

Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf
50th anniversary

1976



2026

A year of Jubilee

Synod Services

2nd-6th February

2026

Manama Bahrain

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Opening Eucharist on 2 February at 1530 (Bahrain)
and Chrism Eucharist on 4 February at 1800 (Bahrain)*

Opening Eucharist

**In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the Diocese, the
collation and installation of Canons, and the licensing of the
Revd Canon Walter Brownridge and the Revd Navina
Thompson**

Monday, 2 February 2026 at 1530
Feast of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple
St Christopher's Cathedral (gold/white)

Gathering

Processional Hymn: Lord for the Years

- 1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.
- 2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.
- 3 Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.
- 4 Lord, for our world where men disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.
- 5 Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us –
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

President:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

Words of introduction

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection

Lord, you call your Church to be your Body on earth.
Forgive our institutional failings, our poor witness,
And our desires to form the church in our image.

Lord have mercy

You called sinners, not the righteous.
Heal our self-righteousness, our judgments,
And our fear of becoming the outcast.

Christ, have mercy

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father.
Help us always to repent of our lack of love
And turn us again to the ways of faith and hope and peace.

Lord, have mercy

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us pray to the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, you have given your Holy Spirit to the Church to lead us into all truth: bless with the Spirit's grace and presence the members of this synod; keep them steadfast in faith and united in love, that they

may manifest your glory and prepare the way of your kingdom; 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.**

The Word of God

A reading from the book of Leviticus

Leviticus 25.8-12

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

A reading from the First Letter of John

1 John 3.1-24

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn: Aathumame En Muzhu Ullame

1 போற்றிடும் வானோர், பூதலத்துள்ளோர்
சாற்றுதற் கரிய தன்மையுள்ள x 2

ஆண்டவரைத் தொழு தேத்து - இந்நாள்
வரை அன்பு வைத் தாதரித்த - உன்
ஆண்டவரைத் தொழு தேத்து

1 pottidum vaanor,
poothalaththullor
saattuthar kariya thanmaiulla x 2

*Aandavarai Thozhuthethu Innaal
Varai Anbu Vaithaatharitha – Un
Aandavarai Thozhuthethu*

2 தலை முறை தலை முறை தாங்கும்
விநோத உலக முன் தோன்றி ஒழியாத x 2

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ஆண்டவரைத் தொழுதேத்து*

2. thalai murai thalai murai
thaangum vinotha ulaka mun
thonti oliyaatha x 2

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3 தினம் தினம் உலகில் நீ செய் பலவான
வினை பொறுத் தருளும், மேலான x 2

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ஆண்டவரைத் தொழுதேத்து*

3 thinam thinam ulakil nee sey
palavaana vinai poruth tharulum,
maelaana x 2

*Aandavarai Thozhuthethu Innaal
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This song is a devotional hymn that calls upon the soul to praise and worship the Lord wholeheartedly. It emphasises remembering God's unfailing love and care that has been shown from the beginning until the present day. The song highlights the greatness of the Lord, who is praised by both heavenly beings and people on earth, and whose nature is beyond human description. It speaks of God's enduring presence across generations and His unchanging existence before the world. The hymn also acknowledges God's mercy in forgiving human sins and His supreme grace that is shown daily. Overall, the song encourages continual gratitude, reverence, and wholehearted worship of the Lord for His love, faithfulness, and forgiveness.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 2.18-22

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Licensing of Priests

The Archdeacon in Cyprus presents the Rev'd Canon Walter Brownridge for licensing as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in Nicosia and Canon to the Ordinary.

Reverend Father in God, I present to you the Rev'd Canon Walter Brownridge to be admitted to the cure of souls as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in Nicosia and Canon to the Ordinary.

The Archdeacon presents the Rev'd Navina Thompson for licensing to be parish priest of St Helena, Larnaca.

Reverend Father in God, I present to you the Rev'd Navina Thompson to be admitted to the cure of souls in the parish of St Helena, Larnaca

The Bishop

Walter and Navina, will you make the Declarations required.

Declaration of Assent:

I, Walter Bruce Brownridge,

I, Navina Winifred Thompson,

do solemnly make the following Declaration:

I assent to the Statement of Doctrine and Worship contained in the Constitution of the Central Synod of the Episcopal Church in Jerusalem and the Middle East. I believe the Doctrine as therein set forth to be agreeable to Holy Scripture and the Catholic Creeds, and in Public Prayer and the Administration of the Sacraments I will use only such forms of service as shall be permitted by lawful authority.

Oath of Canonical Obedience:

I, Walter Bruce Brownridge,

I, Navina Winifred Thompson,

do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true and canonical obedience to the Bishop in Cyprus and the Gulf and his successors in all things lawful and honest.

