



ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL CHURCH, NAIROBI

THE ORDER FOR
**HOLY
COMMUNION**

On 09th November 2025

At 11:30 am

THE THIRD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

TODAY'S TOPIC: *The Crucifixion of Jesus*

Celebrant: Rev'd Mithali Ongachi

Assisted by: Rose Ndaru

Preacher: Rev'd Alfred Apela

Live Stream by KBC TV, Facebook and YouTube

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

ORDER OF 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 accordingly.*
- iii. *The service program is found on the Website www.allsaintsnairobi.org*
(People Stand during the procession)

1. WELCOME REMARKS

2. OPENING HYMN: *God of the morning, at whose voice*

God of the morning, at whose voice
The cheerful sun makes haste to rise,
And like a giant doth rejoice
To run his journey through the skies;

O, like the sun, may I fulfil
The appointed duties of the day,
With ready mind and active will
March on, and keep my heavenly way.

Give me thy counsel for my guide,
And then receive me to thy bliss:
All my desires and hopes beside
Are faint and cold, compared with this.

(People remain standing)

3. THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: The Lord be with you

***All:* And also with you**

Minister: The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

***All:* Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad**

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

***All:* Who made the heaven and earth**

Minister: I was glad when they said to me:

***All:* Let us go to the house of the Lord.**

Minister: Praise the Lord.

All: The name of the Lord be praised.

(People Kneel/Sit)

4. PRAYER OF PURITY

Minister: Let us join together in the prayer of purity

All: *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.*

5. THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Minister: Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first and great commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these.

All: **Amen. Lord have mercy and write these laws in our hearts, we pray.**

(People stand for the Gloria)

6. GLORIA (sung) (Utukufu from Fadhili Mass)

Utukufu kwa Mungu mbinguni
Utukufu kwako Mungu mbinguni,
na amani pote duniani
kwao watu wa mapenzi mema.

Tunakuheshimu, tunakusifu,
tunakuabudu, twakutukuza, ee Bwana
Utukufu kwako Mungu mbinguni,

Tunakushukuru, mfalme wa mbingu,
Mwana wa pekee, Mwana wa Baba, ee Bwana

Utukufu kwako Mungu mbinguni,

Unayeondoa makosa yetu,
utuhurumie, 'tusikilize, ee Bwana

Utukufu kwako Mungu mbinguni,

Ku-ume kwa Baba unapoketi,
Mtakatifu, Mkuu, 'tuhurumie, ee Bwana
Utukufu kwako Mungu mbinguni,

Roho Mtakatifu pamoja nawe,
ndani yake Baba unatukuzwa, ee Bwana
Utukufu kwako Mungu mbinguni,

7. THE COLLECT

Minister: No man can serve two masters; you cannot serve God and mammon. (Luke 16:13). As we stand, let us join in the collect appointed for the third Sunday before Advent:

All: Almighty Father, in the name of Jesus Who lived and ministered in the cities of his day, Equip we beseech you, your servants who minister in urban settings. Give them love and unity of purpose in their evangelistic and pastoral tasks, that people of all walks of life may know Jesus and live their lives for him and for his glory. Through Jesus Christ who healed the sick, sought the lost, raised the dead, fed the hungry and challenged the rich to share their wealth. Amen

(People sit)

8. Epistle Reading: Hebrews 9:23-28 – Agnes Wanga

9. CHOIR ANTHEM: What are these (John Stainer)

(Text from Revelation 7:13 – 17)

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.

What are these,

What are these that are arrayed in white robes,

And whence came they?
Whence came they?
These are they which came out of the great tribulation,
And have washed their robes and made them white
In the blood of the Lamb,
The blood of the Lamb,
These are they which came out of the great tribulation,
And have washed their robes,
And made them white in the blood of the Lamb,
And have made them white in the blood of the Lamb.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah.
Therefore are they, are they before the throne of God,
And serve Him day and night,
Day and night in His temple.
They shall hunger no more,
Neither thirst any more;
Neither shall the sun light on them,
Nor any heat.
They shall hunger no more,
Neither thirst any more.
For the Lamb which is in the midst of the throne
Shall feed them, shall feed them,
And shall lead them unto living fountains of waters:
And God shall wipe away all tears,
All tears from their eyes,
And God shall wipe away all tears,
All tears from their eyes,
All tears from their eyes,
All tears from their eyes.

(People stand)

10. GOSPEL READING: John 19:17 - 37 - Clergy

11. HYMN: *Make me a channel of your peace*

Make me a channel of your peace.

Where there is hatred let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon Lord,
And where there's doubt true faith in you.

*Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console;
To be understood as to understand;
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness only light;
And where there's sadness ever joy.
Oh, Master, grant that I may never seek

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving to all men that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

12. SERMON: *Rev'd Alfred Apela*

(People Stand)

13. THE NICENE CREED

Minister: We stand together with Christians throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed.

