



EUCHARIST

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023

9.00AM

WELCOME TO SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL

A MEMBER OF THE



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During the service, a collection will be taken for the maintenance, mission and worship of the Cathedral.

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EUCCHARIST

Please stand as the President enters.

THE GATHERING

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

The President welcomes the congregation and introduces the celebration.

THE PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

**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 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.

All Amen.

Please remain standing.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

**All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen.**

Please remain standing.

THE COLLECT

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you have made us for yourself,
and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you:
pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself,
and so bring us at last to your heavenly city
where we shall see you face to face;
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.

All Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit.

FIRST READING

Ezekiel 18.1-4, 25-end

Read by **the Duty Verger**

A reading from the Book of Prophet Ezekiel.

The word of the LORD came to me: What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? As I live, says the Lord God, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 25.1-8

The response is:

Make me to know your ways, O Lord.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
O my God, in you I trust;
let me not be put to shame;
let not my enemies triumph over me. **R**

Let none who look to you be put to shame,
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
Make me to know your ways, O Lord,
and teach me your paths. **R**

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation;
for you have I hoped all the day long. **R**

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are from everlasting.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love. **R**

Gracious and upright is the Lord;
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
He will guide the humble in doing right
and teach his way to the lowly. **R**

Please be seated.

SECOND READING

Philippians 2.1-13

Read by **Sue Reardon-Smith**

A reading from the Letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Please stand.

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

All Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 21.23-32

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.'

'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

SERMON

The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor

THE CREED

Please stand.

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

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

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

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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

Please sit or kneel.

*The prayers are led by **Hilary Bagshaw***

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

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

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand.

THE PEACE

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord,
'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please remain standing. Bread and wine are presented at the Altar and a collection is taken (cash or contactless as detailed on page 3). Please use this QR code to donate online.



THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessèd are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels
and all the powers of heaven.

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a parent tenderly gathers their children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,
to be the living bread,
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.
He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.
Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with the Blessèd Virgin Mary
and all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**All Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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.**

AGNUS DEI

**All 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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessèd are those who are called to his supper.

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

Please follow the directions of the Stewards. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please go to the point of administration after receiving the host. Please do not dip the host into the chalice. If you would like to receive a blessing, please bow your head.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace
may always precede and follow us,
and make us continually to be given to all good works;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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

Please sit.

NOTICES

THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Please stand.

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please leave the Cathedral by the north-west doors and the Millennium Courtyard. Please consider supporting us by giving using the contactless donation points if you have not set up a regular payment. Thank you for joining us. We look forward to welcoming you back.

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SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2023

WORSHIP

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Sunday 1 October

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8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist Preacher The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* Preacher The Rev'd Dr Thomas Sharp, Succentor
3.00pm	Choral Evensong Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
6.00pm	Compline†

Monday 2 – Friday 6 October

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist (Tuesday only)
12.30pm	Midday Prayer with Litany of Reconciliation (Friday only)
12.45pm	Eucharist (except Thursday)
5.30pm	Choral Evensong

Saturday 7 October

9.00am	Morning Prayer*
9.30am	Eucharist
4.00pm	Choral Evensong

Sunday 8 October

HARVEST THANKSGIVING

8.30am	Morning Prayer*
9.00am	Eucharist Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
11.00am	Choral Eucharist* Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
3.00pm	Choral Evensong Preacher Canon Wendy Robins, Chancellor
6.00pm	Compline [†]

THIS WEEK WE PRAY FOR:

THOSE WHO ARE SICK

Elisa Logan, Michael Powell, Marlene Kuhl, Mark Smith, Peter Barham, Paddy Gormley, Sue Blenkinsop, Tim Adkin, Simon Bradbear, Patricia Bridges, Eileen Pearson, John Gower, Anne Lowe, Maria Trocha, Mark Waller, Tricia Cook, Harriette Kevill-Davies, Tim Day, Jean Washington, Patricia Kent, Sr Nan CSF, Roger Chumbley, Douglas Colwill, Frank Ipgrave, Ben Ackland, Pam Hewitt

Helen Shipley, Elizabeth Hall, Sarah Rawlins, Patricia Nebbia, Dinah Kormi, Angie Brown, Dan Frisch, Arlene Knight, John Blakesley, Anna Shabi, Jean Penney, Andrew Black

THOSE WHO HAVE DIED RECENTLY

Nigel Bachman, Jan Landolt, Philippe Pesetz, Ian Ford, Woyin Karowei Dorgu, Sr Elizabeth CSF

YEAR'S MIND

David Robert Peck, Jim Crowe, Craig Stirling Cullingworth, John Milton-King, Sean Patrick Hopkins, Richard Hearn

CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Children and young people are an important part of our Cathedral family and play a vital role in our life together. We would love to encourage your children to join one of our Sunday groups for young people.

