

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: WHITE

Theme: **REJOICE AND BE GLAD - Ps. 118:24**

Celebrant: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju

Stewards on Duty: **Group A**

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 357 (*Old Hundredth*)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it. How awesome is this place. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven. Gen. 28: 16-17.*
3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
4. **Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis** (Page 171)
5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

8. **Collect:**
Almighty God, Who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful men: give us grace to love what You promise, that in all the changes and chances of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed, where lasting joys are to be found, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal Father, the God of history and time, we thank You for the many gracious acts of salvation You have visited upon this congregation in its 155 years. Continue to bless us with Your presence, as You come to us in Word and sacraments, and make of us a city set on a hill, a light that cannot be hidden, that others may know of Your great love. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and also our Lord. With You and the Holy Spirit, He lives and rules for all time. Amen.

10. **Epistle:** Philippians 3:1-11 - **Mrs. Esther Adewuyi**
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 583 (*Wareham*)
12. **Gospel:** Luke 10: 17-24 **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**
13. **Sermon:** Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Mr. Adewale Adefisan**
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, we love the house of your habitation and the place where your glory abides. Alleluia.*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 769 (*Gopsal*)
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:** *Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2.5*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 506 (*Aurelia*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 437 (*Pastor Pastorum*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 485 (*Tune A&MRW 641 - Austria*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 471 (*Offertorium*)
 - (v) A&MRW 460 (*Song 1*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 436 (*A&MRW 231-Regent Square*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 434 (*Franconia*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 445 (*Everton*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** Hymn for the Year - A&MRW 744
End of Month Thanksgiving
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of Your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of Your Son, we may be the temple of Your presence, the place of Your glory on earth, and a sign of Your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
26. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
27. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
 - **April Birthdays**
 - **Feast of Dedication Thanksgiving - A&MRW 589 (Angel Voices)**
28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 12:5&6**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 608 (*Harewood*)

At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun

9.30 a.m. 2022 Feast of Dedication Service

Sung Eucharist

Stewards in Duty: Group A
(155th Anniversary of the Church)
and
(76th Anniversary of this Present Building)

Theme: 'REJOICE AND BE GLAD.'

- Psalm 118:24

Celebrant: **The Provost**
Setting: **Mass of Light by Alan Wilson**

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 589 (*Angel Voices*)
2. **Introit:** **Be Still, for the glory of the Lord**
(Be Still)
3. **Introductory Sentences:** *Surely the LORD is in this place, and I did not know it. How awesome is this place. This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gateway of heaven. Gen. 28: 16-17.*
4. **Collect for Purity and Gloria in Excelsis**
5. **Summary of the Law**
6. **Comfortable Words**
7. **Confession of Sins**
8. **Absolution**
9. **Collects**
God of peace, Who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, that great Shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make us perfect as every good work to do Your will, and work in us that which is well-pleasing in Your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. Amen.

Almighty God, to Whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer, we praise You for the many blessings You have given to those who worship here; and we pray that all who seek You in this place may find you, and being filled with the Holy Spirit may become living temples acceptable to You; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eternal Father, the God of history and time, we thank You for the many gracious acts of salvation You have visited upon this congregation in its 155 years. Continue to bless us with Your presence, as You come to us in Word and sacraments, and make of us a city set on a hill, a light that cannot be hidden, that others may know of Your great love. Through Jesus Christ, Your Son, and also our Lord. With You and the Holy Spirit, He lives and rules for all time. Amen.

Gracious God, as we celebrate our past and rejoice in our present, we also look forward with eager eyes to the future. We pray that You would continue to make Your love known among us. Give us a zeal for mission. Help us to look beyond our walls to those who do not know You. Make this church a blessing to those around us, and embolden us to move forward with strength toward what lies ahead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
10. **Old Testament Reading: Joel 2: 21-27**
Feast of Dedication Sub-Committee
11. **Psalm: 148 -(ASB 242) Charles V. Stanford**
12. **The Epistle:** Philippians 3: 1-11 - **Feast of Dedication Sub-Committee**
13. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 662 (*Tune A&MRW 450 - Edgware*)
14. **The Gospel:** Luke 10: 17-24 - **The Clergy**
15. **The Sermon – Ven. Dr. Ayodele Atowoju**

