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- "Those requiring Tithe Envelopes, please collect from the Bursar, Verger or Churchwardens"
- All parishioners must bring with them vaccination cards when they come for Sunday services or any other services at the Cathedral.
- 5. Lenten lessons: Every Wednesday at 5: 30pm in the Cathedral.
- 6. Stations of the cross: Every Friday at 5: 30pm.

Birthdays:

21 Mar:Terence Chuma, Patrick Chuma, Naomi Kusina, George Kalenga

PRAYER LIST

Sick Relatives: Sibusisiwe Zimunya , Augustine Mamvura Gogo Clara Nkosi, Gogo Mudziwendira, Babra Mafoti,

Irene David, Gogo Chuma, Sandra David, Gogo Nelson

Gogo Ellen Makwemba, Edmond Jena, Hilda Nehonde

Anderson Sithole, Gogo Mapuvire, Phyllis Chiganga

Sick at home: Bishop Siyachitema, Gogo Mujuru, Gogo Zulu

Tatenda Chitava

22 Mar: Blessing Banga, Bernard Pwiti

23 Mar: Rutendo Reppoh

24 Mar: Brenda Hanyani, Emily Nyamwiwa, Patience Kapurura

25 Mar: Easter Makan`a, Chido Sibanda

26 Mar: Georgia Charuwaka, Yemurai Magaya, Mutsa Simbabure

Kudakwashe Charuwaka

Anniversaries:

24 Mar: Mr & Mrs Munyoro, Mr & Mrs Buka

**Next Mass:** 

Date: 20 March 2022

The Fourth Sunday of Lent

Colour - Purple

Reading: Joshua 5: 9 - 12, 2Cornthians 5: 16 - end

Psalm: 32

Gospel: Luke 15: 1 - 3, 11b - end

Readers: Couples: Susan Bembere, Basil Shumba

Intercessor: Couples: Melody Maunze

HAVE A BLESSED DAY

# ANGLICAN CHURCH OF THE PROVINCE OF CENTRAL AFRICA

## DIOCESE OF HARARE

Cathedral of St. Mary & Gll Saints

**SUNDAY 20 MARCH 2022** 

#### THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

THEME: "......WAIT FOR IT WITH PATIENCE" ( ROMANS 8:25)

COLOUR — PURPLE

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO ALL OUR VISITORS. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR PARISH OR TO JOIN US ON A PERMANENT BASIS, PLEASE SEE MEMBERS OF THE CLERGY OR OUR CHURCHWARDENS

## MISSION STATEMENT

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#### THE COLLECT /CHINAMATIRWA

TAKUTETA, Mwari unesimba rese, ringisa zvido zvomoyo yavaranda vako vakazvirereka, utambanudze chidziviriro chedu kumhandu dzedu dzese: Tipe izvi pamusana paTenzi wedu Jesu Kristu uyo agere nokutonga newe noMweya Unoyera, Mwari mumwe, narini, Amen

WE Beseech thee, Almighty God, look upon the hearty desires of thy humble servants, and stretch forth the right hand of thy Majesty, to be our defence against all our enemies: Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

#### PSALM 63:1-9

- MWARI, uri Mwari wangu: ndinofumira kukutsvaka.
- Mweya wangu unenyota newe, nyama yanguzve inokusuvira: munyika yakaoma umo musina mvura.
- Ndizvo ndakaringisa kwauri munzvimbo inoyera: kuti ndione simba rako nembiri.
- 4. Nokuti mutsa wako urinane kupinda upenyu : muromo wangu uchakutunhidza.
- Ndizvo ndichakukudza zvakadaro muupenyu hwangu hwese: nokusimudza maoko angu muZita rako.
- Mweya wangu uchagutswa, kunge nomuongora nezvakakora: apo muromo wangu unokutunhidza nomuromo unofara.
- 7. Handisakakutondera here ndiri pamubede wangu: ndikafunga ndiwe ndiri ndiri kumuka?
- Nokuti iwe uri mubatsiri wangu: ndizvozvo ndinofara ndiri munyasi memapapiro ako.
- Mweya wangu unoramba wakabatana newe: rudyi rwako rwakandimisa.

#### TODAY'S READINGS

Readings: Isaiah 55: 1-9, 1Corinthians 10: 1 - 13

Psalm: 63: 1 - 9

Gospel: Luke 13: 1- 9

Readers: BMG: Maxwell Mamvuto, Rudo Fadzi

Intercessor: BMG: Forcina Chiganze

## THOUGHT OF THE WEEK

Another Chance

The Jews usually associated sickness with sin. We hear of what Jesus` disciples ask Him in John 9: 1-2.

"Teacher, whose sin caused him to be born blind? Was it his own or his parents` sin?"

Jesus answered, "His blindness has nothing to do with his sins or his parents' sins.

He is blind so that God's power might be seen at work in him----"The Roman governor, Pilate, had killed some men while
they were sacrificing at the temple. This was typical of Pilate. We
know of various times when Pilate killed opponents or trouble
makers. On one occasion he killed three thousand. I suppose
there was some kind of rioting in the temple. Pilate sent his soldiers and a number of people were killed.

There was another tragedy. A building in Siloam had collapsed, killed eighteen people. Everyone was talking about these events and Jesus referred to them in His teaching.

Suffering is not a sign of special wickedness. When tragedies of this kind happen, people tend to think that the suffering person was a great sinner and deserved special punishment. This was the view of Job's friends. (Job 4: 7, 8:20; 22:4-5)

People like to interpret what is happening in the lives of others, but not in their own lives.

Sudden death is not punishment of those who have died; it is a warning to those who are alive. Unless we repent, we will perish. The word "perish" here means, "die suddenly while unreconciled to God". One day we will die, maybe suddenly, maybe not suddenly. But unless we have repented of our sins, our death will be "perishing". It will be dying without being reconciled to God, and therefore facing God's anger against sin.

God wants fruitfulness from us. Jesus tells a parable (Luke13: 6-9) which is connected to the previous story. A vineyard owner looks for fruitfulness from his vineyard. If it is not fruitful he will reuse the ground for something else. But the vineyard-keeper pleads that the fig tree that was growing in his vineyard be left one more year before it is cut down.

This is a parable about what God is looking for. Jesus is travelling to Jerusalem. What will He find when He gets there? God wants fruitfulness. The people of Jerusalem have been allowed longer to live. Most of them have not been killed by Pilate. No tower of Siloam has fallen on them. God has given them time to repent. Let us remember there are a lot of people who succumbed to Covid 19. We are still alive not that we are righteous but probably God is giving us another chance to repent if we have not yet repented of our sins.

We read in Hebrews 9: 21 that everyone must die once and after that be judged by God. Lets remember that there will come a time we will have to give account of how we would have lived before God, and He expects us to be fruitful.

It is my prayer that as we meet today when we will have our annual vestry meeting those who will be elected into office and the rest of the Congregation will together strive to bear fruit for the kingdom of God.

Be blessed and stay safe.

The Dean

## WEEKLY BIBLE READINGS

Monday - Luke 4: 24 - 30, 2 Kings 5: 1 - 15

Tuesday - Matthew 18: 21 - end, Daniel 2: 20 - 23

Wednesday - Matthew 5: 17 - 19, Deuteronomy 4: 1, 5 - 9

Thursday - Luke 11: 14 - 23, Jeremiah 7: 23 - 28

Friday - Luke 1: 26 - 38, Isaiah 7: 10 - 14

Saturday - Luke 18: 9 - 14, Hosea 5: 15 - 6:6

## PRAYER REQUEST

Please pray for
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Contact Details

These request will normally be included in the pew for 3 weeks unless reinstated by you.