

# **ACK DIOCESE OF MOMBASA**

## **Family week**

### **FOREWORD**

It is with great joy and profound gratitude to God that I present to you the ACK Diocese of Mombasa Family Service Sunday Liturgy. This liturgical book is a fruit of prayerful discernment, collaborative effort, and deep commitment to strengthening the spiritual life within our families. In these pages, you will find a liturgy that remains faithful to the Anglican tradition while addressing the pastoral needs of our context.

Family is the foundation of society and the domestic Church. It is in the family that faith is first taught and lived. As we use this liturgy in our homes and congregations, may it nurture bonds of love, foster unity, and reinforce a shared commitment to Christian discipleship.

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May this liturgy deepen your faith and bring Christ's peace into your home.

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## ORDER OF SERVICE

1. *At the entry the people stand and a hymn is announced*
2. *On reaching the Alter, the Minister reads a scriptural Sentence*

Leader :

How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity (Psalm 131; 1)

Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever (I Timothy 5:8)

And Joshua said unto all the people ... choose you this Day whom ye will serve; ... but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Josh. 24:2, 15)

3. *The Minister Welcomes the People with this words*

Leader : The Lord be with you

People : **And also with you**

Leader : Oh God Creator, parent of the human family,

People : **we gather to worship you.**

Leader : In baptism, we are called beloved children of God, as such,

People : **we gather to worship you.**

Leader : Friends, neighbors, siblings in faith,

People : **we gather to worship in song, in prayer, in readings, in thoughts and reflections.**

Leader : Let us worship God in truth and spirit

People : **Amen.**

*4. People kneel for confession*

**O God, you know how hard it is to live in relationships, and yet you call us to do so. At times it is hard to be fully present to our siblings and others in our nuclear family and within this Christian family. Our patience may be short, we sometimes don't really listen, we may be tired, or angry, or hungry, or lonely, or ...whatever it is that keeps us from loving and caring for one another, help us to know that you are always with us, loving us so that we may love others.**

*5. ABSOLUTION*

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

Leader : blessed are those who  
live in your house.

People : **they will be always be  
singing your praise.**

Leader : praise the Lord.

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

*6. People Standing and appropriate chorus may be sung in jubilation*

*7. SCRIPTURE READING*

Old Testament : Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Psalm : Psalm 128

New Testament : Colossians 3:12-17

Gospel : Matthew 19:13-15

*8. HYMN:*

*9. SERMON:*

*10. APOSTLES ' CREED*

Leader: We stand together with Christian throughout the centuries, and throughout the world today, to affirm our faith in the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**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 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.**

Leader : The Lord be with you

People : **and also with you**

Leader: Let us pray

*11. People Kneel and say or sing*

**ALL : Ask and it shall be given unto you,  
Seek and you shall find,  
Knock the door shall be opened unto you.  
Allelu, alleluia**

*12. Leader: As our Savior taught us, we are bold pray:*

**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 this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who  
trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for  
ever and ever. Amen.**

### 13. INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Led by different members of the family.*

*For the Church, the Nation, and All Families (Led by a Couple)*

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of the Church. Strengthen our clergy and lay leaders with wisdom and grace. We pray for our nation, its leaders, and institutions. May they govern in justice and truth. Bless every family with love, unity, and understanding. May our homes reflect Your kingdom on earth.

**Lord, in Your mercy — Hear our prayer.**

*For Children and Youth (Led by a Child or Teenager)*

Lord Jesus, You welcomed children and blessed them. We pray for all children and young people. Help them to grow in wisdom, faith, and kindness. Protect them from harm and guide them in Your truth. May they become strong leaders of faith in their generation.

**Lord, in Your mercy — Hear our prayer.**

*For Health and Provision (Led by a Single Adult)*

Almighty God, our provider and healer, we ask You to bless all who are sick, lonely, or struggling with life's burdens. Provide for families in need—physically, emotionally, and spiritually. We pray for caregivers, doctors, and those who serve others with compassion.

**Lord, in your mercy — Hear our prayer.**

*For Forgiveness and Peace in Homes (Led by a Widowed Parent or Elder)*

Merciful Father, grant peace to every home. Where there is conflict, bring understanding. Where there is hurt, bring forgiveness. Unite us in Your love and teach us to live in harmony. May our homes be places of comfort, joy, and Your abiding presence.

**Lord, in your mercy — Hear our prayer.**

*HYMN (offertory): GB. People may come forward as families to give their offerings, tithes, thanksgiving*

*Offertory Prayer:*

**God of all creation, receive the  
gifts we bring. Bless our homes  
and families, that they may be  
reflections of your love.  
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*BENEDICTION*

Minister: Lord Jesus,  
be present in our homes and our hearts.  
May our family live in faith, hope, and love.  
Bless us as we go forth to serve one another and the world.

And the blessing of God Almighty  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit  
be with you now and forevermore. Amen.

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord  
**People: in the name of Christ Amen.**

*RECESSIONAL HYMN:*