

7.15 a.m.

HOLY COMMUNION

Colour: WHITE

Theme: **IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

(iii) Restored Hope I

(Meaningful Existence)

Celebrant: The Provost

Stewards on Duty: Group D

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 766 (*Praise my soul*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; the old has gone, the new is here!"*
2 Corinthians 5:17
3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
4. **Collect for Purity** (Page 171)
5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

8. **Collect:** *Almighty God, Whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in Him, raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may seek the things which are above, where He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen*

10. **Epistle:** I Peter 1:1-9 - **The Clergy**
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 828 (*Hyfrydol*)
12. **Gospel:** Matthew 11: 25-30 - **The Provost**
13. **Sermon:** Revd. Henry Mooch
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **The Clergy**
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him, Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken". Psalm 62:5-6*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 588 (*Sagina*)
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:** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15: 13*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 685 (*Tune: A&MRW 588 - Sagina*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 686 (*Tune: A&MRW 767 - Beatitudo*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 688 (*St. Agnes*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 678 (*In Christ Alone*)
 - (v) A&MRW 712 (*Living Lord*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 723 (*Tune: A&MRW 282 - St. George Windsor*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 730 (*St. Francis Xavier*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 749 (*St. Botolph Slater*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 818 (*To God be the Glory*)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Lord God our Father, "through your Son, our Saviour" you have restored us to a living hope and meaningful existence and, in baptism, have made us one with him: in your love and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, keep us firmly established in this new life through the grace of the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
- **Mr. Cornelius Taiwo Olaomo, 86th Birthday Thanksgiving (A&MRW 812)**
28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 66:12**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 739 (*Nun Danket*)
At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: Revd. Olawole Faloye
Responses: Richard Ayleward in E Flat

Theme: **IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

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1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 742 (*Lyngham Desert*)
2. Opening Sentence: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; the old has gone, the new is here!"
2 Corinthians 5:17
3. Call to Worship:
4. Confession and Absolution
5. Venite: CP 120 - G. Woodward in B Flat
6. Psalm 121: 1-8 (ASB 217 - James Turle in A Flat)
7. 1st Lesson: Isaiah 54: 1-10- Dr. (Mrs) Funmilayo Doherty
8. Benedictus: CP 32 - G. F. Huntley in B Flat
9. 2nd Lesson: I Peter 1: 1-9- Mrs. Titi Olaomo-Olaoye
10. Te Deum: CP 1, 2, 3 (Set One)
11. Creed to 3rd Collect
12. Anthem: Blessed be the God and Father
- Sebastian Samuel Wesley
13. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 770 (*Narenza*)
14. Sermon: Canon Residentiary
15. Intercession: Revd. Olawole Faloye
16. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 753 (*Laudate Dominum Parry*)
17. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
- Mr. Alfred OreOlorun & Mrs. Ibitola Ore-Dawolu- 50th Wedding Anniversary (A&MRW 753)
18. Notices:
19. ***Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 66:12***
20. Conclusion to Benediction
21. Final Amen: Richard Ayleward in E Flat
22. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 782 (*Northampton*)
At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani
Choral Conductor: Mr. Jola Adeosun

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

- Conductor: Mr. Seye Adekitan
1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 742 (*Lyngham Desert*)
 2. Call to Worship
 3. Praise and Worship
 4. Psalm: 121: 1-8
 5. Bible Reading: I Peter 1: 1-9
 6. Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers
 7. Bible Study: Rev. Raymond Nwachukwu Idu-Egedi
 8. Sunday Offering: Choruses
 9. Notices
 10. Prayer and Benediction
 11. Closing Hymn: A&MRW 782 (*Northampton*)

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

TOPIC: DO THIS IN REMEMBRANCE OF ME

Worship Leader: Aunty Ronke Reffell

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: from Pamphlet.
3. Bible Reading: Matthew 26:17-35
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: from Pamphlet (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

Theme: **IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

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Celebrant: Revd. Michael Nwigani
Communion Setting: Bruce Steane in F

1. **Hymn:** A&MRW 765 (Lobe Den Herren)
2. **Introit:** **God is living, God is Here** - J.S. Bach
3. **Introductory Sentence:** *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come; the old has gone, the new is here!" 2 Corinthians 5:17*
4. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
5. **Collect for Purity** (Page 171)
6. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
7. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
8. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

