

7.15 a.m HOLY COMMUNION Colour: GREEN

2023 Cultural Harvest

Theme: "ASSURED FRUITFULNESS: IN CHRIST ALONE" - John 15:5

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Stewards on Duty: **Group D**

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 691 (*Truro*)
 2. **Introductory Sentence:** "He made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined allotted periods and the boundaries of their dwelling place." Acts 17:26
 3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
 4. **Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis** (Page 171)
 5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
 6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
 7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

 8. **Collect:**
Almighty Father, Whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brethren we do also for Him, give us the will to be the servant of others as He was the Servant of all, Who gave up His life and died for us, but is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

Collect for Cultural Harvest
O God, you created all people in your image, We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and culture in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

 9. **Epistle:** Colossians 2: 6-23 - **Mr. Segun Owadokun**
 10. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 650 (*Faithful*)
 11. **Gospel:** John 15: 1-16 **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
 12. **Sermon:** Revd. 'Segun Lufadeju
 13. **Creed:** (Page 178)
 14. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mrs. Joy Owadokun**
 15. **The Peace** (page 186)
 16. **Offertory Sentence:** "For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile - the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him." Romans 10:12
 17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 290 (*Wir Pflugen*)
 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:** "See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the elemental spiritual forces of this world rather than on Christ. Colossians 2:8
 22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
 23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 455(*Rockingham*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 678(*In Christ Alone*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 679(*Kilmarnock*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 688 (*St. Agnes Dykes*)
 - (v) A&MRW 741 (*Londonderry Air*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 781 (*Everton*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 809 (*St. James*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 812 (*Wiltshire*)
 24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 743 (*Thaxted*)
 25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Almighty and ever living God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. Send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever. Amen.*
 26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
 28. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
- **Cultural Harvest Thanksgiving - A&MRW 357**
 29. **Notices:**
 30. **Spiritual Tonic:** Psalm 107: 36-38
 31. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
 32. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 283 (*Regent Square*)
- At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani**

9.30 A.M. 2023 CULTURAL HARVEST

Theme: **“ASSURED FRUITFULNESS: IN CHRIST ALONE”**

- **John 15:5**

Cantor: The Provost

Responses: Fela Sowande in A

1. **Processional Hymn:** A&MRW 706 (Littafin Wakoki 336) Let us, with a gladsome mind (*Tune: Monkland*)
2. **Introit:** Surely the Lord is in this place - I. Burnell
3. **Call To Worship**
4. **Psalm: 150 - C.P. 276 - Charles Villiers Stamford** in C
5. **First Lesson:** Deuteronomy 18: 9-22 – Chief (Mrs) **Teju Phillips**
6. **Hymn:** A&MRW 583 – Rejoice O Land, (*Tune 262 - Melcombe*) A&MRW
7. **Second Lesson:** Colossians 2: 6-23 - **Master Iuwatife Opeaye** Bo-
8. **Te Deum:** AwaYin O Olorun - C.P. 174 - H.S. Oakeley

9. Creed to 3rd Collect

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Almighty Father, Whose Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least of our brethren we do also for Him; give us the will to be the servant of others as He was the Servant of all, who gave up His life and died for us, but is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen

COLLECT FOR HARVEST

Almighty and everlasting God, who hast graciously given to us the fruits of the earth in their season: We yield thee humble and hearty thanks for these thy bounties, beseeching thee to give us grace rightly to use them to thy glory and the relief of those that need; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR DIVERSITY OF RACES AND CULTURE

O God, you created all people in your image, We thank you for the astonishing variety of races and culture in this world. Enrich our lives by ever-widening circles of friendship, and show us your presence in those who differ most from us, until our knowledge of your love is made perfect in our love for all your children, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, who is the author of peace and lover of concord, in knowledge of whom stands our eternal life, whose service is perfect freedom; defend us. Your humble servants in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in Your defence, may not fear the power of any adversaries, through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

COLLECT FOR GRACE

O Lord our heavenly Father, Almighty and everlasting God, who has safely brought us to the beginning of this day; defend us in the same with Your mighty power, and grant that this day we fall into no sin, neither run into any kind of danger; but that all our doings may be ordered by Your governance, to do always what is righteous in Your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

11. Anthem: Rejoice in the Lord Always - Henry Purcell

12. Hymn Before Sermon: A&MRW 539 - Let all Creation
(Tune Darwall's 148th)

Dance

13. Sermon: Venerable 'Niyi Agesin

14. Intercession: The Provost

15. Hymns for Sunday Collection:

C.H. 679 - Oh, Bring to the LORD your tribute of praise
(Tune MHB 7 - Houghton)

16. Thanksgiving at the Altar:

17. Presentation of Thankoffering with choruses

18. Notices:

19. Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 107: 36-38

20. Concluding Prayer to Benediction

21. Final Amen: Fela Sowande in A

22. Withdrawal Hymns:

(i) IOM 44/ ABU 323

A fope f' Olorun, K'ayi kele Nn'ayi ugbu a

(ii) IOM 543 - Fi Ibukun Re tu wa ka

(Tune MHB 693 - Dismissal)

1. Fi ibukun Re tu wa ka,
Fi ayo kun okan wa;
K' olukuluku mo 'fe Re,
K' a l' ayo n' nu ore Re,
Tu wa lara, tu wa lara
La aginju aiye ja.
2. Ope at' iyin l' a nfun O,
Fun ihinrere ayo;
Je ki eso igbala Re;
Po l'okan at' iwa wa;
Ki oju Re, ki oju Re
Ma ba wa gbe titi lo.
3. Nje, nigbat'a ba sip e wa
Lati f' aiye yi sile,
K' Angeli gbe wa lo s' orun,
L' ayo ni k'a jipe na;
K' a si joba, k' a si joba
Pelu Kristi titi lai.

