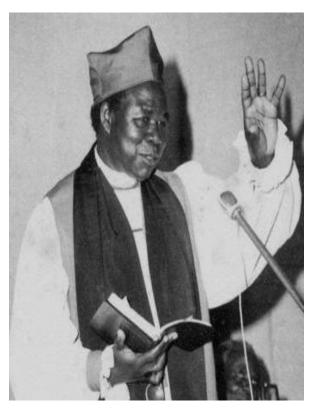


Epiphany

Saint Stephen's welcomes everyone who wishes to follow Christ, worship together, grow in faith and share God's love through service to others.

THE FEAST OF JANANI LUWUM ARCHBISHOP AND MARTYR, 1977

Wed 16 February 9:30am, 2022



Janani Jakaliya Luwum (c. 1922 – 17 February 1977) was the archbishop of the Church of Uganda from 1974 to 1977 and one of the most influential leaders of the modern church in Africa. He was arrested in February 1977 and died shortly after. Although the official account describes a car crash, it is generally accepted that he was murdered on the orders of then-President Idi Amin.

Since 2015 Uganda has a public holiday on 16 February, to celebrate the life of Janani Luwum.

Early life

Luwum was born in the village of Mucwini in the <u>Kitgum District</u> to <u>Acholi</u> parents. He attended <u>Gulu High School</u> and <u>Boroboro</u> <u>Teacher Training College</u>, after which he taught at a primary school. Luwum converted to Christianity in 1948, and in 1949 he went to <u>Buwalasi Theological College</u>.

<u>Career</u>



Welcome and Announcements:

The Greeting

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria/Glory to God

Hymnal 1982 # S280

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, vou alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect of the Day:

Presider The Lord be with you **People** And also with you.

Presider Let us pray

All: O God, whose Son the Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep: We give you thanks for your faithful shepherd, Janani Luwum, who after his Savior's example gave up his life for the sake of his flock. Grant us to be so inspired by his witness that we make no peace with oppression, but live as those who are sealed with the cross of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Word of God (Please be seated)

The Old Testament: A reading from Ecclesiasticus 4:20–28

Watch for the opportune time, and beware of evil, and do not be ashamed to be yourself.

For there is a shame that leads to sin, and there is a shame that is glory and favour.

Do not show partiality, to your own harm, or deference, to your downfall.

Do not refrain from speaking at the proper moment, and do not hide your wisdom.

For wisdom becomes known through speech, and education through the words of the tongue.

Never speak against the truth, but be ashamed of your ignorance.

Do not be ashamed to confess your sins, and do not try to stop the current of a river.

Do not subject yourself to a fool, or show partiality to a ruler.

Fight to the death for truth, and the Lord God will fight for you.

Lector: The Word of the Lord People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 119:41-48 (Read aloud in unison) Et veniat super me

Let your loving-kindness come to me, O Lord, * and your salvation, according to your promise.

Then shall I have a word for those who taunt me, * because I trust in your words.

Do not take the word of truth out of my mouth, * for my hope is in your judgments.

I shall continue to keep your law; * I shall keep it for ever and ever.

I will walk at liberty, *
because I study your commandments.

I will tell of your decrees before kings * and will not be ashamed.

I delight in your commandments, * which I have always loved.

I will lift up my hands to your commandments, * and I will meditate on your statutes.

Gospel Lesson:

Reader: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to

John 12:24-32

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself."

Reader The Gospel of the Lord **People Praise to you, Lord Christ**

Homily

Nicene Creed: Traditional Version (Said aloud by all, in unison)
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth,

of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People: That we all may be one.

Leader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and

humbly serve you;

People: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and

Sacraments.

Leader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations

of the world;

People: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Leader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Leader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader: Give to the departed eternal rest.

People: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Leader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **People:** May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Leader: Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence—The People may add their own petitions.

Leader: We honor and pray for our indigenous neighbors.

People: That we may dwell together in respectful harmony.

Presider: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and

earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Presider: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor:

(a short silence)

All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Presider: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

Exchange of the Peace

Presider May the peace of Christ be always with you

All And also with you.

The Ministers and People exchange socially distant signs of peace (peace sign, namaste, virtual hug)

Offertory

Presider: But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Enriching our Worship I

Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider *Lift up your hearts.*

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider: It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy. You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

Therefore, joining with Angels and Archangels and with the faithful of every generation, we lift our voices with all creation as we sing (say):

Celebrant and People

All:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might (x2), heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest. (x2)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest (x2).

