



## The Liturgy For The

# <sup>RD</sup> 3 SUNDAY

BEFORE ADVENT

**7<sup>th</sup> November 2021 | All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi**

**TOPIC: Claiming the Mountain; Family**

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**Celebrant:** The Rev. Paul Machira

**Preacher:** Edward Kireti

**Organist:** Imbugi Luvai

**Trumpeters:** Samuel Ndung'u & Judah Onesimus

**Minister on Duty:** The Rev. Evans Omollo

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ARISE  
CLAIM YOUR  
MOUNTAIN

# 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. At the entry of the procession, people stand.*

## **1. PRE-SERVICE: If God be for us [G. F. Handel]**

If God be for us, who can be against us?

Who shall lay anything to the charge of God's elect?

It is God that justifieth, who is he that condemneth?

It is Christ that died, yea rather, that is risen again, who is at the right hand of God, who makes intercession for us.

## **2. WELCOME REMARKS**

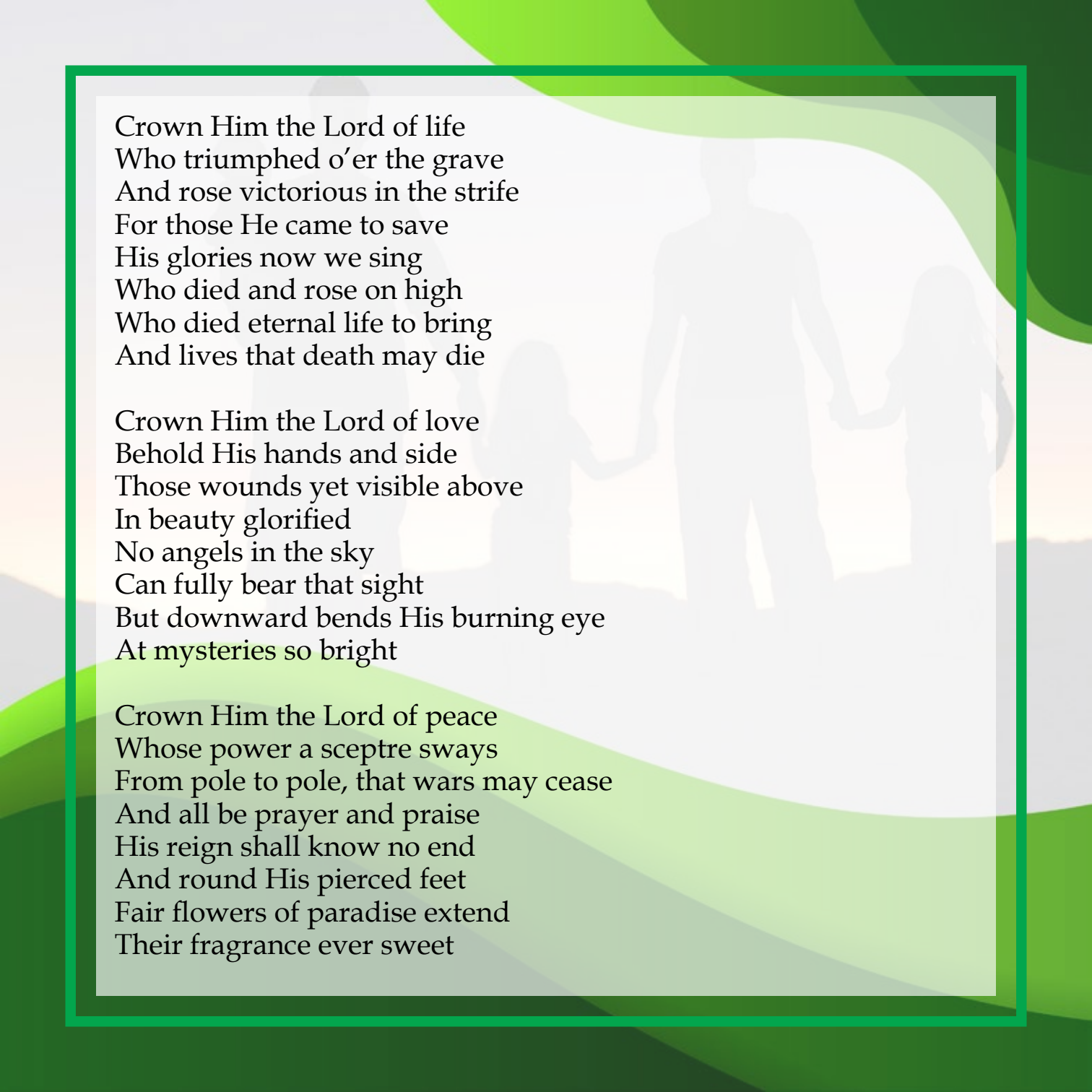
### 3. INTRODUCTION

**Minister:**

Today is the Third Sunday before Advent. Advent is the season that is observed in commemoration of the coming of Christ into the world. This week we celebrated the feasts of All Saints and All Souls on 1st & 2nd November respectively. All Saints' Day is one of the principal feasts of the Anglican Church when the church remembers the saints known and unknown. This day is also one of the four holy days denoted appropriate for baptisms. The others are the Sunday after Epiphany, the Easter Vigil and Pentecost. All Souls' Day commemorates all the faithful departed. It is a day when faithful Christians who have died are remembered.

### 4. OPENING HYMN: Crown Him with many crowns

Crown Him with many crowns  
The Lamb upon His throne  
Hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns  
All music but its own  
Awake, my soul, and sing  
Of Him who died for thee  
And hail Him as thy matchless King  
Through all eternity

The background features a stylized illustration of a family silhouette in light green, set against a backdrop of soft, rolling hills in various shades of green and yellow. The family consists of a man, a woman, and two children, all holding hands and walking towards the right. The entire scene is framed by a thick green border.

Crown Him the Lord of life  
Who triumphed o'er the grave  
And rose victorious in the strife  
For those He came to save  
His glories now we sing  
Who died and rose on high  
Who died eternal life to bring  
And lives that death may die

Crown Him the Lord of love  
Behold His hands and side  
Those wounds yet visible above  
In beauty glorified  
