

Sung Eucharist

celebrating the
Diocese of London's link
with the Anglican Church
in Angola and Mozambique

23rd ALMA Sunday

Sunday 11th July 2021
5.30 pm

WELCOME TO ST PAUL'S CATHEDRAL

We are a Christian church within the Anglican tradition (Church of England) and we welcome people of all Christian traditions as well as people of other faiths and people of little or no faith. Christian worship has been offered to God here for over 1400 years. By worshipping with us today, you become part of that living tradition. Our regular worshippers, supported by nearly 150 members of staff and a large number of volunteers, make up the cathedral community.

We are committed to the diversity, equal opportunities and personal and spiritual development of all who work and worship here because we are followers of Jesus Christ. We use sustainably sourced communion wine at all celebrations of the Eucharist, and this order of service is printed on recyclable paper. Thank you for being with us today. If you need any help, please ask a member of staff. Please be assured of our continuing prayers for you when you go back to your homes and places of worship.

Today we welcome Friends and supporters of ALMA our Diocesan Companion Link, including the Right Reverend Rob Wickham, Bishop of Edmonton and Bishop for ALMA in London.

The organ is played by Samuel Bristow, Organ Scholar. The *Gloria* is from *Missa Epifania*, collected and arranged by Michael White (b.1961), and the *Sanctus* is a traditional Mozambican setting. Owing to the current prohibition on congregational singing the congregation is asked not to join in the singing of the Gloria and Sanctus, and the Offertory Anthem.

There will be a retiring collection today is for the work of ALMA, and further information about this can be found at the back of this order of service.



As you prepare for worship, please be sensitive to the needs of those around you who may wish to pray quietly. Please switch off mobile telephones and do not use photographic, video or recording equipment at any time.

ORDER OF SERVICE

*The congregation is asked to join in all texts printed in **bold**.*

At 5.28 pm, remain seated as the Reverend Canon Jonathan Brewster, Treasurer, Canon in Residence, welcomes the congregation.

The Gathering

Stand as the Ministers enter.

The Greeting

The Bishop says

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Peace be with you
and also with you.

The Bishop greets the congregation and introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

The Deacon says

Jesus said:

‘Before you offer your gift,
go and be reconciled’.

As brothers and sisters in God’s family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

Silence is kept.

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Bishop says

May almighty God have mercy on you,
forgive you your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory, glory be to God.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Glory, glory be to God.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.
Glory, glory be to God.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.
Glory, Glory be to God.
Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

The Partnership Prayer

The Bishop says

Let us pray the ALMA Partnership Prayer.

All pray in silence for a short time.

**God our Father,
the source of all gifts,
give us humility to receive,
honesty to ask and generosity to give,
in order to bring each other up
to your honour and glory.
We ask this through the merits of
Jesus Christ our Saviour.
Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

read by

Pat Phillips,
Angola Projects Officer,
former UK Ambassador to Angola

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us.

With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

Ephesians 1. 3-14

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Stand and turn towards the Deacon as the Gospel is proclaimed from the North Lectern.

The Cantor sings

Alleluia.

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord.

Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

Alleluia.

The Deacon says

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Right Reverend Rob Wickham,
Bishop of Edmonton

in conversation with

The Reverend Ben Lovell,
Vicar, St Mary, Hampton
linked with Sao Paulo, Mandimba, Diocese of Niassa

Stand

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

led by

The Bishop

and

Annie Ngundam and Michael White,
St Mary, Stoke Newington,
linked with Church of the Epifania, Tete, Mozambique

The Bishop says

Let us pray for the church and for the world,
and give thanks to God for all his goodness.

