

7.15am HOLY COMMUNION Colour: WHITE

Theme: *THE GOOD SHEPHERD*

Celebrant: **The Provost**

Stewards on Duty: **Group D**

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MNS 146 (*1st Tune - Laudes Domini*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *I am the good shepherd. the good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11*
3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
4. **Collect for Purity** (Page 171)
5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

8. **Collect:** *God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant : make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

9. **O.T. Reading:** Ezekiel 34: 1-10 - **Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi**
10. **Epistle:** Hebrew 13: 1-21- **Mrs. Olubunmi Babaniji**
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MNS 417 (*Savannah*)
12. **Gospel:** John 10: 7-16 **Revd. George Abara**
13. **Sermon:** **Ven. Williams Mehinsan**
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Engr. Adetunji Babaniji**
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee; and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia.*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MNS 126 (*Dominus regit me*)
18. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187-190)
19. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190-193)
20. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193-194)

21. **Communion Sentence:** *I am the Good Shepherd, alleluia : and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MNS 480 (*Let us break bread*)
 - (ii) A&MNS 228 (*St. Etheldreda*)
 - (iii) A&MNS 110 (*University*)
 - (iv) A&MNS 272 (*St. Flavian*)
 - (v) A&MNS 111 (*Surrey*)
 - (vi) A&MNS 422 (*Woodlands*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** "God sent his son, they called him
Jesus"
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty and merciful God, that we who are made partakers of thy life-giving grace may ever rejoice in thy gift; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Altar Call:** *Family of late Engr. A. Odunayo Phillips*
28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic:** *Deut. 11: 24*
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MNS 134 (*Buckland*)

9.15 a.m Choral Mattins

Cantor: Canon Residentiary

Responses: Smith's

Theme: WALKING IN HIS SPIRIT (Part 1)

1. Who is the Holy Spirit?

- 1. Processional Hymn: A&MR 239 (Tune A&MNS 209 - Wiltshire)**
- 2. Call to Worship: (pages 18-19)**
- 3. Confession and Absolution**
- 4. Venite: C.P. 90 - J. Battishill in G**
- 5. Psalm: 49: 1-16 - C.P. 132 - James Turle in G**
- 6. Bible Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14 - Mrs. Remi Akodu**
- 7. Benedictus: C.P. 31 - E.J. Hopung in G**
- 8. Creed to 3rd Collect**
- 9. Anthem: This Joyful Eastertide by William H. Harris**

1. This joyful Eastertide,
 Away with sin and sorrow!
 My love, the Crucified
 Hath sprung to life this morrow.
 *Had Christ, that once was slain,
 Ne'er burst His three-day prison
 Our faith had been in vain:
 But now hath Christ arisen.*

2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in slumber
 Had Christ etc.

3. Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river,
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.
Had Christ etc.

10. **Hymn before Sermon:** A&MNS 157 (*1st Tune Carlisle*)
11. **Sermon:** Revd. George Abara
12. **Intercession:** Revd. George Abara
13. **Hymn for Offering:** A&MNS 159 (*Tune A&MR 116 - St. Agnes*)
14. **Notices:**
15. **Altar Call:** (i) Mrs. C.F. Taiwo - 80th Birthday Thanksgiving
Family of late Mrs. Adefoluke Titilola Onabanjo- Ogunkoya,
(1 year's mind).
16. *Spiritual Tonic: Deut. 11: 24*
17. **Conclusion to Benediction**
18. **Final Amen: Smith's**
19. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MNS 149 (*Paderborn*)

9.15 a.m. Cornerstone Fellowship

Time: 9.15 a.m. - 11.00 a.m.