No angels in the sky  
Can fully bear that sight  
But downward bends His burning eye  
At mysteries so bright

Crown Him the Lord of peace  
Whose power a sceptre sways  
From pole to pole, that wars may cease  
And all be prayer and praise  
His reign shall know no end  
And round His pierced feet  
Fair flowers of paradise extend  
Their fragrance ever sweet

Crown Him the Lord of years  
The Potentate of time  
Creator of the rolling spheres  
Ineffably sublime  
All hail, Redeemer, hail  
For Thou hast died for me  
Thy praise shall never, never fail  
Throughout eternity

## 5. CONFESSION (SALA YA TOBA)

**Minister:**

We have come together, the people of God, drawn by His Spirit, longing for His Word, to praise the Holy Name of the Lord, to share His glorious news of grace, to pray for our needs and the pain of the world, to rejoice in His love and be sent in His peace.

**Minister:** We are heirs of the Father,

*All: Joint heirs with the Son*

**Minister:** Renewed in the Spirit,

*All: together we are one.*

**Minister:**

If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, in repentance and trust, God is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins. So let us confess them to our Father.

*People Sit*

**All:**

*Eternal Father, God of our ancestors, before Your power all things tremble but through Your Son, we approach your throne. We have done wrong and neglected to do right; our sins weigh heavily on our hearts: Lord have mercy, count them not against us. Grant us the joy of forgiveness and lighten our hearts with the glory of Christ, who died and rose again for us. Amen.*

## **6. ABSOLUTION**

**Minister:**

The God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ rejoices at repentance and declares His acceptance. The dead are alive, the lost are found. His goodness and mercy will follow you all the days of your life, and you will live in the house of the Lord forever. **Amen.**

## 7. THE LORDS PRAYER *(Sung)*

*All: Baba yetu uliye mbinguni, Jina lako litukuzwe  
Ufalme wako ufike, utakalo lifanyike.*

Duniani kama Mbinguni – **Utakalo lifanyike**

Tupe leo mkate wetu –

Mkate wetu wa kila siku –

Tusamehe makosa yetu –

Kama vile twawasamehe-

Waliotukosea sisi-

Situtie Majaribuni-

Walakini utuopoe-

Maovuni utuope-

Kwa kuwa ufalme ni wako-

Na nguvu na utukufu –

Utukufu hata milele –



## 8. THE COLLECTS (SALA YA SIKU)

### Minister:

Abraham is the father of all: as Scripture says, “I have made you the father of many nations”. **(Romans 4:16)**. Let us join in saying the Collect 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 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.*

