

*St Anne's, Eastville: Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026*  
*Community Communion, with the Baptism of*  
*Ouari and Saraya Alleyne-Willis*

and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine,  
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:  
'Drink this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant,  
Shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this to remember me.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death,  
his risen life. And now with all your saints  
we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Blessèd, blessèd, blessèd is the Lord.....**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

*As the Bread is broken, all sing:*

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord...**

### **The Communion and Sending Out**

*All are invited to receive Holy Communion, or a blessing, as we sing*

**Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*All join in the Prayer after Communion*

**Lord God, you have renewed us with the living bread from heaven;**  
**Nourish our faith increase our hope and strengthen our love.**  
**May we always hunger for him who is the living bread,**  
**and live by every word that proceeds from your mouth,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The Blessing is given:*

God the Father, who raised Christ gloriously from the dead,  
Strengthen you by his life-giving Spirit, to walk with him in the paths of  
righteousness and peace; and the blessing...

*Notices may be given out.*

*Ouari and Saraya are given candles, lit from the Easter Candle:*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness  
and has given us a place with the saints in light.  
You have received the light of Christ: walk in this light all the days of your life.  
**Shine as a light in the world, to the glory of God the Father.**

*Song: This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine!*

### **Coming Together**

Alleluia! Christ is risen. **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**  
*Hymn 819* He's got the whole world in his hands.

*All pray together the Collect for Baptism:*

**Heavenly Father, by the power of your Holy Spirit**  
**you give to your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.**  
**Guide and strengthen us by the same Spirit,**  
**that we who are born anew may serve you in faith and love, and**  
**grow into the full stature of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

*All stand to greet the Gospel, singing* **Halle, halle, halle – Iujah!**

Hear the Gospel of our lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*The Gospel (John 10.1.10) is read. At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **The Baptism**

*All process to the font, singing the Congolese Litany of the Saints:*

**Pray with us, you saints of God! (twice) and Ooooo..... (twice)**

*Ouari and Saraya face away from the altar. The deacon says:*

In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light: to follow  
Christ, to die to sin, and to rise to his new life. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ? **I turn to Christ.**

Do you repent of your sins? **I repent of my sins.**

Do you renounce evil? **I renounce evil.**

*The deacon anoints Ouari and Saraya with the Oil of Preparation, saying:*

May Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness,  
restore in you the image of his glory,  
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

*They turn to face the altar. The deacon says to everyone:*

Let us now all renew the vows made at our baptism.

**We turn to Christ, we repent of our sins, we renounce evil.**

*When all have arrived at the font, the water is blessed:*

Praise God who made heaven and earth,

**who keeps his promise for ever.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

We thank you, almighty God, for the gift of water to sustain, refresh and cleanse all life. Over water the Holy Spirit moved in the beginning of creation. Through water you led the children of Israel from slavery in Egypt to freedom in the Promised Land. In water your Son Jesus received the baptism of John and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Messiah, the Christ, to lead us from the death of sin to newness of life. We thank you, Father, for the water of baptism. In it we are buried with Christ in his death. By it we share in his resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to your Son, we baptize into his fellowship those who come to him in faith. Now sanctify this water that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, they may be cleansed from sin and born again. Renewed in your image, may they walk by the light of faith and continue for ever in the risen life of Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be all honour and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Omari, Saraya, and their godparents, now affirm their faith:*

Let us now affirm our common faith in Jesus Christ.  
Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?  
**I believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?  
**I believe and trust in God.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God, and makes Christ known in the world?  
**I believe and trust in God.**

*The deacon addresses the whole congregation:*

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith.**  
**We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Omari and Saraya are baptised:*

I baptise you in the name of the father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*They are anointed with the Oil of Chrism:*

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace, that, within the company of Christ's pilgrim people, you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,  
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory. **Amen.**

*Omari and Saraya are welcomed into the family of the Church:*

In Baptism God has filled you with the new life of his Son.

**You have been buried with Christ, and been raised with him;  
you have died with Christ, and are alive with him;  
you walk with us now in newness of life. We welcome you!**

*The deacon says to everyone:*

**Let us all remember our baptism and be faithful to Christ!**

*All are then sprinkled with the water of baptism, singing*

**Jubilate Deo, alleluia!** *(Be joyful in God, alleluia!)*

*You may make the sign of the cross as you receive the water.*

*The children may go out for Godly Play. Those who remain consider:*

**“What does your baptism mean to you?”** *(alone or in small groups)*

*Brief prayers of intercession are said, with the responses:*

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer!** *and*

Merciful Father: **accept these prayers,**

**for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*The Peace is given:*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said:

Peace be with you! Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*As the Peace is exchanged, all return to their seats.*

*Offertory Hymn: 715 We have a dream*

## **The Thanksgiving**

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 right to give thanks and praise.**

Lord of all life, you created the universe,

where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth, You give us your love, even

when things go wrong. Jesus knew hurt and pain:

Through him you wipe away our tears, and fill us with your peace.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,

to join with the angels and sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God Almighty!** *(repeat)*

**Who was and is and is to come: Holy, holy, holy is the Lord!**

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,

you sent Jesus, your Son.

He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine

may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,

Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it,