

African Anglican – Episcopal Service

Sunday August 10, 2025 at 12:30 PM



AFRICAN ANGLICAN SERVICE; NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (TRINITY 8)

THEME: Building on faith
....Hebrews 11 : 1



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The Rev.
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02:00 p.m.



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Sunday School classes runs concurrently with the main service



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MORNING WORSHIP

ORDER OF SERVICE

At the entry of the procession the people stand. A prayer is said and a hymn is announced.

Opening Hymn: **What a fellowship, what a joy divine,**

- 1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
 Leaning on the Everlasting Arms!

**Leaning, leaning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Leaning, leaning,
Leaning on the Everlasting Arms.**

- 2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 O how bright the path grows from day to day,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

- 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms;
 I have peace complete with my Lord so near,
 Leaning on the everlasting arms.

At the altar the leader welcomes the people with the following words:

Leader The Lord be with you

People **And also with you**

Leader 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.

Leader We are heirs of the Father,

People **joint heirs with the son,**

Leader renewed in the Spirit,

People **together we are one.**

SENTENCES

Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the Lord your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from sending calamity. (**Joel 2:13**)

My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord;

My heart and my flesh cry out for the Living God. (**Psalm 84:2**)

Leader 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 Kneel

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**

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.**

Leader Blessed are those who live in your house:

People **They will be always singing your praise.**

Leader Praise the Lord.

People **The name of the Lord be praised.**

People stand.

Leader Glory to the Father in whom all things began,

People **Glory to the son who became the Son of Man, Glory to the Spirit who inspires and renews. The Lord our God forever! Alleluia!**

JUBILATE SONG (SONG OF JOY) PSALM 100:3

- 1 I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart:
I will enter his courts with praise.**
- 2. I will say this is the day that the Lord has made:
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.**
- 3. He has made me glad, he has made me glad:
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.**
- 4. He has made me glad, he has made me glad:
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.**

Followed by a moment of praise & worship

*The PSALM appointed for the day may be sung or said antiphonally as people remain standing
The reader to introduce using these words:*

The Psalm appointed for today is Psalm 33:12-22

Psalm 33:12-22 Exultate, justi

Julius Karanja

- ¹² Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! *
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- ¹³ **The LORD looks down from heaven, *
and beholds all the people in the world.**
- ¹⁴ From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze *
on all who dwell on the earth.
- ¹⁵ **He fashions all the hearts of them *
and understands all their works.**
- ¹⁶ There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; *
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- ¹⁷ **The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; *
for all its strength it cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, *
on those who wait upon his love,
- ¹⁹ **To pluck their lives from death, *
and to feed them in time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our soul waits for the LORD; *
he is our help and our shield.
- ²¹ **Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, *
for in his holy Name we put our trust.**
- ²² Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, *
as we have put our trust in you.

*After the reading, a **Pause of 3 Seconds** is observed*

All lead by the reader: Glory to the Father, to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen.

People sit for the **OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 15:1-6 Kelvin Kuria

It should be introduced using these words:

The Old Testament reading is taken from the book of Genesis Chapter 15 beginning to read at verse 1

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"

And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

After the reading, a Pause of 3 Seconds is observed

Reader This is the word of the Lord
All ***Thanks be to God***

THE NEW TESTAMENT READING

Hebrews 11: 1-3, 8-16

Kelvin Kuria

It should be introduced using these words:

The New Testament reading is taken from the book of Hebrews chapter 11 beginning to read at verse 1

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

After the reading, a Pause of 3 Seconds is observed

Reader This is the word of the Lord
All ***Thanks be to God***

Notices

HYMN The Lord's our rock, in him we hide,

- 1 The Lord's our rock, in Him we hide,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Secure, whatever ill betide,
A shelter in the time of storm.

**Oh, Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,
A weary land, a weary land
Oh, Jesus is a Rock in a weary land,
A shelter in the time of storm.**

- 2 A shade by day, defense by night,
A shelter in the time of storm;
No fears alarm, no fears affright,
A shelter in the time of storm.
- 3 The raging storms may round us beat,
A shelter in the time of storm;
We'll never leave our safe retreat,
A shelter in the time of storm.
- 4 O Rock divine, O Refuge dear,
A shelter in the time of storm;
Be Thou our helper ever near,
A shelter in the time of storm.

Sermon

Rev Joan Kuria

APOSTLES' CREED

Leader We stand together 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, creator of heaven and earth.***

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the holy spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended to heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again 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.

Leader The Lord be with you

People and also with you

Leader Let us pray.

People kneel and say or sing:

All Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and you shall find, knock and the door shall be open unto you. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia *4.

Leader As our Saviour taught us, we are bold to pray:

All Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven

Give us today our Daily bread, and 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 more, Amen.

OR THIS VERSION OF THE LORD'S PRAYER IN SONG

All Our Father, who art in heaven

hallowed be your name,

your kingdom come your will be done,

hallowed be your name, hallowed be your name.

On earth as it is in heaven

hallowed be your name,

give us daily our daily bread,

hallowed be your name, hallowed be your name

Forgive us our trespasses,

hallowed be your name,

As we forgive those who trespass against us.

hallowed be your name,

hallowed be your name.

Lead us not into temptation,

hallowed be your name,

but deliver us from all that is evil,

hallowed be your name,

hallowed be your name.

For yours is the kingdom,

the power and the glory,

hallowed be your name,

For ever and ever, for ever and ever

hallowed be your name,

hallowed be your name. AMEN.

