

LETTER FROM THE COUNCIL:



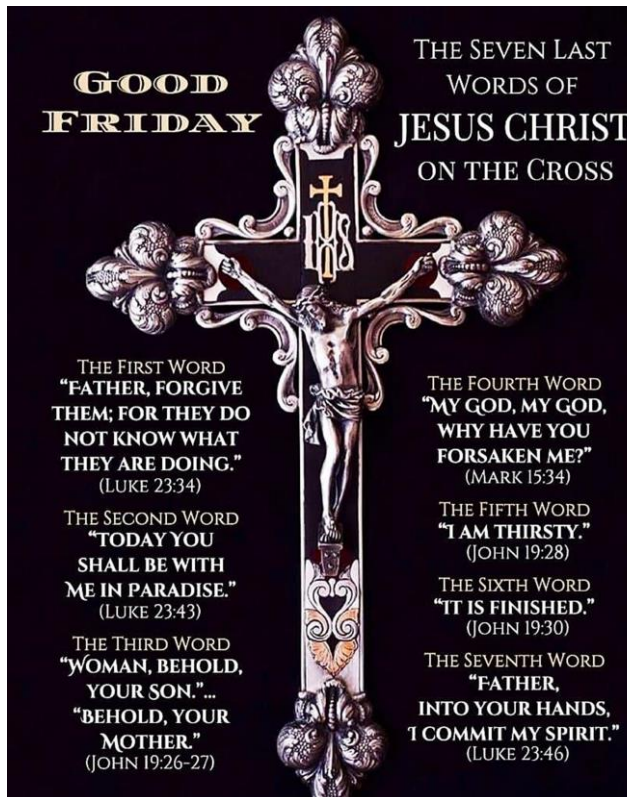
Over the period of Lent which ends during the first week of April, we have been reading and meditating on Jesus' life and ministry on earth. Among the teachings which we have read, which of Jesus' sermon's or stories is your favorite? I know for many, the Sermon on the Mount is the one most profound to describe the new Kingdom into which we enter. For others, the story of the prodigal's son gives hope that even the worst sinner can be accepted again by the Father. The Good Samaritan is a very popular story, the one most quoted by secular (non-Christians) from the Bible, for its important teaching of doing good even unto our enemies.

While all of these are very important to me, I think the Easter story, and in particular, the story of Jesus on the cross with two sinners, is the most powerful sermon in the Bible. Gathered from two gospels, we read in Matthew 27:44 that both thieves from their nearby crosses said evil things to Jesus. Then an amazing turn-around occurs in Luke 23:39 – 43. While one thief continues to berate Jesus, the other is converted, and asks in effect that he might also receive entry into the Kingdom. He is given no chance to recompense those from whom he has stolen goods, no chance to take a confirmation class or pass a test to recite the apostle's creed and Lord's prayer, with no chance to be baptized or receive the gift of tongues, with no chance to live a life of obedience or give a testimony of good news for others, but left only with a new belief in the Savior, he asks for acceptance. Jesus' response in verse 43 gives no doubt but yes, that the repentant thief is forgiven in his last moments of life on earth, and is given promise of entry into Paradise. In verse 46 Jesus said, "It is finished", He gave up His life, and died. This for me is the shortest, and most profound sermon in the Bible. By Jesus' words and actions, by His willingness to die, and later by His rising from the dead, He proves that what He said and what He did are the actions of our only Savior. And what does He require of us? Only belief in Him. All else that is required of Jesus becomes our response to what He has already done for us.

For me, this is a very important Christian message, the message of Easter which we celebrate this month: Christ gave up His life for our sins, He was raised from the dead, and He holds the keys to entry into the Kingdom. He will not deny entry to anyone who believes in Him and what He did for us. Haleluya!

For skeptical believers who think we can merit our salvation, I challenge you to find as many convincing proofs as the 200+ statements in the Bible that state on faith and faith alone are we given right standing with God. For those of us who remain on earth after our conversion, much is required in the way of obedience, until we are called 'home'. Yet let us be reminded that at our conversion, at the moment when we first believed, and in as much as we manage to remain in that belief, 'it is finished'. Our salvation is secure by our belief in Jesus, and by the proof of the wonderful acts of His death and resurrection.