**COLLECT FOR THE CHILDREN’S & TEENS CENTRE (CTC).**



**All:**

*Heavenly Father, we thank You for giving us the vision to build a Centre for our children and teenagers. We give You glory for the resources You have enabled us to mobilize and for the progress of the construction so far. As we progress we ask that You bless us with the resources required. May we find joy in partnering with You in fulfilling Your mission to the children and teenagers in our generation. Through Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.*

**Minister:** O, Lord open our lips;

*All: And our mouth shall proclaim your praise*

**Minister:** Let us praise the Lord.

*All: All praise to His Name*

*People Stand (Watu wasimame)*

## **9. GLORIA (UTUKUFU) Sung**

**Choir:** 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.

## 10. THE APOSTLES' CREED (IMANI YA MITUME)

**Minister:** We join with Christians throughout the centuries, and the world today to affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

*All:*

*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 power of 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.*

## 11. THE PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

*People Sit (Watu waketi)*

## 12. CHOIR ANTHEM: Rejoice in the Lord [Henry Purcell]

Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say, rejoice.  
Let your moderation be known unto all men.  
The Lord is at hand, the Lord is at hand.

*Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.  
Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again, again,  
Again I say rejoice, and again, again I say, rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Be careful for nothing but in ev'rything,  
By pray'r and supplication with thanksgiving,  
Let your requests be made known unto God.  
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
Shall keep your hearts and minds thro' Jesus Christ our Lord,  
And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding,  
Shall keep your hearts and minds through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I say, rejoice.  
Rejoice in the Lord always, and again, again I say, rejoice,  
And again, again I say rejoice, again I say rejoice.*

### **13. 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

### **14. NOTICES (MATANGAZO)**

### **15. FIRST READING (SOMO LA KWANZA):**

**Genesis 18: 16 – 19 ~ Joy Anyong'a**

**Reader:**

The first reading is taken from Genesis Chapter 18 beginning to read at verse 16.

#### **Genesis Chapter 18 beginning to read at verse 16**

When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way.

Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do?

Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him.

For I have chosen him so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him."

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord

**All:** Thanks be to God

## **16. SECOND READING: (SOMO LA PILI):**

**Matthew 19: 1 - 9 ~ Anita Obonyo**

**Reader:**

The second reading is taken from the Gospel as recorded by St. Matthew Chapter 19 beginning to read at verse 1

**Matthew Chapter 19 beginning to read at verse 1**

When Jesus had finished saying these things, He left Galilee and went into the region of Judea to the other side of the Jordan. Large crowds followed Him, and He healed them there. Some Pharisees came to Him to test Him. They asked, "Is it lawful for a man to divorce his wife for any and every reason?"

"Haven't you read," He replied, "that at the beginning the Creator `made them male and female,' and said, `For this reason, a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh?"

So they are no longer two, but one. Therefore what God has joined together, let man not separate."

"Why then," they asked, "did Moses command that a man give his wife a certificate of divorce and send her away?"

Jesus replied, "Moses permitted you to divorce your wives because your hearts were hard. But it was not this way from the beginning. I tell you that anyone who divorces his wife, except for marital unfaithfulness, and marries another woman commits adultery."

**Reader:** This is the Word of the Lord

***All: Thanks be to God***

*People Stand (Watu wasimame)*



## **17. HYMN (WIMBO): Will Your Anchor Hold**

Will your anchor hold in the storms of life,  
when the clouds unfold their wings of strife?  
When the strong tides lift, and the cables strain,  
will your anchor drift, or firm remain?

*We have an anchor that keeps the soul  
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll;  
Fastened to the rock which cannot move,  
Grounded firm and deep in the saviour's love!*

Will your anchor hold in the straits of fear,  
When the breakers roar and the reef is near?  
While the surges rage, and the wild winds blow,  
Shall the angry waves then your bark o'erflow?

Will your eyes behold through the morning light  
The city of gold and the harbour bright?  
Will you anchor safe by the heavenly shore,  
When life's storms are past for evermore?

## **18. SERMON (MAHUBIRI): Edward Kireti**

## 19. OFFERTORY (SADAKA)

*[The Minister invites people to offer their gifts by using the details displayed on the screens]*

**Paybill No. 303036 for offertory, tithes, Organ Restoration etc**  
**Paybill No. 303035 for Children and Teens Centre (CTC) Project.**  
**Airtel users: Paybill 303035: Indicate what you are paying for**

## 20. OFFERTORY HYMN (WIMBO WA SADAKA): O Lord my God

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
Consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
Thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!  
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee,  
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!*

When through the woods and forest glades I wander  
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;

When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,  
And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze.