9. **Collect:** ***Almighty God, Whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life of all who put their trust in Him, raise us, we pray, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness; that we may seek the things which are above, where He reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and for ever. Amen***
10. **Epistle:** 1 Peter 1: 1-9 - Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 741 (*Londonderry Air*)
12. **Gospel:** Matthew 11: 25-30 - Revd. Michael Nwigani
13. **Sermon:** Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union
16. **Peace:** (Page 186)
17. **Offertory Sentence:** *"Yes, my soul, find rest in God; my hope comes from him, Truly he is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I shall not be shaken". Psalm 62:5-6*
18. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 708 (*Woodlands*)
(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:** *May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."* Romans 15: 13
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 749 (*St. Botolph*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 730 (*St. Francis Xavier*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 723 (*Tune: A&MRW 282 - St. George Windsor*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 688 (*St. Agnes Dykes*)
 - (v) A&MRW 685 (*Tune: A&MRW 588 - Sagina*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 686 (*Tune: A&MRW 767 - Beatitudo*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 712 (*Living Lord*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 569 (*Hannover*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 828 (*Hyfrydol*)
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Lord God our Father, "through your Son, our Saviour" you have restored us to a living hope and meaningful existence and, in baptism, have made us one with him: in your love and in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, keep us firmly established in this new life through the grace of the same Jesus Christ, our Lord and Redeemer. Amen*
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28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 66:12**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Final Amen: Seven Fold Amen - Sir John Stainer**
32. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 678 (*In Christ Alone*)

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

SUNDAY 21/04/2024

Day 112

Bible in a year: Ruth 1, 2; Mark 8

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Tubokosemie Abere, Bishop of the Diocese of Okirika
- ❖ Mrs. Zipporah T. Abere, President Mothers' Union and Women's Guild Diocese of Okirika.
- ❖ The Ven. John Ifeanyichukwu Nriama
- ❖ Mrs. Lois Amaka Madubuko.
- ❖ **The Anglican Church of Australia**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**
Mr. Moses Ewemade Akenuwa(88), Mr. Cornelius Taiwo Olaomo, CPA, Mrs. Esther Tinuke Osho, Mr. Olufemi Adebawale Spaine, Miss Ifeoluwa Animashaun, Mrs Omowande Adebisi (nee Adeniyi-Williams), Miss Rosemary Adeyemi, Mr. Olugboyega Badejo, Dr. Oladipo Adewole, Mr. Abiodun Gabriel Imana, Mr. Kolawole Kayode Karunwi, Miss Harriet Oluwatoni Williams, Miss Henrieta Oluwatosin Williams, Mr. Alozie C. Owowo, Mrs. Temitope Kikelomo Adeyeye, Miss Oluwatosin Bamgboye, Mrs. Abimbola Oduntan.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
(i) Mr. Aderibigbe Idowu and Mrs. Biodun Layeni, 34th Wedding Anniversary
(ii) Rt. Revd & Mrs. Jide Adebayo, 34th Wedding Anniversary.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Mrs. Olubisi Ajoke Peters, 5 years' mind
(ii) Dr. Isaac Olosoji Bewaji, 12 years' mind.
(iii) Mr. Victor Akintola Thompson, CPA, 18 years' mind.
(iv) Mr. Albert Horatio Akintunde Doherty, 83 years' mind.

- ❖ **Family Intercession:**
Families of Engr. J.F. Obembe, Late Chief John Adollo, Late Okwuraiwe, Late Mr. Joseph Adeola, Owowo, Mr. E.C. Porbeni, Wole Amure, Chief A.O. Sapara, Agbebi, Late Dr. Popoola Akinyanju, Late Admiral N.B. Soroh, Mr. Taiwo Ajayi, Late M.O. Imana, Late Chief Ebunoluwa Olamiotan Omoyele, OON, Late H.E. Bob Okonedo, Late Frank Sumola Giwa-Osagie, Late Jenkins Olubunmi Coker, Erewa Meggison, Yesufu Erewonse Giwa-Osagie, Late Chief B.I.D. Ezeogu, Mrs. Angelina Wey, Mr. Costello Taiwo, Jolayemi Olatunji, Late Mr. Abiodun Ejemai.

- ❖ **Prayer for Businesses**
Lington and Bernie Consulting Limited, Project Halo Korporate Concierge, Ashfield and Bowman Attorneys, Alban Consulting Limited, Urban Foods Industries Ltd, Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd, Verraki Partners, FAO Phillips & Associates, Alabaru Global Services Ltd, Funmi Tonia Enterprises, F. Tonia Nigeria Limited, Quintus Projects, Flamestar Investment Company Ltd, Down College Lagos, Down Services Ltd, Ships & Ports Company, Maritime Microfinance Bank, Holy Trinity Hospital, Gratis Properties Ltd., Sterling Health HMO, Sigma Hospital Ltd, Ryanstevé Logistics and Ventures.

