



# Kaurihohore Historic Church

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## Kaurihohore / Kamo Co-operating Parish

**Sunday 8 September 2024 – Creation 2 - Humanity**

The service this morning has been prepared by Rosalie Gwilliam,  
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### **Welcome to our service this morning.**

In working together on our shared mission, we commit to seven core values:

***Togetherness, Humility, Curiosity, Love, Inclusiveness, Justice, Sustainability.***

**Love:** we are committed to selfless love to all, including those marginalised by society and the wider church.

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**Today we will be holding our Annual Meeting towards the end of the service. After the meeting you are invited to share in a lunch provided by the Community Team.**

**Community time** during the service is a good opportunity to ask for prayers for yourself or others. If you, or someone you know, would appreciate a visit from one of our **Pastoral Network Team**, please speak to the service leader.

### **Welcome**

### **Gathering**

In the name of God, who creates all peoples,  
the name of Jesus Christ, who gives life to all peoples,  
and in the name of the Spirit, the same breath in all peoples. Amen

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Mission Statement: Sharing God's love, creating hope, working for justice.

## **Call to Worship**

Peoples from every corner of creation,

**Celebrate with all creatures on Earth!**

Young and old across the planet,

**Rejoice in the day that God has made!**

Native peoples of every land,

**Help us sense the spirit deep in each land!**

Black and white, and brown and grey,

**Celebrate with us the colours of creation!**

All humanity on Planet Earth,

**Praise God for our planet home.**

Sing, peoples, sing!

**Sing, creation, sing!**

**Psalm 8:** Silvia Purdie

**Hymn HFTC 342:** [Let All the World in Every Corner Sing](#)

## **Prayer of Yearning**

Creator God, you create all people in your image. When we neglect the needs of the poor, raise our commitment to care for others and to help create justice for all.

When favouritism and prejudice blind us, and when we exclude and demean others, focus us on your inclusive love, a love that welcomes us and calls us to welcome others.

Live in us and through us, that our lives and our actions may reflect your image in all that we say and in all that we do. Amen

## **Words of Assurance**

God is good

**all the time.**

All the time,

**God is good.**

In God's goodness, we touch goodness.

**In God's love, we receive love.**

In God's grace and mercy,

**we find fellowship with God's people.**

## **Dramatised Readings:**

### **Reading 1: Genesis 1: 26-28**

#### **Voice 1**

*Then God said, 'Let us make humanity in our image, according to our likeness; and let them have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air, and over the cattle and over all the wild animals of Earth and over every creeping thing that creeps on Earth.*

*So, God created humanity in his image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.*

*God blessed them and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply, and fill Earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon Earth.*

### **Reading 2: Genesis 2: 7, 8, 15, 19.**

#### **Voice 2**

*Then the Lord God formed a human being from the dust of the ground and breathed into the nostrils the breath of life. And the human being became a living creature.*

*And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the East. Then the Lord God took the human being in the garden of Eden to serve and preserve it.*

*Then out of the ground the Lord God formed every animal in the field and every bird of the air and brought them to the human being.*

**Voice 1.** I am the first human being, the voice of the human being in reading one. I am Adam and Eve. I am humanity!

**voice 2.** I am the first human being, the voice of the human being in reading two. I am Adam and Eve. I am humanity!

**Voice 1.** God made me in a special way. The word of God in Genesis one says so!

**Voice 2.** And God made me in a special way. The word of God in Genesis two says so!

**Voice 1.** I am created in the image of God. Do you understand? The very image of God!

**voice 2.** I have been personally made by God. Do you understand? By God's own hands!

**Voice 1.** I am like God, created in God's own likeness.

**Voice 2.** I am liked by God. I even live in a garden where God likes to walk and talk!

**Voice 1.** I have human reason. That makes me superior to all other living creatures! Superior! Get it!

**Voice 2.** I am flesh taken from Earth itself and breath that comes from God. So, I am kin with all other creatures. We are family! Do you understand family?