Bishop

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life, grant you perfectly to know Jesus Christ to be the Way, the Truth and the Life, that you may steadfastly walk in the way that leads to eternal life. **Amen.**

The Bishop reads the Licence and blesses Walter

I hereby License you to serve as Dean of St Paul's Cathedral in Nicosia and Canon to the Ordinary in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you in your going out and your coming in now and always. **Amen.**

The bishop reads the Licence and blesses Navina

I hereby License you to serve as parish priest in the parish of St Helena, Larnaca in the name of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you in your going out and your coming in now and always. **Amen.**

Collation and Installation of Honorary Canons

Bishop: Today, Canons are appointed to be a link between the life and ministry of the church across the diocese and beyond, serving as advocates and ambassadors for the Cathedral. Honorary Canons are appointed in recognition of the expertise or experience they bring and contribution they make to the life of the diocese and wider church. In today's service, those presented will be collated as new Honorary Canons.

The Canons-designate are presented to the Bishop

Presenter: Right Reverend Father in God, I present to you
Mrs Louise Bougourd to be collated as a Lay Canon of St
Christopher's Cathedral,

The Reverend Gill Nisbet to be collated as a Canon of St
Christopher's Cathedral,

The Reverend Prem Mitra to be collated as a Canon of St
Christopher's Cathedral,

The Reverend Dr Michael Mbona to be collated as a Canon of St
Christopher's Cathedral,

The Reverend Dr Don Binder to be collated as a Provincial Canon
of St Christopher's Cathedral,

The Venerable Fuad Dagher to be collated as a Provincial Canon of
St Christopher's Cathedral;

to be admitted into the fellowship of Canons as an Honorary Canon
of St Christopher's Cathedral, Bahrain, and I ask you to collate
them into this office.

Bishop to Presenter: Will you confirm that the Canons-designate
have taken the Declaration of Assent and the Oath of Canonical
Obedience?

Presenter: I so confirm.

Bishop: I thank you for your presentation.

The Bishop then addresses the Canons-designate, saying

Do you believe, so far as you know your own heart, that God has
called you to serve in this place?

The Canons-designate reply in unison

I believe that God has called me.

Bishop: Will you commit yourself to the particular mission and ministry of our cathedral church, working with the cathedral's Dean to further the Kingdom of God in this diocese?

Canons-designate: With the help of God, I will.

Bishop: We intend to collate these clergy as Canons of this Cathedral Church, having accounted them to be worthy of this honour. Brothers and sisters, I ask you to pray that they may exercise their office duly to the honour of God and the edifying of the people in this Diocese and Cathedral Church. Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

O God, the King of Glory, before whom all the hosts of heaven bow and adore, bless we pray, these your servants whom we admit today into the fellowship of this holy house. Let your Fatherly hand be over them; let the Holy Spirit be with them; and so unite them in the fellowship of faith and love, that truth and fidelity, gentleness and peace may abound and increase in them, to the glory of your name and the benefit of your Church; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

God our Father, Lord of all the world, we thank you that through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church: hear our prayer for all your faithful people, that each in their vocation and ministry may be an instrument of your love, and give to these your servants, to whom a new ministry is now entrusted, the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve and keep you. The Lord give you grace, wisdom, faithfulness, courage and love in all your work for him, now and for evermore.

Amen.

The newly collated Honorary Canons are appropriately vested and shown their stalls.

Prayers of intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

Lord in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Intercessions

Merciful Father,
Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Offertory Hymn: The Golden Jubilee Hymn

Lyrics: Christopher M. Butt (b.1952), Dean of St Christopher's Cathedral Bahrain (2009-19)

Tune: Ode to Joy, final movement, 9th symphony, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

1. Heavenly Father, as we gather,
thank you for the life we share.
You have blessed our life together
in the land of calls to prayer.
In our Golden Jubilee year,
give us rest, renew, restore;
grant us grace to persevere

and know your presence evermore.

2. Jesus, you have come among us,
welcomed, healed, restored and called;
in the land of Paul and Barnabas
bring your loving Word to all.
We are shaped by many nations
drawn from north, south, west and east,
shaping life and expectations,
foretaste of the heavenly feast.
3. Holy Spirit, come renew us
for the road that lies ahead.
Guide us, teach us, heal us, fill us;
strengthen us through wine and bread.
Give us all renewed compassion
for the lands in which we live.
Be as one in full communion,
sharing all we have to give.
4. Sing God's praises to the Father,
sing God's praises to the Son,
sing God's praises to the Spirit;
ever Three, but ever One.
God has called us, shaped us, led us,
gives us all we need to be
in the Gulf and land of Cyprus
in our Golden Jubilee.

Prayer over the gifts

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once
dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread

and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And now we give you thanks for your divine guidance throughout the fifty years of this widespread, diverse and developing Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. So we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people; Gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven:

Our Father ...

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.

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.**

We receive Communion and songs are sung

Communion Songs

Eat this bread, drink this cup (Taizé community)

- 1 Eat this bread, drink this cup,
come to me and never be hungry.
- 2 Eat this bread, drink this cup,
trust in me and you will not thirst.

I Offer You All Glory and Honour.