16. **Anthem – O God Thou Hath My God - Henry Purcell**
17. **The Nicene Creed**
18. **Bidding Prayer and Prayer of Intercession**
19. **Remembrance Of Past Worshippers – A&MR 476 (St. Catherine's Court)**
20. **The Peace**
21. **Offertory Sentence:** *Alleluia, alleluia. Lord, we love the house of your habitation and the place where your glory abides. Alleluia.*
22. **Hymn for Procession of Elements and Offertory:**
 - (i) A&MRW 294 (*Quam Dilecta*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 769 (*Gopsal*)
23. **Consecration Prayer**
24. **The Breaking of the Bread**
25. **Prayer of Humble Access**
26. **Communion Sentence:** *Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 1 Peter 2.5*
27. **The Invitation**
28. **Hymns During Administration of the Holy Communion**
 - (i) A&MRW 435(*Ave Virgo Virginum*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 749(*St. Botolph*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 569(*Tune A&MRW 308 - Hannover*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 603(*Laus Deo - Redhead No. 46*)
 - (v) A&MRW 648(*1st Tune: Neander*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 221(*St. Fulbert*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 710(*Regent Square*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 506(*Aurelia*)
29. **Hymns for Ablution:** A&MRW 608 (*Harewood*)
(End of the Month Thanksgiving)
30. **Post Communion Prayer and Thanksgiving Prayer:**
Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of Your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of Your Son, we may be the temple of Your presence, the place of Your glory on earth, and a sign of Your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
31. **The Lord's Prayer**
32. **Award Ceremonies**
33. **Thanksgiving**
 - 61st Independence Anniversary of the Republic of Sierra Leone by Sierra Leone National Association in Nigeria
 - 20th Wedding Anniversary of Surv. Adedayo & Mrs. Olufunke Fetuga
 - April Birthday
 - 76th Feast of Dedication and 155th Anniversary Thanksgiving
 - Awardees
34. **Notices**
35. **Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 12: 5&6**
36. **Hymn: A&MRW 498 (*Lux Eoi*) To be sung kneeling**
37. **Benediction to Dismissal: Final Amen: Great Amen by Tunde Sosan**
38. **Doxology – Psalm 150 - Tolu Obajimi, CPA**
39. **Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 394 (*Woodlands*)**

SUNDAY 01/05/2022

Day 121

Bible in a year | Samuel 20-22; Mark 15

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Most Revd. Dr. Humphrey Bamisebi and Prof. Mrs. Motunrayo Olumakaiye, The President of Synod, Diocesan Bishop of Lagos and Missioner.*
- ❖ *The Most Revd. Dr. Joseph O.Akinfenwa, Bishop of the Diocese of Ibadan.*
- ❖ *Mrs. C.O. Akinfenwa, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ibadan*
- ❖ **The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Gladys Oluwatoyin Sokunbi, Mr. Adedamola Aboaba, Mr. Arinze Ekwueme, Hon. Justice (Mrs) E. Abike Lufadeju, Mrs. Tolu Odujinrin(nee Ajeigbe), Mr. Olufemi Folorunso Coker, Mr. Akinyemi Michael Olowu, Mr. Harold Onipede Johnson, Miss Eniifeoluwa Ibidolapo Farri, Miss Ayotomiwa Aluko, Mr. Oladipo Akinkugbe, Master Leke Fasehun, Miss Toluwalope Majiyagbe, Mr. Theophilus Onyia.

❖ **Wedding Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. Sunday and Mrs. Oluwunmi Folorunsho, 1st Wedding Anniversary.*
- (ii) *Mr. & Mrs. Kweku Ayodeji Brodie-Mends, 15th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (iii) *Surv. Adedayo & Mrs. Olufunke Fetuga, 20th Wedding Anniversary*
- (iv) *Rear Admiral & Mrs. Adebowale A. Da-Costa, 29th Wedding Anniversary.*
- (v) *Justice & Mrs. E.O. Sanyaolu, 57th Wedding Anniversary*

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. Yinka Lijadu, CPA, 6 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mr. Michael Adebayo Ogun, 13 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Mrs. Sophia Adenike Shonibare (nee Doherty), 16 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Mrs. S.O. Preston-Holder, 35 years' mind.*
- (v) *Mr. Nathaniel 'Bafunmi Agbebi, 37 years' mind.*

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of *Mr. Muyiwa Onigbogi, Mr. Adedayo Sojirin, Late Dr. A Olufemi Lewis, Late Prince Ademola Odunsi, Late Mr. Sammy O. Olagbaju, CPA, Mr. Deola Shonibare, Fadaka, Ms. Iyabode Aboaba, Lady Dupe Akin-Taylor, Late Chief (Mrs.) Oyin Ade-John, Mr. Olusegun Elufioye-Johnson, Dr. Bolaji Akinola.*

❖ **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, Downen College Lagos, Downen Services Ltd, Ships & Ports Company, Maritime Microfinance Bank.

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY.

