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THE EUCHARIST

WITH

THE LICENSING OF
THE REVD VINOD VICTOR
AS
CHAPLAIN OF THE
ANGLICAN CHURCH OF FREIBURG

President:

The Venerable Dr Leslie Nathaniel
Archdeacon of Germany and Northern Europe and the East

The Third Sunday of Advent
December 12, 2021
11:00 hrs

ORDER OF SERVICE

THE GATHERING

OPENING

All stand

MUSIC

The president and the other ministers enter.

OPENING

1 O come, O come, Immanuel,

HYMN

and ransom captive Israel
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel
shall come to you, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell your people save,
and give them victory o'er the grave. Refrain

3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine Advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight. Refrain

4 O come, O Key of David, come
and open wide our heavenly home.
Make safe for us the heavenward road
and bar the way to death's abode. Refrain

5 O come, O come, great Lord of might,
who to your tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times did give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe. Refrain

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PRESIDENT 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 president greets the people, welcomes Revd Vinod and family as well as guests and introduces the liturgy.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE AND WORDS BY CHILDREN

CHILD 1 We have lit the candles of Hope and Peace
and relight them now to remind us that our hope is in Christ
and that he will come again to bring peace to the world.

CHILD 2 Now we light the third candle, the candle of Joy,
as we remember the angel's words to the shepherds, "Do not be afraid.
I am bringing you good news of great joy for all people."
We light it so that all may know the joy of Jesus Christ. We light it
in honour of those who show us the joy of following Christ.

REVD VINOD VICTOR Let us pray - God of Good News, as we
await your coming we give you thanks for the joy we have in Christ Jesus.
May all who seek such joy find it. For all who have ceased to believe in its
possibility, may you work through us to show your joy already present.
Amen.

ALL CHILDREN Come, God of Joy, come.
ALL **Come, God of Joy, come.**

The congregation is now invited to confession of their sins.

ALL ***Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,
in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all
our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness***

of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

THE PRESIDENT SAYS THE ABSOLUTION

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.

All remain standing for a brief period of silent prayer.

COLLECT

PRESIDENT God our Father, Lord of all the world, through your Son you have called us into the fellowship of your universal Church. Hear our prayer for your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry each may be an instrument of your love and give your servant Vinod now to be licensed the needful gifts of grace; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

ALL

Amen.

All sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zephaniah 3.14-20 *read by Christine Ghinn*

A reading from the book of Zephaniah

14 Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! 15 The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has turned away your enemies. The king of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear disaster no more. 16 On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak. 17 The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing 18 as on a day of festival. I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not

bear reproach for it. 19 I will deal with all your oppressors at that time. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth. 20 At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you; for I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes, says the LORD.

This is the word of the Lord.

ALL

Thanks be to God.

**GRADUAL
HYMN**

1 Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.

2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!

3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

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4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

GOSPEL READING

Luke 3:7-18, *read by the Rev'd Vinod Victor*

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

ALL

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁷ John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸ Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor’; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.” ¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What then should we do?” ¹¹ In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³ He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.” ¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” ¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL

Praise to you, O Christ.

All sit

SERMON

THE PRESIDENT

INDIAN LYRIC

sung by Molly, Giji and Dorothy

THE LICENSING

All stand. The Representatives of the Chaplaincy (the wardens) present the priest to be licensed to the president:

WARDENS Archdeacon Leslie, we present to you The Revd Vinod Victor to be licensed for his work as Chaplain of the Anglican Church of Freiburg. We ask you now to do all that is necessary in order to issue to him the Bishop's Licence, so that he may begin his work and ministry among us.

PRESIDENT I am happy to do so.

The president addresses the Congregation:

To serve and lead Christ's people in their worship, mission and ministry is a privilege and a joy. It is also a great responsibility. Revd Vinod Victor has already been selected and approved for this office, but before he is admitted, both you and Revd Vinod must affirm your allegiance to Christ and your commitment to each other.

PRESIDENT Will you accept Revd Vinod as your priest here in Freiburg?

ALL **We will.**

PRESIDENT Will you pray with and for him, will you be attentive to the Word of God, regular in public worship and in private prayer and faithful in receiving holy communion?

ALL **We will.**

PRESIDENT Will you uphold Revd Vinod in his ministry?

ALL **We will.**

PRESIDENT Will you endeavour so to live and work that others may be led to honour Christ and find their place at his table?

ALL **We will.**

PRESIDENT Will you actively seek the unity of Christian people so that the world may believe?

ALL **We will.**

The Representatives of the chaplaincy return to their places.

The congregation sits. The priest faces the president.

PRESIDENT Vinod, you have heard the commitment of the people of this chaplaincy. Will you for your part accept the responsibility

Christ lays on you today to work with Bishop David, to work with me, and all your fellow priests as servant and shepherd?

PRIEST I will.

PRESIDENT Will you proclaim the word of the Lord, call your hearers to repentance; in Christ's name absolve, and declare the forgiveness of sins? Will you baptise and prepare the baptised for confirmation?

PRIEST I will.