SUNDAY 13/08/2023

Day 225

Bible in a year: Proverbs 11,12; Col. 3

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Emmanuel Onsachi, Bishop of the Diocese of Okene (Nigeria).*
- ❖ *Mrs. Susan Kikelomo Oduwole.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Glory Oluchi Ezeh*
- ❖ *Mrs. Uchenna Ogechi Nwagboso.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of the Durham, The Church of England (York Province)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Olaoluwa Olubukunola Ajayi, Mr. Francis Kehinde, Miss Gabrielle Oluwaferanmi Iyamabo, Master Damilola Ogunseitan, Mr. Martins Ofomata Agu, Mr. Oluwadamilola Phillips, Miss Oluwakemi Alu, Mr. Adegboyega Sapara, Mrs. Olamide Oduwole, Mrs. Patience Obada-Obieh, Miss Oluwasemilore Owootomo, Miss Aderonke Martins.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr. & Mrs. Willie Nicholson, 41st Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Chief Oladosu Oshinowo, 10 years' mind.*
- (ii) *HRH Tanimose Abioye Bankole-Oki, 13 years' mind*
- (iii) *Mr. Percy Olufela Uthman, 35 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Mrs. Eburn Elizabeth Odedina (nee King), 44 years' mind.*

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of *Late Lt. Col. Samuel Adeleye Agbede (rtd), Mrs. Mosun Atigbi, Late Engr. Babaniji, Late Ven. E.V. Badejo, CPA, Late E.S.O. Banjoko, Late Mr. Benjamin Opara, Mrs. Funmilayo Benson, Mr. Bode Boardman, Late Jenkins Olubunmi Coker, Ms. Yewande Cole, Mr. Kehinde Phillips, CPA, Late Revd. Canon Lawrence Chuku Nwaka, Mrs. Abosede Rebecca Peter, Late Dr. Samuel Umeadi Okoli, Dr. John Momoh, Dr. Dele Fajemirokun.*

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

Pinax Nigeria Limited, Irene Ventures, Dayspring Property Development Company Limited, Respect My 20, Digital Reality Print Limited, Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd. Quintus Projects Ltd, Sebytoy Enterprises, Episode & Modes Kunsolts Limited.

SUNDAY 13/08/2023 - MEETINGS

9.00a.m. *There will be a meeting of The Koinonia*

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

CULTURE FEST

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THE SEMINARY GROUNDS

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY – 14/082023

Colour: GREEN

Day 226

Bible in a year: Proverbs 13, 14; Col. 4

6.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju

Epistle: Acts 20: 17-38

Gospel: Mark 9: 42-50

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. David Bena, Bishop of the Convocation of Churches in North America.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Margaret Ayobami Adefemiwa*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Dutse; The Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion, Kaduna Province)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Lydia Saka, Mrs. Olusola Otolorin Agbebi, Mr. David A. Edoboh, Miss Aderoju Omololu, Mr. Gboyega Olokunbola, Dr. Oludotun Biobaku Orija, Magistrate (Mrs) Modupe Otitoju, Arc. Ayodele Olowole, Mr. Uba Chibuzo Nwogu, Miss Oluwafunmilayo Augustina Okwuraiwe, Mr. Tosin Ashafa, Miss Oluwademiladeayo Onalaja, Miss Oluwademilolaomo Onalaja.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr & Mrs. Olanrewaju Babatola Peters*
- (ii) *Mr. & Mrs. Kanma Okafor, 23rd Wedding Anniversary.*

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

- (i) *Ms. Olaide Chrispianna Williams, 6 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mr. Henry Akinola Allen, 33 years' mind*
- (iii) *Mrs. Elizabeth Abosedo Abike Layeni, 44 years' mind.*

4 .00 p.m. Women Bible Class/Bible Study: Spiritual Restoration - Ladies Friendly Society (Mrs. Toyin Sebanjo)

5 .00 p.m. 2022 Memorial Prayer Meeting

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TUESDAY -15/08/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 227

Bible in a year: Proverbs 15,16; 1 Thess. 1

6.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: Acts 21: 1-14

Gospel: Mark 10: 1-16

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Roger Ames, Suffragan Bishop of the Convocation of Churches in North America*
- ❖ *The Rt Revd. David Anderson, Suffragan Bishop of the Convocation of Churches in North America.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Canon Adekunle Oladimeji Dina.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Mercy Erhimado Uyoyao Okoro.*
- ❖ *Mr. Stephen Olusegun Ajayi*
- ❖ **The Anglican Church of Southern Africa.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Tolulope Pearce-Dawodu, Chief Dr. S. Olufunmilayo Ajomo, Ms. Omolara Otuyelu, Mrs. Abosedo Faji, Miss Bola Osibo, Mr. Akintade Akinyemi Adeyeye, Mrs. Ernestine Campbell-Ukabam, Mrs. Ada Affiong Duggan, Mr. Leonard Adewale Jones, Master Solomon Abidemi Awoliyi, Mr. Stephen Adedoyin Osinubi, Mrs. Aderonke Aladesawe (nee Shogbola), Mrs. Iyabo Ogunmola, Mr. David Edobor Aghariagbonse, Miss Jadesola Olukorede Vincent, Miss Oluwaseun Adepeju Vincent, Master OjurereOluwa Agesin, Miss Adefoluke Adegunloye, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Odutola, Mrs. Adetola Olubusola Temowo.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

Prince Richard Caxton Adekanmbi Fetuga, 54 years' mind.

