**June 29, 2025 - Feast of St. Peter and St. Paul**

**Prelude: Piano Solo**

**Acknowledgement**

**Welcome**

**Gathering Hymn:** 284 CP **Blessed Feasts of Blessed Martyrs**

Blessed feasts of blessed martyrs,
holy women, holy men,
with our love and admiration,
greet we your return again.
Worthy deeds are theirs, and wonders,
worthy of the name they bore;
we, with joyful praise and singing,
honour them for evermore.

Faith prevailing, hope unfailing,
loving Christ with single heart,
thus they, glorious and victorious,
bravely bore the martyr’s part
by contempt of every anguish,
by unyielding battle done;
victors at the last, they triumph,
with the host of angels one.

Therefore, all that reign in glory,
strong and sure with Christ on high,
join to ours your supplication
when before him we draw nigh,
praying that, this life completed,
all its fleeting moments past,
by his grace we may be worthy
of eternal bliss at last.

**Gathering of the Community**

God has been with us from the beginning of time, rescuing, performing

miracles, loving, holding us close.

**God is always with us.**

God created everything and filled the world with love.

**God is always with us.**

God sends the rain and the sunshine; God is in the mighty thunder and

in the yawn of a flea.

**God is always with us.**

God led the people of the past, and God leads us. We can face the future with faith, knowing that God is with us

**God is always with us**.

**Prayer of the Day**

God, we want to serve you and be disciples, but we can think of a zillion other things we need to do. Help us to make the right choices. Help us to discover the joy and satisfaction that comes from following you. Amen.

**Gloria: Glory to God, We Give You Thanks (Tune 362)**

Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;

Of heav’nly joy and earthly peace we sing.

We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,

Lord God almighty Father, heav’nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father’s only Son,

you bore for us the load of this world’s sin.

O Lamb of God, your glorious vict’ry won,

receive our prayer, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,

at God’s right hand in majesty most high:

who, with the Spirit worshipped and adored,

with all the heav’nly host we glorify.

**Collect of the Day Together**

Almighty God, your blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life. Grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

**Proclamation of the Word**

**A Reading From The Book of Ezekiel** (34:11-16)
Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.
Listen for the leading of the Spirit **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm 87 REFRAIN Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God**.

On the holy mountain stands the city he has founded; the Lord loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God.

**Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God**.

I count Egypt and Babylon among those who know me; behold Philistia, Tyre, and Ethiopia: in Zion were they born. Of Zion it shall be said, "Everyone was born in her, and the Most High himself shall sustain her." **Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God**.

The Lord will record as he enrols the peoples, "These also were born there." The singers and the dancers will say, "All my fresh springs are in you."

**Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of our God**.

**A Reading From The Second Letter of Paul to Timothy** (4:1-8)In the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and in view of his appearing and his kingdom, I solemnly urge you: proclaim the message; be persistent whether the time is favourable or unfavourable; convince, rebuke, and encourage, with the utmost patience in teaching. For the time is coming when people will not put up with sound doctrine, but having itching ears, they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own desires, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander away to myths. As for you, always be sober, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, carry out your ministry fully. As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.
Listen for the leading of the Spirit **Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn** : 388 CP **Glorious Things of Thee**

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken
formed thee for his own abode.
On the rock of ages founded,
what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation’s walls surrounded,
thou mayest smile at all thy foes.

See! The streams of living waters,
springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters
and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint, when such a river
ever flows their thirst to assuage?
Grace, which like the Lord, the giver,
never fails from age to age?

Round each habitation hovering,
see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering –
showing that the Lord is near.
Thus they march, the pillar leading,
light by night and shade by day;
daily on the manna feeding
which God gives them when they prey.

Saviour, if of Zion’s city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the world’s best pleasure,
all its boasted pomp and show:
solid joys and lasting treasure
none but Zion’s children know.

**The Gospel**

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

**The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John** (21:15-19)

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs." A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep." He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go." (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."
The Gospel of Christ **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ**

**Homily**

**Affirmation of Faith**  (written by two fourteen-year-old boys in a workshop on lona)

Let us affirm our faith:

**We believe in God**

**who made the sea and the earth, the sun and the sky, who calls us to live responsibly.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ who became human, who healed the sick, who talked to children, who made friends with sinners.**

**He burned brightly and offended many.**

**His journey was one of life and death and resurrection.**

**His light continues to shine in the darkness.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit who inspired the scriptures, and whose breath we breathe.**

**We believe that God calls us to be a community, committed to one another, offering a welcome to everyone, old and young, rich and poor, strong and weak.**

**We believe that God calls us to be peacemakers, workers for justice, brothers and sisters, a light for our world. Amen.**

**Prayers of the People**

Our Response to the Prayer petitions is  **Let us open ourselves to God’s healing touch.**

It is hard to find peace and comfort in our noisy, restless world. Our burdens and our challenges can seem all the greater amid the chaotic blare of our days. Elijah sought refuge in a cave – a place away and apart from the world. We can find refuge in prayer, in laying before our God all that we face, all that we carry, all that we yearn for.