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday - 02/05/2022 Colour: RED Day 122

Philip and James Apostles (Transferred)

Bible in a year: | Samuel 23,24; Mark 16

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: *Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi*

Epistle: *James 1: 1-12*

Gospel: *John 14:1-14*

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. (Prof.) Dapo Asaju Bishop of the Diocese of Ilesa*
- ❖ *Mrs. Harriet Asaju, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ilesa.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Adenike Oluwafemi Adesanya*
- ❖ *Mrs. Elizabeth Olayide Onaolapo.*
- ❖ *7th Wedding Anniversary - The Revd. Ewere and Mrs. Ebi Okoh.*

❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of West Lango (Uganda).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. D. Adelola Kolawole, Mrs. Paulette I. Alo, Miss Miabiye Ruth Wakama, Mrs. Doyin Otuyalo, Miss Aduke Lawrence, Mrs. Yetunde Olumide, Mr. Olukayode Babafemi Thomas, Mrs. Olutosin Adesola Nwabueze, Miss Rosetta Ngowari Don-Pedro, Miss Folashade Lijadu, Mrs. Adejumo Anthonia Ajayi, Miss Eniola Olanike Faji, Miss Blessing Idamkue, Mr. Ugochukwu Nwokedi.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

- (i) Mrs. Olasumbo Badejo-Okusanya, 11 years' mind.
- (ii) Chief Mrs. Elizabeth Kofoworola Bodunrin Adewunmi, 23 years' mind.
- (iii) Miss Abimbola Onipede.
- (iv) Dr. Taiwo Oluwole, 53 years' mind.

6.45 a.m. Altar Call: 70th Birthday Thanksgiving of Mr. Tayo Otuyalo

4.00 p.m. Women Bible Class/Prayer Meeting - Prayer for the Sick by Mrs. Funmilayo Fadipe.

Tuesday - 03/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 123

Bible in a year: I Samuel 25,26; Psalm 49

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: Col. 1: 1-14

Gospel: Matt. 3: 7-12

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Dr. Gbenga Babatunji, Bishop of the Diocese of Osun.
- ❖ Mrs. Margaret Foluke Babatunji, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Osun.
- ❖ Mrs. Olanike Feyisayo Oladele.
14th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oluwaseun and Mrs. Adekemi Tinuoye.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Lantang (Jos Nigeria)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Chuks Oyekwe, Mr. Olufemi Aboaba, Master Oladimeji Olayinka, Mrs. Julie Abidemi Paul, Mr. Olujimi Morgan, Miss Rahel Korkortu Addy, Miss Simisola Omosalewa Ajayi, Miss Mary Oluwayemi Akpan, Mr. Adedoyin Benjamin Adebowale, Mr. Omotayo Olagunke Aderugbo, Miss Afolashade Oyewunmi, Miss Adetoni Laolu-Adewale, Mr. Adewunmi Joseph Gbebikan, Mrs. Beatrice Oboshie Fisher.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Sir and Lady A.G. Ayodele, CPA, 42nd Wedding Anniversary.

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

Wednesday - 04/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 124

Bible in a year: I Samuel 27,28; I Cor.1

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: Col. 1: 15-23

Gospel: Matt. 3: 13-17

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Adeyinka Olubunmi Akinlade, Bishop of the Diocese of Ife
- ❖ Mrs. Nkechi Akinlade, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ife.
- ❖ The Revd. Canon Christopher Olusola Afesojaiye(60)
- ❖ The Revd. Emmanuel Oluwaseun Tinuoye
- ❖ Mrs. Jumai Aderemi Adeboye
- ❖ 31st Wedding Anniversary Ven. and Mrs. Samson O. Olaleetan.
- ❖ 26th Wedding Anniversary Revd. and Mrs. Samuel Afolayan.
- ❖ 27th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Obafemi and Mrs. Feyisola Aderibigbe.
- ❖ Mrs. Abosede Oladele.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Lebombo (South Africa)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Dr. (Mrs) Oluwatoyin Yetunde O. Olooku (nee Otuyalo), Mr. Oluwafemi Ajana, Mrs. Caroline Bob-Okonedo, Prince Adegboyega Ademiluyi, Prince Babatunde Ogunfowora, Mrs. Moradeyo Oyetola (nee Adeyemi), Mr. Oladipo Moore, Mr. Arthur Olufemi Rosiji, Mrs. Gbemi O. Somefun, Mr. Folarin Oseni, Mr. Ademide Ajose, Mr. Joshua Seun Jitoboh, Mrs. Rejoice Yetunde Motunrayo Ogundipe.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) Mr & Mrs. A. Aruofor
- (ii) Mr. & Mrs. Yinka Shonekan

(iii) Mr. & Mrs. C.T. Olaomo, CPA, 54th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mr. Tunde Sowande, 13 years' mind.
- (ii) Ms. Gail Martin, 13 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. David Akinola Oshodi, 14 years' mind.
- (iv) Revd. Victor Bala Bako, 14 years' mind.
- (v) Mr. Abodunrin Olabode Agbebi, 16 years' mind.
- (vi) Mr. Rowland Samuel Quinn, 22 years' mind.
- (vii) Dr. Isaac Ladipo Oluwale, 69 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