SUNDAY 21/042024 - 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

5.00 p.m. COMMUNITY HYMN SINGING

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY - 22/04/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 113

Bible in a year: Ruth 3, 4; Psalm 45

6.45 a.m. **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**

Epistle: Col. 3:18 - 4. 6(7-18)

Gospel: Matt. 5:1-10

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Clement N. Ekpeye, Bishop of the Diocese of Ahoada.
- ❖ Mrs. Edna C. Ekpeye, President Mother's Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ahoada.
- ❖ The Ven. Obinna C. Ulogwara
- ❖ The Revd. David Oluwaseyi Oloye
- ❖ 18th Wedding Anniversary for Revd. Olasoji and Mrs Odunayo Akinmoladun.
- ❖ 5th Wedding Anniversary for Revd. Ayodeji & Mrs. Ibukun Agunlejika
- ❖ **The Diocese of Dunedin - The Anglican Church in Aotearoa, New Zealand and Polynesia**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Iyabo Fajimi (nee Olowole), Master Ayodeji Olaotan Faji, Mrs. Olabisi Johnson, Mrs. Anne Funmilayo Oduyiga, Mr. Babatope Oluwadamilola Awotona, Mr. Phillips Sanjay, Mrs. Adetutu Alu, Miss. Francisca Abisola Onijahma, Mr. Oluwagbeminiyi Sofowora, Miss Araba Sagoe, Mr. Ajibola Fayemi, Miss Ayokunbi Ajijedidun, Miss Idowu Dosunmu, Mr. Gozie Iheanyichukwu Udemba.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr & Mrs. Patrick Adegbamigbe, 29th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

- (i) Mr. Olufemi Adeyemi-Wilson, 24 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Josiah I. Morah, 35 years' mind.

4.00 p.m. **Women Bible Class/Contemporary Issue - Christian Stewards and work ethics by Cathedral Ladies League**

TUESDAY – 23/04/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 114

Bible in a year: 1 Samuel 1-3, Mark 9

6.45a.m. **Holy Communion**

Celebrant: **Revd. Henry Mooh**

Epistle: 1 Thess. 1:1-10

Gospel: Matt. 5:11-16

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Solomon S. Gberegbara, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogoni
- ❖ Mrs. Stella S. Gberegbara, President, Mothers' Union, Women's Guild and Girls' Guild, Diocese of Ogoni.
- ❖ Mrs. Caroline Iyabode Oladejo (50).
- ❖ 2nd Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Chiemejoghmi and Mrs. Ifunanya Jiji.
- ❖ **The Diocese of Dunkwa-on-Offin - The Church of the Province of West Africa**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Daniel Atanda, Mrs. Abiola Olamide Adegboyega (nee Sanyaolu), Mr. Adeniyi Olumide Sanyaolu, Mr. David Oladimeji Akindele, Master Oluwademilade Somefun, Mr. Newton Owi, Mrs. Bukola Olaniyi-Tayo, Master Emmanuel Chiwetere Akagha, Mr. Olakunle Shode, Mr. Emmanuel Adebajo, Mr. Tolulope Okikiade.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) Dr. & Mrs. Abiodun Osiyemi, 30th Wedding Anniversary
- (ii) Mr & Mrs. Bode Thorpe, CPA, 51st Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

- (i) Sir Alexander Obunike Oyibo Orakwusi, 1 year's mind
- (ii) Mrs. Augusta Titilayo Adegbite, 6 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Abimbola Fadaka, 12 years' mind.
- (iv) Chief Ayoade Kudehinbu II (The Bajulaiye of Lagos), 64 years' mind.

6.00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

WEDNESDAY – 24/04/2024

Colour: WHITE

Day 115

Bible in a year; 1 Samuel 4-6 ; Mark 10

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: 1 Thess. 2:1-12

Gospel: Matt. 5:17-20

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Precious Okechukwu Nwala, Bishop of the Diocese of Etche*
- ❖ *Mrs. Precious Onyinye Nwala, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Etche*
- ❖ *The Revd. Emmanuel Olaoluwa Akinsola*
- ❖ *The Revd. Titus Olatunji Adeyeye*
- ❖ *Mrs. Agnes Abosedede Ifeyemi*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Shyira - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda.**

❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**

Mrs. Olutomi Ojo (nee Sowemimo), Mrs. Olukemi Adebawale, Engr. Rowland Efeoghene Ukpedor, Mr. Stanley Imoisilli, Mrs Folu Ijaola, Dr. J.A. Akindele, Miss Aninotoritseju O. Ebi-Omatsola, Mrs. Adenike Adeolu Oludele, Master Omobolanle Adenuga, Mr. Adewale Odugbesan, Mr. Bammy A. Martins, Mrs. Oyefunke Abosedede Araba-Lashmann, Miss Esther Dada, Miss Oluwabukola Odunfa, Mr. Olugbenga Joseph Olasoji, Master Dominion Onyia, Mr. Afolabi Shode, Mrs. Folashade Senbanjo, Miss Kasopefoluwa Olatunji.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. & Mrs. Chukwuemeka Ekwunife, 14th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (ii) *Mr. & Mrs. Joshua Mukan, 42nd Wedding Anniversary.*
- (iii) *Revd. Canon & Mrs. Kayode Abegunde.*

