Colour: GREEN 7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION

Theme: ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES

(v) Unforgiveness

Celebrant: Ven. Adebayo Olayinka Stewards on Duty: Group B

- Opening Hymn: A&MRW 632 (Richmond1) 1.
- Introductory Sentence: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. 2. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13
- The Preparation (Page 170) 3.
- Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis (Page 171) 4.
- 5. Summary of the Law (Page 172)
- Words of Comfort (Page 175) 6.
- Confession to Collect (Pages 175-176) 7.
- Collect: 8.

Eternal Father Whose Son, Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of His peace and bring the whole created order to worship at His feet; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

- Epistle: Romans 12:9-21 Mr. Eyinnaya Akagha 9.
- Gradual Hymn: A&MRW 119 (Stracathro) 10.
- Gospel: Matthew 18: 23- 35 Ven. Adebayo Olayinka 11.
- 12. Sermon: Canon Residentiary
- Creed: (Page 178) 13.
- Intercession:(Pages 183-184) Mrs. Chioma Akagha 14.
- The Peace (page 186) 15.
- Offertory Sentence: "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your 16. neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." Leviticus 19: 18.
- 17. Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 453 (St. Helen)
- 18. Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer (Pages 187-190)
- 19. Breaking of Bread to Anthem: (Pages 190-193)
- Prayer of Humble Access: (Pages 193-194) 20.
- Communion Sentence: "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also 21. forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:14-15.
- 22. Administration: (Page 194)
- 23.
- Hymns during Administration:
 (i) A&MRW 127 (Tune: A&MRW 398 St. Paul's) (ii) A&MRW 130 (Quam Dilecta) A&MRW 712 (Living Lord) (iii) (iv) A&MRW 621 (Repton) (v) A&MRW 559 (Rhuddlan)

 - (vi) A&MRW 664 (St. Peter)
 - (vii) A&MRW 116 (Abridge) (viii) A&MRW 685 (Stella)
- 24. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 793 (Tune: A&MRW 784 -Morning Light)
- Post Communion Prayer: Dear Lord, thank You for the Grace received from partaking of Your body and blood today. 25. forgive us of all our past display of unforgiveness and revenge. Teach us to lay down our rights and choose to forgive in the same way You have forgiven us we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.
- The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (Pages 195-196) 26.
- Thanksgiving at the Altar:
 - Family Harvest
 - 85th Birthday Thanksgiving Justice E.O. Emmanuel Sanyaolu (rtd) (A&MRW 608)
- 28. Notices:
- 29. Spiritual Tonic: Job 42:10
- Benediction to Dismissal: (Page 196)
- Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 652 (CWM Rhondda)

At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi Responses: Richard Ayleward in E Flat

Theme: ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES

(vi) Unforgiveness

- 1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 599 (Tune A&MRW 349 Darwall's 148th)
- Call to Worship:
- 3. Confession and Absolution
- 4. Venite: ASB 58 George A. Macfarren
- 5. Psalm: 23 'Sina Ojemuyiwa in A
- 6. 1st Lesson: Jonah 4: 1-11 Dr. (Mrs.) Funmilayo Doherty
- 7. Benedictus: ASB 154 Thomas Attwood in G
- 8. 2nd Lesson: Romans 12: 9-21 Mrs. Aleshinloye Williams
- 7. Te Deum: ASB 27, 31, 35 (Set A)
- 8. Creed to 3rd Collect
- 9. Anthem: Ascribe unto the Lord John Travers

Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye kindreds of the peole: Ascribe unto the Lord worship and power, Ascribe unto the Lord the honour due to His Name. Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him. Tell it out among the heathen that the Lord is King: and that He shall judge the people righteously. Let the whole earth stand in awe of Him. O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness. Sind to the Lord, and praise His Name: be telling of His salvation from day to day, and His wonders unto all people.

- 10. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 342 (A&MRW 137 Love Divine)
- 11. Sermon: Ven. Adebayo Olayinka
- 12. Intercession: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi
- 13. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 787 (Nottingham)
- 14. Thanksgiving at the Altar
 - Family Harvest
 - 10th Birthday Thanksgiving Yoyinsola Ajiga
- 15. Notices:
- 16. Spiritual Tonic: Job 42:10
- 17. Conclusion to Benediction
- 18. Final Amen: Ayleward in E Flat
- 19. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 714 (Tune: A&MRW 713 Slane)

At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun Choral Conductor: Mr. 'Jimi Olumuyiwa

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

Conductor: Chaplain

- 1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 599 (Tune: A&MRW 349 Warwall's 148th)
- 2. Call to Worship
- 3. Praise and Worship
- 4. Psalm: 23
- 5. Bible Reading: Romans 12: 9-21
- 6. Special Number
- 7. Message:
- 8. Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers
- 9. Sunday Offering: Choruses
- 10. Notices
- 11. Prayer and Benediction
- 12. Closing Hymn: A&MRW 714 (Tune: A&MRW 713 Slane)

9.15 A.M. CHILDREN'S CHURCH/SUNDAY SCHOOL

TOPIC: THE REWARD 2

Worship Leader: Aunty Odilile E-Johnson

- 1. Choruses
- 2. Opening Hymn: C.H. 576
- 3. Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 4: 1-8
- 4. Creed to Prayers:
- 5. Hymn: C.H. 177 (Offering to be taken)
- 6. Closing Prayer
- 7. Closing Hymn from Pamphlet
- 8. Children go to their various classes

11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

The Boys' & Girls' Brigade Rededication & Enrolment Service

Theme: ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES

(vi) Unforgiveness

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye Communion Setting: John Merbecke

- 1. **Hymn:** A&MRW 597 (Old Hundredth)
- 2. Introit: Almighty and Everlasting God Orlando Gibbons

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities, and in all our dangers and necessities stretch forth thy right hand to help and defend us, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- 3. Introductory Sentence: "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you." Colossians 3:13
- 4. The Preparation (Page 170)
- 5. Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis(Page 171)
- 6. Summary of the Law (Page 172)
- 7. Words of Comfort (Page 175)
- 8. Confession to Collect (Pages 175-176)
- 9 Collect

Eternal Father Whose Son, Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that He might rule over all things as Lord: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of His peace and bring the whole created order to worship at His feet; who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen.

