Dioceses of Kimberley & Kuruman and Oxford



2023 Summit

11-14 October



"Encourage one another and build each other up" (1 Thess. 5:13)

The Eucharist

For the Kimberley and Kuruman/Oxford Link Summit 2023



Celebrating Together
In St Cyprians Cathedral, Kimberley
In St Mary's Church, Thame
In St Peter's Church, Wrenchville
In Diocesan Church House, Oxford

Wherever you are gathered you are most welcome to this service of Holy Communion, the inaugural event for our Link Summit which is being held between our two Dioceses.

Despite the events of the past few years that have separated us and delayed this Summit we are excited that the advances in our understanding and use of technology enable us to worship together in person and online today and to meet and study over the next few days.

If you would like to join us for prayer, study, worship and conversation, please visit the Diocese of Oxford website for a link.

The Gathering

The Bishop of Kimberley gathers the people Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you and also with you.

The service is introduced by Bishop Brian in Kimberley, and there follows a word of introduction from those gathered in Kuruman, Oxford and Thame.

Following this Bishop Brian continues

Praise the Lord

Praise him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Blessed be his Name, now and forever

Hymn

- 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!
- 2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heav'n along, O praise Him! Alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice, ye lights of ev'ning, find a voice, O praise Him, O praise Him! alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 3. And all ye men of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia! Ye who long pain and sorrow bear, praise God and on Him cast your care; O praise Him, O praise Him! alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
- 4. 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!

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Confession

The Confession is introduced from the Thame Hub by Bishop Steven and led by members of the congregation speaking from the different Hubs

Lord God, our maker and our redeemer, this is your world and we are your people: come among us and save us.

We have wilfully misused your gifts of creation; Lord, be merciful: forgive us our sin.

from Kuruman

Re ile ra bona batho ba bangwe ba tshwarwa makgwakgwa mme re ne re sa ba thuse;
Morena, nna kutlwelobotlhoko:

Mme o re itshwarele melato ya rona.

We have seen the ill-treatment of others and have not gone to their aid;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

from Church House Oxford
We have condoned evil and dishonesty
and failed to strive for justice;
Lord, be merciful:

forgive us our sin.

from Kimberley

Ons het die goeie nuus van Christus gehoor, maar nagelaat om dit met ander te deel; Here, wees ons genadig:

Vergewe ons ons sonde.

We have heard the good news of Christ, but have failed to share it with others; Lord, be merciful: forgive us our sin.

Bishop Steven from Thame
We have not loved you with all our heart,
nor our neighbours as ourselves;
Lord, be merciful:
forgive us our sin.

The Absolution given in English (by Bishop Steven) and Tswana (by Rev Vusi Mabuza)

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Modimo yo o neng a rata
lefatshe mo go kalo
gore o romele Morwawe
go tla go nna Mmoloki wa rona
o re itshwarele dibe tsa rona
le go re dira boitshepo
go mo direla mo lefatsheng,
ka Jesu Keresete Morena wa rona.

Amen

The Collect

Read in Tswana from the Kuruman Hub

Mothatiyotlhe le Modimo yo tshwaro,
O tsamaile le batho ba gago ka metlha yotlhe mo dipakeng tse di fetileng
mo tseleng ya bone ya tumelo le lorato.
Tsamaya le rona jaaka re tsamaya mmogo
mo Efangeling ya go batla go rotloetsana le go agana.
Tshegofatsa Daesese ya Kimberley le Kuruman le Daesese ya Oxford;
gore mmogo re tlhomame mo loratong la gago
jaaka fa re sokololelwa mo setshwanong sa gago.
Ka Morwao Jesu Kreste Morena le Mopholosi wa rona.
Amen

Almighty and gracious God you have journeyed with your people throughout history on their path of faith and love; journey with us as we walk together in the gospel seeking to encourage one another and to build one another up. Bless the Dioceses of Kimberley and Kuruman and of Oxford, that we may be anchored in your love as we are transformed in your likeness, through your son Jesus Christ our Lord and Saviour. Amen