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mrs. Ibijoke Olufemi Otolurin, 8 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mrs. Caroline Adebisi Shogbanmu, 14 years' mind*
- (iii) *Mr. Okikiola Gbadebo Coker, 14 years' mind*
- (iv) *Mr. Cuthbert Oluremilekun Dawodu, 18 years' mind.*
- (v) *Madam Adeola Tom-West Akerele, 25 years' mind.*

12.00 noon *Correctional Centre Welfare Ministry visit to Female Correctional Centre at Kirikiri. Bus leaves church premises at 10.30 a.m.*

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY – 25/04/2024 Colour: RED

Day 116

St. Mark The Evangelist

Bible in a year: 1 Samuel 7-9 Mark 11

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Michael Nwigani

Epistle: Acts 15:36-41

Gospel: John 18:1-14

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Most Revd Blessing Enyindah, Bishop of the Diocese of Ikwere and Archbishop of Niger Delta.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Precious N. Enyindah, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ikwere.*
- ❖ *The Ven. Joshua Oluwaseun Oladejo.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Stephen Adeleke Adejola*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Shyogwe - Eglise Anglicane du Rwanda**

❖ **BirthDay Intercession:**

Mrs. Folake Ademiluyi(50), HRH Oba A.A. Oguntayo, Miss Olubusayo Oluwakemi Abegunde, Mrs. Olubukun Ogunbamowo, Mrs. Yinka Ojumu (nee Obalowo), Mrs. Teniade Macaulay, Mr. Arthur Akinbola Sanyaolu, Miss Margaret Omolara Adejolu, Mrs Imaobong Roselyn Fadeyi (nee Akpan), Mr. Babajide Haffner, Otunba John Adeyemi Olusoga, Mr. Anthony Onabanjo, Master Olamide Owowa, Mrs. Adefolakemi Marinho (nee Oyenuga), Mrs. Adesola Sotande Peter, Master Christopher Olasunkanmi Oduwale.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. & Mrs. Kayode Badejoh, 9th Wedding Anniversary*
- (ii) *Mr & Mrs. A. Talabi*

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. Henry Folarin Olatunde Agbebi, 30 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mr. E.B. Osibo, 41 years' mind.*

6:45 a.m *Altar Call: 50th Birthday Thanksgiving of Mrs. Folake Ademiluyi*

FRIDAY – 26/04/2024

Colour: WHITE

Day 117

Bible in a year: 1 Samuel 10, 11; Psalms 46, 47

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Canon Kunle Dina

Epistle: 1 Thess. 3:1-13

Gospel: Matt. 5:27-37

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Funkuro Godrules, Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Izon.
- ❖ Mrs Godrules, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Northern Izon.
- ❖ 16th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Oluwagbeminiyi and Mrs. Olanike Oladele.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Sialkot - The (United) Church of Pakistan.**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mrs. Henrietta Eki Coker, Mr. Adeniran Adeluwoye, Mrs. Georgiana Modupe Oluwole, Mrs. Folasade Aduke Soetan, Mrs. Taiwo Onikepe Soyannwo, Prof. Sunmolu Babajimi Peters, Mr. Samad Animashaun, Master Oluwatobilola Ahmed-Lawal, Master Daniel Bello, Miss Emmanuella Ojeaga.

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Mr. & Mrs. Ifeanyi Nnaemeka Chukwujekwu, 5th Wedding Anniversary

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Prof. Mrs. Frances Olufunmilayo Ajose, 4 year's mind
(ii) Mr. Babatunde Savage, 11 years' mind.
(iii) Omoba (Mrs) Tenidade Ademiluyi (nee Ademola), 12 years' mind.
(iv) Mr. Francis Ayorinde Shobo, 25 years' mind.