أهديك كل المجد والكرامة ارفع يداي نحوك وأسبح اسمك
انت عظيم ليس مثلك يارب تصنع العجائب تصنع العجائب
انت عظيم ليس مثلك يارب تستطيع كل شيء تستطيع كل شيء

You deserve the glory and the honour, And we lift our hands in
worship As we praise Your holy name.

For You are great, You do miracles so great
There is no one else like You, there is no one else like You

Make me a channel of your peace

- 1 Make me a channel of your peace:
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
where there is injury, your healing power,
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.
- 2 Make me a channel of your peace:
where there's despair in life let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, only light,
and where there's sadness, ever joy.
- 3 O, Spirit, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved as to love with all my soul.
- 4 Make me a channel of your peace:
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sending out

Let us stand to pray:

Eternal God and Father, whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one, as he is one with you: Draw us closer to him, that in common love and obedience to you we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Recessional Hymn: Thine be the glory

- 1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
- 2 Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the Church with gladness songs of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory...
- 3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life;
life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love:
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory...

Eucharist

Tuesday 3 February 2026 at 0830, Hotel Chapel (Green)

Gathering

Opening Hymn: O Worship the King

- 1 O worship the King, All glorious above,
O gratefully sing His power and His love;
Our Shield and Defender, The Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour, And girded with praise.
- 2 Thy bountiful care, What tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, It shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, It descends to the plain,
And sweetly distills, In the dew and the rain.
- 3 Frail children of dust, And feeble as frail,
In Thee do we trust, Nor find Thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, How firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.
- 4 O measureless might! Ineffable love!
While angels delight To sing Thee above,
The humbler creation, Though feeble our gaze,
With true adoration Shall all shout Thy praise.

President:

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Words of introduction

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You came to save the world, not to condemn it. Lord, have mercy

Lord have mercy

You call sinners, not the righteous. Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. Lord, have mercy

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May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us pray to the Lord.

The Collect of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in
substance of our flesh: Grant that we may be presented to you with
pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for ever. **Amen**

The Word of God

A reading from the book of Samuel

2 Samuel 18:9-10, 14, 24-25, 30-chapter 19:3

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 86:1-6

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

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Mark 5:21-end

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Sermon

Intercessions

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The Peace

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and also with you.

Offertory Hymn: For the Beauty of the Earth

- 1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 2 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flow'r, sun and moon and stars of light,
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 3 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.
- 4 For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
agent of God's grand design, peace on earth and joy in heaven.
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Prayer over the gifts

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**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

We receive Communion

Post Communion Prayer

Let us stand to pray:

Eternal God and Father, whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one, as he is one with you: Draw us closer to him, that in common love and obedience to you we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: All creatures of our God and King

1 All creatures of our God and King
Lift up your voice and with us sing,

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou burning sun with golden beam,

Thou silver moon with softer gleam!

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 And everyone of renewed heart,

Now cry aloud and take your part,

O sing ye! Alleluia!

We who long pain and sorrow share,

Praise God and on Him cast our care!

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 Let all things their Creator bless,

And worship Him in humbleness,

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father,

Praise the Son,

And praise the Spirit,

Three in One!

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Morning Prayer

Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 0830, Hotel Chapel

Preparation

(Stand)

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Let your ways be known upon earth,

your saving power among the nations.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.**

Amen.

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

- 1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, Holy, Holy! All the saints adore Thee
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea
cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee
who wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, Holy, Holy! Though the darkness hide Thee
though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see;
only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.
- 4 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty
all Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

Holy, Holy, Holy, merciful and mighty
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us; let us pray
with one heart and mind.

(Silence is kept)

**As we rejoice in the gift of this new day, so may the light of
your presence, O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. Amen.**

The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Genesis

Genesis 19:1-3, 12-29

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 119:1-32

**Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in
the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.**

Responsory

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may see the wonders of your law.

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may see the wonders of your law.

Lead me in the path of your commandments

that I may see the wonders of your law.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may see the wonders of your law.

A reading from the Gospel of Matthew

Matthew 27:45-56

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Canticle: Benedictus

(Stand)

**Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.**

**He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.**

**Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,**

**To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.**

**This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,**

**Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.**

**And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,**

**To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.**

**In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,**

**To shine on those who dwell in darkness
and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Let us pray to the Lord, saying,

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

Intercessions

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you that you have brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, order us in all our doings and guide us to do always what is righteous in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Our Father who art in heaven...

Conclusion

Hymn: Keep Me Near The Cross

1 Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all, a healing stream flows from Calvary's mountain

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever,
till my raptured soul shall find, rest beyond the river.*

2 Near the Cross, O Lamb of God, Bring its scenes before me,
Help me walk from day to day, With its shadows over me.

In the cross...

3 Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the bright and morning star sheds its beams around me

In the cross...

Blessing

The Lord bless us, and preserve us from all evil, and keep us in eternal life.

Amen

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Chrism Eucharist and Renewal of Vows

Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 1800, Awali Church (gold/white)

The focus of the service this morning is the renewal of Ordination Vows and the Blessing of the Oils.