- 1. Opening Hymn: A&MNS 207**
- 2. Call to Worship**
- 3. Psalm: 49: 1-16**
- 4. Praise and Worship**
- 5. Bible Reading: Ephesians 1: 3-14**
- 6. Special Number**
- 7. Message: Mr. Gbolaga Ajayi**
- 8. Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers**
- 9. Sunday Offering:**
- 10. Notices**
- 11. Prayer and Benediction**
- 12. Closing Hymn: A&MNS 205**

9.15 a.m. Children's Church/Sunday School

TOPIC: JESUS IS ALIVE

Worship Leader: Mrs. Tola Akinola

- 1. Choruses**
- 2. Opening Hymn: C.H. 374**
- 3. Bible Reading: Matthew 28: 1-15**
- 4. Hymn: C.H. 375**
- 5. Creed to Prayers:**
- 6. Hymn: Choruses (Offering to be taken)**
- 7. Closing Prayer**
- 8. Hymn: C.H. 376**
- 9. Children go to their various classes**

11.15 a.m. Holy Communion (SAID)

Y.W.C.A Anniversary

And

Fountain of Hope Anniversary

Theme: **THE GOOD SHEPHERD**

Celebrant: **Ven. S. Obi Nwankerendu**

1. **Hymn:** A&MNS 73 (*St. Fulbert*)
2. **Introit: Be Present Spirit of the Lord**
 1. *Be present, spirit of the Lord.
Let sounds of earth be dumb,
The Father's love be shed abroad,
The dew of blessing on us poured,
Oh, silent spirit, come.*
 2. *In power unseen upon us rest.
Your gracious gifts impart,
Every gift impart
A mind renewed, a spirit blessed,
A life where Christ is manifest
An understanding heart.*
 3. *Holy Spirit, fall on me,
Melt me, mould me, flow through me.
Oh, Spirit come and with us stay;*

*Make every heart your home.
So work in us that we who pray,
May walk with Christ in wisdom's way,
Oh Holy Spirit, come.*

3. **Introductory Sentence:** *I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. John 10:11*
4. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
5. **Collect for Purity and Gloria** (Page 171)
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9. **Collect:** *God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant : make us perfect in every good work to do your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

10. **O.T. Reading:** Ezekiel 34: 1-10 - **Fountain of Hope Society**
10. **N.T. Reading:** Hebrew 13: 1-21 **Young Women's Christian Association**
11. **Gradual:** A&MNS 83 (*Savannah*)
12. **Gospel:** John 10: 7-16 - **Revd. George Abara**
13. **Address:** **Revd. Segun Ladeinde**
14. **Creed:**
15. **Intercession:** (Pages 183-184) **Young Women's Christian Association**
16. **Peace:** (Page 186)
17. **Offertory Sentence:** *O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee; and lift up my hands in thy Name, alleluia.*
18. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MNS 146 (*1st Tune Laudes Domini*)
19. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic prayer:** (Pages 187-190)
20. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190 - 193)
21. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193 - 194)
22. **Communion Sentence:** *I am the Good Shepherd, alleluia : and know my sheep, and am known of mine, alleluia, alleluia.*
23. **Hymns During Administration:**
 - (i) A&MNS 480 (*Let us break bread*)

- (ii) A&MNS 223 (*Doncaster*)
- (iii) A&MNS 128 (*St. James*)
- (iv) A&MNS 272 (*St. Flavian*)
- (v) A&MNS 170 (*1st Tune - Aurelia*)
- (vi) A&MNS 119 (*1st Tune A&MNS 11 - Abends*)
- (vii) A&MNS 124 (*Tune YHB*)

24. Post Communion Hymn: "God sent his son, they called Him Jesus"

25. Post Communion Prayer: *Grant, we beseech thee, Almighty and merciful God, that we who are made partakers of thy life-giving grace may ever rejoice in thy gift; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

26. The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (Pages 195-196)

27. Altar Call: Anniversary Thanksgiving: Y. W. C. A.
FOH 24(NG)

28. Notices:

29. Spiritual Tonic: *Deut. 11: 24*

30. Benediction to Dismissal (Page 196)

31. Final Amen:

32. Withdrawal: A&MNS 172 (*2nd Tune - Austria*)

GENERAL NOTICES

1. **Lagos Diocesan Synod:**

We congratulate our Diocesan - the Most Revd. Dr. E. Adebola Ademowo on the success of the 2nd Session of the 31st Synod of the Diocese of Lagos that held from Sunday, 1st May to Thursday, 5th May, 2011. May the Lord grant him and his wife fresh anointing and continue to enrich His people in righteousness and good works.

2. **Episcopal Awards:**

We thank His Grace for honoring some of our parishioners during the just concluded Synod. Mr. Modupe and Mrs. Folorunso Alakija were given Episcopal Awards for supporting Evangelism and for rendering other valuable services in the Diocese.