11:00a.m. Funeral Service for Mrs. Dora Ayodeji Alakija

4:00p.m. Men's Bible Study

SATURDAY – 27/04/2024

Colour: WHITE

Day 118

Bible in a year: 1 Samuel 12,13; Mark 12

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: 1 Thess. 4: 1-12

Gospel: Matt. 5:38-48

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. James Aye Oruwori, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbia.
- ❖ Mrs. Ayebaene F. Oruwori, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ogbia
- ❖ 11th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Azagba and Mrs. Modupe Okwumabua
- ❖ 5th Wedding Anniversary of The Revd Uche and Mrs. Chisom Asiegbulem.
- ❖ **The Bishops of the Dioceses of Singapore, The Church of the Province of South East.**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mrs. Christianah Olufunke Ijanusi(40), Otunba Solomon Ayodele Oladunni, Mr. David Adejola Adeosun, Mrs Ololade Abosede Udabor(nee Oyewole), Miss Amy Ebozie, Mr. Olaolu A. Olusanya, Mrs. Olubunmi Eleanor Elliott, Mrs. Adaugo Juliet Ikwuazom, Mr. Adejimi George-Coker, Master James Adi Williams, Master Nuri Don-Pedro, Mr. James Akinyemi-Williams, Mrs. Olawunmi Whitney Edegware, Mrs. Temitope Imevbore (nee Osiyemi), Dr. Adebayo Olakristi Bobadaya, Miss Alberta Foresythe, Pastor David Henshaw, Miss Oluwafunmike Sosan.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Mrs. Olajumoke Enahoro, 18 years' mind.
(ii) Mrs. Ibadapo Fowler (nee Akinkugbe), 33 years' mind.

3:00p.m. Little Hands Music Recital

Bible Study Outline

THEME: THE CHRISTIAN RACE

SUB-THEME: The Narrow way 1

TOPIC: The Path of Truth

TEXT: Luke 19:2-10

AIMS:

- i. to discuss the narrow way in the context of a sincere heart of repentance,
- ii. to torch-light the attributes of a truthful Christian and
- iii. to encourage believers to stay on the path of truth.

INTRODUCTION

Our study text today opens our eyes to the attitude of a truthful person. Zacchaeus did not hide his past sinful life; instead, he confessed them and resolved to change to the path of truth. Not only did Zacchaeus see the error of his ways, but also he had a total change of heart. He no longer wanted to live a dishonest life, because he came to know and believe in Jesus. In the narrow path, the believer does not live the way he wants. It is the way of truth. Our study guides will reveal to us how we can stay on this path in our Christian race to God's kingdom.

STUDY GUIDES

1. In the context of Zacchaeus' story, how can you explain the way of truth to an unbeliever? Compare Luk 19:8-9 and Joh 8:32.
2. What is the biblical instruction concerning truth for the Christians in Eph.4:21-25?.
3. What are the challenges that keep us from the path of truth as Christians in our generation? Discuss in the context of Mark 6:16-18.
4. Analyse some motivations or rewards for a child of God on the path of truth. Ps 15:1-3; 24:3-5; Joh 14:6.

CONCLUSION: Only the truth in Christ can set us free from the bondage of Satan and sin. When Zacchaeus truthfully confessed his sinful past, he was set free. Therefore, standing on and for the truth for a Christian should not be an option, but the norm.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: If it is not the truth, it is not the way.

MEMORY VERSE: Joh 8:32

"And you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

ISAIAH 66:12

“For this is what the LORD says; “I will extend peace to her like a river, and the wealth of nations like a flooding stream; you will nurse and be carried on her arm and dandled on her knees.”

Almighty Father, You promised us peace like a river and wealth like flooding stream. Today, I claim You peace and wealth for my household and this Nation Nigeria. By Your power, break the shackles of poverty in our land. Succour the oppressed and the depressed. Sustain the bereaved and the broken hearted. Carry me and my household in Your hand and nurse us at the Fountain of Life which is Your Son, Jesus Christ. I have decreed it and so shall it be in the name of the same Jesus Christ, my LORD and Saviour. Amen.



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19. The Church

The visible church of Christ is a congregation of believers in which the pure Word of God is preached and in which the sacraments are rightly administered according to Christ's command in all those matters that are necessary for proper administration. As the churches of Jerusalem, Alexandria, and Antioch have erred, so also the church of Rome has erred, not only in their practice and forms of worship but also in matters of faith.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

1013180620

(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, BAMBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please pay all donations toward the project into Cathedral Access Bank Account Number: **0773948851**

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
		Zenith Bank	1013826528
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 Donations	FCMB	0130543010
		Union Bank	0071028724

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.

WOMEN'S CORNER

- 28/4/2024 - Clergywives 43rd Anniversary at *St. David's Anglican Church, Lafiaji*
29/4/2024 - Visitation - Home Visitation/ Hospital
1/5/2024 - Girls' Guild and Ladies' Day at Faith Plaza
1-7/5/2024 - Girls' / Ladies Week
4/5/2024 - Business and Professional Women's Fellowship at *Church of Nativity, Parkview.*

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

- APRIL

- By Church History Sub-Committee

2006

April 23 The Standing Committee meetings usually held during the week were changed to Sunday for the convenience of members.

2007

April 8 Air conditioning of the Cathedral donated anonymously was commissioned on Easter Day

2010

April 4 The new organ was used at all services on Easter Sunday, April 4, signifying the virtual completion of the installation of the New Organ.

2017

April 23 The Most Revd. Dr. Foley Beach Archbishop of Anglican Church of North America (ACNA) visited the Cathedral and preached the sermon at the Choral Martins

April 30

The Diocese of Ife sent the Canon Residentiary of their Cathedral, Ven. Richard Obafemi to the Cathedral Church of Christ, Marina, Lagos for 2 months parish experience.