~Erwin Kinsey,
Council Member.



Message from the Council Chair

Cases of COVID-19 are on-going and increasing around the world. As an international community which welcomes visitors and which seeks to love and protect those around us, we are continuing to follow health protection guidelines for the safety of all.

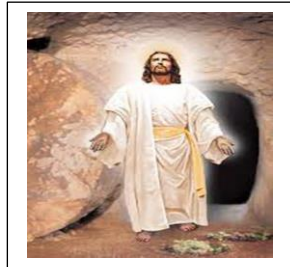
We ask that you continue to:

- Wash your hands before entering
- Wear a mask at all times, **especially** when singing (please don't take off your mask to sing)
- Keep a degree of distance

We work and pray together as one community, sharing the love of Christ to all.

-Susan Simonson

HOLY WEEK SERVICES:



~April 1: We invite you to plan a worship service at home, alone or with your household, including bible study, foot-washing, communion, and a meal together.

A guide to at-home worship for [Maundy Thursday can be found at this link](https://acc.or.tz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Maundy-Thursday-worship-at-home-2021.pdf). And you can also: <https://acc.or.tz/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Maundy-Thursday-worship-at-home-2021.pdf>

~April 2: **Good Friday service, 10:30 am**

~April 4: **Resurrection Sunday Service, 10:30 am, with communion**

TIME AND ABILITY – What can you offer in ministry to your church?

As a lay-led church, VOLUNTEERS are always needed. The Time and Ability [TAA] forms allow you to see where help is needed, and what activities need your support. They will be available from the Duty Elder each Sunday in February, and should be returned to Vivi in the church office when filled in.

"Every believer has received grace gifts, so use them to serve one another as faithful stewards of the many-colored tapestry of God's grace."
1 Peter 4:10



Mission Statement:

Arusha Community Church seeks to bring Christian praise and witness to God through worship, service and study. The congregation provides opportunity for Christian fellowship, service and witness, community outreach, personal growth and family growth. Recognizing the close link between worship and culture, Arusha Community Church has an inter-denominational ministry to the international community in Arusha.

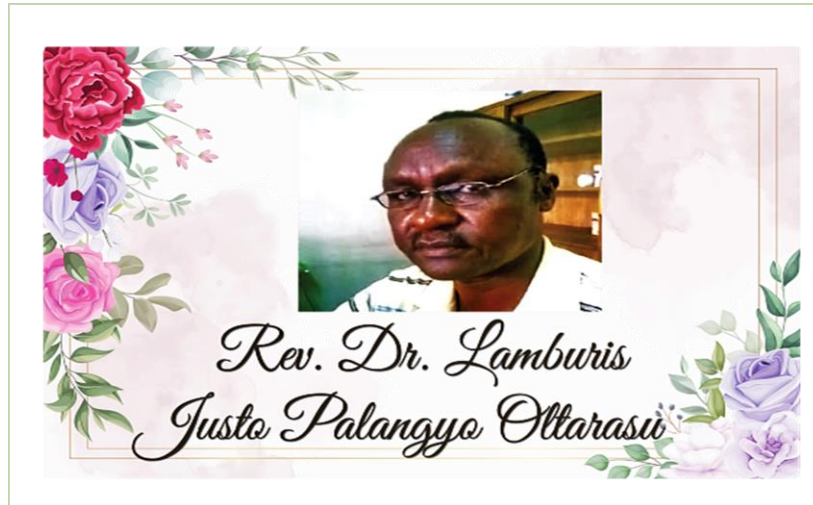
John 11:25

"Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;"

OBITUARY:

"The Lord gave, and
the Lord has taken
away; blessed be the
name of the Lord."