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; By the power of the Holy Spirit**

He became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made Man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered, died 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, With the Father and the Son He is worshiped and glorified.

He 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.*

14. THE INTERCESSION

Minister: Let us pray.

(People kneel/sit)

Minister: May the bishops and leaders of our churches have wisdom and speak with one voice.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Minister: May the leaders of our country rule with righteousness.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Minister: May justice be our shield and defender.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Minister: May the country have peace and the people be blessed.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Minister: May the flocks and herds prosper and the fish abound in our lakes.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Minister: May the fields be fertile and the harvest plentiful.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Minister: May we and our enemies turn towards peace.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Minister: May the love of the Father touch the lonely, the bereaved and the suffering.

All: Amen. Lord have mercy.

Minister: May the path of the world be swept of all dangers.

All: Alleluia. The Lord of mercy is with us.

15. PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Minister: Hear the words of challenge and comfort our Saviour Christ says to all who follow him:

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it; and whoever loses his life for my sake will save it. *(Luke 9: 23-24)*

Come to me all of you who are tired of carrying your heavy loads, and I will give you rest *(Matthew 11:28)*

So, all of you who repent of your sins, who love your neighbours and intend to lead a new life, following the way of Jesus, come with faith and take this Holy sacrament to strengthen you.

Let us reverently confess our sins to Almighty God.

All: *Almighty God, creator of all, you marvellously made us in your image; but we have corrupted ourselves and damaged your likeness by rejecting your love and hurting our neighbours. We have done wrong and neglected to do right. We are sincerely sorry and heartily repent of our sins. Cleanse us and forgive us by the sacrifice of your Son; Remake us and lead us by your Spirit the Comforter. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

Minister: Almighty God, whose steadfast love is as great as the heavens are high above the earth, remove your sins from you as far as the east is from the west, strengthen your life in His kingdom and keep you

upright to the last day; through Jesus Christ our merciful High Priest. **Amen**

All: **Thank You Father for forgiveness; we come to Your table as your children, not presuming but assured, not trusting ourselves but your Word; we hunger and thirst for righteousness, and ask for our hearts to be satisfied with the body and blood of Your Son, Jesus Christ the righteous. Amen.**

(People Stand)

16. THE PEACE

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: ***And also with you***

Minister: *Let us offer one another a sign of peace*

17. OFFERTORY

Paybill no. 303036 for offertory, tithes, Organ Fund etc

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

Airtel Paybill 303035: Indicate what you are giving for.

Cash offering using the baskets provided

18. OFFERTORY HYMN: O God, our help in ages past

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home;

Beneath the shadow of thy throne
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is thine arm alone,
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting thou art God,

To endless years the same.

A thousand ages in thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising son.

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day.

O God, our help in ages past,
Our hope of years to come,
Be thou our guard while troubles last,
And our eternal home.

19. THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: All things come from You O, Lord

All: And of your own have we given to You

(People remain standing)

Celebrant: We remain standing for thanksgiving and remembrance.

Is the Father with us?

All: He is

Celebrant: Is Christ among us?

All: He is

Celebrant: Is the Spirit here?

All: He is

Celebrant: This is our God.

All: Father, Son, and the Holy Spirit

Celebrant: We are His people.

All: We are redeemed

Celebrant: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give him thanks and praise

Celebrant: It is right and our delight to give You thanks and praise, great Father, living God, supreme over the world, Creator, Provider, Saviour and Giver, from a wandering nomad You created Your, family; for a burdened people you raised up a leader; for a confused nation You chose a king; for a rebellious crowd You sent Your prophets. In these last days you have sent us your Son, your perfect image, bringing your kingdom, revealing your will, dying, rising, reigning, re-making your people for yourself. Through Him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life. Therefore, with angels, archangels, faithful ancestors and all in heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, forever praising you and saying:

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

Celebrant: Almighty God, Owner of all things, we thank you for giving up your only Son to die on the cross for us who owe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember Him in the way he commanded, through these gifts of your creation. On the same night that He was betrayed 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"

***All:* Amen. His body was broken for us.**

Celebrant: In the same way, after the 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."

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

Celebrant: We are brothers and sisters through His blood.

***All:* We have died together, we will rise together,
We will live together.**

Celebrant: Therefore, heavenly Father, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy, and await the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. He

died in our place, making a full atonement for the sins of the whole world, the perfect sacrifice, once and for all. You accepted His offering by raising Him from death, and granting Him great honour at your right hand on high.

All: Amen. Jesus is Lord.

Celebrant: This is the feast of victory.

All: The Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

20. THE COMMUNION

People kneel

Celebrant: As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to 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 forever. Amen.