5 .00 p.m. 2022 Memorial Prayer Meeting

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WEDNESDAY – 16/08/2023 Colour: GREEN

Day 228

Bible in a year: Proverbs 17,18; Psalms 91

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: **The Provost**

Epistle: Acts 21: 15-26

Gospel: Mark 10: 17-31

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Inspector General Officers and Men of the Nigerian Police Force.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Charity Orezimena Adelaja*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Easton; The Episcopal Church, (Province III)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Babatunde Oke, Mr. Chukwuma Tony Apakama, Mrs. Olusola Olufunmilayo Moore, Mrs Yewande Pratt, Miss Seyi Harrison, Mr. Christopher Oluwasegun Agbana, Mrs. Abiola Titilayo Oke, Miss Oluwadara Onigbogi, Miss Rachael Oluwadarasimi Aderinsola Agbana.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Sir Jide and Lady Ololade Oki, CPA

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Prince Evans Oyolola, 7 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mr. Michael Adewuyi Adeyemi, 9 years' mind.*

10.00 a.m. **Blessing of Marriage**

5.00 p.m. **2022 Memorial Prayer Meeting**

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THURSDAY -17/08/2023

Colour: GREEN

Day 229

Bible in a year: Proverbs 19,20; 1 Thess. 2

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**

Epistle: Acts 21: 27-36

Gospel: Mark 10: 32-45

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *Prof. Timothy Abiodun Adebayo, Vice Chancellor, Ajayi Crowther University Oyo and other Principal Officers.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Semenitari, Diocesan Public Relations Officer*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Eau Claire; The Episcopal Church (Province 5).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Michael Aderemilekun Oladeinde Kehinde, Mrs. Olamide Adesanya, Miss Francisca Ekeopara, Master Andrew Oluwaseyifunmi Losa, Mr. Oluwaseun Temitope Aro, Mrs. Oluranti Kambal, Mr. Omowole Peters, Master Gbeminyi Opeoluwa Bode-Thorpe, Master John Ogundele.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr. Terfa and Mrs. Samantha Adding, 20th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *H.E Admiral Augustus Aikhomu, 12 years' mind*
- (ii) *Mrs. Olabisi O. Ramos, 15 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Mrs. Adetola Ojowuro, 17 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Mrs. Gladys Yetunde Dawodu, 20 years' mind.*
- (v) *Mr. Adewunmi Olutola Doherty, 33 years' mind.*
- (vi) *Dr. Adebawale Babatunde Lipede, 34 years' mind.*
- (vii) *Pa Prince J. Mofolorunso Omogbehin, 51 years' mind*
- (viii) *Mrs. Roseline Mosebolatan Coker.*

5.00 p.m. **2022 Memorial Prayer Meeting**

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6.00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

FRIDAY – 18/08/2023 Colour: GREEN Day: 230

Bible in a year: Proverbs 21,22; I Thess. 3

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe

Epistle: Acts 21: 37-22.16

Gospel: Mark 10: 46-52

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Ven. Prof. Taiye Aluko, Rector, Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary Abeokuta and other Principal Officers.
- ❖ Mr. Dotun Makinwa; Diocesan Communicator.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Central Ecuador; The Episcopal Church (Province IX)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Mrs. Oluwaseun Aduloju, Mr. Andrew Olajide Jaji, Dr. Mrs. Toyin Ajayi, Mrs. Maureen Paul, Mr. Chukwunonso Nwizu, Mr. Olawale Lukeman Durosinmi, Mrs. Chinyere Afolasade Pearce-Dawodu, Mr. Jerry D. Ugwu Ifeanyi, Mr. Abiola Odedeyi, Mr. Adebowale Odunlami.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr & Mrs. Uthman Edmund Uwam

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

(i) Chief Olufemi Somolu, 1 year's mind

(ii) Chief Joseph S. Daniyan, 22 years' mind.

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SATURDAY – 19/08/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 231

Bible in a year: Proverbs 23,24; Psalm 92,93

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Acts 22: 17-29

Gospel: Mark 11: 1-11

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Ven. Dr. I. Olukayode Oyeneye, Dean, Immanuel College of Theology and Christian Education Ibadan.
- ❖ Mrs. Iromidayo Oluwafunmilola Oluwadare.
- ❖ Mrs. Elizabeth Oluwadasimi Adebayo
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Edinburgh; The Scottish Episcopal Church.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Mosunmola Fayemi (nee Ogutuga), Mrs. Chinyere Nwobodo, Chief Julius Folorunso Obembe, Ms. Arinola Ogunrinde, Mr. Idowu Ogunshina, Mr. Daniel Olumuyiwa Otubanjo, Mr. Oluwapamilerin Olurotimi Odunaike, Mrs. Moronke Durojaiye (nee Bucknor-Smart), Mr. Christopher Tochukwu Mefo, Master Taore Tosin-Agbede.

