Welcome to



for the Marriage of

Brian Lucas Mukoja & Tariro Julian Matsveru

Thursday 18th January 2024 at noon

The service is conducted by the Revd Canon David Warbrick

The Preacher is the Revd Andrew Mudharara

The organist is Mr Benjamin Noakes

Singers are from All Saints and the ZINAFE Choir

Order of Service

SONG as Tariro enters: Rare

WELCOME and OPENING PRAYER

All Saints singers:

1 For the beauty of the earth,
For the beauty of the skies,
For the love which from our birth,
Over and around us lies:
Lord, of all to thee we raise
This our sacrifice of praise.

3 For the joy of ear and eye, For the heart and brain's delight, For the mystic harmony Linking sense to sound and sight:

2 For the beauty of each hour Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale, and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light: 4 For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent child, Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:

5 For each perfect gift of thine
To our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,
Flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint(1835-1917) Chorus Hymns A&M Setting by John Rutter

INTRODUCTION

DECLARATIONS

BIBLE READING Colossians 3:12-17 VaKorose 3:12-17 (read in English)

Naizvozvo, savatsanangurwa vaMwari, vatsvene navanodikanwa, fukai mwoyo une tsitsi, nomwoyo munyoro, nokusazvikudza, nounyoro, nomwoyo murefu; muitirane mwoyo murefu, muchikanganwirana, kana munhu ane mhosva nomumwe; Ishe sezvaakakukanganwirai, muite saizvozvo nemiwo. Zvino pamusoro pezvinhu izvi zvose fukai rudo, ndicho chisungo chinokwanisa. Norugare rwaKristu ngaruteme zvirevo mumwoyo yenyu, ndirwo rwamakadanirwawo mumuviri mumwe; ivai nokuvonga. Shoko raKristu ngarigare mukati menyu riwande; nokuchenjera kwose mudzidzisane, nokurayirana namapisarema, nenziyo, nezviimbo zvomweya, muimbire Mwari nenyasha mumwoyo menyu; uye zvose zvamunoita, kana zviri zveshoko kana basa, itai zvose nezita raIshe Jesu, muchivonga Mwari baba naye.

HYMN

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God Born of his Spirit, washed in His blood

> This is my story, this is my song Praising my Saviour all the day long This is my story, this is my song Praising my Saviour all the day long

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight Visions of rapture now burst on my sight Angels descending bring from above Echoes of mercy, whispers of love

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest, I in my Saviour am happy and blest; watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Frances Jane van Alstyne, Fanny J. Crosby and Pheobe Palmer Knapp)

GOSPEL READING Mark 10: 6 – 9, 13 – 16 (read in Shona)

But from the beginning of creation, 'God made them male and female.' 'For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.' So they are no longer two, but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let no one separate."

People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, "Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it." And he took them up in his arms, laid his hands on them, and blessed them.

SERMON

THE MARRIAGE

Before Tariro and Brian make their vows to each other, David asks the congregation:

Do you, the families and friends of Brian and Tariro, promise to support and uphold them in their marriage now and in the years to come?

All: We do.

THE BLESSING OF THE MARRIAGE

The Priest declares God's blessing on Tariro and Brian, then we sing:

Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari, Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari, Uyai mose, tinamate Mwari, Uyai mose zvino.

(Come all you people, come and praise your maker.

Come now and worship the Lord.)

PRAYERS for Tariro and Brian

THE PEACE

Priest: God is love. Those who live in love live in God and God lives in

them. The peace of the Lord be always with you. (1 John 4:16)

All: And also with you.

We greet those around us with a handshake as a sign of peace.

HYMN as the table is prepared for Communion

1 We pledge to one another, before the Lord above, entire and whole and perfect, this union of our love— a love that will be patient, a love that will be wise, that will not twist with envy, nor lose itself in lies; a love that will not falter, a love to hold us fast, and bind us to each other as long as life shall last.

2 We pray that God will guide us through all the years to be, our lives be shaped by courage, hope and serenity.
Through joy and celebration, through loneliness and pain, may loyalty, compassion and tenderness remain, that those who share the blessing of love that cannot cease may walk the paths of gentleness into the place of peace.

Jill Jenkins

We share Communion

Priest: The Lord is here.

All: God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

A bell is rung

Father we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

A bell is rung

Father we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts, make us one in Christ, our Risen Lord.

With your whole church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are Holy, Lord.