It is the occasion in the year when the Bishop leads the people and clergy of the Diocese in a renewal of their ordination and baptismal promises to dedicate themselves to the service of Christ and his people.

In accordance with ancient practice this Eucharist is also the occasion on which the Bishop blesses the oils to be used in ministry during the coming year.

The Oil of the Sick: *this is blessed to be used, following the example of the apostles and the teaching of St James, in the Church's ministry to the sick and dying.*

The Oil of Baptism: *this oil, sometimes called the oil of the catechumens, is used to prepare those who are to be baptised. It is a sign of the grace of God leading them and strengthening their wills in his service.*

The Oil of Chrism: *this oil is the sign of the anointing of the Holy Spirit. Those who are baptised and confirmed are marked with the sign of the cross, symbolising their place in the royal and prophetic priesthood of Christ's Body.*

Gathering

Processional Hymn: Praise to the Lord the Almighty

- 1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, Now to His temple draw near;
Sing now in glad adoration!
- 2 Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Who, as on wings of an eagle, uplifteth, sustaineth.
Hast thou not seen How thy desires all have been
Granted in what He ordaineth?
- 3 Praise to the Lord, who has fearfully, wondrously, made thee!
Health has vouchsafed and, when heedlessly falling, has stayed thee.
What need or grief Ever hath failed of relief?
Wings of His mercy did shade thee.
- 4 Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee,
Who from the heavens the streams of His mercy doth send thee.
Ponder anew, What the Almighty can do,
Who with His love doth befriend thee.
- 5 Praise to the Lord! Oh, let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again;
Gladly for aye we adore Him.

President:

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

Peace be with you

and also with you.

We are gathered as a diocesan family: In unity, to glorify our Father in heaven; In humility, to serve the world in the love of Christ; In obedience, to go wherever the Spirit leads us.

As we prepare to meet with the Risen Christ in word and sacrament, and to renew our commitment to God's call, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought and word and deed, and in what we have left undone. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

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.**

Let us pray to the Lord for the ministry of all Christian people, and especially for the work of the Church in this diocese:

Silence for prayer

Heavenly Father, who anointed your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to the world the blessings of your kingdom: anoint your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and his victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; 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.**

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the Second Book of Samuel

2 Samuel 24:2, 9-17

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 32:1-8

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Gradual Hymn: Devapitha Yenthan Maipanallo

This song is written based on Psalm 23, following the style of traditional Tamil poetic form.

1 தேவ பிதா எந்தன் மேய்ப்பன் அல்லோ
சிறுமை தாழ்ச்சி அடைகிலனே
ஆவலதாய் என்னை பைம்புல் மேல்
அவர் மேய்த்தவர் நீர் அருளுகின்றார்
தேவ பிதா எந்தன் மேய்ப்பன் அல்லோ
சிறுமை தாழ்ச்சி அடைகிலனே

1 Devapitha yenthan maipanallo
Sirumaiyi thalchi adaikilanae
Aavalai yenai paipulmael
Avar maithavar neet arulukinrar

*Devapitha yenthan maipanallo
Sirumaiyi thalchi adaikilanae*

2 ஆத்துமம் தன்னை குளிரப்பண்ணி
அடியேன் கால்களை நீதியென்னும்
நேர்த்தியாம் பாதையில் அவர் நிமித்தம்
நிதமும் சுகமாய் நடத்துகின்றார்
தேவ பிதா எந்தன் மேய்ப்பன் அல்லோ
சிறுமை தாழ்ச்சி அடைகிலனே

3 சாநிழல் பள்ளத்திறங்கிடினும்
சற்றும் தீங்கு கண்டஞ்சேனே வானபரன்
என்னோடிருப்பார்
வளைதடியும் கோலுமே தேற்றும்
தேவ பிதா எந்தன் மேய்ப்பன் அல்லோ
சிறுமை தாழ்ச்சி அடைகிலனே

4 பகைவர்க் கெதிரே ஒரு பந்தி
பாங்காய் எனக்கென்றேர்ப்படுத்தி
சுக தைலம் கொண்டேன் தலையை
சுகமாய் அபிஷேகம் செய்குவார்
தேவ பிதா எந்தன் மேய்ப்பன் அல்லோ
சிறுமை தாழ்ச்சி அடைகிலனே

2. Athumam thananai kulirapanne
Adiyen kalkalai neethiyanum
Neerthiyam pathaiyil avar
nimitham
Nithamum sugamai nadatukinrar

*Devapitha yenthan maipanallo
Sirumaiyi thalchi adaikilanae*

3 Pagaivar kethirae oru panthi
Paangai yenakenyerpaduthi
Suga thailam kondaen thalaiyae
Sugamai abesakam seikuvar

*Devapitha yenthan maipanallo
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*Devapitha yenthan maipanallo
Sirumaiyi thalchi adaikilanae*

The Gospel

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 6:1-6a

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Affirmation of Vows

My brothers and sisters, at his Last Supper, our Lord Jesus Christ gave his disciples a new commandment, that they should love one another, and he prayed that they might be one. He gave them an everlasting sign of his own love, in the sacrament of bread and wine. He consecrated himself to his Father's service, to be the high priest of the New Covenant.

