



# Kaurihohore Historic Church

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## Kaurihohore / Kamo Co-operating Parish

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The service this morning has been prepared by Rev Freddy De Alwis

#### **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.***

**Inclusiveness:** we recognise the full equality of the entire human family to share in ministry, leadership, and worship, regardless of race, age, physical ability, neurodiversity, marital or economic status, gender identity, or sexual orientation.

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#### **Welcome and Introduction:**

#### **Call to Worship:**

People of God, draw near.

**For in the sacred heart of Love we live and move and have our being.**

We leave behind the life of our days for a time and find ourselves embraced by God.

**God's Spirit is in all and through all and gives life and breath to all living things.**

In this present stillness, gathered as a community, we realize the Spirit of Christ.

**Risen Christ is not far from each of us and the heart of Christ beats on!**

*Silent Prayer*

We open our hearts to one another and, in these moments of stillness, become aware of the warmth, the breath, the life we share. The Spirit of Christ abides in the shared space between us.

**May we inhale deeply of this sacred presence and exhale words and actions of Godly love. Amen**

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

## Hymn HFTC 545: [Be Thou My Vision](#)

1. Lord, be my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Bid every rival give way and depart;  
you my best thought in the day or the night,  
Waking or sleeping, your presence my light.

2. Lord, be my Wisdom and be my true Word;  
I ever with you and you with me, Lord;  
You my great father and I your- true child;  
Once far away, but by love reconciled.

3. Lord, be my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
Be my strong armour, for you are my might;  
You are shelter and you my high tower;  
Raise me to heaven, O Power of my power

4. I need no riches, nor earth's empty praise,  
You my inheritance through all my days;  
All of your treasure to me you impart,  
High King of heaven, the first in my heart.

5. High King of heaven, when battle is done  
grant heaven's joy to me, bright heaven's sun  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

**Mary Elizabeth Byrne**

## Community Time

### Prayer of Confession:

Almighty and merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbour.  
We have sinned in thought, word and deed, through negligence, through  
weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

**We have not loved you with our whole heart.**  
**We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
in your mercy forgive us all that is past, and grant that we may serve you in  
newness of life, to the glory of your name.

**Help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

**Hymn WHAV 33: [We Give Thanks](#)**

*(Tune: What a Friend)*

1. We give thanks, O God, creator  
for our lovely native land:  
mountains, rivers, lakes and forest,  
roaring seas and golden sands.  
Ours is called the lucky country;  
some would say it is God's own.  
We've done nothing to deserve it  
all this bounty is on loan.

2. Help us not to be complacent  
that we work and play in peace:  
while our friends in other countries  
live with wars that never cease.  
May we never take for granted  
doctors, schools and winter heat;  
when our neighbours struggle daily  
just get enough to eat.

3. As we tread our daily pathway  
show us how to love and give  
teach us how to care for others  
live as you would have us live.  
If we are the lucky country  
blessed with wealth and beauty rare  
may we know our obligations  
all our riches here to share.

***Jan Chamberlin***

**Reading:** Mark 10:46-52

## Reflection: It Is OK to Ask for Help

Bartimaeus the blind beggar of Jericho, (Mk 10.46–52; synoptic parallels Mt 9.27–31, 20.29–34, Lk 18.35–43). Luke's version does not name the blind man, and Matthew makes him two anonymous men).

In the Gospel of MK he was introduced as “Bartimaeus, Bar/Timaeus = son of Timaeus”. This is often read as if Bartimaeus is his name, and his father is Timaeus. However, the simple fact that ‘bar’ is the Aramaic meaning for son. or ‘son of Timaeus’ is the partial translation of ‘Bartimaeus’ (*Ṭimai bar Ṭimai*

Three gospels use the title “Son of David” to refer to Jesus, which has messianic connotations. I believe that reading ‘Son of Timai’ as a counterpart to ‘Son of David’ might help us find meaning in the name.

The essential question is what does ‘Timaeus’ or ‘Timai’ mean?

- The root of the Aramaic word (*ṭimē*), which is itself borrowed from the Greek (*timē*), meaning ‘honour’, ‘worth’ or ‘price’. It might then be able to translate ‘Bartimaeus’ as ‘the honoured one’, ‘the worthy one’ or even ‘**the ransomed one (bought at a price)**’. This understanding of the term suggests a type of Israel: that **the Son of Israel is a blind beggar crying out for the Son of David**.

The audience of MK is about two types of Israel/people; 1, Self-righteous and arrogant, 2. The roadside weak and needy waiting for justice, mercy and healing.

This understanding of the term suggests that **the Son of Israel is a blind beggar crying out for the Son of David**. “Jesus, Son of David or Bar-David, have mercy on me!” Bartimaeus was desperate to be healed, so he called out for what he needed although he was rebuked for doing so. Bartimaeus’ neighbours probably found **his display of desperation embarrassing**.

**Not choosing silence over the possibilities**, Many times in our communities **we allow ourselves and others to suffer in silence**, or we are forced to be silent in many different ways, because of our cultural upbringings, religious taboos, (visa conditions), poverty, dependency, lack of awareness of the possibilities, this list can on and on.. but we respond to them in many different ways. In this passage, Jesus shows us that he is **not ashamed** by our cries.

Usually when we are down with, **loneliness, disease, disability, financial hardship, broken relationships, or grief**, instead of calling out for help, we hold everything within, **choosing silence over other possibilities**.