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

All: Though we are many we share one body, for we all share one bread.

Celebrant: The cup of blessing which we bless,

All: Is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

Celebrant: Draw near with faith and receive

All: Christ is the host and we are His guests.

Celebrant: Christ is alive for ever.

All: We are because He is.

21. AGNUS DEI (Mchanganyiko) (Sung)

Mwana kondoo wa Mungu,
Uondoaye dhambi za dunia
Utuhurumie.

Mwana kondoo wa Mungu,
Uondoaye dhambi za dunia
Utuhurumie.

Mwana kondoo wa Mungu,
Uondoaye dhambi za dunia
Utupe Amani

The celebrant and his assistants receive the bread and wine.

Celebrant: The body of our Lord Jesus Christ which was broken for you keep your body and soul to eternal life. Take and eat this, in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your hearts, by faith, with thanksgiving.

Assistant: The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ which was shed for you, keep your body and soul to eternal life. Drink this, in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you and be thankful.

22. HYMNS DURING COMMUNION:

i. Break Thou the bread of Life

Break Thou the bread of Life,
Dear Lord, to me.
As Thou didst break the bread
Beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page
I seek Thee, Lord,
My spirit longs for Thee,
Thou living Word.

Thou art the Bread of Life,
O Lord, to me,
Thy holy Word the truth
That saveth me;
Give me to eat and live
With Thee above,
Teach me to love Thy truth,
For Thou art love.

O send Thy Spirit, Lord,
Now unto me.

That He may touch my eyes
And make me see;
Show me the truth concealed
Within Thy Word,
And in Thy book revealed,
I see Thee, Lord.

Bless Thou the Bread of life
To me, to me,
As Thou didst bless the loaves
By Galilee.
Then shall all bondage cease.
All fetters fall.
And I shall find my peace.
My all in all.

ii. Simama imara

*Simama, simama imara, jilinde,
 neni lake Bwana imara,
Kesha kila siku uombe, utasimama*

*Milima yote na mabonde itayeyuka,
neni lake Bwana imara, litasimama.
 Simama, simama imara, jilinde,*

*Mapendo ya Mungu tumejaa, Roho wa kweli,
Imara yetu ndani yake, awe muhuri.
 Simama, simama imara, jilinde,*

*Siku za huduma ni chache, tuwe mashujaa,
Roho wa Yesu akaa nasi mpaka hatima.
 Simama, simama imara, jilinde,*

*Katika yote tutashinda kwa nguvu yake,
nani aweza kututenga na pendo lake?
 Simama, simama imara, jilinde,*

*Heri ashikaye maneno ya Mungu Mwana,
Naam naja upesi, Amina. Njoo, Yesu Bwana!
Simama, simama imara, jilinde,*

*Afikapo Bwana harusi, tayarisha taa,
Nenda kumlaki kwa furaha, naye ingia.
Simama, simama imara, jilinde,*

23. PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

People stand

All: Almighty God, eternal Father, we have sat at Your feet, learnt from Your word and eaten from Your table. We give You thanks and praise for accepting us into Your family. Send us out with your blessing, to live and to witness for You in the power of Your Spirit. Through Jesus Christ, the First Born from the dead. **Amen.**

24. NOTICES

25. THE BLESSING

Celebrant: All our problems,

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our difficulties,

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All the devil's works,

All: We send to the cross of Christ

Celebrant: All our hopes,

All: We set on the risen Christ

Celebrant: Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path: And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

26. DISMISSAL

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. *Amen.*

27. RECESSIONAL HYMN: *Praise Him, Praise Him!*

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer;
Sing, O earth, His wonderful love proclaim!
Hail Him, hail Him! highest archangels in glory,
Strength and honour give to His holy name.
Like a shepherd, Jesus will guard His children,
In His arms He carries them all day long;
O ye saints that dwell in the mountains of Zion,
Praise Him, praise Him! ever in joyful song.

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus our blessed Redeemer;
For our sins He suffered and bled and died.
He, our Rock, our hope of eternal salvation,
Hail Him, hail Him! Jesus the Crucified.
Loving Saviour, meekly enduring sorrow,
Crowned with thorns that cruelly pierced His brow;
Once for us rejected, despised, and forsaken,
Prince of glory, ever triumphant now.

Praise Him, praise Him! Jesus, our blessed Redeemer;
Heavenly portals loud with hosannas ring!
Jesus, Saviour, reigneth for ever and ever,
Crown Him, crown Him! Prophet and Priest and King!
Death is vanquished, tell it with joy, ye faithful!
Where is now thy victory, boasting grave?
Jesus lives, no longer thy portals are cheerless;
Jesus lives, the mighty and strong to save.