5.00 p.m. 2022 Memorial Prayer Meeting

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Bible Study Outline

THEME: GOD'S CHILDREN AS PILGRIMS TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM:

MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH

SUB-THEME: Manifesting Spiritual fruits 6

TOPIC: Goodness

TEXTS: Mark 3:1-6

AIMS:

To analyse the act of goodness as more significant than the observance of law ii. to expose how an act of goodness can liberate the oppressed.

INTRODUCTION

Goodness is the quality of being kind, helpful, and honest. It is the rightly-ordered motivation behind our desire to act well; and it prioritizes what God desires: love of others, rightness, justice, and mercy. In our study today, Jesus demonstrated that the law has no effect where there is no act of goodness. Healing by giving comfort to the one under the oppression of sickness is more important than the observance of the Sabbath.

STUDY GUIDE:

1. How will you analyse an act of goodness from today's text?
2. Describe how the observance of religious laws over goodness can inflict pain and result to wickedness? Mk 2:23-24; Joh 9:13-16.
3. In relating to Nigerian situations, describe how religious activities without goodness had resulted in wickedness and evil. Ref: Dan 3:19-20.
4. How can acts of goodness liberate the oppressed from spiritual and physical bondage? Luk 7:44-48; 10:33-34.

CONCLUSION: The focus of Jesus on goodness rather than bowing to Sabbath laws reveals the fact that goodness takes pre-eminence over the law. Christians must therefore be ready to do good at all times, in all places and at any time; either convenient or not.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Loyalty to religious laws without goodness can result to wickedness.

MEMORY VERSE: Gal 6:9 "Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith".

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK
PSALM 107: 36-38

“There he brought the hungry to live, and they founded a city where they could settle. They sowed fields and planted vineyards that yielded a fruitful harvest; he blessed them, and their numbers greatly increased, and he did not let their herds diminish.”

I speak with every conviction that, sorrow, struggle, lack, frustration, and stagnation will be far from me, the power of God will cause my seed to sprout and my little effort shall henceforth yield irrevocable abundance, I confess all these in the mighty name of Jesus Christ. Amen.



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION ARTICLE XXXVII

37. The State and its Civil Representatives

The power of the Civil Magistrate extends to all men, as well as Clergy as Laity, in all things temporal; but has no authority in things purely spiritual. And we hold it to be the duty of all men who are professors of the Gospel, to pay respectful obedience to the Civil authority, regularly and legitimately constituted. The original 1571, 1662 text of this article reads as follows: The sovereign has the chief power in the realm of England and his other possessions. The supreme government of all in this realm, whatever their station, whether ecclesiastical or civil, and in all matters, belongs to him and is not, nor ought to be, subject to any foreign jurisdiction. When we attribute to the sovereign the chief government (a title which seems to have offended some slanderous persons) we do not grant our rulers the ministry of either God's Word or of the sacraments. This is also made clear in the Injunctions published by Queen Elizabeth I. By this we acknowledge only the prerogative which we see in Holy Scripture God has given to all godly rulers. They should rule all people committed to their charge by God, whatever their station or rank, whether ecclesiastical or secular, and restrain with the civil power those who are stubborn or practice evil. The bishop of Rome has no jurisdiction in this realm of England. The laws of the realm may punish Christian people with death for heinous and grave offenses. It is lawful for Christian men at the command of the state to carry weapons and serve in wars.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

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(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)

'You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field, year by year' Deut. 14:22.

SUSTENTATION

Please pay your Sustentation/Church Dues (for the upkeep of the Church to: First Bank: **2000519164**
(Kindly indicate the following: Name & Sustentation No)
157, BAMGBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please pay all donations toward the project into Cathedral Access Bank Account Number: **0773948851**
(I Chronicles 29:14)

PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

"Honour the LORD with your possession... so your barns will be filled with plenty". Proverbs 3: 9&10.
Your kind and generous donations to the Cathedral will be highly appreciated. Below are the Church's Bank Accounts.

No	PURPOSE	BANK	ACCT NO
1.	Social Welfare Service Unit	Polaris Bank	1770128010
2.	Cathedral Clinic	First Bank	2000514561
3.	Donations/Sunday Collection/Thankoffering	GT Bank	0124088211
4.	Offertory/Communion Basket	UBA	1017498994
5.	Sustentation	First Bank	2000519164
6.	Family Harvest/Harvest Donatons	FCMB	0130543010
		Union Bank	0071028724

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FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER
DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK5)

Sunday, 20th August, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Family Late Engr Chief Leonard Adeniyi-Williams
2. Family of Late Omooba Francis Adetola Adewunmi, CPA
3. Otunba Babatunde and Yeye Fajemirokun

4. Family of Late Chief P.A.F. Ojemuyiwa
5. Family of Late Dr. A.E. Amabibi
6. Chief Olu Falomo, CPA and Family
7. Mrs. C.O. Ibirogbá and Family
8. The Ibru and Family
9. Mrs. Modupe Sowemimo-Coker and Family
10. Amb. O.O. Fafowora, CPA and Family
11. Mrs. E.O. Oyedele and Family
12. Family of Late Pa Alfred Abraham Adewoyin
Gooding
13. Family of late Pa John Alabi Oyebode
14. Family of Late Mrs. Georgietta Kofoworola
Oyebode
15. Family of Late Mrs. Catherine Aderemi
Gooding-King
16. Family of Late Yeyeoba Edith Adenike Ola-
Vincent
17. Family of Late Mr. Victor Ekundayo Babatunde Gooding
18. Mrs. Funmilayo Pereira and Family
19. Revd. Olukayode Oyebode and Family
20. The Ajilo and Family
21. Mr. Temitope Adegboyega Alao and Family
22. Sir Dr. Agbaike and Family
23. The Otubanjo and Family
24. The Owolabi and Family
25. Arc Remi Akodu and Family
26. Mr. Emmanuel Iyamah and Family
27. Family of Late Engr. George Adegboyega
Martins
28. Mrs. Onigbanjo and Family