Presider continues: Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love.

You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace. But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love.

Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people. Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation.

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Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his friends, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit (+) may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ.

Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit (+) and live as Christ's Body in the world.

Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now as Jesus taught us, we pray:

Lord's Prayer:

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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction: (In silence the Presider breaks the bread)

Alleluia, Alleluia Hymnal 1982 #S154: Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, Therefore let us keep the feast, Alleluia, Alleluia

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith and with thanksgiving.

(Everyone is invited to come forward and receive communion or a blessing).

Recognition of a Birthday, Anniversary, Healing, Gratitude Post Communion Prayer The people stand as they are able.

Presider: *Let us pray*: *Presider and People*

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior.

Amen.

The Blessing

The Presider says

The Holy eternal Majesty, The Holy incarnate Word, The Holy abiding Spirit, Bless you now and for evermore. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Presider: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve

Presider: Let us go forth in the spirit of the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia!

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia)

In 1950 he was attached to St. Philip's Church in <u>Gulu</u>. He was <u>ordained</u> a <u>deacon</u> in 1953, and the following year he was ordained a priest. He served in the Upper Nile <u>Diocese</u> of Uganda and later in the Diocese of <u>Mbale</u>. In 1969 he was <u>consecrated</u> Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Uganda at Gulu. After five years he was appointed Archbishop of the Metropolitan Province of Uganda, <u>Rwanda</u>, <u>Burundi</u>, and Boga (in <u>Zaire</u>), becoming the second African to hold this position. [2]

Arrest and death

Archbishop Luwum was a leading voice in criticising the excesses of the Idi Amin regime that assumed power in 1971. In 1977, Archbishop Luwum delivered a note of protest to dictator Idi Amin against the policies of arbitrary killings and unexplained disappearances. Shortly afterwards the archbishop and other leading churchmen were accused of <u>treason</u>.

On 16 February 1977, Luwum was arrested together with two cabinet ministers, Erinayo Wilson Oryema and Charles Oboth Ofumbi. The same day Idi Amin convened a rally in Kampala with the three accused present. A few other "suspects" were paraded forth to read out "confessions" implicating the three men. The archbishop was accused of being an agent of the exiled former president Milton Obote, and for planning to stage a coup. The next day, Radio Uganda announced that the three had been killed when the car transporting them to an interrogation center had collided with another vehicle. The accident, Radio Uganda reported, had occurred when the victims had tried to overpower the driver in an attempt to escape. When Luwum's body was released to his relatives, it was riddled with bullets. Henry Kyemba, minister of health in Amin's government, later wrote in his book A State of Blood, that "The bodies were bullet-riddled. The archbishop had been shot through the mouth and at least three bullets in the chest. The ministers had been shot in a similar way but one only in the chest and not through the mouth. Oryema had a bullet wound through the leg."

According to the later testimony of witnesses, the victims had been taken to an army barracks, where they were bullied, beaten and finally shot. *Time* magazine said "Some reports even had it that Amin himself had pulled the trigger, but Amin angrily denied the charge, and there were no first-hand witnesses". According to <u>Vice President of Uganda Mustafa Adrisi^[6]</u> and a <u>Human rights commission</u>, Amin's right-hand man <u>Isaac Maliyamungu</u> carried out the murder of Luwum and his colleagues.

Legacy

Janani Luwum was survived by his widow, Mary Lawinyo Luwum and nine children. He was buried at his home village of Mucwini in the Kitgum District.

Archbishop Luwum is recognized as a <u>martyr</u> by the <u>Anglican Communion</u> and his statue is among the Twentieth Century Martyrs on the front of <u>Westminster Abbey</u> in London.

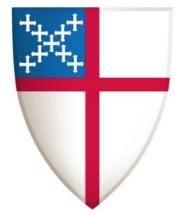
He is honored on the liturgical calendars of the <u>Anglican Church of Australia</u>, <u>Anglican Church of Canada</u>, <u>Scottish Episcopal Church</u>, <u>Episcopal Church (USA)</u>, and <u>Church in Wales</u> on June 3.

He is honored on the liturgical calendars of the <u>Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia</u> and <u>Episcopal Anglican Church of Brazil</u>, <u>Church of England</u> on February 17.

<u>Continued online</u>

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