Almagtige en genadige God,
U het deur die geskiedenis saam met U mense
gereis op hulle pad van geloof en liefde;
reis saam met ons terwyl ons saam in die evangelie
wandel en probeer om mekaar aan te moedig en om mekaar op te bou.
Seën die Bisdomme van Kimberley en Kuruman en van Oxford,
dat ons geanker mag wees in u liefde
soos ons in u gelykenis verander word
deur u seun Jesus Christus ons Here en Verlosser.
Amen

Thixo Somandla onobabalo, uhambile nabantu bakho ngamaxesha onke kwindlela yabo yokholo nothando; hamba nathi njengokuba sikunye kule Vangeli sifuna ukukhuthazana nokwakhana.
Sikelela leDayosisi yaseKimbali neKurumani kwakunye neyase-Oxford, Ukuze similiselwe eluthandweni lwakho nenguquko ngokomfanekiso wakho, ngaye uYesu Krestu iNkosi yethu noMsindisi.
Amen.

New Testament Reading 1 Thess 5:1-11

Read in English from the Oxford Hub

5 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. ² For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. ³ When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! ⁴ But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; ⁵ for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; ⁷ for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk

get drunk at night. ⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. ⁹ For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁰ who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. ¹¹ Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

Hymn

- 1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart; be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art; be Thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.
- 2. Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word; be Thou ever with me and I with Thee, Lord; be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son, be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
- 3. Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight; be Thou my whole Armor, be Thou my true Might; be Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tow'r, O raise Thou me heav'nward, great Pow'r of my pow'r.
- 4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, be Thou mine inheritance, now and always; be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart, O High King of heaven, my Treasure Thou art.
- 5. High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys, after vict'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be Thou my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Gospel reading Luke 12:15-26 read in Afrikaans from Kimberley

¹⁵ And he said to them, 'Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.' ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: 'The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, "What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?" ¹⁸ Then he said, "I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." ²⁰ But God said to him, "You fool! This very night your life is being demanded

of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?" ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich towards God.' ²² He said to his disciples, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat, or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ For life is more than food, and the body more than clothing. ²⁴ Consider the ravens: they neither sow nor reap, they have neither storehouse nor barn, and yet God feeds them. Of how much more value are you than the birds! ²⁵ And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁶ If then you are not able to do so small a thing as that, why do you worry about the rest?

Sermon – Bishop Olivia

The Creed

Led from Kuruman

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Intercessions

Led by Revd Vusi Mabuza in Thame

Song

Mayenziwe 'ntando yakho. Your will be done on earth, O Lord. Your will be done on earth, O Lord.

The Peace

Led by +Brian in Kimberley

We are the body of Christ.
In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be with you always **Peace be with you**

Hymn/Song

Masithi: amen siakudumisa. Masithi: amen siakudumisa. Masithi: amen bawo, amen bawo, amen siakudumisa.

The Taking of Bread and Wine

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes 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 offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes for the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

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

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, and proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. As we look for his coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup his one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lords's Prayer

Each says the Lord's Prayer in the language of their heart.

The Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?

We, who are many, are one body, for we all partake in one bread.

The Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies.

We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy.

Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The presidents and people receive communion. During and after communion, the Kimberley Children's Choir will sing three pieces: 'Indodana', Brahms' 'O Bone Jesu', and 'A Joyful Song'

The Conclusion

Led from Kimberley

Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Closing words from Bishop Steven in Thame

The Blessing

Given from Kimberley by Bishop Brian

God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

From Thame Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

From Kuruman Tsamayang ka Kagiso, go rata le go direla Morena From Kimberley Gaan in vrede om die Here lief te hê en te dien

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

Hymn

1. Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

- 2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest; sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]
- 3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