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the coast of our families.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 6)
Sunday, 27th August, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar

1. Erelu Ojuolape Ojora, MON and Family
2. Olori Ajoke Adewunmi and Family
3. Late Engr. Ibiyemi D.W. Aluko Family
4. Mr. Olumide Sofowora, SAN and Family

5. Commodore Seyi & H.E. Mrs. Sarah Sosan and Family
6. Mr Tas & Mrs Tolu Animashaun
7. Late Dr. S.U. Okoli Family
8. Ajibade & Gbeminiyi Laolu-Adewale
9. Engr. Stanley Onuoha and Family
10. Prince Dapo Opeaye and Family
11. Mr Emmanuel Kanu and Family
12. Family of Late Adelola Martins
13. Family of Late Chief D. A. Ogunyemi
14. Taiwo Olutayo Sowande and Family
15. Odunsi Bode-Thomas Family
16. Family of Late Mrs. Okwuraiwe
17. The Agbebi and Family
18. Family of Late Engr. Adegboyega Martins
19. Late Bob Okonedo Family
20. The Duggan and Family
21. Family of Late Obada
22. Mrs. G. Bolanle Adeniyi and Family
23. Late Pa Enitan Brown Family
24. Dr. Ebenezer Egun Sonaiya and Family
25. Otunba Lekan Osifeso and Family
26. Sir and Lady Nzekwe Wilson, KSC
27. Mrs V.G. Onwuchekwa and Family
28. Mr. Solanke Ogunlana and Family
29. Family of Late Rego Martins
30. Mr. & Mrs. Clement Losa
31. Family of Late Mr. Abiodun Ejemai
32. Family of Late Dr. Alabo Ekine Amabibi

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the coast of our families.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 7)

Sunday, 10th September, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Sir & Mrs. Gbolahan Ayodele, CPA
2. Justice & Mrs. Rhodes-Vivour, SAN, CER
3. Family of Late Gibson-Roberts and Mrs. Dolapo Coker
4. Chief Felix Fagbohunbe, SAN and Family

6. Mr & Mrs. K.O. Ume Family
7. Dr. Michael Olusola Abiodun
8. Mrs. Ayoko Comfort Oyewunmi
9. Family of Prince I.C.O. Omogbehin,JP,PMA
10. Late Revd. Canon Lawrence Nwaka
11. Family of late Mr & Mrs. F.O. Meadows
12. Mr & Mrs. Fidelis C. Okonkwo
13. Family of Late Akinlolu Soyannwo
14. Prince & Dr. Mrs. Adeyimika Ademiluyi
15. Mr. & Mrs. Steve Amihere
16. Mrs. V.N. Funmi and Family
17. Mr. Tunde Alaje and Family
18. The Ajeigbe and Family
19. Late Pa Solomon Adesina Williams
20. Late Dr. J. Akanni Doherty Family
21. Prince Famuagun and Family
22. Mr. Madu Nwizu and Family
23. Prof. Debo Adeyemi and Family
24. Mrs. Olasubomi A. Fashola and Family
25. Mr. Shegun Elliot and Family
26. Mrs P. Owowo and Family
27. Mrs. G.U. Udemba and Family
28. Oga J.H. Doherty and Family
29. Femi Ajana
30. Mrs. Modupeoluwa Sowemimo-Coker and Family
31. Mr & Mrs. Benibo David-West
32. Family of Late Amb. Peter Afolabi

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the coast of our families.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 8)

Sunday, 17th September, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar.

1. Family of Late Very Revd. T.A.J. Oluwole,CPA
2. Brig. Gen. Ayo Vaughan and Family
3. Col. Dr. Olushola & Mrs. Esther Osho
4. Mrs. Ayo Shodipo-Olabode and Family
5. Ojora Omolara Adeoti and Family
6. Mr. Ewemade Akenuwa and Family
7. Family of Late Sir John A. Balogun,CPA
8. Mr. & Mrs. E.C. Porbeni and Family

9. Family of Late Papa M.O. Imana
10. Onuoha Esther and Family
11. Emmanuel Olumide and Family
12. Mr. J.A. Spaine and Family
13. Mr. Obinna Okongwu and Family
14. Alero Browne and Family
15. Olorogun John Majekodunmi Browne and Family
16. Family of Late Amb. Peter Ayodele Afolabi
17. Mr & Mrs. W.C. Onyekwere and Family
18. Alajuronye and Family
19. Dr. & Chief Mrs. Akinrele and Family
20. Ore Dawodu and Family
21. Family of Late Pa Ademola Thomas, CPA
22. Olatunji Moore, CPA
23. Family of Late Pa Emmanuel O. Ekisola
24. Daniel Adebayo Adekunbi and Family
25. Dr. Olabisi and Family
26. Family of Late Mr. Henry Omena, CPA
27. Engr. E. Thompson and Family
28. Family of Late Ogunro G.O, CPA
29. Arc. Niran Owowa and Family
30. Engr. G.A. Martins and Family
31. Sir Edward Abattam and Family
32. Eke-Opara and Family
33. Mrs. Loliya A. Shogbanmu
34. Family of Late Cdr C.A. Oniwo
35. Mr. Clement Nweke and Family
36. Mr. Tolu Pearce-Dawodu and Family
37. Family of late Akinlolu Soyannwo

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the coast of our families.

