"And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth."
John 1:14, KJV



Rev. Arsène leads Gitega parish in worship



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Almighty God,

As we rejoice in the coming of Jesus Christ, the Light of the world, we thank You for Your Church throughout the earth, both where it flourishes in peace and where it witnesses amid hardship.

Bless our churches, their ministers, families and communities. Make them places of hope, faithful in worship, proclaiming the Gospel and serving their neighbours.

We pray for vulnerable children, young people, adults and the elderly. Where Your people face war, persecution, poverty, loneliness or displacement, grant courage, wisdom and hope. Guide leaders to seek truth, justice and peace.

Teach us to serve with humility and compassion. May the Gospel cross cultures and traditions, building bridges where there is division and uniting people in the love of Christ.

Renew Your Church with the hope of Christmas, that we may faithfully bear Christ's light and peace to the world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen

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