3. **Cathedral Gift Day 2011**

Our GIFT DAY this year comes up next ***Sunday, 15th May, 2011***, from 11.15 a.m. It will end with a Holy Communion Service at 5.00p.m. It is a day for special prayers and counseling for families and individuals. *It is also a day to make Special Gifts to the Cathedral and our target is N10m which will be used to change the old and worn Church Vestments.* We appeal to your generosity to make this project a success as this will further enhance the profile of the Church.

4. **Harvest 2011**

*The Inaugural Meeting of the 2011 Harvest Committee will hold on **Thursday, 12th May, 2011 at 6.00 p.m. prompt in the Chapter House.** All Societies are hereby requested to send two representatives.*

5. **Bulletin Sponsorship:**

Our bulletin for this Sunday has been sponsored by **Mrs. Olayinka Ajayi-Bembe** in memory of her son **Mr. Ademayowa Olayiwola Ajayi-Bembe** who died a year ago on 28th April, 2010. May the soul of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings, mercies and protection be always upon his family.

6. **The Diocesan Charity Day:**

This year's family day will come up on **Saturday, 21st May, 2011** DV at the Cathedral, Akodo and Iraye. Donations of the following items are welcomed.

-Fairly used clothes, shoes, etc, for men, women and children.

-Household items

-Foodstuff like - rice, bean, gari, yams etc.

-Beverages - Milk, sugar, milo, etc.

-Washing materials- Detergent, soaps for body and clothes

-Cash to purchase any of the above items

Please leave the items with the sextons for Mrs. Olabo Johnson, the Provost's wife. Thank you.

7. **The Care Ministry:**

The Care Ministry Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Tuesday, 10th May, 2011 at 10.00 a.m. at the Children's Church.**

8. **Home Call:**

We announce the home call of **Mrs. Olasunbo Badejo-Okusanya (nee Omololu)**. She died on Monday, 2nd May, 2011. She was 78 years old. She was a member of Women's Guild Auxiliary.

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Sunday, 15th May, 2011, at 1.00 p.m. Service of Songs by Women's Guild Auxiliary at 77 Oduduwa Crescent, GRA, Ikeja.

Monday, 16th May, 2011 at 6.00 p.m., Christian Wake-keep at 77 Oduduwa Crescent, GRA, Ikeja.

Tuesday, 17th May, 2011, Funeral Service here, at the Cathedral at 11.00 a.m. Interment follows at Vaults and Garden. May her soul rest in perfect peace.

9. **Mid-Week Fellowship and Love Feast:**

Are you celebrating your birthday or any joyous occasion in your family or remembering a loved one? Think of sharing your joys with the lowly ones, who can give you nothing in return, but are being led to Christ by us. Sponsor a Wednesday afternoon. Cost is **N27,000** per Wednesday. You can pay part of an afternoon's cost. See Omoba Ademola or the Parish Clerk during the week.

Thank you and God bless.

*Our sincere appreciation goes to Mrs. **Tinuke Esther Osho** for sponsoring our Mid-Week Fellowship on May 4, 2011 in thanksgiving to God for her birthday which came up on Thursday, 21st April, 2011. God will continue to grant her good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of her life.*

10. **Church Needs:**

(a) (3) HP Laptop with 250 GB hard drive, dual core Processor or AMD

Turion technology (2.1 GHZ) with memory 4 GB.

(b) Camcorder (Panasonic or Canon) with Hard disk (80 GB), 78 X OPTICAL zoom and digital zoom 3500 x

(c) APC Smart - UPs 2.2 KVA.

(d) 2 Megaphones

We thank all those who have responded to our requests in the recent weeks. Please kindly assist in the provision of the above listed items for the Church. Thank you.

11. (i) **Fellowship Hour - Sunday - 08/5/2011**

We thank **Chief Ernest Shonekan** who hosts the Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. Service, and **Sir Joe Ihonde** who hosts the Fellowship Hour after 9.15a.m. Service. ***We pray for God's abundant mercy and grace upon them and their families.***

(ii) **Fellowship Hour - May-June 2011**

Sunday, 22/5/2011 - **Prince Ademola Odunsi** after 7.15 a.m Service
- **Vacant** after 9.15 a.m. Service

Sunday, 12/6/2011 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Service.