And when I think that God His Son not sparing,  
Sent Him to die I scarce can take it in.  
That on the cross my burden gladly bearing,  
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation  
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart  
Them I shall bow in humble adoration  
And there proclaim, my God, how great Thou art!

*The minister blesses the offertory (Kasisi aibariki sadaka)*

## **21. CHOIR: Irish Blessing**

May the road rise up to meet you.  
May the wind be always at your back.  
May the sun shine warm upon your face;  
The rains fall soft upon your fields

*And until we meet again,*

*May God hold you in the palm of His hand*

May the sun make your days bright,  
May the stars illuminate your nights,  
May the flowers bloom along your path  
Your house stand firm against the storm.

## **22. THE BLESSING (BARAKA)**

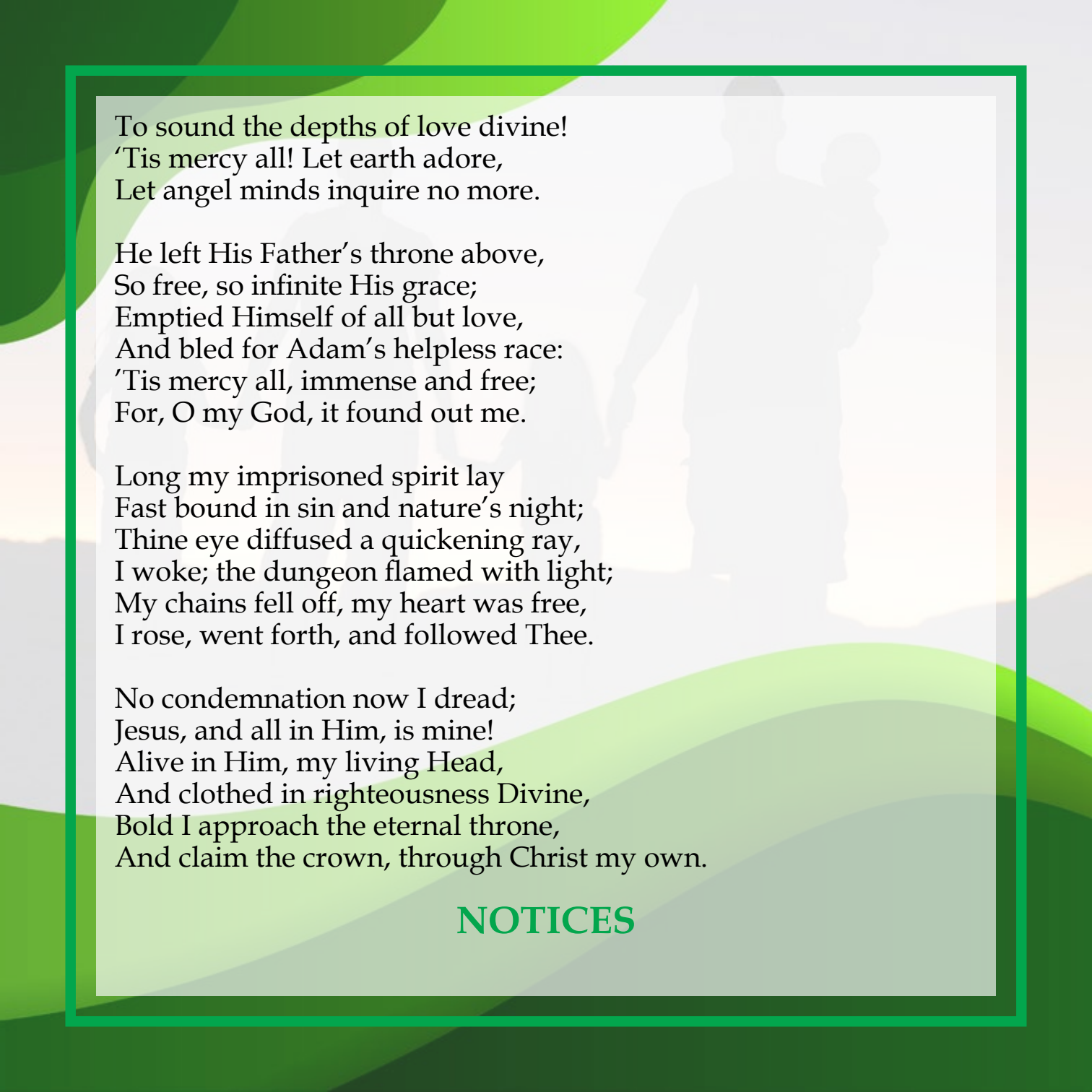
**Minister:**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn His face towards 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.**