- 10. Epistle: Romans 12: 19-21 The Boys & Girls Brigade
- 11. Gradual Hymn: A&MRW 140 (St. Bernard)
- 12. Gospel: Matthew 18: 23-35 Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi
- 13. Sermon: Ven. Adebayo Olayinka
- **14.** Creed: (Page 178)
- 15. Intercession:(Pages 183-184) The Boys & Girls Brigade
- **16.** The Peace (page 186)
- 17. Offertory Sentence: "Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge against anyone among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself. I am the Lord." Leviticus 19: 18.
- **18. Offertory Hymn**: A&MRW 787 (Nottingham)

(Please drop all your envelopes)

- 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: "For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins." Matthew 6:14-15.
- 23. Hymns during Administration:
 - (i) Cast thy burden upon the Lord Felix Mendelsohn Psalm

55:22 (Choir Only)
(ii) A&MRW 471 (Aurelia)
(iii) A&MRW 712 (Living Lord)

(iv) A&MRW 448 (St. Botolph Siater)

(v) A&MRW 455 (Rockingham) (vi) A&MRW 116 (Abridge)

(vii) A&MRW 125 (Eisenach)

(viii) A&MRW 447 (H.C. 444 - Beamaris)

(viii) A&MRW 574 (Tune: A&MRW 303 - Beatitudo)

- 24. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 652 (CWM Rhondda)
- 25. Post Communion Prayer: "Dear Lord, thank You for the Grace received from partaking of Your body and blood today, forgive us of all our past display of unforgiveness and revenge. Teach us to lay down our rights and choose to forgive in the same way You have forgiven us we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer. Amen.
- 26. The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (Pages 195-196)
- 27. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
 - The Boys & Girls Brigade
- 29. Notices:
- 30. Spiritual Tonic: Job 42:10
- 31. Benediction to Dismissal: (Page 196)
- 32. Final Amen: Sevenfold Sir John Stainer
- 33. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 784 (Morning Light)

At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani & Mr. Chukwuka Onyenze

Choral Conductor: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun

SUNDAY 22/10/2023 Day 295

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 38,39; John 14

Points for Prayer:

- The Rt. Revd. Duke T. Akamisoko, Bishop of the Diocese of Kubwa.
- Mrs. Sarah Akamisoko, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Kubwa.
- The Revd. Peter Oluwasanmi Oloniniran.
- 29th Wedding Anniversary of the Revd. Canon Diran & mrs. Oluwafunmilayo Ogundipe.
- The Bishops of the Dioceses of Nelson, The Anglican Church in Aoteoria, New Zealand and Polynesia (Pakeha, Tikanga).

Birthday Intercession:

Hon. Justice Emmanuel Oladeinde Sanyaolu(85), Mr. Bruce Ovbiagele, Mr. Patrick Chinedu Okoye, Miss Abah Ayodele Sagoe, Mrs. Lojolola Adedeji, Mr. Kolade Ayo-Vaughan, mrs. Taiwo Oyetola Bello, Mr. Gbolahan Phillips, Mr. Tony Aboso, Mrs. Sabina Wuraola Aderugbo, Mrs. Magdalene Adenike Alabi, Master Adefolarin Joshua Alade, Miss Joan Oluwafolakunmi Bamgbose, Mrs. Yetunde Ogunsanya, Master Olufemi Ademiluyi.

Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Akpan, 7th Wedding Anniversary Mr. & Mrs. Taiwo Ajayi, 63rd Wedding Anniversary.

❖ Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Mrs. Modupe Williams, 9 years' mind
- (ii) Mr. Richard Akinboyejo Akinola, 18 years' mind
- (iii) Mr. & Mrs. Dipo Oniwide, 18 years' mind
- (iv) Chief Isaac Onwumere Nze, JP, 18 years' mind
- (v) Mrs. J.O. Osunkiyesi, 21 years' mind
- (vi) Mrs. R.I. Adeniji (nee Turner), 46 years' mind

Family Intercession:

Families of Late Dr. Alex Ifeanyichukwu Ekwueme, GCON, Chief Johnson Ighomereho, Arc. David Majekodunmi, Mrs. P.O. Okonkwo, Okwusi, Late Mr. Emmanuel Adeoye Olumide, Mr. H.O. Onojobi, Mr. Benson Oruasah, Mr. Thomas Toborowuru, Peterside, Late Preston Holder, Mr. Joseph A. Spaine, Late Mr. S.O. Wey, GCON, CPA, Mr. Dayo Sobowale, Late Mr. Taiwo Koffie Sagoe, Late Frank Sunmola Giwa-Osagie, Late Mr. Jenkins Olubunmi Coker, Late Adebayo Karim, Late Oladimeji Shoaga, Late Erewa Meggison, Engr. Prince Aderantimi Omoniyi Shoneye, Late Mr. J.O. Senbanjo, Mr. Costello Oladejo Taiwo, Mrs. Bolanle Iyanda-Fate.

Prayer for Businesses

Channels T.V., D.F. Group, Lington and Bernie Consulting Limited, Project Halo Korporate Concierge, Ashfield and Bowman Attorneys, Alban Consulting Limited Urban Foods Industries Ltd, Verraki Partners, FAO Phillips & Associates, Alabaru Global Services Ltd, Funmi Tonia Enterprises, Quintus Projects, F. Tonia Nigeria Limited, Dowen College Lagos, Dowen Services Ltd, Ships & Ports Company, Maritime Microfinance Bank, Holy Trinity Hospital, Gratis Properties Ltd.. Sterling Health HMO. Sigma Hospital Ltd.

