

Eucharist

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

26th ALMA Sunday

Sunday 21st July 2024 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 over 220 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.

Hackney Choral is conducted by William Bruce, Artistic Director of Choral Partnerships. The organ is played by Alexander Knight, Organ Scholar. The *Gloria* is a traditional Peruvian setting and the *Sanctus* is a traditional Mozambican setting. The *Agnus Dei* is from A *New English Folk Mass*.

The 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.

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ORDER OF SERVICE

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

The Gathering

Stand as the Ministers enter.



O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art! How great thou art!' Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art! How great thou art!'

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin: When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And take me home – what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration And there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art! How great thou art!' Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee, 'How great thou art! How great thou art!'

Words: (A&M 546) Stuart K. Hine (1899-1989)

Tune: Swedish folk melody arr. Stuart K. Hine

The Greeting

The Bishop of London 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 welcomes 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.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

The Bishop says

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in Excelsis

The Bishop of Willesden sings and all repeat



The Bishop of Willesden sings and all repeat



The Bishop of Willesden sings



All sing



Al-le-lu-ia, a-men. Al-le-lu-ia, a-men. Al-le-lu-ia, a-men.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father. To God be glory for ever. Alleluia, amen.

Glory to God, glory to God, Glory to the Spirit. To God be glory for ever. Alleluia, amen.

Words: (CA 966)

Tune: Trad. Peruvian collected and arr. John Ballantine (b.1945)

The Collect

The Bishop says Let us pray.

All pray in silence.

God our Father, you never cease the work you have begun and prosper with your blessing all human labour: make us wise and faithful stewards of your gifts that we may serve the common good, maintain the fabric of our world and seek that justice where all may share the good things you pour upon us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

read in Portuguese by

The Reverend Prebendary Joseph Fernandes

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Que o amor seja genuíno; odeiem o mal, apeguem-se ao que é bom; amem-se uns aos outros com afeição mútua; superem-se em mostrar honra. Não sejam negligentes no zelo, sejam fervorosos de espírito, sirvam ao Senhor. Alegrem-se na esperança, sejam pacientes na tribulação, perseverem na oração. Contribuam para as necessidades dos santos; pratiquem a hospitalidade com os estranhos.

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Romans 12.9-13

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

Remain seated.

Responsorial Psalm



O Lord, you have searched me out and known me; you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar. You mark out my journeys and my resting place and are acquainted with all my ways.

How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

For there is not a word on my tongue, but you, O Lord, know it altogether. You encompass me behind and before and lay your hand upon me. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, so high that I cannot attain it.

How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

Where can I go then from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I climb up to heaven, you are there; if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea, Even there your hand shall lead me, your right hand hold me fast.

How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

If I say, 'Surely the darkness will cover me and the light around me turn to night,' Even darkness is no darkness with you; the night is as clear as the day; darkness and light to you are both alike.

How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

For you yourself created my inmost parts; you knit me together in my mother's womb. I thank you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; marvellous are your works, my soul knows well.

How wonderful are your works, O Lord.

Text: Psalm 139. 1-13

Stand and turn towards the Deacon as the procession brings the Gospel into the midst of the congregation.

A Cantor sings

Alleluia. As the rain and the snow come down from heaven and water the earth making it spring forth and grow, so shall my word accomplish my purpose. Alleluia.

The Deacon says

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart. He said, 'In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people. In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, "Grant me justice against my opponent." For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, "Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming." And the Lord said, 'Listen to what the unjust judge says. And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them? I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?'

Luke 18.1-8

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Right Reverend Filomena Teta, Bishop of Bom Pastor, Luanda North

Stand

The Angolan Creed

Arms raised above head.

led by

Children from St Paul's, Winchmore Hill, linked with St Michael and All Angels, Negage, Angola

Nós cremos Que Deus enviou seu filho Jesus ao mundo Ele se fez homem através do Espírito Santo Ele nasceu da Virgem Maria Ele foi crucificado Ele morreu e foi sepultado Ele desceu às profundezas da Terra E então Ressuscitou Ele subiu ao céu para se assentar à mão direita de Deus E lá Ele ora sempre por nós Louvado seja Deus.