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1 Thessalonians 5.1-11

Aangaande die tye en seisoene, my broers, het julle nie nodig dat aan julle geskryf word nie, want julle weet self goed dat die dag van יהוה kom net soos 'n dief in die nag. Wanneer hulle sal sê: "Daar is vrede en stilte," dan sal 'n onverwagte vernietiging op hulle afkom soos geboortepyne op 'n swanger vrou en hulle sal nie ontsnap nie, maar julle, broers, is nie in die duister nie sodat dié dag julle nie soos 'n dief sou oorval nie. Julle is almal kinders van die lig en kinders van die dag en julle is nie kinders van die nag en ook nie kinders van die duisternis nie. Laat ons daarom nie slaap soos die ander nie, maar laat ons waaksaam en nugter wees, want die wat slaap, slaap in die nag en die wat dronk is, is in die nag dronk, maar ons wat van die kinders van die dag is, laat ons waaksaam in ons gedagtes wees; trek voortdurend die borsplaat van vertroue en liefde aan en die helm van die versekerde verwagting van lewe, want God het ons nie bestem tot toorn nie, maar om die lewe te verkry in ons Meester, Yeshua, Die Gesalfde Een; Hy wat in ons plek gesterf het sodat ons, of ons lewe en of ons doodgaan, in eenheid met Hom kan lewe. As gevolg hiervan, versterk en vertroos mekaar en bou die een die ander op, soos julle ook doen.

Jaanong, bakaulengwe, ga go batlege gore lo kwalelwe ka ga dipaka le dinako; gonne lona ka losi lo itse sentle gore letsatsi la Morena le tla tla fela jaaka legodu bosigo. Gonne e tla re go twe: "Go kagiso le polokego!" ke gona tshenyego e tla ba welang ka tshoganyetso, jaaka ditlhabi di wela mosadi yo moimana, mme ga ba kitla ba falola. Mme lona, bakaulengwe, ga lo mo lefifing, mo letsatsi leo le ka lo welang jaaka legodu. Nnyaya, lona lotlhe lo bana ba lesedi le bana ba letsatsi; ga re ba bosigo le e seng ba lefifi. Ka moo he a re se robaleng jaaka ba bangwe, mme a re nneng re thantse, re nne tekano; gonne ba ba robetseng ba robetse bosigo, le ba ba tagilweng ba tagilwe bosigo. Mme rona ba re leng ba letsatsi, a re nneng tekano, re apere sefemela-sehuba sa tumelo le sa lorato, le tsholofelo ya phologo go nna kuane ya phemelo. Gonne Modimo ga o a re beela bogale, mme o re beetse go bona phologo ka Morena wa rona Jesu Keresete yo o re swetseng gore le fa re tsogile gongwe re robetse, re phele mmogo nae. Ka moo gomotsanyang lo agane jaaka lo ntse lo dira.

Ke kaloku ngawo amaxesha namathuba, bazalwana, akufuneki nganto ukuba ndinibhalele; kuba nani ngokwenu niyazi ngokucacileyo, ukuba imini yeNkosi, njengesela ebusuku, yenjenjalo ukuza kwayo. Kuba xenikweni baya kuthi, Luxolo nokunqaba, oko baya kufikelwa yintshabalaliso ngebhaqo, kwanjengenimba komithiyo; baye bengayi kukha basinde. Ke nina, bazalwana, ànisebumnyameni, ukuba imini leyo iniqubule njengesela. Nonke nina ningabokukhanya, abemini; asingabobusuku, asingabobumnyama. Ngoko ke masingalali, njengabanye aba; masiphaphe sibe ziingcathu. Kuba abaleleyo balala ebusuku; nabanxilayo banxila ebusuku. Ke thina bangabemini masibe ziingcathu; masinxibe isigcina-sifuba sokholo nothando, nesigcinantloko esilithemba losindiso. Ngokuba uThixo akasimiselanga ngqumbo; usimisele ukuzuza usindiso ngayo iNkosi yethu uYesu Kristu; owasifelayo, ukuze nokuba sihleli, nokuba silele, sidle ubomi kwakunye naye. Kungoko ndithi, Thuthuzelanani, nákhane, kwanjengokuba nisenjenjalo.