NOTICES

a) BANNS OF MARRIAGE

1. Victor John Onyango Ombogo and Lilian Wangare Muchene both of A.C.K Trinity Muthua

This is the first time of announcing

2. Kinyua Kibicho of ACK St. Mark's Church, Westlands and Wachugu Kibuthu of PCEA Philip Nganatha Memorial Church, Nyeri Presbytery

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) PRAYER MINISTRY

1. **Virtual Prayers:** Please join us for the Cathedral morning virtual prayers on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** from 5:00am to 5:30am.
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/87080877358?pwd=t5voRKAAbJ8EB5RI7Bjr4rskRqOMRvV.1>
2. **Wednesday Prayer & Healing Service** begins at 5:30p.m. in the Main Sanctuary.
3. **Cathedral Lunch Hour Services:** On Wednesdays & Fridays from 1:00pm to 1:45pm at ACK Guest House.

- c) CELL GROUPS NOTICE:** We kindly request all those residing in Muthaiga North and its environs to meet at the Information Tent after the service.

- d) BOYS' RITE OF PASSAGE PROGRAM:** This year's Boys' Initiation Camp will take place from 18th November to 28th November at All Saints' Cathedral Primary School – Madaraka. The fee is Ksh. 20,000, payable through Pay Bill 303036, ACCOUNT-Initiation & boys name. To register kindly visit our website and follow the link provided: <https://bit.ly/481KkWG>. Registration and payment deadline is 13th November 2025. **All parents who have registered their sons for the camp are kindly requested to report at the Information Tent after the service.**

e) ALL SAINTS' CATHEDRAL SCHOOL OF MUSIC

- 1. The All Saints' Cathedral School of Music** invites you to the **Holiday Music Camp 2025**, a fun, faith-filled, and enriching program designed to nurture musical talent and strengthen sight-reading skills. The camp will be on 18th November to 5th December 2025, Tuesday to Friday from 9:00am to 1:00pm at ASC CTC. The target age group is 6 to 18 years, and the charges are Ksh. 4000 per week.
- 2. Theory and Sight Reading Masterclasses** will be held on Saturdays, 22nd and 29th November from 9:00 am to 11: 00am. The fee is Ksh. 500 per session. Registration is now open via the cathedral website. For more information, contact the Assistant Music Director at 0721921635 or visit the Information Tent.

f) THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- 1. The Children's Ministry** is excited to announce an upcoming experiential camp for our Sunday school children. This camp promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our young ones to grow in faith, build friendships, and create lasting memories through engaging activities and spiritual teachings.

Date: 8th -12th December 2025

Venue: Batians Christian Camp-Naromoru

Cost: Ksh. 14,000 per child

Payment details:

Paybill: 303036

Account: Batians camp 2025

- 2. The Special Needs Christmas Concert** will be held on 22nd November at the Trinity Auditorium from 2:00pm to 4:00pm. Come and celebrate the joy of Christmas through music and inspiring performances. Sign up today at the Information Tent.

g) TEENS' MINISTRY: The Teens Ministry invites all teenagers (aged 13-18 years) to the annual Teens' Camp from 8th to 12th December 2025. The camp will be held at Eagle's Point, Elementaita at a cost of Kshs. 12,000 per teen. Kindly register by scanning the QR code available at the Information Tent and at the CTC.

h) THE YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

Camp Kwizera- Rwanda Edition will be held on 28th December 2025 to 2nd January 2026. The cost is Ksh. 39,600 and the commitment fee which is part of the Camp fee is Ksh. 5,000 paid via Paybill 303036, Account: CAMP KWIZERA. Kindly register at the Information Tent. Registration closes on 15th November 2025.

i) WOMEN'S MINISTRY OUTREACH will be held in Rae and Paw Tenge parishes from 24th November to 1st December. Members are invited to donate clothes, shoes and buy a Christmas gift for a family. Send your contribution to paybill 303036, account *Women's mission*. For more details visit the Information Tent.

j) WOMEN'S END YEAR THANKSGIVING SERVICE will be held on the 6th December in the auditorium at 10:00am. Holy Communion will be served. Kindly register by 30th November at the Information Tent or through the link on the cathedral website.

OUR CONTACTS

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Email: prayerline@allsaintsnairobi.org **Website:** www.allsaintsnairobi.org

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MAKING PAYMENTS

i. **For Tithe, Thanksgiving, Offertory, Organ Fund, etc:**

Mpesa Paybill No. 303036

A/C Name: All Saints' Cathedral Church

ABSA Bank, Queensway Branch

A/C No. 0941048099

ii. **For CTC payments**

Mpesa Paybill No. 303035 A/C: Your phone number

Bank A/C Name: All Saints Cathedral CTC

ABSA Bank, Queensway Branch

A/C No. 2034405894