CRÈCHE

During the 11am Sunday Eucharist, crèche facilities are available in the Chapter Room for accompanied children under 4.

JUNIOR XPRESS

Junior Xpress is for children in Reception to Year 6 gathers each week in the Cathedral and after a prayer and blessing will go to the Susanna Barford Room for worship and activities before rejoining the rest of the congregation for the Lord's Prayer and Holy Communion. Children are warmly invited to join Junior Xpress, especially if this is their first time. More details can be obtained from the Interim Dean michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

YOUTH XPRESS

Young people in Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 are invited to join Youth Xpress for discussion and debate around Christian themes. Breakfast will also be provided! We meet one Sunday every month at 10.45am in the Cathedral Library. The next meeting will be on Sunday 8 October.

CATHEDRAL LISTENERS

Our team of Cathedral Listeners are usually on duty following the Choral Eucharist every Sunday. You can find them, ready and waiting in the Retrochoir. If you would like to speak to someone, please go to see them after the service.

If you would like to join our small team of Cathedral Listeners, please contact the Interim Dean michael.rawson@southwark.anglican.org

A SAFE CHURCH

Canon Jay Colwill is the acting Chapter Lead for Safeguarding. Any issues relating to the safeguarding of children or vulnerable adults should be directed to the Cathedral Safeguarding Officers in the first instance:

Cherry James cherry.james@southwark.anglican.org

Helen Quintrell hmqmc3@gmail.com

Jill Tilley jill.tilley@southwark.anglican.org

Concerns can be brought to any member of the clergy.

CLERGY TEAM NEWS

FAREWELL TO CANON JAY COLWILL, MISSIONER

Sunday 22 October

We will be saying farewell to Jay and Jo as they prepare to move to a new ministry at St Michael's Anglican Church, Paris on Sunday 22 October. If you would like to contribute to Canon Jay's leaving gift please give it to the Cathedral Wardens. Thank you.

Canon Jay Colwill has been appointed as Senior Chaplain of St Michael's Anglican Church in Paris. Jay will be greatly missed at the Cathedral and I am so grateful to him for his real commitment to the life of our community over the past five years. He has played a key role in chairing the Community of the Cross of Nails group and working with partner organisations to organise consultations on modern day slavery and youth crime. In recent months he has been a very effective Chapter Lead on Safeguarding and Interim Sub Dean. Jay has been a wonderful and supportive colleague and we will greatly miss his warm and caring presence at the Cathedral. I am delighted for Jay and Jo in this new ministry which plays so well to Jay's gifts and skills. Jay will be licensed in Paris on Sunday 3 December.

CANON ROXANNE EVERSLEY

Following the extensive consultations which took place for the appointment of the new Dean, there was a very clear desire for new thinking about canonries and for a more diverse clergy team at the Cathedral, reflecting the breadth of communities across the Diocese and within the congregation.

I am therefore also delighted to announce that Bishop Christopher has appointed Canon Roxanne Eversley, currently Vicar of the United Benefice of South Norwood, Holy Innocents and St Mark, as Canon Librarian and Dean of Cultural Diversity for the diocese. This is a very imaginative appointment using Roxanne's wealth of experience as a UKME vocations champion and working with under-represented communities within the diocese. Roxanne knows the Cathedral well as an honorary Canon and former member of the Cathedral Council. We very much look forward to welcoming her to the Cathedral team in January 2024.

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Please do remember Jay and Roxanne in your prayers as they prepare for these exciting new chapters in their ministry.