I invite you now to dedicate yourselves afresh to his service.

The Bishops STAND as Canon Chris Butt addresses them:

At your ordination as Bishops you received the gift of the Spirit, that you might lead the Church in mission, and send out ministers in Christ's name; that you might promote its unity, uphold its discipline, and guard its faith; and that you might teach and govern the people committed to your charge.

Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, watching over Christ's own flock, and building them up in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace?

The Bishops reply,

By the help of God, I will.

The Bishops remain standing and Bishop Sean invites the priests to STAND and says,

At your ordination to the priesthood, you were given authority to watch over and care for God's people, to absolve and bless them in his name, to proclaim the gospel of salvation, and to minister the sacraments of his New Covenant. Will you continue as faithful stewards of the mysteries of God, preaching the Gospel of Christ and ministering his holy sacraments?

The priests reply,

By the help of God, I will.

They remain standing. The Bishop invites the deacons to STAND and says,

At your ordination as a deacon, you received the yoke of Christ, who came not to be served but to serve. Will you continue faithfully in this ministry, to build up God's people in his truth, and serve them in his name?

The deacons and priests reply,

By the help of God, I will.

They remain standing. The Bishop invites the Readers, together with the licensed and authorised lay ministers, to STAND and says,

When you were commissioned, you undertook to be faithful in prayer, and by word and example to minister to those for whom Christ died. Will you do all that is in your power to witness to God's love for his people?

The Readers and the licensed and authorised lay ministers reply,

By the help of God, I will.

They remain standing. The Bishop invites all others to STAND, and says,

The Church is the body of Christ and to each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. Will you work together with one another and your ministers to promote the body's growth in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord, that we may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called us out of darkness into his marvellous light?

They reply,

By the help of God, we will.

Will you as the clergy and people of the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf accept the discipline of this Church and reverently obey your Bishop and other ministers set over you in the Lord, gladly accepting their pastoral direction and leadership?

All reply,

By the help of God, we will.

My brothers and sisters, let us pray for one another: Each a precious child of God and valued member of his mystical Body on earth. May our Heavenly Father fill us with the fullness of his love, so that by Christlike service we may be a sign of his love for the world; That by his Holy Spirit we may be a sign of his victory over sin and brokenness, That by his irrepressible life, we may be a sign of abundant living welling up to eternal life.

Amen.

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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 of 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, 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

Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

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

Let us offer our neighbour a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn: The Church's One Foundation

- 1 The Church's one foundation, Is Jesus Christ her Lord;
She is His new creation, By water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her, To be His holy Bride;
With His own blood He bought her, And for her life He died.
- 2 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.
- 3 'Mid toil and tribulation, And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation, Of peace for evermore;
Till, with the vision glorious, Her longing eyes are blest,
And the great Church victorious, Shall be the Church at rest.
- 4 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, In love may dwell with Thee.

Eucharist

Blessing of the Gifts

Open the heavens, Lord our God, and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts. May we who are baptised into Christ be ready to share his cup of suffering and be strengthened to serve him for ever. **Amen.**

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.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your servant Jesus Christ our Lord.

At his baptism he was revealed as your beloved Son and coming among us as one who serves, he taught that they are greatest in your kingdom who make themselves least and the servants of all. Although he was their teacher and their Lord, he washed the feet of his disciples, and commanded us to do the same.

Through your Holy Spirit you bestow upon your people a rich diversity of gifts and ministries, and from this royal priesthood you raise up men and women to proclaim your word, to care for your people and to be the stewards of the mysteries of Christ. You call

them to serve the world your Son redeemed and build up his body, the Church, to the greater glory of your name.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

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 Blessed Mary, mother of our Lord and God, 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.

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us, in the language of our choice

Our Father, who art in heaven...

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.

**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.**

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.**

We receive Communion and hymns are sung

Communion Hymns

I the Lord of Sea and Sky

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save.

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me, I will hold your people in my heart.*

- 2 I, who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? ...

- 3 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them, They turn away.

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? ...

- 4 I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone
I will speak my words to them, Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? ...

- 5 I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them, My hand will save.

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? ...

- 6 Finest bread I will provide, 'Til their hearts be satisfied
I will give my life to them, Whom shall I send?

Father We Love You

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- 1 Father we love You, We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name Glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 2 Jesus we love You, We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name Glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 3 Spirit we love You We worship and adore You
Glorify Thy name in all the earth Glorify Thy name
Glorify Thy name Glorify Thy name in all the earth
- 4 Your Name is Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God,
We lift up Your Name in all the earth. We lift up Your Name,
We lift up Your Name, We lift up Your Name in all the earth.