2020

April 5 For the first time in many decades the special ceremonies of blessing of the palms and the traditional Sunday School procession through the streets depicting the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem could not hold due to the restriction on movement as a result of 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 @ N8.5m
- ii. Toyota Coaster Bus @ N105m
- iii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ N1,800,000
- iv. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- v. D-link Switch - DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K
- vi. Five IP Streaming PTZ Camera @ NGN1,620,000 each
- vii. Two 5 Tons Standing Airconditioners @ N1,900,000 each
- viii. Two Television, model LG @ N600,000 each
- ix. Eight Television, model LG UQ7070 43" @ N500,000 each
- x. Two Canon EOS 5D Mark IV DSLR Camera with 24-105mm F/4L II lens @ 4,080,000

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 28/04/2024

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Easter 4)

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

7.15 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)**

Theme: **IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

(iv) Restored Hope II

(Assured Eternal Salvation)

Celebrant: **Canon Kunle Dina**

N.T. Reading: 1 Cor. 4:14-5.5 **The Clergy**

Gospel: John 16:5-22 **Canon Kunle Dina**

Address: **The Provost**

Prayer: **The Clergy**

Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

9.15 a.m. **CHORAL MATTINS**

21st Anniversary – Correctional Centre Welfare Ministry

Theme: **IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

(iv) Restored Hope II

(Assured Eternal Salvation)

Cantor: **The Provost**

Sermon: **Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi**

O.T. Reading: Proverbs 4:10-19 **Correctional Centre**

Welfare Ministry

N.T. Reading: 1 Cor. 4:14-5.5 **Correctional Centre Welfare Ministry**

Prayer: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**

Thanksgiving at the Altar

after Mattins:

(i) *Inauguration of 2024 Harvest Sub-Committee.*

(ii) *The Young Women's Christian Association will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

(iii) *The Monthly General Meeting of the Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union and the Youth Wing will take place at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

(iv) *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**

34TH Anniversary – Fountain of Hope (FOH 24NG)

Theme: **IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION**

(iv) Restored Hope II

(Assured Eternal Salvation)

Celebrant: **Revd. Henry Mooh**

N.T. 1 Cor. 4:14-5.5 - **Fountain of Hope**

(FOH24NG)

Gospel: John 16:5-22 - **Revd. Henry Mooh**

Address: **Revd. Michael Nwigani**

Prayer: **Fountain of Hope (FOH24NG)**

Thanksgiving at the Altar

After 11.15 a.m.

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

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.

1. Inauguration of 2024 Harvest Sub-Committee:

The 2024 Harvest Subcommittee's inauguration will be held next week (28th April 2024) after the 9.15 am Choral Mattins service. All societies are encouraged to send their representatives to this meeting.

2. Samuel's Mission

This initiative aims to reach boys aged 0-15 to prepare them for the future. Data collection is ongoing; kindly fill out a copy when you receive it and submit the hard or soft copy to the Provost or Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi.

3. Annual Inter Society Bible Quiz Competition:

The result of last Sunday Bible Quiz

- 1st - Cathedral Youth Fellowship
- 2nd - The Boys Brigade Lagos company
- 3rd - Busy Bees Women Society
- 4th - Girls' and Ladies Guild

These Societies will compete for the 1st position today after 9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins.

4. Sunday School Charity Appeal: Kindly support the Sunday School Children as they raise money to sponsor 2 physically challenged children at the FRIENDS OF THE DISABLED HOME. Kindly send your donation to Cathedral Church of Christ, StanbicBTC 0034250928 or collect an envelope from the stewards on duty.

5. The Medical Society is calling for volunteer Doctors, Nurses and Pharmacists for the Church Clinic on Sunday.

6. Bulletin Sponsorship:

Our bulletin have been sponsored for 4 Sundays starting from today Sunday 7th April to Sunday 28th April, 2024 by **Mr. Ewemade Moses Akenuwa** in thanksgiving to God for his 88th Birthday which comes up today on Sunday, 21st April, 2024. *God will continue to grant him good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of his life.*

7. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 21/04/2024

We thank **Mr. Ewemade Moses Akenuwa** who hosts Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. Service for his 88th birthday which comes up today. *God will continue to grant him good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of his life.*

Vacant after 9.15 a.m. Service.