Canon Michael Rawson
Interim Dean

WHAT'S ON

HUNTING THE FALCON | A TALK BY JOHN GUY & JULIA FOX

Thursday 5 October, 6.30-8.00pm

From the married partnership of Tudor historians John Guy and Julia Fox, a major new history of Henry VIII, Anne Boleyn and their marriage.
Tickets £5.

FUNERALS, CEMETERIES AND BURIAL GROUNDS | A DAY OF TALKS

Saturday 7 October, 10.30am-4.30pm

Southwark Cathedral are delighted to host a day of talks exploring burial grounds, cemeteries and funerals.

...and much more!

Full details of all our upcoming events can be found in our *What's On* leaflet. Tickets are available via the Cathedral website and Eventbrite.

TREASURES OF TUSCANY: A PILGRIMAGE

10-17 May 2024

Join Canon Michael Rawson on this seven-night pilgrimage to delightful and beautiful Tuscany. Experience the romance and culture of the region with visits to Florence, Siena, Pisa and Lucca, with a four-star hotel as your base in Montecatini. Highlights will include frescoed churches and famous cathedrals, renowned art collections and Roman architecture, rolling hills and sparkling coastlines, with ample time for worship and thanksgiving on this very special experience. A host of extras, meals and drinks with entrances and guided tours are included.

Please contact the Liturgical Administrator for more information:

tom.bridges@southwark.anglican.org

ORGAN RECITALS

Monday 2 October at 1.20pm

Join us for our Cathedral organ recital. Entry is free.

Michael Whytock (St Mary of Eton, Hackney Wick)

ROBES HOMELESS CHARITY

ROBES TEAM LEADER

Are you interested in the organisation and running of the Cathedral Night Shelter, alongside two existing Team Leaders? We are looking for a Team Leader to help with venue running and volunteers. Full details can be found on the Volunteering pages of the Cathedral website.

OVERNIGHT VOLUNTEERS

We are also looking for two overnight volunteers to be at Robes Winter Night Shelters from 9.30pm to 7am. Robes run the shelter for 12 weeks a year starting in January and we want each volunteer to take 3 or 4 nights if possible. We welcome male and female volunteers to support our guests, and you will sleep in the venue in the same room as our guests.

If you would like to be a part of Robes and the vital work they are doing, please contact Sharda on sharda.rozena@southwark.anglican.org.

VISIT TO ROUEN

27-31 October 2023

As part of our ongoing relationship with our twinned Cathedral in Rouen, the Unity Group is planning a visit to Rouen from 27 to 31 October, to spend time with our friends from the Cathedral and to explore the city. We are planning to travel by Eurostar and then onwards by train to Rouen. Accommodation will be in hotels. If you are interested in taking part in this visit, please could you email me at frances.hiller@churchofengland.org, and I will keep you posted as arrangements fall into place.

Frances Hiller

Chair of the Unity Group

SOUTHWARK CATHEDRAL VOLUNTEER FAIR

Tuesday 3 October, 2.30-4.00pm

Garry Weston Library

Come along to find out what volunteering opportunities are available at the Cathedral. Members of the Cathedral team will be available to talk about the roles within their departments and show examples of their work. Do spread the word to anyone who might be interested in volunteering.

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SOUTHWARK

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Welcome to Southwark Cathedral. Set on the south bank of the River Thames in one of the most vibrant and diverse communities in London, this building has been a constant witness in a place of change.

The first church was built on this site around the year 606. First a convent, then a monastery, it became in 1106 the Augustinian Priory of St Mary Overie. With Westminster Abbey and St Bartholomew the Great in Smithfield it is one of the three remaining great monastic churches of London. At the Reformation the Priory became a parish church and it remains so for the people of Bankside. In 1905, as south London was rapidly expanding, the church was consecrated as the cathedral for the new Diocese of Southwark.

As well as a place of constant witness to our faith in Jesus Christ, this church has a momentous and proud history and has had links with many famous and influential characters including St Thomas Becket, Geoffrey Chaucer, William Shakespeare and Charles Dickens.

In the 20th century this cathedral was at the heart of the new movement in theology termed 'South Bank Religion'. This movement asked challenging questions of people about faith in the modern age which continue to be explored at Southwark Cathedral which describes itself as 'inclusive: faithful: radical'.

Whatever has brought you here today, you are most welcome. Become part of the life here if you can; it will change your life as you encounter with us our living God.

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