Sunday, 26/6/2011 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Service

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT

12. (a) Sponsorship:

Our Social Welfare Service Unit is seeking sponsorship for the following: Part payments will also be gratefully appreciated.

(i) Mr. Igri Prosper: He urgently needs the sum of N4.5 million for a kidney transplant. Kindly donate generously towards giving him a chance to live. Any amount would be highly appreciated. Cheques should be made payable to ***“Cathedral Church of Christ (SWSU) and “Mr. Igri Propser’s Kidney Transplant” endorsed at the back.***

(ii) A member of the Church: He is an OND student of Lagos State Polytechnic studying Accountancy. He needs a sum of N61,350 for his 1st year school fees.

(iii) A member of the Church: He is a graduate of the University of Lagos and needs a total sum of N119,400 for his ACCA (Association of Certified Chartered Accountants) examinations and tutorial/preparation fees.

(iv) Master Francis Opuni: He is a Primary 5 pupil of Timi Children’s School, Surulere, Lagos. He needs to be assisted with the sum of N45,000 per year (N15,000 per term) for the next 2 years.

(v) Master Segun Adisa: He is an 8 - year old child with cerebral palsy. He is about to be admitted into Modupe Cole Memorial Child Care and Treatment Home School, Akoka. **The sum of N120,000 for his wheel chair and other items had been donated by a Parishioner.** He now needs N15,430 for the purchase of remaining items on the Admission List which include diapers, toiletries, provisions and clothes. He would also need a monthly donation of the above-mentioned items or a sum of N28,000 for their purchase. Your kind donations would be highly appreciated.

(vi) Master Emmanuel Ben: He is an SSI student of Starlight College, Sari-Iganmu, Lagos. He needs to be assisted with the sum of N45,000 per year (N15,000 per term) for the next 3 years.

(vii) **Miss Opeoluwa Rachael Olaleye:** She is an NDI Student of Moshood Abiola Polytechnic, Abeokuta. She needs a sum of N90,500 for her year 1 School Fees and a sum of N65,000 for her year 2 School Fees, plus N15,000 for Project Allowance.

(viii)**Omiyale Funso Babatunde (visually impaired):** He is a 100 level student of University of Jos studying Special Education and Rehabilitation Sciences. He needs to be assisted with the sum of N30,000 per year for the next 3 years plus Project Allowance of N15,000.

(b) **Need of Accommodation:** The Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of an accommodation at any suitable location within Lagos State to be used as a temporary home for the needy. Any member who can be of assistance should please contact the Provost.

(c) The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of **fairly used clothes, shoes** for both young and old, **and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions etc.**

13. Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2011

The Fellowship Hour takes place on **2nd and 4th Sundays of 2011 after 9.15 a.m.** Services respectively for members who wish to share their Joy with other parishioners as they celebrate their birthdays or any other special occasion. **Bookings on first come first served basis.**

	7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
Sundays 12&26/6/2011	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 10&24/7/2011	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 14&28/8/2011	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 9&23/10/2011	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 13&27/11/2011	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 11/12/2011	Vacant	Vacant

EMPLOYMENT WANTED

Please kindly help the under listed young ones. Their Curriculum Vitae are With the Provost.

1. **OLOWU**, Akinwunmi (M) HND Business Admin.
2. **OLABODE**, Olapeju Mary (F) B.Sc. Geography
3. **AGBOGIDI**, Oghenevbede (F) B.Sc. Banking & Finance
4. **EZE**, David (M) Diploma I/T Certificate Web-page Design
5. **OGUNDEPO**, Opeyemi Abiodun, (F) B.Sc Archaeology
6. **AJINDE**, Abiola Abiodun, HND Estate Management
8. **BALOGUN**, Olatunji Dada (M) OND Insurance
9. **ADANIKE**, Ayorinde Alexander(M) B.Sc (Hons) Finance.
10. **MAKINDE**, Abiodun Nene (F) B.A. (Hons) Eng. Language
11. **UGBAMA**, Erezi Betty, (F) B.Sc. Banking and Finance.
12. **ROBERTS**, Ajibola Oladapo, (M) B.Sc. Geography
13. **EGBEMUYIWA**, Tosin, (M) OND Business Studies
14. **REEVES**, Mantue Sunday(M) B.Sc(Hon) Demography & Social Statistics
15. **JERRY**, Ezekiel Olalekan(M), ND Mass Communication