Jesus responds to his cries by asking him what he wants. This short passage can teach us a great deal about **how to handle suffering in our own lives** and the lives of those in our community.

God never meant for us to suffer alone and Jesus' response to Bartimaeus shows this. Instead of silencing those who are crying out for **Re-assurance of comfort, love, healing or justice**, we are here to encourage them to respond to the call of Jesus. Jesus asked him, "**What do you want me to do for you?**"

**Prayer** - God our healer, the one who hears our loud and silent cries, please help us to boldly come to your throne of grace in our time of need. Help us to be a community that allows those in pain to be transparent, help us to encourage our brothers and sisters know that even in their pain you are calling them to come and commune with you. In Jesus name, Amen.

### Intercessory Prayers:

### Offertory Prayer:

### Hymn: [God is Here](#)

*(Tune – Hyfrydol)*

1. God is here! As we your people  
Meet to offer praise and prayer,  
May we find in fuller measure  
What it is in Christ we share.  
Here, as in the world around us,  
All our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of the Spirit  
Into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us  
Of our lifelong need of grace;  
Here are table, font, and pulpit;  
Here the Cross has central place.  
Here in honesty of preaching,  
Here in silence, as in speech,  
Here, in newness and renewal,  
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome  
In the Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken,  
Christ sustains us, as of old.  
Here the servants of the servant  
Seek in worship to explore  
What it means in daily living  
To believe and to adore.

4. God of all, of church and kingdom,  
In an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel;  
Help us work your purpose out.  
Here, in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give, receive;  
We, who cannot live without you,  
We adore you! we believe!

## Sharing the Peace

### The Great Thanksgiving

*(People Stand as they are able)*

The Lord is here.

**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 our joy to give God thanks and praise.**

With all your people in heaven and on earth we give you thanks, Holy Father, for Jesus Christ, through whom all things are made; who in the fullness of time became flesh and lived among us, full of grace and truth; who in obedience suffered death on the cross, and was raised in triumph that we might have life. Therefore we worship and praise you saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest; Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest.**

### Preparation: *(People may sit)*

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread.

Having blessed it, He broke the bread and gave to His disciples, saying, "This is my body which is given for you".

In the same way Jesus took the wine, and having given thanks for it, He poured it out and gave the cup to His disciples, saying,

"This cup is the new relationship with God, sealed with my blood".

**In sharing this bread and wine, we remember the example of our Lord Jesus Christ, the one who shared His life with the poor, the oppressed, the one who lived, was crucified, and raised to new life in God.**

In sharing this bread and wine

**we commit ourselves again to follow Jesus in the Way of the cross, to share His pain and His joy and to claim the promise of new life for the entire creation.**

In sharing this bread and wine

**we celebrate the faith that gives us life and hope,**

we celebrate the journey we begin with one another this day,

**a journey of mutual understanding and companionship,**

and we commit ourselves to reflect in the life of the Church today

**the presence we know in the breaking of bread. Amen.**

Come Holy Spirit, touch this bread and this cup

that we might find food and drink for our faith journey. **Amen.**

### **Sharing the Bread and Wine:**

#### **Prayer after Communion:**

Most loving God, creator and redeemer we give you thanks for this foretaste of your glory.

**Through Jesus Christ, with all your saints, we offer ourselves and our lives to your service.**

**Send us out in the power of your Spirit, to stand with you in the world. We ask this, through Jesus Christ, the servant Lord, our friend. Amen.**

#### **Lord's Prayer:**

#### **Hymn FFS 32: [God Who Sets Us On a Journey](#)**

*(Lyrics: Joy Dine Tune: Blaenwern)*

1. God who sets us on a journey  
To discover, dream and grow,  
lead us as you led your people  
In the desert long ago;  
Journey inward, journey outward  
Stir the spirit, stretch the mind;  
Love, for God and self and neighbour  
Marks the way that Christ defined.
3. End our longing for the old days,  
Grant the vision that we lack -  
Once we've started on this journey  
There can be no turning back;  
Let us travel light, discarding  
excess baggage from our past,  
Cherish only what's essential,  
Choosing treasure that will last.

2. Exploration brings new insights,  
Changes, choices we must face,  
Give us wisdom in deciding,  
Mindful always of your grace;  
Should we stumble, lose our bearings,  
Find it hard to know what's right,  
We regain our true direction  
Focused on the Jesus light.
4. When we set up camp and settle  
To avoid love's risk and pain,  
You disturb complacent comfort,  
Pull the tent-pegs up again;  
Keep us travelling in the knowledge  
You are always at our side,  
Give us courage for the journey,  
Christ our goal and Christ our guide.

### **Benediction & Grace:**

God longs that we demonstrate love and mercy to each other.

Jesus yearns for us to experience grace.

The Holy Spirit desires that we share our faith.

The blessing of God, gatherer of the people,

**be with us all, as we leave this community for another.**

Go now to love and serve

**We go in the name of Christ.**

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



*I was hungry . . . .*

*And you formed a humanities club and discussed my hunger,*

*I was imprisoned. . . .*

*And you crept off quietly to your chapel and prayed for my release,*

*I was naked. . . .*

*And in your mind you debated the morality of my appearance,*

*I was sick, . . .*

*And thanked God for your health,*

*I was homeless. . . .*

*And you preached to me of the spiritual shelter of the Love of God,*

*I was lonely. . . .*

*And you left me alone to go and pray for me,*

*You seem so Holy, so closes to God,*

*But I'm still very hungry and lonely and cold. . . . . . .*

*Author unknown*