

Eucharist

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

25th ALMA Sunday

Sunday 23th July 2023
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.

The St Paul's Cathedral Consort is conducted by Tom Daggett, OBE Organ Outreach Fellow. The organ is played by Michael Stephens-Jones, 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.

Processional Hymn



**The Church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is his new creation
By water and the word:
From heaven he came and sought her
To be his holy Bride,
With his own blood he bought her,
And for her life he died.**

**Elect from every nation,
Yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation
One Lord, one faith, one birth;
One holy name she blesses,
Partakes one holy food,
And to one hope she presses
With every grace endued.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
With God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion
With those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we
Like them, the meek and lowly,
On high may dwell with thee.**

Words: (484) Samuel Stone (1839-1900)

Tune: (167) *Aurelia*
Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)

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

A Deacon sings and all repeat



Glo ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to the Fa - ther.

A Deacon sings and all repeat



To God be glo ry for e - ver.

A Deacon sings



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

All sing



**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 by

Helen Doery,
ALMA Communications Officer

A reading from the Book of Genesis.

God said, 'Let the earth put forth vegetation: plants yielding seed, and fruit trees of every kind on earth that bear fruit with the seed in it.' And it was so. The earth brought forth vegetation: plants yielding seed of every kind, and trees of every kind bearing fruit with the seed in it. And God saw that it was good.

Genesis 1. 11-12

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 67

God be merciful unto us, and bless us:
and shew us the light of his countenance,
and be merciful unto us:
That thy way may be known upon earth:
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee, O God:
yea, let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad:
for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God:
let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
and God, even our own God, shall give us his blessing.
God shall bless us:
and all the ends of the world shall fear him.

Chant: Bertram Luard-Selby (1853-1918)

Gospel Reading

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

The Choir 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 Matthew.
Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

Jesus told the crowds all these things in parables; without a parable he told them nothing. This was to fulfil what had been spoken through the prophet: 'I will open my mouth to speak in parables; I will proclaim what has been hidden from the foundation of the world.'

Matthew 13. 31-35

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Right Reverend Manuel Ernesto,
Bishop of Nampula, Mozambique

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

led by

The Bishop of London

and

Youth Wardens,
St Ann's Church, Tottenham

The Bishop says

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

Sit or kneel.

We give thanks for the twenty-five years of ALMA partnership
that strengthen our bonds with the wider Anglican Communion
and people in Angola and Mozambique.
For the companionship we share, and the bread we break together.
For the journeys we walk in each other's shoes,
and the widening of horizons beyond our own experience.
For the gift of deep friendships
formed as individuals, families, churches and schools.
For the love you have given us one for the other.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for the young – almost half the population in Angola and Mozambique
– for their voices, their energy, their capacity to hold us to account,
and their challenge that we must change.
We ask for your blessing on the work of Young Green Anglicans,
Young Christian Climate Network,
the many parishes involved in the Eco Church programme,
and all working for care of creation.
We entrust to you those whose education has been disrupted by climate crises
and conflict, and those who long for a future with employment and hope.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for peace,
thankful that the very recent conclusion to the disarmament,
de-mobilisation and re-integration process in Southern Mozambique
has brought about a long worked for peace.
As we think of the very different conflict in Cabo Delgado Province,
we pray for a similar road to peace
with all the drivers and accelerators of conflict attended to.
We thank you for all who assist the one million Internally Displaced People
and pray for those traumatised by conflict in Cabo Delgado.
Give wisdom we pray to all leaders;
leaders of countries, international institutions, NGOs, and churches.
May we all work for the common good,
acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly with our God.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Today we pray especially for our ALMA Partnership,
for the eight Bishops in Mozambique:
Carlos, Manuel, Vicente, Agostinho, Paulo, Emmanuel, Lucas, and Sergio;
the four Bishops in Angola: Augusto, Joaquim, Pedro,
and Filomena the new Bishop Elect for the Diocese of Bom Pastor;
for the London Bishops,
giving thanks for Bishop Rob's time as Chair of ALMA London,
for Bishop Lusa who takes on this mantle, and for Bishop Sarah as she prepares
for her visit to Mozambique to lead some training for the new IAMA Bishops.

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

The Bishop says

Now to him, who by the power at work within us,
is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine,
be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations,
for ever and ever.

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 Table

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.