How Great Thou Art

- 1 O Lord my God, When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works, Thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy pow'r 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!*
- 2 When thru the woods And forest glades I wander
And hear the birds Sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down From lofty mountain grandeur
And hear the brook And feel the gentle breeze,

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee; ...
- 3 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!

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee; ...

4 When Christ shall come With shout of acclamation
And take me home, What joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow In humble adoration
And there proclaim, My God, how great Thou art!

Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee; ...

The Blessing of the Oils

The Oil for the Sick

Bishop: Lord God, our loving Father, you bring healing to the sick through your Son, Jesus Christ. Hear us as we pray in faith, and send your Holy Spirit, our helper and friend, upon this oil.

We ask you to bless those who will be anointed with it and heal them in body, mind and spirit.

Merciful Father, bless this oil for the ministry of healing, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Oil for the holy Chrism

Bishop: Father, we thank you for the gifts you have given us in your love. We thank you for life itself and for the sacraments that strengthen it and give it fuller meaning.

Under the old covenant you inspired your servants to use oil to set men apart as kings and priests; in the fullness of time, you anointed your perfect Son, Jesus Christ, as our eternal Priest and King.

By his suffering, dying and rising to life he saved the human race. He sent your Spirit to fill the Church with every gift needed to complete your saving work.

From that time forward, by anointing them with the Spirit, you strengthen all who are baptised. You transform them into the

likeness of Christ your Son, and give them a share in his prophetic, priestly and kingly work.

And so Father, by the power of your love, bless to our use this mixture of oil and perfume as a sign and means of your heavenly grace. Pour out the gifts of your Holy Spirit on those who will be anointed with it. Let the splendour of your holiness shine on the world from every place and thing signed with this oil.

Above all, Father, we pray that through this sign of your anointing you will grant increase to your Church until it attains to the eternal glory where you, Father, will be all in all, together with Christ your Son, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. Amen.

Lord God Almighty, we thank you for the strength you give us in these signs of grace and love. Renew in us the image of Christ's goodness, and equip us for his service. We ask this in the name of your great high priest, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sending out

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Recessional Hymn: The Golden Jubilee Hymn

Lyrics: Christopher M. Butt (b.1952), Dean of St Christopher's Cathedral Bahrain (2009-19)

Tune: *Ode to Joy*, final movement, 9th symphony, Ludwig van Beethoven (1770-1827)

1. Heavenly Father, as we gather,
thank you for the life we share.
You have blessed our life together
in the land of calls to prayer.
In our Golden Jubilee year,
give us rest, renew, restore;
grant us grace to persevere and
know your presence evermore.
2. Jesus, you have come among us,
welcomed, healed, restored and called;
in the land of Paul and Barnabas
bring your loving Word to all.
We are shaped by many nations
drawn from north, south, west and east,
shaping life and expectations,
foretaste of the heavenly feast.
3. Holy Spirit, come renew us
for the road that lies ahead.
Guide us, teach us, heal us, fill us;
strengthen us through wine and bread.
Give us all renewed compassion
for the lands in which we live.
Be as one in full communion,
sharing all we have to give.
4. Sing God's praises to the Father,
sing God's praises to the Son,
sing God's praises to the Spirit;
ever Three, but ever One.
God has called us, shaped us, led us,
gives us all we need to be
in the Gulf and land of Cyprus
in our Golden Jubilee.

Eucharist

Thursday 5 February 2026 at 0830, Hotel Chapel (green)

Gathering

Opening Hymn: Crown Him with Many Crowns

- 1 Crown Him with many crowns, The Lamb upon His throne;
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns All music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing Of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King Through all eternity.
- 2 Crown Him the Lord of Love: Behold His hands and side;
Rich wounds yet visible above In beauty glorified:
No angel in the sky Can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends his burning eye At mysteries so bright.
- 3 Crown Him the Lord of peace, Whose power a scepter sways
From pole to pole, that wars may cease, And all be prayer and praise.
His reign shall know no end, And round His pierced feet
Fair flowers of glory now extend Their fragrance ever sweet.
- 4 Crown Him the Lord of years, The Potentate of time.
Creator of the rolling spheres, Ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For Thou hast died for me;
Thy praise shall never, never fail Throughout eternity.

President:

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

And also with you

Words of introduction

As we prepare to celebrate this Eucharist, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

Silence for reflection

You came to save the world, not to condemn it. Lord, have mercy
Lord have mercy

You call sinners, not the righteous. Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

You plead for us at the right hand of the Father. Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Let us pray to the Lord.

Collect

God, who from of old taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Word of God

A reading from the First Book of the Kings

1 Kings 2:1-4

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm 145:1-5

Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

Glory to you, O Lord.

Mark 6:7-13

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers of intercession

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father:

Lord in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Intercessions

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you

and also with you.

