ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL CHURCH, NAIROBI

THE ORDER FOR

Evensong Service

On 30th August 2020 at 6.00pm

The Twelve Sunday after Trinity Service

TODAY'S TOPIC: Friendship Evangelism

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Organist: Joe Davis Kabuba

Live Stream by ASC:
NOTES

i. This service flows as provided in the programme without announcements.

ii. Families are encouraged to use this liturgy to follow the live stream service and respond accordingly.

1. WELCOME REMARKS

2. OPENING HYMN: Lead us, heavenly Father,

   Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us
   O’er the world’s tempestuous sea;
   Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
   For we have no help but Thee;
   Yet possessing every blessing
   If our God our Father be.

   Saviour, breathe forgiveness o’er us;
   All our weakness Thou dost know,
   Thou didst tread this earth before us,
   Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
   Tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
   Through the desert Thou didst go.

   Spirit of our God, descending,
   Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
   Love with every passion blending,
   Pleasure that can never cloy;
   Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
   Nothing can our peace destroy.

3. CONFESSION

   Minister: I acknowledge my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Psalm 51.3

   The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise. Psalm 51.17
DEARLY beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloke them before the face of Almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent, and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same, by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God; yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy Word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart and humble voice unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying after me:

[People Kneel/Sit]

All: Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from Thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against Thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But Thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare Thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to Thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And
grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of Thy holy Name. Amen.

4. THE ABSOLUTION

Pronounced by the Priest alone, standing: the people still kneeling.

Minister: The Almighty and merciful Lord grant you absolution and remission of all your sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace of consolation of His Holy Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All: Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

The Choir shall lead in singing,

Cantor: O Lord, open Thou our lips.

All: And our mouth shall shew forth Thy praise.

Cantor: O God, make speed to save us.

All: O Lord, make haste to help us.

[People Stand]

Cantor: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

All: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Cantor: Praise ye the Lord.

All: The Lord’s Name be praised.

People stand
5. **THE PSALM 105.**

Confitemini Domino

O GIVE thanks unto the Lord, and call upon his Name: tell the people what things he hath done.

O let your songs be of him, and praise him: and let your talking be of all his wondrous works.

Rejoice in his holy Name: let the heart of them rejoice that seek the Lord.

Seek the Lord and his strength: seek his face evermore.

Remember the marvellous works that he hath done: his wonders, and the judgements of his mouth,

O ye seed of Abraham his servant: ye children of Jacob his chosen.

Israel also came into Egypt: and Jacob was a stranger in the land of Ham.

And he increased his people exceedingly: and made them stronger than their enemies;

Whose heart turned, so that they hated his people: and dealt untruly with his servants.

Then sent he Moses his servant: and Aaron whom he had chosen.

That they might keep his statutes: and observe his laws.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.

*Amen.*

(People sit)

6. **FIRST READING:**

[People Stand]

7. **MAGNIFICAT (LUKE 1)**
MY soul doth magnify the Lord:
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For He hath regarded:
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.
For behold, from henceforth:
all generations shall call me blessed.
For He that is mighty hath magnified me:
and holy is His Name.
And His mercy is on them that fear Him:
throughout all generations.
He hath shewed strength with His arm:
He hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat:
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich He hath sent empty away.
He remembering His mercy hath holpen His servant Israel:
as He His promised to our forefathers, Abraham and His seed, for ever
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be:
world without end. Amen.

[People Sit]

8. SECOND READING:

[People Stand]

9. NUNC DIMITTIS (Luke 2.29)

LORD, now lettest thou Thy servant depart in peace:
according to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen: Thy salvation;
Which Thou hast prepared:
before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles:
and to be the glory of Thy people Israel.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

[People Sit]

10. HYMN: O Father, Thou whose love profound

O Father, Thou whose love profound
a ransom for our souls hath found,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
to us Thy pardoning love extend.

Almighty Son, Incarnate Word,
our Prophet, Priest, Redeemer, Lord,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
to us Thy saving grace extend.