**Voice 1.** Family? Fiddlesticks! I have dominion over all creatures. I dominate! I tame! I rule all other creatures. Your family!

**Voice 2.** I have a partnership with all other creatures. We are friends. We are partners.

**Voice 1.** I am authorised by God to subdue Earth, to harness nature, to put creation under my feet. Yes, to control your friends!

**Voice 2.** I have been given the responsibility by God to serve Earth and preserve it, to care for Earth as God's garden.

**Voice 1.** I can conquer creation. I rule! I rule!

**Voice 2.** I groan with creation. When you rule, I suffer. I suffer!

**Voice 1.** I am king of Earth. I bear the image of God! I am king over creation! I rule!

**Voice 2.** I am a servant on Earth, caring for creation.

**Voice 1.** I am king! God said so! God said so!

**Voice 2.** I am a servant, God said so!

**Voice 3.** Wait a minute! Stop your arguing!

**Voices 1 & 2** I have God's word on my side!

**Voice 3.** Sure, you have! But do you have the final word? Do you have Jesus' word? Do you?

*Silence*

**Voice 3.** Who is the one who reflects the true image of God on Earth?

Come on. Who?

**Voices 1 & 2.** Jesus Christ!

**Voice 3.** Who is the true servant of God? Come on. Who?

**Voices 1 & 2.** Jesus Christ!

**Voice 3.** And how does Jesus invite us to live? To rule like Romans and dominate like their Caesars? Or to follow the way of the cross and serve as Christ came to serve?

Listen to his word from the Gospel for today!

### **Mark 10: 42-45**

**Voice 3.** *So Jesus called the disciples and said to them 'You know that among Gentiles those whom they recognise as their rulers lord it over them and their great ones are tyrants over them.*

*But it is not to be so among you: but whoever wishes to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave for all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and give his life a ransom for many.'*

**Voice 1.** This is the Gospel of our Lord, the answer of Christ. We are to serve as Christ served.

**Voice 2.** Lord, teach us to serve.

**Hymn HFTC 504: [Church of God, Elect and Glorious](#)**

*(Verses 1 & 4)*

*Tune Austria*

**Offering Prayer**

**God, our creator, through your love you have given us these gifts to share. Accept our offerings as an expression of our deep thanks and our concern for those in need, including our fellow creatures on planet Earth. Amen**

**Community time:** Celebrations, Notices.

**Prayers of Intercession**

*We thank God for all humanity. We celebrate with all our kin. We pray silently for all those in need; those we know and those we don't know.*

*Silence*

**God, our creator, as we reflect on the ways that humans have sought to dominate creation, help us hear the cries of the people and creatures. Fill us with your risen power. Help us to serve and preserve our planet home and to celebrate life with people from all lands and nations. In the name of Christ, the Risen Servant, who is the true image of God among us. Amen**

**Hymn: [Who'll Stand as Christ Today?](#)**

*Jan Chamberlin*

*Tune: Diademata*

1. Who'll stand for Christ today  
against a world of strife?  
Who'll heal and help and serve and love  
and give someone new life?  
Who'll go out in his name,  
like Peter, James and John?  
Who'll give up worldly goods and time  
that Christ's work may go on?

2. Who'll touch the Lepers hand,  
and wash the beggar's feet?  
Who'll help the homeless find a bed,  
and with the lonely meet?  
Who'll comfort the bereaved,  
and give the addict care?  
Who'll fight for justice, truth and right,  
and witness everywhere?

3. Help me to be the one  
who'll stand as Christ today:  
to put aside the earthly things  
and choose to walk his way.  
Help me to care and heal,  
to serve and love and give:  
to choose for Christ in all I do,  
and live as he would live.

## **ACM**

**Hymn HFTC 584: [To God Be the Glory](#)**

## **Blessing**

May the risen Christ, who restores life to all in our planet, fill you with his living presence, to praise the Creator and help revive creation.

Go in peace!

Serving Christ and loving all creation.

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all. Amen**

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