Sit or kneel

We give thanks for the ALMA partnership that unites our diocese with the Anglican church and people in Angola and Mozambique; for all that we share with each other, for the things that we jointly mourn and those we rejoice over, for all we learn with and from each other, and for companionship on our journeys of faith

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray that we may know you walking with us in the joys and challenges of the months ahead; as our communities face the difficulties of Covid-19, Climate Emergencies and the escalating conflict in Cabo Delgado in Mozambique, alongside the excitement of new growth in the church in Angola and Mozambique.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for the creation of the new Portuguese speaking Province in Southern Africa, to be inaugurated in September, and for all that will flow from this; for the future Presiding Bishop and the Dean of the Province; for good structures, finances and administration. We think particularly of theological training and formation in Portuguese to equip and enable new generations of ministers, lay and ordained, in the service of the Gospel.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray for the current diocese of Angola as it prepares to enlarge into four dioceses: The Good Shepherd; Christ the King; Divine Hope; and the Diocese of the Centre and South, praying for Bishop André and his team as they oversee this growth. We pray too for the three Dioceses in Mozambique, Lebombo; Nampula and Niassa, and for Bishops Carlos, Manuel and Vicente as they prepare to birth five new missionary dioceses: Maciene, Inhambane, Pungue River, Tete and Zambezia. We hold the Vicar Generals of all the new dioceses in our prayers as they plan and prepare.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

We pray too for this diocese of London, for our Bishops, and for Vision 2030, asking that our partnership is a lens towards the wider world that informs and orients our awareness of climate emergencies and conflict, leading us to act together as advocates and agents of change, and to speaking prophetically into our different contexts.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

For twenty-three years of partnership in the Gospel we give you thanks and into your hands we entrust our prayers for Angola, London, Mozambique, and for your entire precious creation.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

The Bishop says

Almighty God,
by your Holy Spirit you have made us one
with your saints in heaven and on earth:
grant that in our earthly pilgrimage
we may ever be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer,
and know ourselves surrounded by their witness
to your power and mercy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Stand

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The Bishop says

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
and also with you.

The Deacon says

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Peace is not shared with physical contact. You are invited to turn and bid your neighbours 'Peace be with you' whilst remaining in your places.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Anthem

during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar.

Jesus Cristo em breve virá,
Jesus Cristo em breve virá,
Jesus Cristo em breve virá,
Jesus Cristo em breve virá.

Virá, virá, em breve virá,
Virá, virá, em breve virá.
Virá, virá, em breve virá.
Jesus Cristo em breve virá.

Jesus Christ, he will soon come again,
Jesus Christ, he will soon come again,
Jesus Christ, he will soon come again,
Jesus Christ, he will soon come again.

Again, again, he'll soon come again,
Again, again, he'll soon come again,
Again, again, he'll soon come again,
Jesus Christ, he will soon come again.

Words and music: Traditional

Stand with the Bishop, who says

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Bishop says

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and singing:

Santo, Santo, Santo,
Senhor do Universo,
Hosana nas alturas!
O Céu e a Terra
proclamam Vossa glória,
Hosana, nas alturas!

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God Almighty,
Hosanna in the highest.
Heaven and earth
proclaim your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The Deacon says

Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop says

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us,
each praying in our own language:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The Bishop breaks the consecrated bread, saying

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion

The Bishop invites the people to receive Holy Communion, saying

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Bishop says the words of administration and then receives Holy Communion in both kinds.

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Please sit and then follow the directions of the Virgers and Cathedral staff.

Please respect the social distancing guidelines by keeping two metres between yourself and others, including when receiving Holy Communion. Holy Communion will be administered without the use of words and in one kind only.

All baptised Christians who receive Holy Communion in their own churches are welcome to receive Holy Communion at the Cathedral.

Those Communicants requiring gluten free hosts are asked to identify themselves to a member of staff and to receive Communion from the Bishop. Any member of the congregation may come to receive a blessing; if you come forward for a blessing, please keep your head bowed. Blessings will be given in silence, indicated by the sign of the Cross.

Prayers after Communion

All stand with the Bishop, who says

Let us pray.