PRESIDENT Will you preside at the celebration of the Holy Communion, lead your people in prayer worship, intercede for them, and teach and encourage by word and example? Will you minister to the sick and prepare the dying for their death?

PRIEST I will.

PRESIDENT Will you set the Good Shepherd always before yourself as the pattern of your calling, for the people committed to your charge and joining them in a common witness to the world?

PRIEST I will.

PRESIDENT You must now declare your belief in the Christian faith as the Church of England has received it and make the oath of canonical obedience.

THE PREFACE TO THE DECLARATION OF ASSENT

PRESIDENT The Church of England is part of the one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. It professes the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, it has borne witness to Christian truth in its historic formularies, the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion, the Book of Common Prayer, and the

Ordering of Bishops, Priests and Deacons. In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to this inheritance of faith as your guide and inspiration under God in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making him known to those in your care?

DECLARATION OF ASSENT

PRIEST I, Vinod Victor, do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the holy Scriptures and set forth in the catholic creeds and to which the historic formularies of the Church of England bear witness; and in public prayer and administration of the sacraments, I will use only the forms of service which are authorised or allowed by Canon.

The priest is given a Bible to hold in his right hand. He faces the congregation.

OATH OF ALLEGIANCE

PRIEST I, Vinod Victor do swear by Almighty God that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, her heirs and successors, according to law: So help me God.

The priest still holding the Bible turns to face the Archdeacon.

OATH OF CANONICAL OBEDIENCE

PRIEST I, Vinod Victor, do swear by Almighty God that I will pay true canonical obedience to the Lord Bishop of Gibraltar in Europe and his successors, in all things lawful and honest: So help me God.

The priest puts down the Bible and signs the Declaration of Oaths document. The President then signs the same document as witness. After which he signs the licence.

The priest stands in front of the president who reads the licence and gives it to him,.

PRESIDENT Receive the cure of souls which is both yours and the Bishop's, in the name of the Father and of the and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

PRESIDENT May God who has called you and moved you to

make these promises fill you with his grace that you may perform them faithfully. **Amen.**

The president leads the priest to the customary stall and says:

PRESIDENT The Lord bless you and watch over you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord look kindly upon you and give you his peace. **Amen.**

THE REDEDICATION OF THE MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

PRESIDENT Now that Vinod Victor has been instituted and licensed as Chaplain of the Anglican Church of Freiburg, Germany, I invite representatives to come forward for the Affirmation of Ministry, but first let us pray.

Gracious God, we praise and glorify you, because in your infinite love you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church, that, sharing in the ministry of our Saviour Christ, we might be witnesses of what he has done for us.

ALL **Gracious God, we praise and glorify you.**

Members of the congregation come forward to address the new minister.

Offering the Water for Baptism, Brian Jahnke says:

Vinod, be among us as a priest who rejoices to bring new Christians to baptism and to share with them the Living Water, Jesus Christ himself.

ALL **Together, by God's grace, we will grow in our faith and discipleship.**

Offering the Oil of Healing, Friederike Funda-Ucheh says:

Vinod, be among us as a reconciler, showing God's forgiveness and healing.

ALL **Together, by God's grace, we will be a Christ-like community of love.**

Offering a Bible Wolfgang Hochbruck says:

Vinod, be among us as a priest who studies the Scriptures, proclaims the Word and explores the faith.

ALL

Together, by God's grace, we will tell the good news of Christ to the world.

Offering a Stole and the Book of Common Worship, Cindy Wyneken says:

Vinod, be among us as a pastor and priest, offering the Church's liturgy and interceding for God's people.

ALL

Together, by God's grace, we will worship God in spirit and in truth.

Offering Bread and Wine, Mirna Jahnke says:

Vinod, be among us as to preside at the Eucharist, when we celebrate the Lord's death and resurrection.

ALL

Together, by God's grace, we will seek to be the living body of Christ.

Offering a Symbol of Music, Hans Hänle says:

Vinod, be among us as a priest using the power of music to deepen our understanding of God's Word:

ALL

Together, by God's grace, we will worship the Lord in the beauty of Holiness

Offering a Symbol of Ministry with Young People, Ralph Ucheh says:

The Lord promises his Spirit to old and young alike. Vinod, be among us as one who will encourage the ministry of children and young people and of those who minister with them.

ALL

Together, by God's grace, we will value the vision of our young people and nurture the faith of our children.

Offering a Symbol for the Local Community, William Teale says:

The Anglican Church of Freiburg is open to serve the community of people of multiple cultures. Vinod, be among us, sharing our vision of a multi-cultural church, reaching out to those who are fragile and struggling

in life, those who are sick and those without hope, that our churches be a visible place of welcome and transformation.

ALL **Together, by God's grace, we will work for His Kingdom.**

Offering a Symbol of Ecumenism, Helen Rose Wilson says:

Vinod be among us as one who works with local Christians, strengthening our church-to-church relationships.

ALL **Together by God's grace we will proclaim Christ crucified to our local community.**

CHAPLAIN I pledge myself to do God's will in all things, to care for the community that gathers here, to share with them the Word of God work of ministry, to celebrate with them the sacraments of the new covenant, and to encourage them in their discipleship. Together may we make this a place where Christian people are equipped for their life and witness in God's world.