Offertory Hymn: Saruva Logathiba Namaskaram

This song is a reverent hymn of worship and praise offered to the Triune God. It begins by honouring God the Father as the Lord of all worlds and the compassionate Creator who made the earth, sea, sky, living beings, and all creation. It then praises God the Son, acknowledging His holy incarnation as the Saviour of the world, who came to earth to give

life and redemption to humanity. The song also venerates the Holy Spirit as the supreme divine teacher who dwells invisibly within the hearts of believers and continually guides them. Finally, it glorifies the one God who is three in essence, the Lord of lords and an ocean of mercy, affirming faith in the eternal Trinity. Overall, the song expresses deep devotion, gratitude, and humble submission to God's divine nature and saving work.

1 சருவ லோகாதிபா, நமஸ்காரம்
சருவ சிருஷ்டிகளே, நமஸ்காரம்
தரை, கடல், உயிர், வான், சகலமும்
படைத்த தயாபர பிதாவே, நமஸ்காரம் x 2

1 Saruva Logathiba Namaskaram
saruva sirushtikanae,
namaskaaram
tharai, kadal, uyir,vaan,
sakalamum pataiththa thayaapara
pithaavae, namaskaaram x 2

2 திரு அவதாரா, நமஸ்காரம்
ஜெகத் திரட்சகளே, நமஸ்காரம்
தரணியில் மனுடர் உயிர் அடைந்தோங்கத்
தருவினில் மாண்டோர் நமஸ்காரம் x 2

2 thiru avathaaraa, namaskaaram
jekath thiratchakanae,
namaskaaram
tharanniyil manudar uyir
atainthongath
tharuvinil maanntoor
namaskaaram x 2

3 பரிசுத்த ஆவி, நமஸ்காரம்
பரம சற்குருவே, நமஸ்காரம்
அருபியாய் அடியார் அகத்தினில்
வசிக்கும்
அரியசித்தே சதா நமஸ்காரம் x 2

3 parisuththa aavi, namaskaaram
parama sarkuruvae, namaskaaram
aroopiyaay atiyar akaththinil
vasikkum ariyasiththae sathaa
namaskaaram x 2

4 முத்தொழிலோனே, நமஸ்காரம்
மூன்றிலொன்றோனே, நமஸ்காரம்
கர்த்தாதி கர்த்தா, கருணாசமுத்திரா,
நித்திய திரியேகா, நமஸ்காரம் x 2

4 muththolilonae, namaskaaram
moontilontonaе, namaskaaram
karththaathi karththaa,
karunnaasamuththiraa,
niththiya thiriyaekaa, namaskaaram
x 2

Prayer over the gifts

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them

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

When supper was ended he took a cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people; Gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom here on earth as it is in heaven:

Our Father who art in heaven...

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.

**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.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.**

We receive Communion and songs are sung

Song: Father God I wonder

يا أبانا لست ادري كيف كان عمري يجري دون ان ادرك انك انت ابي
لكني الآن ابنك انت ترعاني بحبك فلن أخاف أبدا لأنك تمسك يميني
سأسبحك واهتف لك للابد أنا لك للابد

Father God I wonder, how I managed to exist
Without the knowledge of your parenthood, And your loving care.

But now I am your child, I am adopted in your family
And I will never be alone cause, Father God you're there beside me.

And I will sing your praises, I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises, Forevermore.

And I will, sing your praises, I will sing your praises,
I will sing your praises, Forevermore.

Post Communion Prayer

Let us stand to pray:

Eternal God and Father, whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one, as he is one with you: Draw us closer to him, that in common love and obedience to you we may be united to one another in the fellowship of the one Spirit, that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Blessing

The Lord be with you.

and also with you.

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Closing Hymn: Tell Out My Soul

- 1 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word –
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
- 2 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;

his mercy sure, from age to age the same –
his holy name: the Lord, the Mighty One.

- 3 Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by;
proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.
- 4 Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure:
tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

Evening Prayer

Thursday 5 February 2026 at 1830 (Hotel)

O God, make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever.**

Amen. Alleluia!

The day is almost over, and the evening has come;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept

**As our evening prayer rises before you, O God, so may your
Spirit come down upon us to set us free to sing your praise for
ever and ever. Amen.**

Hymn: At Evening ere the Sun Was Set

- 1 At evening, ere the sun was set,
The sick, O Lord, around Thee lay;
O, with how many pains they met!
O, with what joy they went away!
- 2 Once more 'tis eventide, and we,
Oppressed with various ills, draw near;
What if Thyself we cannot see?
We know that Thou art ever near.
- 3 O Saviour Christ, our woes dispel;
For some are sick, and some are sad;

And some have never loved Thee well,
And some have lost the love they had.

4 And some have found the world is vain,
Yet from the world they break not free;
And some have friends who give them pain,
Yet have not sought a friend in Thee.

5 O Saviour Christ, Thou too art man;
Thou has been troubled, tempted, tried;
Thy kind but searching glance can scan
The very wounds that shame would hide.

6 Thy touch has still its ancient power.
No word from Thee can fruitless fall;
Hear, in this solemn evening hour,
And in Thy mercy heal us all.