SUNDAY 22/10/2023 - MEETINGS

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

After Mattins

- (i) The Young Women's Christian Association will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- (ii) The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union and the Youth Wing** will take place at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.
- (iii) 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.

After 11.15 a.m.

Communion The Statutory Meeting of the Standing Committee will take place at the Chapter House.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 23/10/2023 Colour: RED Day 296

St. James the Brother of our Lord (Transferred)

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 40,41; John 15

6.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Canon 'Kunle Dina

Epistle: I Cor. 16 30-40 Gospel: Matthew 11: 16-24

Points for Prayer

- * The Rt. Revd. Jacob Wutokwe Kwashi, Bishop of the Diocese of Zonkwa.
- Mrs. Rhoda Hussaina Kwashi, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild Diocese of Zonkwa.
- Mrs. Felicia Oluwafunmilayo Gbenle
- Province de L'Eglise Anglicane Du Congo.

Birthday Intercession:

Mrs. Lydia Bandele Onafeko,OFR, Mr. Bisi Lawrence, Miss Florence Abimbola Ore-Dawodu, Dr. Oluseun Sowemimo, Mr. Sylvester Otunyo Oputa, Miss Funmilola Onipinla, Mrs. Yeside Obaze, Mrs. Felicia A. Chukwuemeka, Mrs. Abimbola Florence Amusan, Miss Racheal OreOluwa Ladeinde, Master Demilade Asunramu, Mrs. Jojoola Ilori-Olaogun, Miss Oluwafiorehan Ogun, Master Dolapo Osinnowo, Mr. Lawrence Olasubomi, IleriOluwa Odunmbaku, IreOluwa Odunmbaku.

Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Very Revd Dr. Oluyinka I. Omololu, CPA, 1 year's mind
- (ii) Mr. Ayoola Adedapo Otuyalo, CPA, 6 years' mind
- (iii) Arc. Akinwande Olumide Craig, CPA, 30 years' mind
- (iv) Mrs. Adebanke Ogunnaike Otubanjo, 58 years' mind

4.00 p.m. Women Bible Class/Contemporary Issue - Christian Education in National Development by Revd. Henry Mooh

TUESDAY - 24/10/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 297

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 42,43; John 16

6.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh Epistle: I Cor. 15: 41-50 Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

Points for Prayer

- The Rt. Revd. Paul Samuel Zamani, Bishop of the Diocese of Kwoi.
- Mrs. Rakiwa P. Zamani, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Kwoi.
- The Revd. Canon Raphael Oladapomoye Gbenle.
- The Revd. Abiye Ayotunde Adelaja.
- Mrs. Vivian Isioma Adebayo
- 8th Wedding Anniversary of the Revd. Adebayo and Mrs. Omolola Olorundare.
- 17th Wedding Anniversary of the Revd. Nelson & Mrs. Ifeoma Onyenuwe.
- The Bishops of the Dioceses of Nevada (Province VIII, Episcopal Church of USA).

Birthday Intercession:

Mr. Gbolaga Ajayi, Mr. Oladele Ayomide Faji, Dr. (Mrs.) Olatola Iyiola, Teni Olaide Abumere, Dr. Keni Ayode Abumere, Miss Temiloluwa Oluwatimilehin Phillips, Miss Ore Akin-Aina, Mr. Afolabi Oluseun Ogunde, Mrs. Hope Iyabo Ejiogu, Miss Nwamala Nwizu, Mrs. Olusola Omolara Akinnosho, Miss Nnona Prosper Okoye, Miss Ijeoma Elizabeth Alajuronye, Mr. Oluyinka Onabolu, Mrs. Maria Ogunlami, Miss Chioma Joshua, Master Oluwasegun Jimoh, Master Roman Lanre Sasegbon.

❖ Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Mrs. Elizabeth Olufunmilayo Jones, 1 year's mind
- ii) Mrs. Rose Onyedinma Disu, 20 years' mind.
- (iii) Revd. Canon Gabriel B. Sokefun, 23 years' mind.
- (iv) Mrs. Eunice Amana Mora, 26 years' mind.
- (v) Mr. Emmanuel Bello Fadaka, 53 years' mind.
- (vi) Pa Christopher Akinshola Thomas, 55 years' mind

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

WEDNESDAY – 25/10/2023 Colour: GREEN **Day 298**

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 44-46; Psalm 119:49-72

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost 1 Cor. 15: 51-58 Epistle: Gospel: Matt. 12: 1-14

Points for Prayer

- The Rt. Revd. Jezreel Vandeh, Bishop of the Diocese of Zaki-Biam.
- Mrs. Gladys Vandeh, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Zaki-Biam.
- The Revd. Canon Solomon Oluwageminiyi Oladele.
- Mrs. Adefolakemi Ojofeitimi
- 15th Wedding Anniversary of the Revd. Canon Adebori and Mrs. Oreoluwa Akintade.
- 15th Wedding Anniversary of the Revd. Okwuchukwu and Mrs. Chioma Ubesie.
- 15th Wedding Anniversary of the Revd. Ugwunna and Mrs. Chioma Nwokoma
- The Bishop of New Busa (Anglican Communion Kwara, Province).

Birthday Intercession:

Mrs. Adefolakemi Ojofeitimi, Princess Ayodipupo Ademiluyi, Miss Margaret Oluwaseun Fashola, Mrs. Temitope Olokunbola, Mr. Obafemi Oshinowo, Mr. Obidi Cecil Alajuronye, Mrs. Olufunke Abosede Bolarinde, Mr. Ayomikun O. Adewakun, Mrs. Rachael Omotola Bamgbose, Master Olamiposi Obaloluwa Fajemirokun, Princess Chioma Idamkue, Miss Ajoke Victoria Isaac, Mrs. Titilayo Oyinlola Alaba, Dr. (Chief) Akinjide Ade-John, Mr. Abayomi Temitope Adebanjo, Miss Olaitan Adeyeri, Mr. Olajide Emmanuel Olaitan, Miss Ayomide Ebunoluwa Oluwaloni Osundina.

* Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

- Mr. & Mrs. Olaolu Taiwo, 43rd Wedding Anniversary.
- Mr. & Mrs. Segun Adeyinka, 61st Wedding Anniversary.

Memorial Intercession:

- Mrs. T.A. Jebak, 19 years' mind Revd. Canon D.K. Asekun, 56 years' mind.
- Mr. Jeremiah Shekoni Olukoya, 68 years' mind.

10 300 a.m. Visit to Female Custodial Centre, Kirikiri.

Bus leaves Church premises at 10.30am prompt. Members be punctual.

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY - 26/10/2023 Colour: GREEN **Day 299**

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 47,48; John 17

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

I Cor. 16: 1-9 Epistle: Gospel: Matt. 12: 15-21

Points for Prayer

- * The Rt. Revd. Markus Emmanuel F.G. Nyitesse, Bishop of the Diocese of Gboko.
- Mrs. Victoria T. Nyitesse, President, Mothers Union, Women's Guild and Girls' Guild, Diocese of Gboko.
- Mrs. Florence Mosunmola Aduroja.
- The Bishop of the Diocese of New Guinea Islands (Papua, New Guinea).

Birthday Intercession:

Mr. Akingboyega Akinkugbe, Mrs. Ijeoma Pamela Mooh, Master Olumide Samuel, Miss Oluwatomisin Ojeahere, Miss Moyosore Sambo, Miss Rachael Olayinka Adejoke Paul, Miss Motunrayo Ayodele, Miss Promise Kelechi, Mr. Oluwafemi F. Jackson-Cole, Mr. Oluwatimilehin John Duggan, Mrs. Olabimpe Soyannwo, Prof. Emmanuel Adeyinka Adeniji, Dr. Oluwafolakemi Ayomide Makinwa, Dr. (Mrs.) Chukwuagoziem Ezello, Mr. Oluwagbemiga Olumide Aduloju.

Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

Mr. & Mrs. Olumoroti Kehinde, 6th Wedding Anniversary.

Memorial Intercession:

- Mr. Sunday Nkoh Akpan, CPA, 10 years' mind.
- Mrs. Celina Idowu Olukoya, 44 years' mind.
- HRH Oba Michael Adedipupo Ogun, 45 years' mind.

Altar Call: Family of late Mr. Sunday Nkoh Akpan, CPA, 10 years' mind 6.45 a.m.

Service of Songs for Mrs. Olubunmi Farayola Owolabi by Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearers 3.00 p.m.

5.00 p.m. Christian Wake Keep fpr Mrs. Olubunmi Farayola Owolabi at Ayo Rosiji Hall, Cathedral House.

6.00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

FRIDAY 27/10/2023 Colour: GREEN Day 300

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 49,50; John 18

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

Epistle: I Cor. 16: 10-24 Gospel: Matt. 12: 22-32

Points for Praver

- * The Rt. Revd. Nathaniel Yisa, Bishop of the Diocese of Minna.
- Mrs. Alice L. Yisa, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Minna.
- Mrs. Christiana Bimpe Aiyede.
- The Bishops of the Diocese of New Hampshire (Province I, Episcopal Church of USA).

Birthday Intercession for:

Mrs. Adekunbi Ogunmekan, Rt. Revd. Dr. Olajide Abimbola Adebayo, Prince Adegoke Admiluyi,CPA, Miss Olubukunola Olusola Kuboye, Mrs. Yinka Ajose-Adeogun, Mrs. Caroline Famakinwa, Mrs. Efeoma Nosa Wingo (nee Ogbomo), Mrs. Omowunmi Olabisi Olugbenle (nee Otuyalo), Miss Omowonuola Talabi Ogunmola, Master Tobi Ogunmola, Miss Ore-Oluwa Jackson, Mr. Chinazo Perpetua Okonkwo, Dr. Oluyomi Aderonmu Doherty, Mrs. Olubukunola Ogundipe-Thomas, Miss Oluwatomisin Uzoamaka Vincent.

Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Mrs. Ada Phillips Okoro, 4 years' mind
- (ii) Mrs. Grace Abimbola Ayodele, 9 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Agnes Olayinka Balogun, 10 years' mind
- (iv) Mrs. Opeyemi Clark, 23 years' mind.

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service for Mrs. Olubunmi Farayola Owolabi

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Class

SATURDAY 28/10/2023 Colour: RED Day 301

Saints Simon & Jude's Day

Bible in a year: Jeremiah 51,52; Psalms 119: 73-96

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Phil. 1-25 Gospel: Matt. 12: 33-42

Points for Prayer:

- The Most Revd.Emmanuel A.S. Egbunu, Bishop of the Diocese of Lokoja.
- Mrs. Abiodun A.Egbunu, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Lokoja.
- Mrs. Boma Benibo (Treasurer, Lekki Archdeaconry).
- The Bishop of the Diocese of New Jersey (Province II, Episcopal Church of USA).

* Birthday Intercession:

Mrs. Ebunoluwa Osho, Chief (Mrs.) Margaret Oyebola Shonekan, Mrs. Bolarinwa Oluyemisi Adelani, Mrs. Anita Allison, Mr. Richard Adewole Otukoya, Miss Omolola Soleye, Miss Efundoyin Adetayo Akinyanju, Mrs. Maureen Onyinye Fetuga, Mr. Fred Oluseye Coker, Mrs. Celestina Chinyere Onyeneke, Master Ibukuoluwa Agesin, Miss Doosuur Elizabeth Addingi, Mr. Oladotun Olukayode Amu, Mrs. Chinazu Dozi-Odunze, Miss Olatiloye Odufuye, Mr. Segun Adewuyi, Miss Jolu Ihoeyian Ado-Imoisili.