We believe

That God sent his Son Jesus into the world	Arms in front hands closed together.
He became man through the Holy Spirit	Hands crossed like a dove.
He was born of the Virgin Mary	Rocking baby.
He was crucified	Arms like the cross.
Died and was buried	Head dropped forward, head on arm as if asleep.
He went down to those below	Fingers touch ground.
Afterwards he rose from the dead	Arms in front, palms up.
And he went up to heaven to sit at God's right hand.	Hands raised above head.
There he prays for us always	Praying hands above head.
Praise the Lord.	Arms raised, hands outstretched above head.

led by

The Bishop of London

and

Young people from St Mary the Virgin, Primrose Hill, linked with St Peter's, Cazenga, Angola

The Bishop says

Let us pray for the Church and for the world and give thanks to God for his goodness.

Sit or kneel.

God of love, as we mark the 26th ALMA Sunday, we also give you thanks for all the companion link partnerships connecting dioceses across the Anglican Communion. We thank you that you for the opportunity to rejoice and mourn together, share in prayer and fellowship, and inspire each other in action and advocacy. Teach us how to be good ambassadors of God's kingdom, through the sharing of the good news of Jesus Christ.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of compassion, we lament that we have not been better stewards of your earth, and that our partners in Angola and Mozambique suffer from increasingly severe and frequent climate crises. We thank you for the many Eco Churches amongst ALMA link parishes and for the work of Green Anglicans in Southern Africa. We pray for all who hunger, suffer injustice and live in poverty. Teach and inspire us to raise awareness for creation care locally and internationally.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

God of peace, we pray for Cabo Delgado in Northern Mozambique, and in particular for those who are internally displaced as a result of the ongoing conflicts. We pray for the peacemakers, and those who assist refugees, including our churches, other faith communities, and charities.

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.** God of all blessing, we pray for the people and clergy of our twelve partner dioceses in Angola and Mozambique, especially giving thanks for the dedicated ministry of Archbishop Carlos, who retired last week, and praying for the Lebombo Diocese, as they prepare to elect their new Bishop. We also pray for the Anglican Church of Mozambique and Angola, as they seek the next Archbishop of the Province, and for the country of Mozambique as it prepares for elections in October.

Lord, in your mercy. Hear our prayer.

The Bishop says

Let us pray the ALMA Partnership Prayer.

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.

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.

Preparation of the Altar

Offertory Hymn

during which the bread and wine are placed on the altar, and a collection is taken for the work of ALMA. If you would like to make a donation to the Cathedral, please complete the Gift Aid envelopes provided if you are a UK taxpayer. A donation of £5 using a contactless card can instead be made as you leave, at the cashless donation pod located at the west end of the Cathedral.



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.

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

Words and music: Traditional Portuguese

Stand for the censing of the people.

The Bishop says

Let us pray.

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

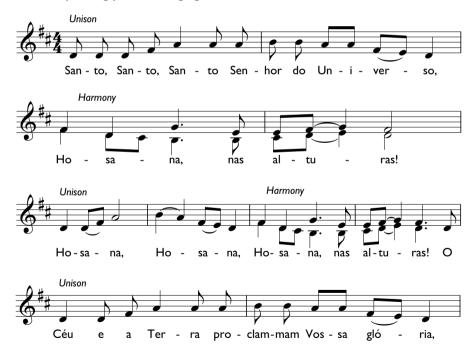
The Lord be with you and also with you.

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. Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:





Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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. And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Paul and all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through 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



Giving of Communion

The Bishop invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

Please sit, and then follow the directions of the Virgers and Stewards.

Holy Communion is offered in both kinds, but you are free to receive in one kind only. If you do wish to receive in both kinds, please do not dip the Eucharistic wafers into the wine.

If you are baptised and receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to receive communion here.

If you require a gluten free wafer, please identify yourself to a Virger or Steward, and receive communion from the Bishop.

You are welcome to receive a blessing instead of communion. If you wish to receive a blessing, please keep your head bowed.

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy; Walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.

Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction, Entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.

I am here, I am with you. I have called; do you hear me?

Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value, Jewels sparkle for a while: what you long for is not lasting.

Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who love me know my love; Those who seek me find their answer.

God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit, co-eternal; Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

Words: Michael Hampel (b.1967) Precentor, St Paul's Cathedral (2011-18) based on Proverbs 8. 1-17 Music: The Call of Wisdom Will Todd (b.1970)

Prayers after Communion

All stand with the Bishop, who says

Let us pray.