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: April - June 2024

- Sunday, 28/4/2024 - **Mrs. Folake Ademiluyi** for her 50th birthday on 25th April, 2024 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
- Sunday, 12/5/2024 - **Vacant** after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
- Sunday, 26/5/2024 - To mark posthumous birthday of late **Engr. Afolabi Oladele Mabogunje** on 23rd of May, 2024 after 7.15 a.m. Service

Sunday, 9/6/2024 - **Mrs. Cornelia Olufunmilola Ademokun** for her birthday on the same day, 9th June, 2024 after 7.15 a.m. service.
 Sunday, 23/6/2024 - **Mrs. Rebecca Olamide Afolabi-Alu** for her birthday on 20th June, 2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

(c) Fellowship Hour - Parishioners who are not the main hosts of the Fellowship Hour but who wish to celebrate any event 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.

(d) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2024

The following dates are available for booking for **Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2024**. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

	7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m
Sunday 14/7/2024	Booked	Booked
Sunday 28/7/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 11&25/8/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 8&22/9/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 13/10/2024	Booked	Booked
Sunday 27/10/2024	Booked	Booked
Sunday 10/11/2024	Booked	Booked
Sunday 24/11/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 8/12/2023	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday 22/12/2024	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.*

(a) **Sponsorship:**

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

1. **A Serving Priest** in one of our Diocese is in need of N4,703,936.75 for immediate eye surgery.
2. **Miss Taiwo Oluwakemi Olasoji (10 years old)** was born with a congenital heart disorder. She had the first corrective surgery when she was 3 months old in Germany. She is due for another Cardiac Catheterization at the same hospital. The cost is 57,300 (N90,000,000)
3. **Miss Komolafe Busola Emmanuella (11 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for her Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
4. **Mr. Bankole Emmanuel Olufemi (20 years)** needs the sum of N480,000 for his University Education at Tai Solarin University of Education for 4 years at N120,000 per session.
5. **Mr. Adegahi ThankGod Bright (21 years)** needs the sum of N759,200 for his University Education at Confluence University Science and Technology Kogi State for 4 years at N189,800 per session.
6. **Miss Jejelola Oluwabusolami (19 years)** needs the sum of N480,000 for her University Education at Obafemil Awolowo University, Ile Ife for 4 years at N120,00 per session.
7. **Miss Precious Adedamola Tayobo (16 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for her University Education at Olabisi Onabanjo University for 4 years at N225,00 per session.
8. **Miss Adeosun Modinat Omolara (Visually Impaired) (21 years)** needs the sum of N480,000 for her University Education at Lagos State University for 4 years at N120,000
9. **Mr. Adeyemi Akeem (42 years)** Mr. Adeyemi needs the balance payment of N1,500,000, for his retina Eye Surgery.
10. **Mrs. Bimbo Durosimi-Etti (50 years)** needs the balance payment of N2,901,000 for a hip replacement surgery.

(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.

Theme for the year: "FULL RESTORATION

"I will restore to you the years that the swarming locust has eaten, the crawling locust, the consuming locust, and the chewing locust, My great army which I sent among you. You shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, Who has dealt wondrously with you; and My people shall never be put to shame."

- Joel 2: 25-26

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

LEAVE GOD TO ORDER ALL THY WAYS

MHB 504 (Tune: Solid Rock/Sagina)

1. Leave God to order all thy ways,
And hope in Him whate'er betide;
Thou'lt find Him in the evil days
Thy all-sufficient strength and guide;
Who trusts in God's unchanging love
Builds on the rock that naught can move.

2. Only thy restless heart keep still,
And wait in cheerful hope, content
To take whate'er His gracious will,
His all-discerning love, hath sent;
Nor doubt our inmost wants are known
To Him who chose us for His own.

3. Sing, pray, and swerve not from His ways,
But do thine own part faithfully;
Trust his rich promises of grace,
So shall they be fulfilled in thee;
God never yet forsook at need
The soul that trusted Him indeed.

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 14/04/2024

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion (Youtube 315/Facebook 176 views)	215
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School.....	163
9.15 a.m.	Cathedral Youth Church.....	31
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins(Youtube 335/Facebook 240 views).....	270
11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion(Said).....	138

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
6/4/2024	16	10/4/2024	27
Monday		Thursday	
08/4/2024	18	11/4/2024	14
Tuesday		Friday	
09/4/2024	40	12/4/2024	8

COMING EVENTS (APRIL 2024)

- 28/4/2024 - 21st Anniversary - Correctional Centre Welfare Ministry at 9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins.
- 28/4/2024 - 33rd Anniversary - Fountain of Hope (FOH24NG)
- 5/05/2024 - 157th Anniversary and 78th Feast of Dedication Thanksgiving Service



SOUL FOOD 16/2024

IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

(iii) Restored Hope I (Meaningful Existence)

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” 1 Peter 1:3

According to Scripture, certain crucial qualities intended for meaningful existence were lost in the Fall. The loss has profoundly impacted individual and collective human experience. In a paper I once presented, I recall mentioning, “With disobedience comes a slew of negative consequences that include disease, disorderliness, discomfort, despair, disappointment, disaster, dishonour, and all sorts of other ‘dis’s.” These outcomes are far-reaching and touch on every aspect of human life, imposing hopelessness on humanity. Hopelessness is a state of despair in which individuals feel profound pessimism and futility about the future. This feeling often involves believing that one’s situation is unlikely to improve, leading to a sense of helplessness and an inability to effect positive change. Reverend Loan Sauca opines: “As every new day is dawning, anguish, desolation, and hopelessness seem to prevail everywhere.” Consequently, restored hope and meaningful existence became *the sine qua non* of human earthly life.