Eternal Spirit, by whose breath
the soul is raised from sin and death,
before Thy throne we sinners bend;
to us Thy quickening pow'r extend.

Jehovah! Father, Spirit, Son,
mysterious Godhead, Three in One,
before Thy throne we sinners bend; grace, pardon, life, to us extend.

11. HOMILY: The Rev'd Alfred Apela

[People Stand]

12. THE APOSTLES' CREED
Minister: We stand with Christians throughout the centuries and throughout the world today to affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed

All: I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.

Cantor: The Lord be with you.
All: And with Thy spirit.
Cantor: Let us pray.
    Lord, have mercy upon us.
All: Christ, have mercy upon us.
Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us
Then the Cantor standing up shall say:
Cantor: O Lord, shew Thy mercy upon us.
All: And grant us Thy salvation.
Cantor: O Lord, bless our rulers
All: And mercifully hear us when we call upon Thee.
**Cantor:** Endue Thy Ministers with righteousness.

**All:** And make Thy chosen people joyful.

**Cantor:** O Lord, save Thy people.

**All:** And bless Thine inheritance.

**Cantor:** Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**All:** Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only Thou, O God.

**Cantor:** O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**All:** And take not Thy Holy Spirit from us.

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**13. THE COLLECTS**

**Minister:** Today is the Tenth Sunday after Trinity, let us join in saying the Collect

**All:** Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of thy humble servants; and that they may obtain their petitions make them to ask such things as shall please thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**The Second Collect at Evening Prayer**

**Minister:** O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto Thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey Thy commandments, and also that by Thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

**The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils**

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All:  

*Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.*

A Prayer for the Nation.

**Minister:** O Lord our Governor, Bless the leaders of our Nation, that we may be a people at peace among ourselves, and a blessing to other Nations of the earth. Grant wisdom and grace to the President, Members of the Cabinet, Governors and all in administrative authority, that they may exercise their duties without fear or favour. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

**Minister:** Almighty and everlasting God from whom cometh every good and perfect gift: Send down upon our Archbishop, Bishops and other clergy, and upon the congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of Thy grace; and that they may truly please Thee, pour upon them the continual dew of Thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

A General Intercession

**Minister:** O God, the creator and preserver of mankind, we commend to your care our families, our neighbours, friends and all the people of all nations. Enable us by your Holy Spirit to live in love for You and for one another. Comfort and heal all who are in sorrow, need, sickness, or any other trouble. Give them a firm trust in your goodness; help those who minister to them; and bring us all into the joy of your salvation.

All say the Prayer of Saint Chrysostom
All: Almighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto Thee; and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of Thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

14. OFFERTORY
The Minister invites people to offer their gifts by using the details displayed on the screens and on the last page of the programme.

Paybill No. 303036 for offertory, tithes, Organ Restoration etc

Paybill No. 303035 for Children and Teens Centre (CTC) Project.

15. CHOIR ANTHEM: Love Divine (Tambling)

Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heav'n to earth come down:
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest:
take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
End of faith, as its Beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never, 
evermore thy temples leave. 
Thee we would be always blessing, 
serve thee as thy hosts above, 
pray and praise thee without ceasing, 
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; 
pure and spotless let us be: 
let us see thy great salvation 
perfectly restored in thee; 
changed from glory into glory, 
‘til in heav’n we take our place, 
‘til we cast our crowns before thee, 
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Minister: We give thanks, O God, for all that You have given us. Pour out your blessing on the gifts that we offer today, that they might be a source of blessing in our church, in our community, and in our world. Through this act of sharing by Your servants, may we counter fear with hope in this time of anxiety and transform scarcity through generosity. We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Choir: Amen.

16. THE BLESSING

Minister The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look kindly on you and give you peace.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. Amen

17. RECESSIONAL HYMN: O Praise ye the Lord

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height; 
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light; 
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made, 
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.

O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth, 
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.

O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!