All pray in silence.

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Presentation

Bishop Filomena is presented with a gift, after which she is greeted with applause.

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 among 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.

Recessional Hymn



We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God, We are marching in the light of God. We are marching, we are marching, oh, We are marching in the light of God. We are marching, we are marching, oh, We are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God, We are living in the love of God, We are living in the love of God, We are living in the love of God. We are living, we are living, oh, We are living in the love of God. We are living, we are living, oh, We are living in the love of God.

during which the Ministers depart.

We are moving in the power of God, We are moving in the power of God, We are moving in the power of God, We are moving in the power of God. We are moving, we are moving, oh, We are moving in the power of God. We are moving, we are moving, oh, We are moving in the power of God.

> Words and music: (CA 709) Traditional South African, verse I translated by Anders Nyberg (b.1955) verses 2 and 3 by Andrew Maries (b.1949)

You are invited to be seated for the playing of the Organ Voluntary, or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.

To exit, please follow the directions of the Stewards.

Organ Voluntary

Nun danket alle Gott (Op. 65, No 13)

Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

ALMA: Angola London Mozambique Association

ALMA is the twenty-six year Companion Link Partnership between the Anglican churches in London, Angola and Mozambique, that began formally here in St Paul's Cathedral in July 1998. Our renewed Covenant was signed last summer when all ALMA Bishops were together at the 2022 Lambeth Conference.

'ALMA is part of the network of Companion Links that characterise the Anglican Communion. As partners in the Gospel in a covenant relationship undergirded by prayer, we learn with and from each other, giving mutual support in our ministry and mission, worship and witness, action and advocacy. Our priorities for the next decade are making disciples, serving our communities with compassion, growing the Church, teaching theology, learning from young people and striving for climate justice and creation care.'

Over these 26 years we have both rejoiced and mourned with each other:

- **Rejoicing** as we have seen the church grow from 2 to 3 to 8 dioceses in Mozambique (3 times the size of the UK) and from 1 to 4 dioceses in Angola (5 times the size of the UK); and then in September 2021 to see our partners become an autonomous Portuguese speaking province of the Anglican Communion with the Archbishop of Canterbury visiting in November 2022 to formally inaugurate *Igreja Anglicana de Mocambique Angola* (IAMA).
- **Mourning** the impact of the Cabo Delgado conflict in Northern Mozambique with over one million Internally Displaced People who have suffered hugely; and the impact of climate emergencies, with drought in Angola, and across central Southern Africa, alongside Mozambique's unique vulnerability to Cyclones, which have regularly devastated homes, churches, clinics, schools and core infrastructure.

Prayer and friendship underpin our relationship. Each Wednesday London's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer prays for ALMA partners and is recorded online. We pray for each other by name, remembering the challenges our churches and countries face. 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 London parish and school links have a profound connection with the wider church. Improved communications, zoom and social media have enabled these relationships to grow in many creative ways.

Following the retirement of Archbishop Carlos Matsinhe as Primate of the Province of Mozambique and Angola (IAMA), and Bishop of Libombos, we hold IAMA and the Diocese of Libombos in prayer. We are grateful for his faithful ministry and partnership, and extend our prayers to him, his family, and the Diocese and IAMA, during this period of discernment of the next Primate.

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St Paul's Cathedral

Sunday 28th July The Ninth Sunday after Trinity

8 am 8.45 am	Holy Communion Book of Common Prayer Morning Prayer	
11.15 am	Sung Eucharist sung by the St Cyprian's Singers	
	Setting	Missa Bell'Amfitrit' altera Lassus
	Anthem	O sacrum convivium Tallis
	Preacher	The Reverend David Armstrong,
		Rector, St-Botolph-without-Bishopsgate
	Voluntary	Prelude and Fugue in E minor (BVVV 548) J.S. Bach
3 pm	Evensong	sung by the St Cyprian's Singers
	Canticles	Gloucester Service Howells
	Anthem	And I saw a new heaven Bainton
	Preacher	The Reverend Andrew Coy,
		Secretary to the Apostolic Nuncio
	Voluntary	St Patrick's Breastplate from Sonata Celtica (Op. 153)
	,	Stanford
5.30 pm	Eucharist	