❖ Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

Mr. & Mrs. Marcus Chukwudi Uleh, 6th Wedding Anniversary

❖ Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Mr. Kitoyi Ajasa Temitope Olubi, 2 years' mind.
- (ii) Dr. Julius Adetunji Doherty, 6 years' mind.

10.00a.m. Blessing of Marriage - Oladapo Adedeji & Omodesola Adedeji

Bible Study Outline

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

MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH

SUB-THEME: Challenges to Manifestation as Pilgrims to heavenly Kingdom 7

TOPIC: Ignorance of the Scriptures

TEXT: Acts 8: 26-38

AIM: To study how ignorance of the Scriptures can hinder the spiritual growth of a believer.

INTRODUCTION

Ignorance of the scripture simply means lack of knowledge or information about the salvation in the Bible. Our text exposed us to the ignorance of the Ethiopian who was reading a passage he didn't understand. The exposition of Philip imparts a conviction for him to be baptised and thus became a Christian. Ignorance of the Scripture is capable of retarding the spiritual growth of believers on their way to the kingdom of God.

STUDY GUIDE

- 1. According to the Introduction, how do you understand "ignorance of the Scriptures"?
- 2. Analyse the impact of Philip's exposition on the Ethiopian Eunuch. Acts 8:34-36.
- 3. How can you explain Hosea 4:6 in the context of what happened in 1Kings 11:4-6, 11.
- 4. It has been observed that greater percentage of members in Churches do not take Bible studies seriously. What could be responsible for this, and how can we overcome this ugly trend?

CONCLUSION: The Bible is the manual for life. Nobody neglects its study and goes far in pursuit of kingdom goals. Ignorance of it leads to error, loss, deception, and many evils. Let us therefore make it part of our lives to study individually and corporately so as to continuously manifest as PILGRIMS TO HEAVENLY KINGDOM.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Ignorance of the scriptures is highway to error and deception.

MEMORY VERSE: Acts 8:31 "And he said, how can I, except some man should guide me?"

Job 42:10

"After Job had prayed for his friends, the Lord restored his fortunes and gave him twice as much as he had before".

Father, bless me with the wonderful power of forgiveness, give me the grace to unconditionally forgive those who have done me wrong.

Give me the strength to let go of all ill-will, the strength to forgive myself of my own failings and sins, knowing that You have already forgiven me. Free me of all anger, bitterness, hate and unforgiveness.

Restore all I have lost throughout this week, I receive divine peace and stable health condition for myself and my household in Jesus mighty name I pray Amen.



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS 39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION ARTICLE III, IV & V

VI. Of the Sufficiency of the Holy Scriptures for Salvation.

Holy Scripture contains all things necessary to salvation; so that whatsoever is not read therein, nor may be proved thereby, is not to be required of any man, that it should be believed as an article of the Faith or be thought requisite or necessary to Salvation. In the name of the Holy Scripture, we do understand those Canonical Books of the Old and New Testament, of whose authority was never any doubt in the Church.

VII. Of the Old Testament.

The Old Testament is not contrary to the New: for both in the Old and New Testament, Everlasting Life is offered to Mankind by Christ, who is the only Mediator between God & man, being both God and Man. Wherefore they are not to be heard, which feign that the old fathers did look only for transitory promises. Although the Law given from God by Moses, as touching Ceremonies and Rites, do not bind Christian men, nor the Civil precepts thereof ought of necessity to be received in any commonwealth: yet notwithstanding, no Christian man whatsoever is free from the obedience of the Commandments which are called moral.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

(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.

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You can also visit the Cathedral website www.thecathedrallagos.org to make your donations. **GOD WILL COUNTENANCE YOUR SACRIFICE**



FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 12)

Sunday, 22nd October, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar

- 1. Mrs. Lydia Bandele Onafeko, OFR, CPA and Family
- 2. Family of Late Arc. Akinwande

Craig

- 3. Mr. & Mrs. Gbolaga Ajayi, CPA
- 4. Mr. & Mrs. Olumide Sofowora, SAN
- 5. Mr. & Mrs. Slyvester Oputa

Family

- 6. Joy Olufunmilayo Pratt
- 7. The Fadaka Family
- 8. The Adekitan Family
- 9. The Ademuyiwa Family
- 10. Nnamdi Emmanuel Ozochukwu Family
- 11. Mr & Mrs. Sebanjo Family
- 12. Mrs. Kehinde Adekoya Family
- 13. Mr. Alaba and Mrs. Oluranti

Unuefa

- 14. Prince Lanke Ademiluyi Family
- 15. Esther Onuoha and Family
- 16. Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Fadeyi
- 17. Mr. Sunday and Mrs. Oluwunmi Folorunsho
- 18 . Mrs. Gbemisola Esho Family
- 19. Sam C. Apakama Family
- 20. Mrs Constance M.A.N.O. Ishie
- 21. Princess Victoria E. Otunba-Payne Family
- 22. Falodun Abayomi Family
- 23. Family of Dr & Mrs. O. Sowunmi
- 24. Mr. Olubode & Mrs. Aduke Thorpe
- 25. Family of Late HRH Oba Engr.

Onadeko

26. Adebayo Alaba Family

- 27. Aderibigbe Shamonda Family
- 28. Mr. & Mrs. Ntomchukwu Robinson Okonkwo
- 29. Mrs. Bimbo Oyenuga Family
- 30. Lt. Col. Sade Odunaike Family
- 31. Mr. L.O. Olowoselu Family
- 32. Mr. John Jacobson Family
- 33. Mrs. Esther Asubiaro-Adewuyi Family
- 34. Mr. & Ms. Deola Shonibare Family
- 35. Family of Late Mrs. Ruth Elizabeth Okonedo
- 36. Mrs. Kemi Adebowale and Family
- 37. Late Mr. E. O. Tayo and Family
- 38. Family of late Omooba F.A. Adewunmi
- 39. Omoroba Omoroluwo Omo Agboke Toyinbo Family of Egba, Abeokuta Union Family

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the families.