Let us trust in God for balm and encouragement for our spirits.

**Let us open ourselves to God’s healing touch.**

Let us be together in prayer:

Holy One, as we name our hurt places, our stuck places, our places of worry or loneliness, guilt or shame or doubt: be with us. Comfort us with your presence. Hear us as we pray, and help us: in our homes

in our families, in our work or our school, in choices we need to make, in relationships with others, in how we treat the animals and the earth

**Let us open ourselves to God’s healing touch**.

As we name our places of joy, we share with you our delight:

for birthdays and anniversaries; for reunions and graduations; for gifts of connection and health; for work done and rest enjoyed.

**Let us open ourselves to God’s healing touch**

We give thanks to you, that you are with us; and that you give us the presence of others to share our journeys. For the gift of this community; for all the reminders surrounding us of your love and faithfulness; we praise you and thank you.

 **Let us open ourselves to God’s healing touch**

We trust you with the tender places of our hearts and we lift all these and more to you. **Let us open ourselves to God’s healing touch. Amen**.

**Confession and Absolution**

Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

Most merciful God, **we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**The Peace**

**Offertory Hymn:** 430 CP **Will You Come and Follow Me**

Will you come and follow me

if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know

and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,

will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown

in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind

if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind

and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare

should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer

in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see

if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free

and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean

and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean

in you and you in me?

Will you love the "you" you hide

if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside

and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found

to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound

in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true

when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you

and never be the same.
In your company I'll go

where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow

in you and you in me.

**The Celebration of the Eucharist**

**The Preparation of the Gifts**

**The Prayer over the Gifts**

**Almighty God, receive all we offer you on this feast of the apostles. Help us to know our own weakness and to rejoice in your saving power, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

**Eucharistic Prayer** (Anglican Eucharistic Liturgies Kenyan Church p. 149)

Is the Creator with us? **God is!**

Is Christ among us? **Christ is!**

Is the Spirit here? **The Spirit is!**

This is our God.

**Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer**

We are God’s people.

**We are redeemed**

Lift up your hearts

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is our right and our delight to give you thanks and praise,

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,

remaking your people for yourself.

Through him you have poured out your Holy Spirit, filling us with light and life.

Therefore with angels and archangels, faithful ancestors

and all in heaven we proclaim your great and glorious name,

forever praising you and singing

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth of your glory are full
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.

Blessed is one who comes in the name of the Lord**

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**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and Earth of your glory are full
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the Highest.**

Almighty God, we thank you for giving up your Son to die on the cross for us who woe you everything. Pour your refreshing Spirit on us as we remember him 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.”

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

In the same way, after 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.

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again**

Therefore, heavenly God, hear us as we celebrate this covenant with joy and await the coming of your 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.

**Amen. Jesus is Lord**

**The Lord’s Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, let us pray

**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 and forgive us our sins.**

**As we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the Kingdom, the Power, and the Glory are yours.**

**Now and forever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread #2**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ

**We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.**

**The Communion**

**Hymns During Communion: Piano Solo & Psalm 23 And I Will Follow**

**Prayer after Communion**

**Heavenly Father, renew the life of your Church by the power of this sacrament. May the breaking of bread and the teaching of the apostles keep us united in your love, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

**The Doxology**

Glory to God

**whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine. Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen**

**The Blessing**

**Announcements**

**Sending Hymn** : **Though the Mountains May Fall**

Though the mountains may fall

And the hills turn to dust,

Yet the love of the Lord will stand

As a shelter for all who will call on God’s name;

Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Could the Lord ever leave you?

Could the Lord forget such love?

Though a mother forsake her child,

God will not abandon you.

Though the mountains may fall

And the hills turn to dust,

Yet the love of the Lord will stand

As a shelter for all who will call on God’s name;

Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Should you turn and forsake God

God will gently call your name.

Should you wander away from God

God will always take you back.

Though the mountains may fall

And the hills turn to dust,

Yet the love of the Lord will stand

As a shelter for all who will call on God’s name;

Sing the praise and the glory of God.

Go to God when you’re weary;

God will give you eagle’s wings.

You will run, never tire,

For your God will be your strength.

Though the mountains may fall

And the hills turn to dust,

Yet the love of the Lord will stand

As a shelter for all who will call on God’s name;

Sing the praise and the glory of God.

As God swore to your people

When the flood destroyed the land,

God will never forsake you

God will swear to you again.

Though the mountains may fall

And the hills turn to dust,

Yet the love of the Lord will stand

As a shelter for all who will call on God’s name;

Sing the praise and the glory of God.

**The Dismissal**

Christ has set us free! Let’s hold on to that freedom, and never become slaves to rules again.

**We must not use our freedom as an excuse to do anything we want.**

Let’s use it as an opportunity to serve each other with love.

**God’s Spirit can make us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, self-controlled.**

God’s Spirit has given us life, so let us live in the Spirit.

**May God walk with us all our days. Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia**

**Postlude: I Will Sing**