Our theme will explore “Restored Hope” and “Meaningful Existence” as implications of Christ’s resurrection for humanity. First, I would like to define each phrase to assist our comprehension. On one hand, “Restored Hope” conveys a sense of positivity and renewal after a challenging period. It suggests a return to a favourable state characterised by new opportunities, renewed strength, and a refreshed vision. On the other hand, “Meaningful existence” refers to a person’s central purpose for living and how they justify their life to themselves and others. It relates to life’s significance, fulfilment, and satisfaction. A life that is considered meaningful is one in which a person feels engaged, connected to their highest values, and able to utilise their talents and passions, thus conferring a sense of fulfilment.

Both phrases encapsulate some of the benefits the believers enjoy from Christ’s resurrection. Before Jesus Christ, we lived in a world devoid of hope and with the vibes of meaninglessness. However, the resurrection of Jesus brought about a profound transformation that not only revived our hope but wholly restored it. Apostle Peter presses this home, saying: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” (1 Peter 1:3)

Peter describes our restored hope as ‘living’ because it is active, vibrant, and growing. It is not a static or stagnant hope but one that breathes, moves, and evolves with us. It is as alive as Christ, who rose from the dead and lives forever. Unlike worldly hope, which often fades as quickly as it flares up, our hope in Christ is vibrant, active, and enduring. It sustains us not because of our circumstances but because of our position in Christ, secured through His resurrection. This hope is not rooted in the uncertainty of life but in the certainty of God’s promise.

In addition, this restoration is not a simple repair but a total renewal beyond the mere restoration of what was lost. It is a complete transformation of our lives, which were once shattered by sin, as they are now made new in the image of Christ. It is similar to a home wholly rebuilt from the ground up following a disaster. This is corroborated by the phrase, “He has caused us to be born again to a living hope.” We were reborn from our old ways of hopelessness and helplessness to a new life full of hope and meaning.

We now have grounds for optimism and are motivated to persevere towards our aspirations despite previous obstacles. Christ’s resurrection changed the status quo. Without resurrection, there is no new birth, and without new birth, there is no hope. Therefore, without resurrection, there is no hope, and meaningful life would be a mirage. With our hope secured, our existence gains meaning through our new identity in Christ.

Isaiah 54 speaks about restored hope and the meaningful life promised by God for those who trust in Him and His redemption to encourage those who feel marginalised or defeated to believe that renewal is possible and that God’s love is unfailing. He says: “Do not be afraid; you will not be put to shame. Do not fear disgrace; you will not be humiliated. You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood.” (Isaiah 54: 4). He continues: “For a brief moment, I abandoned you, but with deep compassion, I will bring you back. In a surge of anger, I hid my face from you for a moment, but with everlasting kindness, I will have compassion on you,” says the Lord your Redeemer. “To me, this is like the days of Noah, when I swore that the waters of Noah would never again cover the earth. So now I have sworn not to be angry with you, never to rebuke you again. Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken, nor my covenant of peace be removed,” says the Lord, who has compassion on you.” (Isaiah 54:7-10)

Therefore, we must understand that amid despair in our world, Christ’s resurrection is always a source of hope and new life. Strengthened by our faith and hope, we should not be afraid, we should not despair when we see what happens in our world

today, but confront it with courage. Sauca says: "Christ's Resurrection reminds us that, ultimately, God, the God of life, prevails over all powers of sin and death. It is a source of healing, wholeness, and renewal. It is a joy for the sorrowful, light for those living in darkness, and liberation for those oppressed..."

As we relish our newfound hope and meaningful life, we are called to live as representatives of this hope, exemplifying the change and the life that Jesus offers. We do this by allowing the living hope to influence our actions and decisions, seeking to honour God in all we do. This is what Paul had in mind when he wrote, "So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God" (1 Corinthians 10:31).

I urge all of us to embrace the hope we have been given through our rebirth. This hope should guide our actions and decisions and renew our strength in times of weakness. It should also bring us peace during moments of anxiety and give meaning to our lives. We should always hold onto this living hope, remembering that our past failures, current struggles, and future uncertainties do not define us. Instead, we are defined by the resurrection of Jesus Christ and the new life He has given us. 2 Corinthians 5:17 hints to guide us: "...if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,



Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi, PhD

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