16. **AJAYI**, Kabiru Abiodun, (M) OND Business Study.
17. **OWONIFARI**, Tope Collins,(M) ND Business Administration
18. **ADEGBOLA**,KingsleyAkinleke (M) Master of Managerial Psychology
19. **ONOHWAKPOR**, Onome Margaret(F) B.Sc. Political Science
20. **EFANODOR**, Eseoghene Benedict (M) B.Sc. Chemical Engineering
21. **EZURIKE**, Chimezie Obioma, (M) B.Sc. Psychology
22. **OKPEI**, Prosper Oseme, (M), B.A. English & Literaray Studies
23. **ATOYEBI**, Olushola Simeon, HND Architecture
24. **KUYEBI**, Olumide Samuel,(M) B.Sc. Geology
25. **OKUBADEJO**, Olusegun Adegboyega,(M), Master of Business Administration
26. **OGUNNIYI**, Kayode Emmanuel,(M) B.Sc. Business Administration
27. **LAWAL**, Bolarinwa Shakiru,(M) HND Electrical & Electronics Engineering Power & Machine Option
28. **OLAFIMIHAN** Odunayo (M) B.Sc. Business Administration
29. **NWAMAIOHA** Obinna Ogbonna, (M) B.Sc. Electronic Engineering
30. **ETUMNI**, Chidinma O, (F), B.Sc. Computer Science
31. **OKORO**, Tonito Onyebuchi(F), B.sc. Mass Communication
32. **MEADOWS**, Eyiyemi Funmilayo (F) B.Sc. Philosophy
33. **COLE**, Akinwunmi Ayodeji (M), B.Sc. Economics Education
34. **AHUAZA**, Chinwe Uloma,(F) B.Eng. (Hon) Geological Engineering

35. **ODOKO**, Edith Ngozi,(F) B.Sc. Business Administration & Management.
36. **MUSTAPHA**, Tunrayo,(F) ACA Accounting
37. **MARTINS**, Adepehin (M) MBc Energy Futures (Oil & Gas Engineering)
38. **EGBINOLA**, Grace Ololade(F) M.A. Philosophy.
39. **IDOWU**, Olajide Victor(M), B.Sc(Ed) Chemistry; NIM
40. **WILSON**, Ibitoru Norah(F) B.A. Philosophy
41. **IKARAOHA**, Amarachi Ujunwa (F)HND Library Science; NIM
42. **OJO**, Sola Olusegun,(M) HND Mass Communication
43. **IWUOHA**, Oluchi Ogechi,(F) B.Sc (Pure and Industrial Chemistry)
44. **BELLO**, Idieli Leslie,(M) HND Civil Engineering
45. **IGBINEDION**, Oluwakemi Abiola,(F) Barrister at Law (B.L.)

ON A LIGHTER SIDE

One Sunday morning in church, little Bukky, who had accompanied her father to church, felt violently ill. “Daddy,” she managed to whisper, “I’m sicker’n heck. I got to vomit!” “Go to the bathroom,” her father answered. In a very few minutes, Bukky was back, saying, “Papa, I didn’t have to go as far as the restroom. There’s a tiny box by the door that says ‘For the sick.’”

SUNDAY 15/5/2011

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(EASTER 3)**

Stewards on Duty: Group A

Colour: WHITE

Theme: JESUS: THE RESURRECTION AND THE LIFE

Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

O.T: 2 Kings 7: 17-34 Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi

Epistle: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11 Mr. Maurice Duke

Gospel: John 11:17-27 Revd. George Abara

Address: Ven. S. Obi Nwankerendu

Prayers: Mrs. Adetunji Duke

Thanksgiving at the Altar

9.00 a.m. The Koinonia will meet in the Elders' Room on the Ground Floor of the Cathedral House.

Theme: WALKING IN HIS SPIRIT (Part 1)
2. What does the Holy Spirit do?
3.