(A setting of the Sanctus from Argentina)

THE LORD'S PRAYER We each pray in our mother tongue

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 for ever. Amen.

Baba vedu muri kudenga, zita renyu ngariyeriswe, umambo hwenyu ngahusvike, kuda kwenhyu ngakuitwe, pasi sokudenga. Tipeiwo nhasi kudya kwedu kwemazuva ose. Mutiregererewo zvatakakutadzirai sokuregerera kwatinoita vanotitadzira. Musatirege tichiedzwa asi mutinunure kune zvakaipa. Nokuti umambo, nesimba, nembiri ndezvenyu, zvino narini. Amen.

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

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

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Communion Assistants come forward to receive, then when they have taken their places, all who wish to are welcome to receive Communion. There will be four places of distribution. Sidespeople will guide you row by row.

If you prefer not to receive, but would like a prayer of blessing, simply keep your hands by your sides.

HYMN: Just as I am without one plea

- Ini handina chiro chiduku
 Asi ropa raakandipira
 Ndakadaidzwa kuti ndiuye
 Zvino ndauya zvino ndauya
- Ndiri kutambudzika kazhinji Ndiri mukurwa, ndine zvitadzo Kutya kuzhinji, kurwa kukuru Zvino ndauya, zvino ndauya
- 3. Ndiri murombo ndiri kurwara Uchabatsira uchandirapa Undipe zvese zvinoshaikwa Zvino ndauya, zvino ndauya
- Sezvo ndauya uchanditora Uchaponisa, uchachenura Ngekuti ini ndinodavira Zvino ndauya, zvino ndauya
- 5. Ini handina chiro chiduku Rudo rukuru rwakandibata Ndiite wako zvino narini Zvino ndauya, zvino ndauya

- (1 Just as I am, without one plea, but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; because thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.)

THE SIGNING OF MARRIAGE DOCUMENTS during which the ZINAFE choir sing.

FINAL HYMN: Loving shepherd of thy sheep

- Mufudzi unondida
 Chengeta nyenye yako
 Simba rako iguru
 Handibviswi kunewe
- 2. M'ponisi une rudo Wakandifira ini Simudza manja ako Uonise mavanga
- 3. Ndinoda kukudza Ndiite rudo rwako Savatsvene kudenga Vari kukuombera
- 4. Mufudzi wakanaka Dzidzisa nyenye yako Ndirege kurasika Munzira yakanaka
- 5. Ndinoda kutevera Tsoka dzako M'ponisi Dzamara ndichisvika Kukuona kudenga

THE BLESSING

ORGAN MUSIC as Brian and Tariro leave

- (1 Loving Shepherd of your sheep, all your lambs in safety keep; nothing can your power withstand, none can pluck them from your hand.
- 2 May they praise you ev'ry day, gladly all your will obey, like your blessed ones above, happy in your precious love.
- 3 Loving Shepherd, ever near, teach your lambs your voice to hear; suffer not their steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.
- 4 Where you lead them may they go, walking in your steps below; then, before your Father's throne, Saviour, claim them for your own.)

Additional Hymn, if needed, for Communion

Lord, I hear of showers of blessings

Ndanzwa nezvikomborero Zvadonhedzwa pasi Unodira zvese Tenzi Ngandiridzwewo Kana ini kana ini Ngandiridzwewo

Usandipfuure Baba Ndiri mwana wako Uri kudaidza vamwe Ngandidaidzwewo Kana ini kana ini Ngandidaidzwewo

Usandipfuure Jesu Wakafira ini Urikuponisa vamwe Ngandiponiswewo Kana ini kana ini Ngandiponiswewo

Usandipfuure Tenzi Mweya unoyera Uri kuchenura mwoyo Ngandichenurwewo Kana ini kana ini Ngandichenurwewo Kare Tenzi ndakagara Kure kune dima Uri kuswededza vamwe Ngandiswenderewo Kana ini kana ini Ngandiswenderewo

Misi yese ndatambudzwa Nezvitadzo zvangu Vamwe vakurira newe Ngandikurirewo Kana ini kana ini Ngandikurirewo

Rudo, Nyasha, Simba Tenzi Ndazvishaya zvese Sezvo vamwe vagashira Ngandigashirewo Kana ini kana ini Ngandigasirewo

Zvipo zvako zvinokosha Zvinobva kudenga Vamwe vafariswa nazvo Ngandifariswewo Kana ini kana ini Ngandifariswewo