FAMILY HARVEST 2023 (WK 13)

Sunday, 29th October, 2023

The following families will be called to the altar

- 1. Family of Late Mr & Mrs. D.O. Ogun
- 2. Ayoko Oyewunmi Family
- 3. Mr. & Mrs. Femi Akinrolabo
- 4. Family of late Amb. E.O. Fowora
- 5. Family of late Mr. Olusegun Kokumo Johnson
- 6. Brodie Mends Family
- 7. Jumoke Adeniyi-Jones
- 8. Family of late Mr. Andrew Ekwe

Kutojo

- 9. Family of late Mrs. Subuola Odunsi-Bode Thomas
- 10. Ms Bimpe Alaba and Family
- 11. Mr. & Mrs. M.A.O. Kehinde, CPA

- 12. Chief Gbola Akinola, SAN, CPA and Family
- 13. Family of late Bankole Babatunde

 Daniel
- 14. Chijioke Okoli, SAN and Family
- 15. Prince Adegoke Ademiluyi, CPA
- 16. Late Ruth Elizabeth Okonedo Family
- 17. Mrs. Abosede Rebecca Peters
- 18. Late Richard Gbadebo & Eunice Titilola Onafeko Family
- 19. Family of late Dansaki Samuel Adeleye Agbede
- 20. Olufemi Adekunle
- 21. Mrs. Maria Eruada and Family
- 22. Mrs. Gladys Ayodele Aberdeen & Family
- 23. Chief & Mrs. Bode George
- 24. Family of Late Adelola Martins
- 25. Dan-Egua Family
- 26. Family of late Chief E.A.O. Shonekan, CBE,GCF,CPA
- 27. Prince Dapo Opeaye and Family
- 28. Family of Late Revd. P.O. Osa Ogbomo
- 29. Ven. Godwin Oludotun Otubanjo Family
- 30. The Adebogun Family
- 31. Revd. Henry Mooh Family
- 32. Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi Family
- 33. Revd. Olawole Faloye Family
- 34. Revd. Canon Adekunle Dina Family
- 35. Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe Family

- 36. Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi Family
- 37. Ven. Henry Adelegan Family
- 38. Very Revd. Dr. Adebola Ojofeitimi Family

May the good LORD continue to enlarge the families.

WOMEN'S CORNER

23/10/2023 - Contemporary Issue: Christian Education in Natonal Development by Revd. Henry Mooh

28/10/2023 - Virtue Day - Cathedral by Mrs. Adefolake Ojofeitimi

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 Womens' & Girls' Organisations, Diocese of Lagos.

THIS MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL - OCTOBER

_____ - By Church History Sub-Committee

2008 First 40ft container of the new 4-Manual Pipe organ

Oct. 31 costing over N164 million arrived and was delivered.

The crates were opened on December 16, 2008, and the Organ parts where unpacked into the Cathedral by the staff of Oberliger Organ Builders.

2010 50th Independence Anniversary Concert featuring

Oct. 3 guest Choirs, Artistes and Soloists was held in the Cathedral, attended by special guests which included

Ambassadors of various countries.

2016 The Most Revd. Dr. Adebola Ademowo announced

Oct.16 the appointment of the Very Adebola Ayodeji Ojofeitimi as the 8th Provost of the Cathedral.

2017

Oct. 21 Introduction of Alpha Marriage Course

2018 Introduction of the "Cathedral Connect", a special

Oct. 1 programme to promote closer interaction between members and the Provost.

2020 The 6.45am Holy Communion Service resumed

Oct. 2 again after the disruption caused by the Covid-19 pandemic.

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. Risograph Printing Machine @ N4.5m
- ii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ \$1500
- iii. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- iv. D-link Switch DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K
- v. IP Camera @ NGN1,196,000
- vi. One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N220,000 each
- vii. Two 2 hp Airconditioners @ N300,000 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 29/10/2023

TWENTY-FIRST SUDNAY AFTER TRINITY (Pentecost 22)

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

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES

(vi) Fear

Celebrant: Ven. Adekunle Ajado

N.T. Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-12 Ms. Alero Browne
Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-31 Ven. Adekunle Ajado

Address: Revd. Canon 'Kunle Dina
Prayers: Miss Toyin Henshaw
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

9.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES (vi) Fear

Cantor: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Sermon: Ven. Adekunle Ajado

OT. Reading: Numbers 13: 17-33 Mrs. Olatorera

Sowande

N.T. Reading: 2 Timothy 1: 1-12 Mrs. Titi Olaoye

Olaomo

Prayers: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

Theme: ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES

(vi) Fear

Celebrant Ven. Henry Adelegan

N.T. 2 Timothy 1: 1-12 Guild of Stewards

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22-31 Ven. Henry Adelegan Address: Ven. Adekunle Ajado

Prayer: Guild of Stewards
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

2. All Saints' Day:

Wednesday, 1st November, we celebrate all Christian Saints, known or unknown. It was apparently originally kept on the first Sunday after Pentecost as it still is in the Eastern Church. Its observance on 1 November dates from the time of Gregory III (died 741), who on that day, dedicated a Chapel in the Basilica of St. Peter to "All the Saints."

3. All Souls' Day

Thursday, 2nd November, we commemorate the souls of the faithful departed, a day after "All Saints' Day". Its observance became universal through the influence of Odilo, Abbot of Cliny from 994. He lived from 962-1049. Come to the Holy Communion service at 6.45 a.m. and let us remember our loved ones.