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICE

- 19/8/2023 - Cathedral Junior Chef Show Down by **Cathedral Women's & Girls' Organization**
 21/8/2023 - Health Talk - Urinary Tract Infection by **Dr. (Mrs.) Oluchi Okafor**
 29/8/2023 - Contemporary Issue - The Woman - God's Invaluable Weapon by **Dr. (Mrs.) Funmilayo Doherty**

Payment of Sacrifice

- Women's and Girls' Organisations

May God bless and prosper you as you give monthly towards Women's work in the Diocese. Thank you for giving to the Lord. Kindly make cheques payable to Women's & Girls' Organisations, Diocese of Lagos.

THIS MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL - AUGUST

- By Church History Sub-Committee

1951

Aug.19 Installation of Canon Adalokun Williamson Howells as the first Provost of the Cathedral.

1962

Aug 27 to

Sept.17 Tour of Churches in the Diocese by the Cathedral Choir.

1997

Aug. 28 Mid-Week Praise and Worship, Love Feast was inaugurated and held monthly on the 1st and 4th Wednesdays

2006

Aug 23 A new Lagos Mainland Diocese, carved out of the Diocese of Lagos was formally inaugurated with St. Jude's Church, Ebute-Meta as the Cathedral. Very Revd. Professor Adebayo Akinde was enthroned as the first Bishop of the Diocese.

NEEDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

Donations are vital to the Cathedral's future, and your gift will make a difference.

Kindly donate towards the purchase of any of the items listed below. Thank you.

(i) A server for the Cathedral Microsoft Active Domain Controller and Associated server license = \$3,200

(ii) iMac with Retina 4.5k Display/Apple M1 Chip/ 8 Core CPU/ 8-Core CPU/256GB = N1,500,000

(iii) One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N180,000 each

(iv) Two 2 hp Airconditioners @ N270,000 each

OBAFUNKE AKINKUGBE GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPENED. VISIT THE SHOP FOR YOUR BRANDED GIFT ITEMS, COFFEE AND SNACKS. THE SHOP OPENS DAILY EXCEPT ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU.

SUNDAY 20/08/2023

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

(Pentecost 12)

Stewards on Duty: **Group A** Colour: **GREEN**

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH

(v) Witnessing

Celebrant: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**

N.T. Reading: 2 Corinthians 5: 14-6.2 **Ms. Bunmi**

Ogutuga

Gospel: **Matthew 28: 16-20 Revd. Olawole**

Faloye

Address: **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**

Prayers: **Miss Peju Agbebi**

Thanksgiving at the Altar

9.15 a.m CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH

(v) Witnessing

Cantor: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**

Sermon: **The Provost**

O.T.: Jonah 3: 1-10 **Mrs. Modupeore Aleshinloye-Williams**
N.T. 2 Corinthians 5: 14-6.2 **Dr. (Mrs) Funmilayo Doherty**
Prayers: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**
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 **Choirwives/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.*
- (v) *There will be a meeting of the **Girls' Guild** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

46th Anniversary – The Cathedral Circle

Theme: RECEIVING GOD'S GUIDANCE FOR POSSIBILITIES THROUGH

(v) Witnessing

Celebrant **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
N.T. II Corinthians 5: 14-6:2 **Cathedral Circle**
Gospel: Matthew 28:16-20 **Cathedral Circle**
Address: **Revd. Henry Mooh**
Prayer: **Cathedral Circle**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

5.00 p.m. COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

WELCOME

A warm welcome to this and every worship in this Cathedral. Whether you have come from far or near, may you find real joy and inspiration in this service. We are very happy to see you and hope that you will come again.

GENERAL NOTICES

1. Cultural Harvest 2023:

Today is our Thirteenth Cultural Harvest Thanksgiving Service. We thank God for our various cultures and praise Him for who we are in Christ Jesus. As we celebrate today, let us glorify God with our substances, for what He has done for us.

For members of the church and guests: A **CultureFest Exhibition** will hold after the Cultural Harvest Service today at the Seminary grounds. Come, see and enjoy traditional dances, beverages, local nibbles, ankara items, antique and contemporary art, flowers, plants etc. which will be on display/available.

- 2.** We welcome the **Venerable Olaniyi Agesin** from Holy Trinity Church, Ebute Ero to the Cathedral. We say thank you to the Venerable for accepting to be our Guest Preacher today.

3. Consecration and Enthronement of our Bishop Elect:

Consecration and Enthronement of the Venerable Ifedola Senasu Gabriel Okupevi as the Bishop of Lagos hold as follows:

Consecration:

Date: Sunday, August 27, 2023
Venue: Archbishop Vinging Memorial Church Cathedral, Ikeja
Time: 9.00 a.m.

Enthronement:

Date: Monday, August 28, 2023
Venue: Cathedral Church of Christ, Marina, Lagos
Time: 10.00 a.m.
Please join us to celebrate.