## **23. RECESSIONAL HYMN (WIMBO WA KUTOKA): And can it be?**

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
'Tis mystery all! The immortal dies:  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries



To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,  
Let angel minds inquire no more.

He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.

Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke; the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free,  
I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness Divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.

NOTICES

### a) WE PUBLISH THE BANNS OF MARRIAGE BETWEEN: -

Eliud Kibiwot of All Saints Cathedral, Nairobi & Vanessa Esther Okwiri of St. Stephen's Cathedral Jogoo Road

#### **This is the Third time of announcing**

1. Tom Brian Were Okoth & Jane Christa Yamo both of A.C.K St. Philips Jericho
2. Dixon Opanja Kasamani & Violet Akinyi Odoyo both of All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi.
3. Harris Mwongela Musyoka & Yvonne Diana Ogada both of All Saints' Cathedral, Nairobi
4. Aristariko Oyuga Otieno of Bondo- Siaya County & Jackline Adongo Ogonda of Maseno - Kisumu County

#### **This is the First time of announcing**

*If anyone knows any just cause or impediment why these people should not be joined together in holy matrimony, you are free to declare it to the provost.*

### b) SUNDAY SERVICES



<b>7.00am:</b>	Congregational with Holy Communion in the Main Sanctuary
<b>8.00am:</b>	Congregational Service in the Main Sanctuary
<b>9.00am:</b>	Congregational Kiswahili Service in St. Philip's Chapel
<b>9:00am</b>	Congregational Youth Service in the Auditorium
<b>9:00am &amp; 11:00am</b>	Congregational Sunday School Service at the Kindergarten
<b>11.00am:</b>	Congregational Teens' Service in the MPH Ground Floor
<b>11.00am:</b>	Congregational Deaf Service in St. Philip's Chapel
<b>11.00am:</b>	Congregational and Live Stream (KBC, YouTube, Facebook) Service in the Main Sanctuary
<b>6.00pm:</b>	Congregational and Live Stream (YouTube, Facebook) in the Main Sanctuary

Will be held on **13th November 2021 from 9am to 11am**. Ushers from the Youth, Main Sanctuary, and Courtesy Team and Cafe61 members are requested to attend.

**d) SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

We kindly request parents to give priority to picking Sunday school children immediately after the services at **11am and at 12.30pm**. Children get very anxious and restless when they wait for long.

**e) CONFIRMATION 2021:**

There will be a confirmation service for the current catechumens of 2021 on **December 24th, 2021**. This will also include the 2020 catechumens who are yet to be confirmed.

**f) ROPES 2021:**

Makeup classes for those who are to join the **ROPES 2021** cohort will begin on **November 14th at 9:15am**. Kindly contact the Teens Ministry for details on the same.

**g) DISMANTLING ORGAN RECITAL:**

We shall have an organ recital today, **7th November at 3pm**. The recital shall mark the commencement of the organ restoration project as we send off the organ. There shall be lots of organ music fused with some of our most favourite hymns. Entry is free. Come one come all and bring with you a donation towards the Organ restoration project.

### **h) TRAINING ON SCHOOL EVANGELISM AND OUTREACH**

Will be held on Saturday the **13th November 2021**, from **9 am to 1 pm**.

## CONTACT US

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***1. For Tithe, Thanksgiving, Offertory, Organ Restoration, etc:***

**Paybill No. 303036**

Account Name: All Saints' Cathedral Church

ABSA Bank, Queensway Branch

A/C No. 0941048099

***2. For CTC payments:***


**Mpesa Paybill No. 303035**

Account: Your phone number

Bank A/C Name: All Saints Cathedral CTC

ABSA Bank, Queensway Branch

A/C No. 2034405894



As for me and my  
HOUSE

we will  
*Serve*

the  
LORD

JOSHUA 24:15

