



ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL CHURCH, NAIROBI

THE ORDER FOR

Evensong

On 16th March 2025

At 6.00pm

The Second Sunday in Lent

TODAY'S TOPIC: *Jesus and the Samaritan Woman*

Leader: Rev'd Alfred Kaire

Assisted by: Cledwyn Mamai

Hymnal: Ancient & Modern Revised

THEME FOR THE YEAR: Believe and live (St. John 20:31)

ORDER OF THE SERVICE

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 according*
- iii. *The service program is found on the Cathedral Website*
www.allsaintsnairobi.org

[People Stand during the procession]

[People Sit for the introit]

INTROIT: God is a spirit (*W. Sterndale Bennet*)

(From The Woman of Samaria : Text from John 4:23, 24)

God is a Spirit, God is a Spirit:
And they that worship,
Must worship him in Spirit and in truth.
God is a Spirit, God is a Spirit:
And they that worship him,
Must worship him in Spirit and in truth:
For the Father seeketh such,
Seeketh such to worship him.

God is a Spirit, God is a Spirit:
And they that worship him,
Must worship him in Spirit and in truth:
For the Father seeketh such,
For the Father seeketh such,
To worship him, to worship him
In Spirit and in truth.

1. WELCOME REMARKS

2. OPENING HYMN: *Still nigh me, O my Saviour, stand*

Still nigh me, O my Saviour, stand,
And guard in fierce temptation's hour;
Hide in the hollow of thy hand,
Show forth in me thy saving power;
Still be thine arm my sure defence:
Nor earth nor hell shall pluck me thence.

Still let thy love point out my way:
How wondrous things thy love hath wrought!
Still lead me, lest I go astray;
Direct my work, inspire my thought;
And if I fall, soon may I hear
Thy voice, and know that Love is near.

In suffering be thy love my peace,
In weakness be thy love my power;
And when the storms of life shall cease,
Jesus, in that tremendous hour,
In death as life be thou my guide,
And save me, who for me hast died.

3. CONFESSION

Minister: 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 (*People still kneeling*)

Minister: Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

5. THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. For thine is the Kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever and ever. Amen.

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: Praise ye the Lord.

All: The Lord's Name be praised.

(Then Psalm is said or sung)

6. PSALM 119 vv 33-48 (Legem pone)

- 1 Teach me O Lord the ' way of thy ' statutes : and I shall ' keep it ' unto the ' end.
- 2 Give me understanding and I shall ' keep thy ' law : yea I shall keep it ' with ' my ' whole ' heart.
- 3 Make me to go in the path of ' thy com'mandments : for there'in is ' my de'sire.
- 4 In'cline my ' heart ' unto thy ' testimonies : and ' not to ' covetousness.
- 5 O turn away mine eyes, lest they be'hold ' vanity : and quicken thou ' me in ' thy ' way.
- 6 O stablish thy word ' in thy ' servant : that ' I may ' fear ' thee.
- 7 Take away the rebuke that ' I am a'fraid of : for thy ' judgements ' are ' good.
- 8 Behold my delight is in ' thy com'mandments : O ' quicken me ' in thy ' righteousness.

9 Let thy loving mercy come also unto ' me O ' Lord : even thy salvation ac'cording ' unto thy ' word.

10 So shall I make answer unto ' my blasphemers : for my ' trust ' in thy ' word.

11 O take not the word of thy truth utterly ' out of my ' mouth : for my ' hope is ' in thy ' judgements.

12 So shall I ' always ' keep thy ' law : ' yea for ' ever and ' ever.

13 And I will ' walk at ' liberty : for I ' shall ' seek ' thy com'mandments.

14 I will speak of thy testimonies also, even be'fore ' kings : and ' will not ' be a'shamed.

15 And my de'light shall ' be in ' thy com'mandments : ' which I have ' loved.

16 My hands also will I lift up unto thy commandments ' which I have ' loved : and my 'study shall ' be in thy ' statutes.