NB: Dress code for Cathedral members for the Enthronement - Any shades of Blue.

4. Family Harvest 2023

This is to notify all parishioners that the Family Harvest for 2023 will commence on Sunday the 16th of July 2023 and will run through to the 30th of October. Please find below the dates for the

August: 20th 27th
September 10th 17th 24th
October 8th 15th 22nd 29th

Kindly visit the membership office or desk provided by the membership office to verify the dates allotted to your family so as to enable you make changes to more suitable dates if need be or identify any omission of your family's name. Envelopes will be available from the 3rd of July. Family Harvest Sub-Committee members: - *Mrs. Esther Asubiaro-Adewuyi 08032985511, Miss Iyabo Aboaba- 08033022587, Olatunji Jolayemi, Miss Oluwatoyin Henshaw, Miss Eyiemi Meadows.* Please come forward and give thanks to the Almighty as one family. May the good Lord bless you.

5. Cathedral Dues:

The sustentation list from **January - June** is ready and placed at all the Church entrance doors. It also available on the Church website. Please check to ensure your name, duplex number and the amount contributed.

6. 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 less privileged, who can give you nothing in return, but are being led to Christ by us. Sponsor a Wednesday afternoon.
Cost is N100,000 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.

7.(a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 13/8/2023

Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: August- October 2023

Sunday, 27/8/2023 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 10/9/2023 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 24/9/2023 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 8/10/2023 - Miss Akunna and Miss Christiana
2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
Sunday, 22/10/2023- Mrs. Aronke Nylander for her Birthday
after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

Akagha for their Birthdays on October,

which comes up Friday, 20th October, 2023

(b) Fellowship Hour - Parishioners who are not the main hosts of the Fellowship Hour but who wish to celebrate any events in their lives or who will like to simply contribute to the 'community spirit of the Cathedral are encouraged to do so by providing fruits, cakes, muffins, etc. Such parishioners should please contact Omoba Adegbola Ademola.

(c) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2023

The following dates are available for booking for **Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2023.** Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

		7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m
Sunday	12/11/2023	Booked	Booked
Sunday	26/11/2023	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	10/12/2023	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	24/12/2023	Booked	Booked



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WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Parishioners should please inform either the Welfare Sub-Committee - Mrs. Ayo Shodipo-Olabode 0802 787 2516; Mr. Akin Martins - 0802 316 0305 or Mrs Mary Ojutiwon (Provost's Secretary) - Tel No. 08053322557 of any one that has not been present in the Church for some time (young or old) either due to illness or any other reason whatsoever and who needs to be given Communion at home.

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

- ❖ *The SWSU Panel wishes through this medium, to appreciate all those who are helping the needy through the Unit (SWSU) in cash and kind. God Almighty will bless and enrich you more in Jesus name. Amen.*
 - ❖ *In the course of the week, the Unit received anonymous donation of N1.5m transfer. May God bless the donor more abundantly.*
- (a) **Sponsorship:**
Our Social Welfare Service Unit is seeking sponsorship for the following. Part payments will be gratefully appreciated.
1. **Akintade Aderonke Victoria (13 yrs)** need the sum of N3.6 million for a corrective surgery of a hole in the heart.
 2. **Adereti Esther Oluwatimilehin (19 years)** needs the sum of N1,083,995 for her University Education. She got an admission into Lagos State University for 5 years at N216,799 per session.
 3. **Mr. Jimoh Aleem** a secondary School student needs a sum of N900,000 for a 6 years level of education at N50,000 per term.
 4. **Imafidon Aduragbemi Ajodamen (19 years)** needs the sum of N600,000 for her University Education. She got an admission into the Ambrose Ali University, Ekpoma, Edo State for 4 years at N150,000 per session.
 5. **Mr. Jerry Shanu Samson (38 years)** A visually impaired Student of Vocational Training Centre Oshodi needs the sum of N420,000 per 2 years at N210,000 per session.
 6. **Miss Azeezat Atoloye (18 years)**: A student of Kwara State University, studying English Language, needs the sum of N480,000 for 4 years at N120,000 per session.
 7. **Miss Nancy Okacha (17 years)**: A student of University of Benin, studying Public Administration needs the sum of N480,000 for 4 years at N120,000 per session.
- (b) 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.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Eternal Father, the only God of wonders and possibilities, Your power is beyond compare, with You there is no impossibility, we acknowledge before You our feebleness; if Your power will not be our power we are doomed to failure: Grant, O Lord, that each day of our lives, this year and beyond, will be a reflection of Your wondrous power, level the mountains and break down gates of bronze before us to make possible every impossibility that lies ahead. We beseech You also to visit our land with Your unfailing help, cut through the bars of iron to deliver to us the treasures and riches stored in secret places, in Your mercy redeem and re-establish our Nation; and accomplish for Your Church what only You can accomplish to the praise and honour of Your one and only Son Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen

Theme for the year: "WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE"

