing.

Gloria in Excelsis | *page 288*

The Presbyter

The Blessing

May we grow in mutual affection
and in the desire to announce the Gospel message more faithfully,
that the world may come together in unity
and welcome the Prince of Peace.
And the blessing of God almighty,
† the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

All join in singing

Hymn at the Closing | **# 41**

Brightest and best of the sons of the morning

Tune: EPIPHANY

From the West Door, the Presbyter says:

The Dismissal

We have seen His glory, the glory revealed to all the nations.
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All reply **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Postlude

Rigaudon Andre Campra, 1660 - 1744

**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

*"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works,
which God prepared in advance for us to do."*

Ephesians 2:10

Samuel Joseph (22), Miriam John (22), Anisha Ghose (25), Alvina Magar (27)

Wedding anniversaries this week

"Do everything in love."

I Corinthians 16:14

James & Deborah Baker (26)

Notices

- We express our thanks to the Reverend Clement Christian for preaching this morning.
- A Bible quiz will be conducted on Sunday 25th February 2024. Questions will be based on the Books of Ezra and Nehemiah and Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians.
- Volunteers are needed to help with livestreaming of services. Please meet the Presbyter if you would like to help in this way. It is encouraging that the Cathedral's YouTube channel has 597 subscribers as of now.

Pray with us

† **THE WORLD** For political stability in Sierra Leone • Immediate and adequate aid and assistance for the famine-struck Tigray region of Ethiopia •
• We continue to pray for lasting peace in the Land of our Lord's birth • Pray for peace between Russia and Ukraine.

† **OUR COUNTRY** We thank God for our country as we celebrate *Republic Day* later this week. Pray that economic growth will be inclusive and that its benefits will percolate to the poorest of the poor. Pray for all working towards alleviating poverty.

† **THE WORLDWIDE CHURCH** The *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* is in the octave 18th January to 25th January. Pray for meaningful ecumenical relations between different church denominations • We offer thanksgiving for the conversion of Paul (commemorated 25th January). Pray for all churches and institutions named after the Apostle Paul • In the *Anglican Communion* for The Church of the South India.

† **THE CHURCH IN INDIA** We remember the life and work of the Australian missionary Dr. Graham Staines (1941 - 1999) whose life with his two sons Philip and Timothy was so tragically cut short twenty five years ago. The Church observes Leprosy Sunday on 29th January. Dr. Staines had been working with leprosy patients and the poor in Mayurbhanj district of Odisha since 1965. Pray for his widow Gladys and his daughter, Esther • The Diocese of Lucknow and the Right Reverend Morris Dan • For the Diocese of Central Karnataka.

† **THE DIOCESE OF BOMBAY** This week for St. Paul's Church, Vakola (Malayalam Pastorate) and the Reverend Christy D. Daniel.

† **OUR CATHEDRAL** All senior citizens and those who are unwell. Pray for their care providers • We pray for Evangeline Mary Kiruba Samuel (daughter of Samuel Joseph Jebaraj and Muthulaksmi Ramaswamy) and Srinath Rajasekar (son of Srinivasan Rajasekar and Parthasarathy Santhana Meera) of All Saints' Church (CSI), Tuticorin. The couple will take their wedding vows tomorrow at St. George's Cathedral, Chennai.

Cathedral ministries... ..

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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 | Saturday 5.30 pm |

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 2024

'You shall love the Lord your God... and your neighbour as yourself'

Luke 10:27



The parable of the Good Samaritan is one of the best-known passages of Scripture, yet one that never seems to lose its power to challenge indifference to suffering and to inspire solidarity. It is a story about crossing boundaries that calls our attention to the bonds that unite the whole human family.

In choosing this passage of Scripture for the *Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*, the churches of Burkina Faso have invited us to join with them in a process of self-reflection as they consider what it means to love our neighbour in the midst of a security crisis. There are groups within communities, including people from ethnic minority backgrounds and people seeking asylum, who feel particularly vulnerable to violence or being displaced by the threat of violence.

***May our spirits be joined to Your Holy Spirit,
that we may witness to the visible unity of your Church.
May we all recognize that we are truly one with You,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and grow together in peace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.***

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