4. A Day with the Lady of Virtue (Women's & Girls' Organisation)

This programme is taking place on Saturday, 4th November, 2023 in all Archdeaconries of the Diocese between 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. Year 2023 Lady of Virtue is ACHSAH (Joshua 15: 16-19, Judges 1: 12-15)

5. Cathedral Dues:

The Sustentation from **January to September**, **2023** is ready. Please check online (wwwthecatherallagos.org/onlinepaymentportal.php) and the Membership Desk to ensure your name, duplex number and the amount contributed are correct.

6. Upcoming Youth Programme

Cathedral Cup

A football competition between the Youth teams of the Cathedral Church of Christ, Archbishop Vining memorial and St. Jude's Ebute Metta. From 14th to 28th October, 2023.

You can contact the Youth Chairman, Michael Agbogidi, for more details on 08029180308.

7. Budget 2024

All Groups and Ministries should endeavour to send in their budget proposals for **2024** to the Provost or the Parish Accountant on or before 24th November, 2023

8. <u>2023 Calendar of Worship and Events:</u>

All Societies and Service Units are enjoined to forward their year 2023 events with dates to the Provost for the compilation of **2023 Calendar of Worship and Events** not later than **end of November 2023.**

9. Annual Report 2023

All Societies, Sub-Committees and Service Units are to please send a one-page report of their activities for the year 2023 to the Secretary, Standing Committee, *Mr. Soji Kuboye* by email to sojikuboye@yahoo.com before *December 31*.

10. 2023/2024 Admission of Lagos Anglican Dioceses Bible College:

The Lagos Anglican Bible College forms for admission into Certificate, Diploma and Advanced Diploma Course in Biblical Studies for year 2023/2024 session comencing February 2023 are now on sale at the Study centres and the offices of the following Churches:

- Lagos Anglican Bible College Central Office, 17 Broad Street, Lagos
- Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, Oba Akinjobi Road, Ikeja
- Anglican Church of Ascension, Opebi
- Church of Pentecost, 21 Road, Festac.
- All Soul's Anglican Church, Lekki
- All Saints' Anglican Church, 41 Road, Festac
- Christ Anglican Church, Elere, Agege
- All Saint's Anglican Church, Montgomery, Yaba
- All Saint's Anglican Church, Ikosi, Ketu

- St. Paul's Anglican Church, 7/8 Okoduwa Street, Kirikiri Ind. Est. Lagos.
- Bishop Ajayi Crowther Memorial Anglican Church, (BACMAC) Egbeda.
- Bishop Tugwell Memorial Church, Sheteolu Street, Off Odunlami Street, Lagos
- St. Paul's Anglican Church, Oke Afa, Isolo
- Our Saviour's Anglican Church, Oto-Awori

Home Calls:

We announce the home call of the followings:

- i) Mrs. Sabina Wuraola Aderugbo on Sunday, 15th October, 2023. She was 93years. Family can be visited at 23, Eniola Street, Idi-Oro, Mushin, Lagos.
- ii) Mrs. Jokotade Aderemi Adeyinka (nee Aderinola) on Thursday, 19th October, 2023. She was 93years. She was a member of Cathedral Ladies Armur Bearer.

May their gentle soul rest in perfect peace.

12. **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.

13. (a) Fellowship Hour Booking: Nov. to December 2023

Sunday, 12/11/2023 -Mrs. Oyebola Adisa for her Birthday which comes up on Thursday 9th November, 2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

Sunday, 26/11/2023 -Engr. Julius Folorunso Obember for his Birthday after 7.15 a.m. Service. Sunday, 26/11/2023 Vacant after 9.15 a.m. Service

Sunday, 10/12/2023 Vacant after 7.15 a.m.

The Ogun Family after 9.15 a.m. Service in memory of their late father Sunday, 10/12/2023

Engr. Abiodun Oyekan who died a year ago on 10th December, 2022.

Sunday, 24/12/2023 Mr. Oluwadamilola Mojolaoluwa Ajilo for his Birthday after 7.15 a.m. and

9.15a.m. Services

(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.





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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.

(a) Sponsorship:

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

- 1. <u>Adereti Esther Oluwatimilehin (19 years)</u> 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.
- 2. <u>Mr. Jimoh Aleem</u> a secondary School student needs a sum of N900,000 for a 6 years level of education at N50,000 per term.
- 3. <u>Miss Ayodele Abayomi Iyanuoluwa (19 years)</u> needs the sum of N600,000 for her University education. She got an admission into University of Ilorin, Kwara State to study Electrical/Electronic Engineering, a 5 years course at N120,000 per session.
- **4.** <u>Miss Marvis Ramota Mustapha (26 years)</u> needs the sum of N720,000 for her education, she got an admission into University of Benin studying Law for 6 years at N120,000 per session.
- **Miss Priscilla Olubanke Balogun (24 years)** needs the sum of N480,000 for her education. She got an admission into University of Lagos studying Psychology for 4 years at N120,000 per session.
- **Master Daniel Elijah (10 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for his Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
- 7. <u>Miss Ikuomola Oluwanifemi Blessing (13 years)</u> needs the sum of N900,000 for her Seconday School Education at N50,000 per term.
- (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 reestablish 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

- 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.
- 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 NINE TEETH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY - 15/10/2023

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion(Youtube 224/Facebook 312 views) 105
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School
9.15 a.m.	Cathedral Youth Church
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins (Youtube 289/Facebook 329 views) 185
11.15 a.m	Sung Eucharist. (Youtube 195/Facebook 386 views) 125

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
14/10/2023	13	18/10/2023	24
Monday		Thursday	
16/10/2023	13	19/10/2023	11
Tuesday		Friday	
17/10/2023	14	20/10/2023	17

COMING EVENTS (OCTOBER 2023)

21/10/2023 - LADGOS Bible Quiz

22/10/2023 - Diocesan Youth Thanksgiving at Church of the Resurrection, 1004

25/10/2023 - Visit to Female Correctional Centre, Kirikiri



ENEMIES OF POSSIBILITIES

(Vi) Unforgiveness

"Then the master called the servant in. 'You wicked servant,' he said, 'I canceled all that debt of yours because you begged me to. Shouldn't you have had mercy on your fellow servant just as I had on you?' Matt. 18: 32-33.