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples.
Amen.**

The Dismissal

The Bishop says

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Deacon says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Organ Voluntary

*during which the Ministers depart. Please remain in your seats until invited to leave
by a Wandsman or Steward.*

Sound the Trumpet

David Halls (b.1963)

Remember Me...



Every person deserves to be remembered. In response to Covid-19 St Paul's Cathedral launched *Remember Me*, an online book of remembrance, which is open to all whose loved ones have died as a result of the pandemic. We welcome memorials to be added to the pages of *Remember Me* for people of any religious faith, or none, who were from or were living in the UK.

This loss of life has been an experience shared by so many people across the UK. All those whose loved ones have died as a result of the pandemic have been affected by restrictions on travel and gathering together. It is important for everyone to be able to find support and community during this time.

Remember Me allows us all the opportunity to share our sorrow, and also our thanks for all that those we loved brought to our lives. As a community we can in this way express our compassion and support for those who suffer loss, and remember the sorrows and sacrifices of others.

Although this book is UK based only, our thoughts and prayers are with all those who are suffering around the world.

For more information visit rememberme2020.uk

ALMA: Angola London Mozambique Association

ALMA is the twenty-three-year Companion Link Partnership between the Anglican churches in Angola, London and Mozambique. Building on an earlier relationship between Willesden and Mozambique, the first ALMA Covenant was signed in 1998 here in St Paul's Cathedral. This was renewed at the *River of Prayer* Service in 2008 and has been extended for another four years until **ALMA Sunday 2022, 24th July**, when all partner Bishops will be together in London before the Lambeth Conference, to formally renew the Covenant. Please accept our warm invitation to join us for this special service next year and put this date in your diary.

Prayer and friendship underpin our relationship. We learn with and from each other about being Church together. Despite distance, and the many differences in our contexts, there is much we share as we worship and witness to the incarnational love of Christ. Through the lens of this 'soul' friendship (in Portuguese *alma* means *soul*) our parish and school links have a profound connection with the wider church.

Improved communications and social media have enabled these relationships to grow, never more so than during 2020-21 in the Covid pandemic. New forums, like Zoom, have created new possibilities and we have seized these opportunities:

An online ALMA meeting allowed us to hear directly from Bishop Manuel Ernesto, in Nampula who shared the three huge challenges the church is facing:

- Climate Emergencies, in the wake of the 2019 Cyclones and those in 2021
- Covid-19, when water is scarce and health care provision very limited
- Conflict in Cabo Delgado Province, which has worsened in 2021, with over 750,000 Internally Displaced People across Northern Mozambique

Online meetings with our partner Bishops, as plans for the Lusophone Province and the creation of eight new Missionary Dioceses during 2021 and 2022 (three in Angola and five in Mozambique) come closer, with the appointment of Vicar Generals for each of them.

Online ALMA Morning Prayer each Wednesday, when Angolan & Mozambican churches and priests are prayed for in the London Diocesan Cycle of Prayer

May we take this opportunity to thank you for your support for ALMA, especially:

2020 Diocesan Lent Appeal 'Wheels for Climate Emergencies'

This raised £52,000, and with a top up from ALMA General Funds, has enabled our four partner Dioceses to purchase second-hand trucks for emergency responses. It has been a joy to see these trucks being purchased and to know emergency supplies of all sorts (building materials, seeds, water, clothing and Covid kit) can reach the most remote rural regions.

2021 Emergency Cabo Delgado Appeal

This has enabled the church in Nampula reach out to the traumatised people arriving in their communities and churches and the families hosting an additional 10 -15 people.

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Join us for Morning Prayer each Wednesday on our YouTube channel

Holy Communion is celebrated at 12.30 pm daily.
Choral Evensong is usually sung daily at 5 pm,
except on occasional days when Evening Prayer is said.

On Sundays, Holy Communion is celebrated at 8 am, 11.15 am, and 5.30 pm;
Mattins is sung at 10 am and Evensong at 3 pm.

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