Leader Show us your mercy, O Lord
People and grant us your salvation.
Leader O Lord guide our President
People and give him your wisdom and justice.
Leader May your ministers serve you faithfully
People and your royal people joyfully.
Leader In the valley of the shadow of death
People protect us with your rod and staff.
Leader Like trees planted by the waterside
People grant us the fruit of your spirit.
Leader Send us out as the salt of the earth
People and as the light of the world.
Leader May the earth be filled with your glory
People as the waters cover the sea.

The Collect: *To be introduced with these words*

Leader *Today is the ninth Sunday after Pentecost or the eighth Sunday after Trinity*

Leader *Let us pray*

All Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Intercessory continues

PRAYER FOR PEACE

Almighty & everlasting GOD,
Father of the Prince of Peace,
In returning and rest we are saved, in quietness and trust is our strength.
Grant us the blessing of making peace,
And the joy of seeking justice.
Take from our souls all strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess,
The beauty of your peace;
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE PRAYER FOR GRACE

Lord our heavenly Father. Almighty & ever living God, who has brought us safely to the beginning of this day. Protect us today with your mighty power, so that we do not fall into any sin, or meet any danger;
But all our deeds may be directed by you, & that we may do every day what is good in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

THE PRAYER FOR THE NATION (S)

Almighty GOD,
you rule all nations and direct them according to your will.
we pray that you will guide our President(s)
and all the leaders of our country(ries),
so that they may always use the authority
which you have given them for the peace of the world,
the benefit, honor and development of our nation,
and the good of your holy Church;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH

Almighty and eternal GOD,
the only source of power.
grant to our Bishops, Pastors and all the people of our churches
your health-giving spirit of grace; and in order that they may truly please you,
pour on them the continual dew of your blessing.
grant this for the sake of our advocate and mediator, Jesus Christ. **AMEN.**

A moment of silent intercession may be observed.... people can present individually their prayers to God.

The leader then uses the following prayer:

Your silence is full, irresistible;
your presence is joy unspeakable.
people drifting into mind we lift to You and pray they find,
health in sickness, life in deadness, strength in weakness, light in darkness.
Their loss You bear, mysteriously;
your peace You share, eternally. **AMEN.**

PRAYER OF SAINT CHRYSOSTOM

Almighty GOD, by your grace we have come together at this time
to bring our united prayers to you;
and you have promised by your son Jesus Christ,
that when two or three are gathered in his name
he will be in the midst of them.
Fulfill now O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us;
granting us in this world knowledge of your truth,
and in the world to come life everlasting;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

OFFERING

The minister makes the following biblical exhortation on giving for the Lords work.

Leader *Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. Psalm 50:14*

Hymn There shall be showers of blessing,

- 1 There shall be showers of blessing:
 This is the promise of love;
 There shall be seasons refreshing,
 Sent from the Savior above. [Refrain]

**Showers of blessing,
Showers of blessing we need:
Mercy-drops round us are falling,
But for the showers we plead.**

- 2 There shall be showers of blessing,
 Precious reviving again;
 Over the hills and the valleys,
 Sound of abundance of rain. [Refrain]
- 3 There shall be showers of blessing:
 Send them upon us, O Lord;
 Grant to us now a refreshing,
 Come and now honor Thy Word. [Refrain]
- 4 There shall be showers of blessing:
 Oh, that today they might fall,
 Now as to God we're confessing,
 Now as on Jesus we call! [Refrain]

After the offering is brought to the altar the following form of response is used

Leader All things come from you O Lord.
People And of your own have we given you

BLESSING

Minister The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds
 in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the
 blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among
 you, and remain with you always

People: **Amen**

RECESSIONAL HYMN**When we walk with the Lord**

- 1 When we walk with the Lord
 In the light of His Word,
 What a glory He sheds on our way;
 While we do His good will,
 He abides with us still,
 And with all who will trust and obey.

**Trust and obey!
For there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus,
But to trust and obey.**

- 2 Not a shadow can rise,
 Not a cloud in the skies,
 But His smile quickly drives it away;
 Not a doubt or a fear,
 Not a sigh or a tear,
 Can abide while we trust and obey!

- 3 Not a burden we bear,
 Not a sorrow we share,
 But our toil He doth richly repay;
 Not a grief or a loss,
 Not a frown or a cross,
 But is blest if we trust and obey.

- 4 But we never can prove
 The delights of His love,
 Until all on the altar we lay;
 For the favor He shows,
 And the joy He bestows,
 Are for them who will trust and obey.

- 5 Then in fellowship sweet
 We will sit at His feet,
 Or we'll walk by His side in the way;
 What He says we will do;
 Where He sends, we will go,
 Never fear, only trust and obey.

DISMISSAL

Minister The service has ended, go in peace to love and serve the Lord

People **Thanks be to God.**

NOTICES

- We are pleased that you are worshipping with us today, whether in person or online. You are appreciated.
- Our Sunday School classes run concurrently with this service.
- On **Sunday, August 24, 2025**, our outgoing Rector, **Rev. Canon Tamsen Whistler**, will have her **farewell service**, which will be presided over by our Bishop at **4:00 PM**. From **3:00 PM**, there will be special music to celebrate her **thirty (30) years of service** at Trinity St. Charles.
- To allow for preparations, kindly note that we will **not** hold our service at the usual time. Instead, we are encouraging everyone to join the **9:30 AM** service, as well as the **4:00 PM** farewell service.
- We are still appealing for **ushers** and **live-streaming volunteers** to assist with upcoming training and planning.
- Suggestions on how to improve the service or how the clergy can serve you better are welcome. Kindly write them down and hand them to an usher or one of the priests.
- You are all warmly invited to join us for tea after the service.
- A barcode for giving is located on the back of our bulletin. Feel free to use it and follow the simple instructions provided.



Should you wish to make a contribution to our congregation, you may use the QR code above to open a secure webpage at **Tithe.ly** to process your gift.