The Word of God

A reading from the Book of Hosea

Hosea 11:12-end of 12

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalms 16

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.

A reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians

1 Corinthians 14.2-end

For the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Silence

Responsory

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may see the wonders of your law.

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may see the wonders of your law.

Lead me in the path of your commandments

that I may see the wonders of your law.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

Open my eyes, O Lord, that I may see the wonders of your law.

Canticle: Magnificat

My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour;
he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.

**From this day all generations will call me blessed;
the Almighty has done great things for me
and holy is his name.**

He has mercy on those who fear him,
from generation to generation.

**He has shown strength with his arm
and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**

Casting down the mighty from their thrones
and lifting up the lowly.

**He has filled the hungry with good things
and sent the rich away empty.**

He has come to the aid of his servant Israel,
to remember his promise of mercy,

**The promise made to our ancestors,
to Abraham and his children for ever.**

**Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Intercessions

Let us pray to the Lord, saying:

Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.

Intercessions

Everlasting God, in the company of those who have carried the good news of your Son to the people of the world, grant that we may know the hope of the gospel in our hearts and manifest this light in all our ways; 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.**

Rejoicing in God's new creation, let us pray as our Saviour has taught us

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Conclusion

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Abide With Me

- 1 Abide with me! fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me.
- 2 Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.
- 3 Come not in terrors, as the King of kings;
But kind and good, with healing in Thy wings:
Tears for all woes, a heart for every plea;
Come, Friend of sinners, thus abide with me.
- 4 I need Thy presence every passing hour:
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, oh, abide with me.
- 5 I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness:
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.
- 6 Hold now thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Compline

Monday 2 February 2026 at 2200

Tuesday 3 February 2026 at 2100

Wednesday 4 February 2026 at 2200

Thursday 5 February 2026 at 2100

Preparation

Stand

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and a perfect end. **Amen.**

Our help is in the name of the Lord

Who made heaven and earth.

A period of silence for reflection on the past day

Most merciful God, we confess to you, before the whole company of heaven and one another, that we have sinned in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do. Forgive us our sins, heal us by your Spirit and raise us to new life in Christ. Amen.

O God make speed to save us.

O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Hymn

**Before the ending of the day,
creator of the world, we pray,
that you with steadfast love, would keep
your watch around us while we sleep.**

**From evil dreams defend our sight,
from fears and terrors of the night;
tread underfoot our deadly foe
that we no sinful thought may know.**

**O Father, that we ask be done
through Jesus Christ, your only Son;
and Holy Spirit, by whose breath
our souls are raised to life from death. Amen.**

The Word of God

Sit

Psalmody

The appointed psalms from the lectionary are recited, concluding with

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.

Scripture reading

The appointed reading from the lectionary, or

Be sober, be vigilant, because your adversary the devil is prowling round like a roaring lion, seeking for someone to devour. Resist him, strong in the faith. (1 Peter, 5: 8-9)

or

You, O Lord, are in the midst of us and we are called by your name; leave us not, O Lord our God. (Jeremiah 14, 9)

or

The servants of the Lamb shall see the face of God, whose name will be on their foreheads. There will be no more night: they will not need to light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for God will be their light, and they will reign for ever and ever. (*Revelation 22, 4-5*)

Responsory

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

For you have redeemed me, Lord God of truth.

I commend my spirit.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

Keep me as the apple of your eye.

Hide me under the shadow of your wings

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Canticle: Nunc Dimittis

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace: your work has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people; A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and shall be for ever. Amen.**

**Save us, O Lord, while waking,
and guard us while sleeping,
that awake we may watch with Christ,
and asleep may rest in peace.**

Prayers of intercession

Let us commend ourselves, and all for whom we pray, to the mercy and protection of God.

Silence is kept.

Prayers may then be offered, ending with the

Collect

Be present, O merciful God, and protect us through the silent hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of this fleeting world, may rest upon your eternal changelessness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

or

Look down, O God, from your heavenly home, and illuminate the darkness of this night with your celestial brightness, and from the children of light banish the deeds of darkness; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

or

Visit this place and all our homes, O Lord, we pray, and drive far from them the snares of the enemy; may you holy angels dwell with us and guard us in peace, and may your blessing be always upon us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

As we come to the ending of the day, let us pray as our Redeemer has taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven...

Conclusion

In peace we will lie down and sleep;

for you alone, Lord, make us dwell in safety.

Abide with us, Lord Jesus,

for the night is at hand and the day is now past.

As the night-watch looks for the morning,

so do we look for you, O Christ.

Come with the dawning of the day

and make yourself known in the breaking of the bread.

The Lord bless us and watch over us: the Lord make his face to shine upon us and be gracious to us; the Lord look kindly on us and give us peace.

Amen.



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2 February 2026—Synod Opening Eucharist at St Christopher's Cathedral in Bahrain at 1530 (local time)

4 February 2026—Chrism Eucharist at Awali Church, Bahrain at 1800 (local time)