(People Sit)

7 FIRST READING: Revelation 22:16-17 – Ryan Ombara

(People Stand)

8 MAGNIFICAT (St. Luke i)

1. My soul doth ' magnify the ' Lord : and my spirit hath re'joiced in ' God my ' Saviour.

2. For he ' hath re'garded : the ' lowliness ' of his ' handmaiden.

3. For be'hold from ' henceforth : all gene'rations shall ' call me ' blessed.

4. For he that is mighty hath ' magnified ' me : and ' holy ' is his ' Name.

5. And his mercy is on ' them that ' fear him : through'out all ' gene'rations.

6. He hath shew-ed ' strength with his ' arm : he hath scattered the proud, in the imagi'nation ' of their ' hearts.

7. He hath put down the mighty ' from their ' seat : and hath ex'alted the ' humble and ' meek.

8. He hath fill-ed the hungry with ' good ' things : and the rich he ' hath sent' empty a'way.

9. He re'membering his mercy : hath ' holpen his ' servant ' Israel.
10. As he promised ' to our ' forefathers : Abraham ' and his ' seed for ' ever.

(People Sit)

9 SECOND READING: John 4:1-14 – Edith Mbigi

(People Stand)

10 NUNC DIMITTIS (St. Luke ii 29)

1. God be merciful unto ' us and ' bless us : and show us the light of his countenance, and be ' merciful ' unto ' us:
2. That thy way may be ' known upon ' earth : thy saving ' health a'mong all ' nations.
3. Let the people ' praise the O ' God : yea, let ' all the ' people ' praise thee.
4. O let the nations re'joice and be ' glad : for thou shalt judge the folk righteously, and govern the ' nations up'on ' earth.
5. Let the people ' praise thee O ' God : yea let ' all the ' people ' praise thee.
6. Then shall the earth bring ' forth her ' increase : and God, even our own ' God shall ' give us his ' blessing.
7. God ' shall ' bless us : and all the ' ends of the ' world shall ' fear him.

11 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.

12 THE PRAYERS

Cantor : The Lord be with you.

All: And with thy spirit.

Cantor: Let us pray.

(People Sit)

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

All: Christ, have mercy upon us.

Cantor: Lord, have mercy upon us.

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.

Minister: Today is the second Sunday in Lent. Let us say the Collect together

All: Almighty God, who seest that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: Keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Minister: We also join in the collect for Ash Wednesday

All: Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; 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 Saviour. Amen.

The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils

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: Lord God Almighty, who hast made all peoples of the earth for Thy glory, to serve Thee in freedom and peace: Grant our President, His Deputy, the Governors and to all other leaders in our county, wisdom and strength to know and to do thy will. Grant to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with Thy gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

Minister: Almighty and everlasting God, who alone workest great marvels: Send down upon our Archbishop, Bishops, clergy, and Curates, and all 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. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(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: Fulfil 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.

13 CHOIR ANTHEM: *Comfort, O Lord* (William Crotch)

(Text from Psalm 86: 4)

Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy servant.
For unto thee do I lift up my soul.
Comfort, O Lord, the soul of the servant,
For unto thee do I lift up my soul.
Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy servant,
for unto thee do I lift up my soul,
do I lift up my soul.
Comfort, O Lord, the soul of thy servant,
for unto thee do I lift up my soul,
do I lift up my soul.

14 SHARING OF PEACE & WELCOMING VISITORS

(People Stand)

15 HYMN: *Out of the deep I call*

Out of the deep I call
To thee, O Lord, to thee;
Before thy throne of grace I fall:
Be merciful to me.

Out of the deep I cry,
The woeful deep of sin,
Of evil done in days gone by,
Of evil now within.

Out of the deep of fear,
And dread of coming shame,
From morning watch till night is near
I plead the precious name.

Lord, there is mercy now,
As ever was, with thee;

Before thy throne of grace I bow:
Be merciful to me.

16 SERMON: *Rev'd Alfred Kaire*

17 OFFERTORY

[The Minister invites congregation to stand and offer their gifts by using the details displayed on the screens]

**Paybill no. 303036 for offertory, tithes, Organ Fund etc
Paybill no. 303035 for Children and Teens Centre (CTC) Project.
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Cash offering using the bags provided.**

18 OFFERTORY HYMN: *Be thou my guardian and my guide*

Be thou my guardian and my guide,
And hear me when I call;
Let not my slippery footsteps slide,
And hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
Around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
Thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,
And outward things are strong,
Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
And save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,
And feel that I am frail;
That if the tempter cross my way,
Yet he may not prevail.