Job 1:21b



ACC lost a wonderful friend and preacher last month. **Rev. Dr. Lemburis Justo Palangyo Oltarasu**, was last posted at the Arusha Town Lutheran church but had been a valued ELCT Lutheran Church pastor for many decades. He and his wife Janet prayed just before he died. He was perfectly calm and in his deep faith, he knew he was welcome "home to Jesus". Justo was buried on 4 March, 2021. We at ACC offer our sincere condolences to Janet Palangyo, their son Daudi, who is a pilot in America and to all his family and friends. RIP dear friend. You will be missed.

Confirmation Class Doing Small Group Bible Study.



Pat Patten, Delivering the Sermon at Church!



TITHES AND OFFERINGS AT ACC:

Your OFFERINGS are important. It is easier for accounting purposes, and without charges, if offerings are deposited directly into our Exim Bank Account (please see details below). While the MPESA number remains available for receiving offerings, please consider making a deposit directly into our bank.

ACC BANK DETAILS:

For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds via bank deposit to ACC please find the following details here:

EXIM BANK

TSH: ACCOUNT NUMBER 00 300 23 252

USD: ACCOUNT NUMBER 578 067 0116

ACC MOBILE MONEY ACCOUNT DETAILS:

For anyone who wishes or needs to transfer funds via mobile money to ACC please find the following details here:

M-PESA DEPOSIT NUMBER: +255755992394

NAME: NASIEKU MOLLEL (Church Administrator)

ACC PRAYER CHAIN

If you have a prayer request and would like members of our community to support you in prayer, contact the four key persons – if possible by SMS- and they will inform the others from the prayer chain.

Erwin Kinsey	0754 480 184
Margaret Kenyi	0754 090 078
Susan Simonson	0754 266 559
Stella Karumuna	0754 281 337

Alcoholics Anonymous

AA meets at ACC :

NA (Narcotics Anonymous) meets:

Monday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Tuesday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Thursday 1:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Friday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Saturday 10:00am – 11:00am

Tuesday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Thursday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm
Saturday 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm



Check out our Facebook page: **“Arusha Community Church”** for updates and news. You can add your words of encouragement in the comments section.
Tupo Pamoja!

ACC WEBSITE:

Not sure of our programs and activities? Want to be involved in some way, but not sure how? Want to receive Glad Tidings by email? Have a general question about Arusha that an old-timer may have the answer to?

Please visit our ACC website www.acc.or.tz for more info.



April 2021 Worship Schedule

	April 1, 2021	April 2, 2021	April 4, 2021	April 11, 2021	April 18, 2021	April 25, 2021
Church Calendar	Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Resurrection of the Lord(Easter Day)	Second Sunday of Easter	Third Sunday of Easter	Fourth Sunday of Easter
Service Type	At home worship with a prepared Service 7 pm	Special Morning service 10:30 am	Communion Service	Morning Service	Morning Service	Family Service
Service Leader		Wendy Willmore	Eric Mbelle	Dorreen Marandu	John Kraft	Michael Murray
Preacher		Fr Oliver Obrien	Eamonn Brehony	Rev. Herman Kweka	Paul Mosley	Vance Bicknell
Musician		Rebecca Mosley	?Randy Stubbs	TBD	Jessica Shayo	Daniel Kalulele
Duty Elder		Moirra Brehony	Elizabeth Hudgin	Susan Simonson	Erwin Kinsey	Moirra Brehony
Zoom host	-	Jessica Shayo ?	Sion Miraa	Michael Murray	Sion Miraa	Jessica Shayo
Sound Projector		TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD	TBD
Ushers						
Flowers			Irene Mchomvu	Doreen Marandu	Christy Row Miller	Jane Mashingia
Scripture Readings	Exodus 12:1-4, (5-10), 11-14 Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 1 Corinthians 11:23-26 John 13:1-17, 31b-35	Isaiah 52:13-53:12 Psalm 22 Hebrews 10:16-25 John 18:1-19:42	Isaiah 25:6-9 Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 Acts 10:34-43 John 20:1-18	Acts 4:32-35 Psalm 133 1 John 1:1-2:2 John 20:19-31	Acts 3:12-19 Psalm 4 1 John 3:1-7 Luke 24:36b-48	Acts 4:5-12 Psalm 23 1 John 3:16-24 John 10:11-18