ALL **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

All stand

CHAPLAIN We pray for the coming of God's kingdom, saying:
Father, by your Spirit,

ALL **bring in your kingdom.**

CHAPLAIN You came in Jesus to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to the captives, and salvation to your people: anoint us with your Spirit; rouse us to work in his name.

Father, by your Spirit,

ALL **bring in your kingdom.**

CHAPLAIN Send us to bring help to the poor and freedom to

the oppressed. Father, by your Spirit,
ALL **bring in your kingdom.**

CHAPLAIN Send us to tell the world the good news of your
healing love. Father, by your Spirit,
ALL **bring in your kingdom.**

CHAPLAIN Send us to those who mourn, to bring joy and
gladness instead of grief. Father, by your Spirit,
ALL **bring in your kingdom.**

CHAPLAIN Send us to safeguard the integrity of creation and
sustain and renew the life of the earth. Father, by your Spirit,
ALL **bring in your kingdom.**

CHAPLAIN Send us to proclaim that the time is here for you
to save your people. Father, by your Spirit,
ALL **bring in your kingdom.**

PRESIDENT Lord of the Church
ALL **hear our prayer, and make us one in heart and
mind, to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

All stand

PRESIDENT The peace of the Lord be always with you.
ALL **And also with you.**

CHAPLAIN Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All share the peace with folded hands, bowing to one another or with another sign language or simply by saying softly "peace be with you".

HYMN

Take my life, and let it be,
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move,
At the impulse of Thy love;
Take my feet and let them be,
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

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Take my voice, and let me sing;
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
filled with messages from Thee.

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We will take a collection at the door at the end of the service, or alternatively, please
make a transfer to the chaplaincy bank account, marked accordingly.*

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have
this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands
have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

ALL **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have
this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It
will become for us the cup of salvation.

ALL **Blessed be God for ever.**

All remain standing. An authorised Eucharistic Prayer is used.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

PRESIDENT The Lord be with you.
ALL **And also with you.**

PRESIDENT Lift up your hearts.
ALL **We lift them to the Lord.**
PRESIDENT Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
ALL **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The president praises God for his mighty acts.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being. You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own. Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace. As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and singing/saying:

ALL **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.**

All sit as the president recalls the Last Supper,

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness. Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

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

Great is the mystery of faith:

ALL **Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight. Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high. Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with St. Katherine of Siena and all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence

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

PRESIDENT

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

ALL

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president says this invitation to communion:

PRESIDENT God's holy gifts for God's holy people.
ALL **Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

The Church of England invites to Holy Communion all baptised persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity.

ORGAN / CHOIR MUSIC

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

PRESIDENT We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts;
kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may
shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever.
ALL **Amen.**

The chaplain briefly addresses the congregation and gives any notices.

*Brief words of welcome from local Ecumenical representatives:
PfarrerIn Andrea Eichele, Schuldekan Dr. Christian Stahmann, Robin Hall and
Pfarrer Gehard Ruisch.*

*Final words of greeting by Iris Gertschar, Vacancy Representative and Warden of
the Anglican Chaplaincy of Freiburg.*

ACCLAMATION

All stand

PRESIDENT There are varieties of gifts,
ALL **but the same Spirit.**
PRESIDENT There are varieties of service,
ALL **but the same Lord.**
PRESIDENT There are different kinds of working,
ALL **but the same God is at work in all.**
PRESIDENT There is one body, one Spirit,
one hope in God's call;

ALL **one Lord, one faith, one baptism.**
PRESIDENT There is one God, Father of all, over all and in all,
ALL **to whom Christ ascended on high.**
PRESIDENT And through his Spirit he gives us gifts:
ALL **some are apostles, some are his prophets;**
PRESIDENT evangelists, pastors and teachers he gives us,
ALL **so that we can minister together**
PRESIDENT to build up his body,
ALL **to be mature in the fullness of Christ.**

BLESSING

PRESIDENT Almighty God, who for the salvation of humankind
gives to his people many gifts and ministries to the advancement of his
glory, stir up in you the gifts of his grace, sustain each one of you in your
own ministry; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and
the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.

ALL **Amen.**

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

FINAL HYMN

1 Guide me, O my great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but you are mighty;
hold me with your powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore,
feed me now and evermore.

2 Open now the crystal fountain,
where the healing waters flow.
Let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,

ever be my strength and shield,
ever be my strength and shield.

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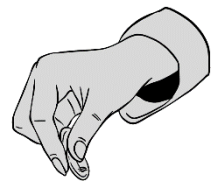
3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside.
Death of death, and hell's Destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises
I will ever sing to you,
I will ever sing to you.

CLOSING MUSIC

The president and the other ministers depart.

Thank you for being with us today! We would have loved to share celebratory drinks, but unfortunately this is not possible under the current circumstances. There will be a Welcome Party for the Victor family at some point in the coming year, where we'd love you to join!

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