The parable in our Gospel today shows how much provocation God has from his family on earth, and how untoward his servants are. There are three things in the parable: 1) The master's wonderful clemency. The debt of sin is so great, that we are not able to pay it. This is the wages of sin, to be sold as a slave. It is the folly of many who are under strong convictions of their sins, to fancy they can make God satisfaction for the wrong they have done him. 2) The servant's unreasonable severity toward his fellow-servant, notwithstanding his lord's clemency toward him. Not that we may make light of wronging our neighbour, for that is also a sin against God; but we should not aggravate our neighbour's wronging us, nor study revenge. Let our complaints, both of the wickedness of the wicked, and of the afflictions of the afflicted, be brought to God, and left with him. 3) The master reproved his servant's cruelty. The greatness of sin magnifies the riches of pardoning mercy; and the comfortable sense of pardoning mercy, does much to dispose our hearts to forgive our brethren. We are not to suppose that God actually forgives men, and afterwards reckons their guilt to them to condemn them; but this latter part of the parable shows the false conclusions many draw as to their sins being pardoned, though their after-conduct shows that they never entered into the spirit, or experienced the sanctifying grace of the gospel. We do not forgive our offending brother aright, if we do not forgive from the heart. Yet this is not enough; we must seek the welfare even of those who offend us. How justly will those be condemned, who, though they bear the Christian name, persist in unmerciful treatment of their brethren! The humbled sinner relies only on free, abounding mercy, through the ransom of the death of Christ. Let us seek more and more for the renewing grace of God, to teach us to forgive others as we hope for forgiveness from him.

We live in a society that knows and cares little about forgiveness. In fact, I would think that one of the major contributors to the destruction of relationships in our culture is the absence of forgiveness. Our culture pushes us to be unforgiving. It celebrates and exalts people who are not willing to forgive. We make heroes out of the Dirty Harry's and the Rambo's who murder people out of vengeance. As a result of this unforgiveness, we have a society filled with bitterness, vengeance, anger and hate toward others. For a Christian, however, the failure to forgive is unthinkable. Whatever the issue, whatever the offense, a failure to forgive is a blatant act of disobedience. We have been told as explicitly as possible that if anybody offends us, we are to forgive them. How many times? Seventy times seven, that is, an endless number of times (Matt 18:22).

Four things that will happen in the life of a Christian who refused to forgive:

- 1. Unforgiveness imprisons you in your past. As long as you fail to forgive an offender, you are shackled to the past. Unforgiveness keeps that pain alive. Unforgiveness never lets that wound heal, and you go through life reminding yourself of what was done to you, stirring up that pain and making yourself progressively angrier. You go through life accumulating bad feelings. Now, think about it. What's the point of that? What's the benefit? Unforgiveness just imprisons you in the past and robs you of the joy of living. On the other hand, forgiveness opens the door and lets the prisoner out. Forgiveness sets you free from your past. As soon as you forgive, you're free. If you insist on remembering the offense and never forgiving it, then you allow the person to go on offending you the rest of your life.
- 2. Unforgiveness produces bitterness. The cumulative effect of remembering without forgiveness some offense done against you is that you become a bitter person. The longer you remember the of fense, the more data you accumulate on it, the more you recite the memory, the more it occupies your thinking, the more it shapes your person. Bitterness is not just a sin; it is an infection, and it will infect your whole life. And bitterness can be directly traced to the failure to forgive. It makes you caustic, sarcastic, condemning and nasty. Harassed by the memories of

what you can't forgive, your thoughts become malignant toward others, and your whole view of life becomes distorted. Anger begins to rage in you, and it can easily get out of control. Your emotions begin to run wild. You entertain continuing thoughts of revenge. And what happens? Even casual conversation becomes a forum for slander against the offender, and your flesh, that horrible remnant of your old self, gains control. Forgiveness, on the other hand, dispels bitterness and replaces it with love, joy, peace, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness and self-control. Why would anybody want to live in the prison of their past? Why would anybody want to live with accumulated bitterness that makes them violate every relationship?

- **3. Unforgiveness gives Satan an open door**. Unforgiveness throws the welcome mat out and invites the demons in. Where you have unresolved bitterness and an unforgiving spirit, you have given place to the devil:Be angry, and yet do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not give the devil an opportunity. (Eph. 4:26-27). But one whom you forgive anything, I forgive also; for indeed what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, I did it for your sakes in the presence of Christ, so that no advantage would be taken of us by Satan, for we are not ignorant of his schemes. (2 Cor. 2:10-11). It is no exaggeration to say that most of the ground that Satan gains in our lives is due to unforgiveness. We're not ignorant of his scheme to move in on an unforgiving attitude and destroy relationships. You can evict all the demonic trespassers by an act of forgiveness.
- **4. Unforgiveness hinders our fellowship with God**. Jesus said that if you forgive men when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you (Mk. 11:25). If you do not forgive men their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins. In the ongoing relationship with God, if we don't forgive others, He doesn't forgive us. So if I'm not right with you, then I'm not right with Him. Why would I sentence myself to not being right with God? Is there some virtue in cutting off the purity and the joy of my fellowship with God? You see the idiocy, don't you, of an unforgiving attitude? It makes you a prisoner of your past, it gives you the all-pervasive disease of bitterness, it opens the door for Satan, and it alienates you from the full, rich fellowship that God desires to have with you. There is plenty of good reason, then, to be a forgiving person.

Remember: unforgiveness is choosing to stay trapped in a jail cell of bitterness, serving time for someone else's crime. God bless.

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,

Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe Canon Residentiary

> The Rt Revd. Ifedola Senasu Gabriel Okupevi, B.A. (Hons), M.A Diocesan Bishop of Lagos

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