**For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies:**

***Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.***

**For the beauty of each hour,
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:**

**For the joy of ear and eye,
For the heart and brain's delight,
For the mystic harmony
Linking sense to sound and sight:**

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
Friends on earth and friends above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild:**

**For each perfect gift of thine,
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:**

**For thy Church that evermore
Lifteth holy hands above,
Offering up on every shore
This pure sacrifice of love:**

***Lord of all, to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.***

Words: (285) Folliot Pierpoint (1835-1917)

Tune: *Lucerna Laudoniae*
David Evans (1874-1948)

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:

Unison

San - to, San - to, San - to Sen - hor do Un - i - ver - so,

Harmony

Ho - sa - na, nas al - tu - ras!

Unison *Harmony*

Ho - sa na, Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na, nas al - tu - ras! O

Unison

Céu e a Ter - ra pro - clam - mam Vos - sa gló - ria,

Harmony *Unison*

Ho - sa - na, nas al - tu - ras! Ho - sa - na,

Harmony

Ho - sa - na, Ho - sa - na, nas al - tu - ras!

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 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

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world:
have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God,
you take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

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 President.

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

Anthem

Beati omnes qui timent Dominum,
qui ambulant in viis ejus.

Labores manuum tuarum
quia manducabis: beatus es,
et bene tibi erit.

Uxor tua sicut vitis abundans
in lateribus domus tuae;
filii tui sicut novellae olivarum
in circuitu mensae tuae.

Blessed are all they that fear the Lord:
and walk in his ways.

For thou shalt eat the labours of thine hands:
O well is thee,
and happy shalt thou be.

Thy wife shall be as the fruitful vine:
upon the walls of thine house.

Thy children like the olive-branches:
round about thy table.

Ecce sic benedicetur homo
qui timet Dominum.
Benedicat tibi Dominus ex Sion,
et videas bona Jerusalem
omnibus diebus vitae tuae.
Et videas filios filiorum tuorum
pacem super Israël.

Words: Psalm 127

Lo, thus shall the man be blessed:
that feareth the Lord.
The Lord from out of Sion shall so bless thee:
that thou shalt see Jerusalem in prosperity
all thy life long.
Yea, that thou shalt see thy children's children:
and peace upon Israel.

Music: Vicente Lusitano (c.1520-c.61)

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.

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Commissioning of the Diocese of London's Bishop for ALMA

Bishop Lusa stands before the Bishop of London.

Bishop Manuel Ernesto says to the Bishop

Bishop Sarah, I present Bishop Lusa to be commissioned for the work of the Diocese of London's Bishop for ALMA.

Bishop Sarah addresses the congregation

People of God, Christ invites each of us to faithful discipleship and service. We are all called to different ministries in the Body of Christ. As we commission Bishop Lusa today, will you, with him, and as baptised disciples of Christ, renew your commitment to the loving service of God, of one another and of all people?

With the help of God, we will.

Bishop Lusa has been called to the work of the Bishop for ALMA.

Will you, as the people of God, support and pray for him in this ministry?

With the help of God, we will.

The Bishop addresses Bishop Manuel

Bishop Manuel, will you on behalf of ALMA in Mozambique and Angola commit to praying for Bishop Lusa in his new ministry?

Bishop Manuel With the help of God, we will.

The Bishop addresses Bishop Lusa

The office of the Bishop for ALMA is a solemn trust carrying great responsibility. Are you willing to commit yourself to this office and work?

Bishop Lusa With the help of God, I am.

Will you, as long as you are engaged in this work, seek to perform it prayerfully and in a spirit of friendship and collaboration within our Partnership?

Bishop Lusa With the help of God, I will.

The Bishop of London takes Bishop Lusa by the right hand, and says

Bishop Lusa, I commission you as the Bishop for ALMA, in the Name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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.**

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

during which the Ministers depart.



**All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluya, alleluya!**
**Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam:**
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!*

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, Alleluya!**
**Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice:**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluya, Alleluya!**
**Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest us both warmth and light:**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day
Unfoldest blessings on our way,
O praise him, Alleluya!**
**The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,
Let them his glory also show:**

**Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness,
O praise him, Alleluya!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in One:**

**O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluya, Alleluya, Alleluya!**

Words: (263) St. Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
trans. William Draper (1855-1933), alt.

Tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*
Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

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

Obangiji

Fela Sowande (1905-87)

ALMA: Angola London Mozambique Association

ALMA is the twenty-five-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. 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 25 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 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.

May we also thank you for your support for our 2023 Lent Appeal with *MANNA for Conflict Trauma Support in Cabo Delgado*. This is such important work and we are very grateful.

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