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

19 THE BLESSING

Minister: The Lord bless you and watch over you, 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**
(Sung)

NOTICES

a) BANNS OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN:

1. Daniel Otieno Maduri & Joyness Mapemba Wakio both of CITAM Valley Road
2. Kelvin Baraka Oketch & Elishiba Wanjiku Kariuki both of All Saints' Cathedral Church, Nairobi.

This is the Second time of announcing

If anyone knows any just cause or impediment why these persons should not be joined together in Holy Matrimony; you are to declare it to the Provost.

b) NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Annual General Meeting of the Church will be held both physically in the Cathedral and virtually via Zoom platform on **Sunday, 30th March 2025 at 2:00pm**. The AGM attendance will be hybrid (physical and online), voting will be strictly virtual only by those who will have registered before the deadline. Registration for the AGM is available through a direct link sent via SMS (ASC members only), on our website and through a QR Code available on our notice boards. Please note the registration is ongoing and ends on **Tuesday, 25th March 2025**. The Nomination Forms can be obtained at the **AGM Tent** on Sundays and from the Provost's office during weekday office hours until the closing date on **22nd March 2025 at 12:00pm**.

c) FAMILY HEALTH AWARENESS WALK: We invite you to participate in our Family Health Awareness Walk on **1st May 2025**, themed “Mental Health in Support of Children and Teens.” This event aims to raise awareness and promote the well being of our young ones. Let’s walk together as a community, showing our love, care, and commitment to the mental well-being of our Children and Teens. T-shirts goes for **2000/-** for adults & **1,500/-** for children. We invite corporates/companies to sponsor the event form **30,000/-**-Registration is ongoing via the Cathedral website.

d) ANNUAL ARCHBISHOP’S WALK we warmly invite everyone to participate in our Annual Archbishop’s Walk on **Palm Sunday, 13th April**. This journey will take us from **All Saints’ Cathedral** through **University of Nairobi** and onward to the **Central Police Station** as we walk together in faith and fellowship. The walk will begin at **7:00am**. Come be part of this experience.

e) TEENS’ MINISTRY

i. ROPES 2025 Registration is ongoing. The program is for all teens aged **13** and **14 years**. Kindly register via the Cathedral website. Classes began on **Sunday 2nd March 2025**.

ii. Teens’ Confirmation Classes registration is ongoing for all teens and preteens aged **12 years** and above. Register via the Cathedral website. Classes will run during the April, August and November holidays.

f) CHILDREN’S MINISTRY:

i. The Children’s Ministry invites Sunday school parents and their children for an exciting **Cultural Learning Tour** at **Bomas of Kenya**. This tour is designed to provide a rich and immersive experience, allowing you and the children to explore Kenya’s diverse cultures, traditional homesteads, music, and dance on **29th March**, from **12:00pm** to **5:00pm**. The cost is **1,000**

per parent and **650 per** child. Transport will be provided from the church to Bomas and back.

ii. The Encounter Jesus Ministry would like to inform the congregation that All Saints' Cathedral has a dedicated service designed to bring the Good News of Jesus Christ to children and families with disabilities. This service is held at the Kindergarten every Sunday from **9:30am** to **11:00am**. For more Information, visit the Information Tent or contact Celestine.

g) CATHEDRAL EVANGELISM TEAM (CET) is seeking dedicated volunteers to join us in fulfilling the Lord's calling to minister and serve His people. Our mission work includes High School Evangelism, Prison Outreach, Street Evangelism, Bodaboda Outreach and Urban Evangelism. If you feel led to be part of this noble calling, kindly register at the Information Tent. As a missionary, you will receive capacity building sessions to equip and prepare you for impactful ministry. Come and be part of this transformative journey.

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A/C Name: All Saints' Cathedral Church

ABSA Bank, Queensway Branch A/C No. 0941048099

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Mpesa Paybill No. 303035

Account: Your phone number

Bank A/C Name: All Saints Cathedral CTC

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