TEXT: MATTHEW 19:26

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM

1. All things are possible to him
That can in Jesus' name believe;
Lord, I no mote thy truth blaspheme,
Thy truth I lovingly receive;
I can, I do believe in thee;
All things are possible to me.
2. The most impossible of all
Is that I e'er from sin should cease;
Yet shall it be; I know it shall;
Jesus, look to thy faithfulness!
If nothing is too hard for thee,
All things are possible to me.
3. Though earth and Hell the word gainsay,
The word of God can never fail;
The Lamb shall take my sins away,
'Tis certain, though impossible;
The thing impossible shall be,
All things are possible to me.
4. When thou the work of faith hast wrought,
I here shall in thine image shine,
Nor sin in deed or word or thought;
Let men exclaim and fiends repine,
They cannot break the firm decree;
All things are possible to me.
5. Thy mouth, O Lord, to me hath sworn
That I shall serve thee without fear,
Shall find the pearl which others spurn,
Holy and pure and perfect here;
The servant as his Lord shall be;
All things are possible to me.
6. All things are possible to God,
To Christ, the power of God in man,
To me, when I am all renewed,
When I in Christ am formed again,
And witness, from all sin set free,
All things are possible to me.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 06/08/2023

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion(Youtube 194/Facebook 284 views)..... 265
9.15 a.m. Combined Service (Youtube 279/Facebook 442 views).....302

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday 05/08/2023	8	Wednesday 09/08/2023	27
Monday 07/08/2023	17	Thursday 10/08/2023	42
Tuesday 08/08/2023	25	Friday 11/08/2023	26

COMING EVENTS (AUGUST 2023)

- 12-26/8/2023 - The Boys' brigade Summer Skill Acquisition Training Grill Competition
- 13/08/2023 - Cathedral Ladies Friendly Society Monthly Meeting



SOUL FOOD 33/2023

ASSURED FRUITFULNESS: IN CHRIST ALONE

- John 15:5

So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.

- Colossians 2:6&7

According to H. Richard Niebuhr, culture encompasses the characteristics and knowledge of a group of people, including language, religion, cuisine, social habits, music, and arts. It can be described as the social environment created by human beings, consisting of language, habits, ideas, beliefs, customs, social organization, inherited artefacts, technical processes, and values. Our culture represents our uniqueness before God, where no one is inferior or superior. Today, we celebrate our unique identities and belongingness as people influenced by culture in the context of our Cultural Harvest event.

The role of culture in shaping individuals and groups within a society cannot be overstated. It provides a sense of belonging and identity, helps people understand their values, and inspires behaviours and interactions. For believers, Christ's culture is of the essence as it refers to embodying His teachings in daily life and interactions with others. In Colossians 2, believers are urged to prioritise Christ and be discerning of cultural influences, emphasising that culture should not take precedence over the Gospel. Simply put, Christians should live in the world but not conform to its harmful aspects, always prioritising a Christ-centred perspective. In Christ, believers find their true identity as children of God. Their purpose and meaning in life are grounded in their relationship with Christ, and they are called to live in accordance with His teachings and example.

Our text for the 2023 Harvest celebration, John 15:4-5, uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to convey a spiritual truth about the importance of remaining connected to Jesus for growth, fruitfulness, and effectiveness in the Christian life. While this passage does not directly address the concept of culture, its principles can certainly be applied to how believers navigate their relationship with culture. "Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."

Just as branches are dependent on the vine for life and sustenance, believers should recognize their dependence on Christ in all aspects of life, including cultural engagement. This dependency reminds Christians that their effectiveness in engaging culture comes from their union with Christ, rather than relying solely on their own efforts. Believers must stay close to Christ as they engage with culture. This means interacting from a perspective grounded in their relationship with Jesus. The metaphor of the vine and branches implies a continual and intentional connection. Similarly, believers should actively discern and evaluate cultural influences, being mindful of how these align with or diverge from Christ's teachings. Just

as branches draw sustenance from the vine, Christians should draw wisdom and discernment from their relationship with Christ as they navigate cultural choices. "So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness." (Colossians 2:6&7)

The concept of bearing fruit can be applied to the positive impact believers have on culture. By remaining connected to Christ, Christians can exhibit the fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22-23) in their interactions with others and the broader culture. This can manifest as acts of love, kindness, justice, and compassion, influencing and transforming the culture around them. There may be times when cultural norms conflict with Christian values. Deuteronomy 18:9-22 speaks to the cultural context of the ancient Israelites and their need to distinguish themselves from the pagan practices of surrounding nations. The passage underscores the importance of remaining faithful to God's commandments, rejecting occult practices, and discerning true prophecy from false. By remaining connected to Christ, believers can stand firm in their faith and values even when faced with cultural pressures.

Today, let us celebrate by embracing Jesus' culture to transform contemporary cultures that go against God and His Kingdom's ethos. Bringing restoration and redemption to every domain and aspect of culture is also fruitfulness! The vision of Jesus for His Church was to bring about a complete transformation of all aspects of culture. It is therefore our responsibility to actively engage in the transformation of culture against the contemporary challenges posed by secularism, pluralism, and other obstacles.

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,



Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi, PhD

Provost

Prince 'Dapo Opeaye.....People's Warden
Mr. Adeyinka Shonekan.....Provost's Warden
Mr. Adejola Adeosun -Master of the Music and Organist
Revd. Henry Mooh - Confirmation Class/Children's Church
Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju - Youth/Missionary Society
Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun M. Adeyemi -Altar Servers/Readers Guilds
Revd Olawole Faloye -Correctional Centres Ministry/Elders' Fellowship
Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe -SWSU and Care Ministry
Ven. Henry Adelegan -Harvest Sub-Committee/Cathedral Choir and Band
Very Revd. Dr. Adebola Ojofeitimi -Evangelism

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