Cantor: Revd. Segun Ladeinde

Sermon: Revd. George Abara

Bible Reading: John 14:15-26

Reader: Mrs. Ayo Shodipo-Olabode

Prayer: Revd. George Abara

Thanksgiving at the Altar

After Mattins:

(i) There will be a meeting of the **Mothers' Union** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.

(ii) The Monthly General Meeting of the **Choir wives/Choir Parents Association** will hold in the Choir Vestry.

(iii) The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Missionary Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.

(iv) The **Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union (Youth Wing)** will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.

(v) There will be a meeting of the **Girls' Guild** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.

(iv) Executive Committee Meeting of the **Cathedral Circle** will hold at the Elderly Fellowship Room at the Ground Floor of the Cathedral House.

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. Clinic

Prof. G.O.A. Sowemimo

Mrs. H.O. Johnson

Sister Tayo Phillip

Mrs. A.O. Spaine

Prince I.C.O. Omogbehin

1.00 p.m. Service of Songs for Mrs. Olasunbo Badejo-Okusanya by Women's Guild Auxiliary at 77 Oduduwa Crescent, GRA, Ikeja.

11.00 A.M. : GIFT DAY

PRAYER AND COUNSELLING

5.00 P.M. : HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Theme: THE EXALTATION OF CHRIST

Celebrant: Ven. Williams Mehinsan

N.T. Ephesians 4: 1-13 - **Gift Day Sub-Committee**

Gospel: John 16: 12-24

Sermon: The Provost

Prayer: Gift Day Sub-Committee

SOUL FOOD 19/2011

WALKING IN HIS SPIRIT

1. *Who is the Holy Spirit*

"And you also were included in Christ when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation. Having believed, you were marked in him with seal, the promised Spirit. (Eph. 1:13)

A look at the Old Testament shows us the wealth of biblical experiences of the Spirit. The Hebrew word *ruach*, which is translated spirit, usually, refers to a dynamic, creative and inspiring force of life. (*Genesis 1*)

The great truth of the Old Testament is that there is one God, who is known as the Creator, as the Almighty, the I am that I am, and as Jehovah (*Deut. 6:4*). Time and time, the devil has striven to distort and corrupt this truth by turning men away to many idols and many lords (*I Cor. 8:5*).

The New Testament reveals God in a triune form. God revealed Himself to us as God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit, as is so clearly presented in the three well-known ever-widening circles of *Ephesians 4:4-6*. *I Corinthians 8:6*; and *I Tim. 2:5*. Satan also attacks this fundamental truth of Christianity. So, he lets rank unbelievers deny the existence of God, and many who profess to be Christians deny the deity of Christ or His true pure humanity. And he has succeeded in taking away the biblical knowledge of the Holy Spirit from thousands of true believers, so that in a practical sense they are in the condition of the Jewish believers in ***Acts 19:1-4*** who were not yet Christians!

Our series, however, is going to be on the Holy Spirit, the third person of the Trinity. It is imperative for us to understand how the Holy Spirit works so that we can make the most of what He offers us as believers. To be candid, how

many believers are aware practically that the Holy Spirit is not merely a power or an influence, but a divine person? How many such know that the Holy Spirit indwells them? Yet **Romans 8:9** says that if anyone does not have the Holy Spirit he does not belong to Christ.

How much influence it would have upon our lives to be conscious in a practical way that God, the Holy Spirit, dwells in every believer (**Eph. 1:13; 2 Cor. 1:22**) and wants to manage our lives; that He also dwells in the assembly (**Eph. 2:22; 1 Cor. 3: 16**), and there wants to direct everything according to His thoughts, and use whosoever, He will; that we grieve Him when we do not give Him the management of our lives (**Eph. 4:30**) and that we quench Him when we do not submit to His direction in our assembly life. (1 Thess. 5: 5:19)

Together, we shall search God's Word and receive it into our hearts, if we have not done so before, and make real in our lives that which we find about GOD, THE HOLY SPIRIT.

Have a blessed week!

Completely Yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "F. C. Johnson". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long tail.

Provost

Very Revd. Pelu Johnson - **0802 312 7244**..... Provost
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Ven. Williams Mehinsan - **0702 954 5149**.... Youth/Evangelism
Revd. Olusegun Ladeinde - **0803 324 2286**...Elders' Fellowship
Revd. Bola Ojofeitimi - **0805 226 5951**..... Children's Church
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