Thursday - 05/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 125

Bible in a year I Samuel 29-31; 1 Cor. 2

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju

Epistle: Col. 1: 24-27

Gospel: Matt. 4: 1-11

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Oluwagbemiro Fabuluje, Bishop of the Diocese of Oke Osun.
- ❖ Mrs. Taiwo Fabuluje, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Oke Osun.
- ❖ The Ven. Emmanuel Ademola Adesanya (70)
- ❖ The Revd. Canon Paul Oluwasinaayomi Agunbiade.
- ❖ 15th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Bamidele and Mrs. Olayiwola Olayanju.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Leeds (York, England)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Prince Adekunle Ademiluyi, Mr. Ayodele Ogutuga, Jr., Miss Olutosin Mabudu, Miss Oluwaseun A. Shonibare, Mrs. Dorcas Olusola Bankole, Mr. Funso Ladeinde, Mrs. Emilola Oke, Mrs. O.A. Kolawole, Master Akindele Akinbode Williams, Mr. Femi Emmanuel Akinrolabu, Mrs. Pelebo Effiom Banigo, Miss Eniola Clementina Fajumobi, Mr. Stephen Chimezie Nwaozuzu, Miss Teniola Oguntayo, Mrs. Folake Olabisi, Mr. Olaoluwa Williams, Mrs. Ikeoluwapo Chukwujeku.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Prince and Olori Dapo Opeaye, 24th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mrs. Modupe Yetunde Vanderpuye, 1 year's mind.
- (ii) Mrs. Innocent Sutherland (nee Vagg), 16 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Josephine Idowu Claudius-Cole (nee Onibuwe-Johnson), 71 years' mind.

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

Friday - 06/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 126

Bible in a year 2 Samuel 1,2; Psalm 50

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

Epistle: Col. 2: 8-23

Gospel: Matt. 4: 12-17

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Most Revd. Dr. Segun Okubadejo, Bishop of the Diocese of Ibadan North.
- ❖ Mrs. Juliet Okubadejo, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ibadan North.
- ❖ Chief David Olufemi Adesanya, Bishop's Nominee, Diocese of Lagos
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Leicester (Canterbury, England)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Olutomi Borisade, Mrs. Olutosin Shonubi, Miss Whitney Edegware-Abobade, Miss Zion Wanetta Oluwadamilare Cole, Mr. Ezekiel Olufemi Adedokun, Mr. John Aderinsola Alfred, Master Chukwuebuka Erundu, Mr. Arthur Obinna Njoku, Miss Ifunanyachukwu Nzekwe, Mr. Kolawole Alfred Ore-Dawodu, Mr. Oladapo Ajose Onipede, Mrs. Virginia Chinatu Emenyonu, Mrs. Abosede Williams, Miss Theodora Adeite Adekitan, Mrs. Omolara Damilola Lufadeju.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

- (i) Mrs. Adeline Bona Lijadu, 56 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Alfred Ayoade Bajulai (late Dehinbu II, Chief Bajulaiye of Lagos - Past Provost's Warden, Past People's Warden), 63 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Study

Saturday - 07/05/2022 Colour: WHITE Day 127

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 3-5; 1 Cor. 3

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Col. 3: 1-17

Gospel: Matt. 4: 18-25

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Akintunde A. Popoola, Bishop of the Diocese of Ibadan South
- ❖ Dr. Mrs. Oyebola O. Popoola, President, Mothers' Union, and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ibadan South.
- ❖ The Revd. Canon Geoffrey Chukwudi Anajemba.
- ❖ 28th Wedding Anniversary of The Revd. and Mrs. Adetunji Idowu
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Lesotho (Southern Africa)**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Olaronke Martins(70), Mrs. Nike Bakare-Ajayi, Miss Omotayo Anuoluwa Ajayi, Dr. (Mrs) Olayinka Akinla-Sobamowo, Mr. Oladele Agbe-Davies, Miss Angela Olubukunola Modupe-Davies, Mrs. Florence Ejiro Edegware-Issa, Mr. Ayotomiwa Adeboya, Mr. Adedayo Abidemi Taiwo, Master Imad Okwuraiwe, Mr. Blessing Oreva Ikede, Miss Adebola Olutayo-Saheed, Master Ariel Handel Onyekwere, Miss Chinonyerem Sunday, Master Tamarapriye Thomas Toborowuru, Mr. Nelson Folarin Aiyelabola, Mrs. Florence Isaac, Mrs. Abimbola Olurin.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

- (i) Mr. & Mrs. George Obioma Onyejekwe, 5th Wedding Anniversary.
- (ii) Mr & Mrs. Ikechukwu Alajuronye

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mr. Samuel Oluwatoyin Abayomi Layeni, 5 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Henry Charles Johnson, 18 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. Adeniyi Doherty, 20 years' mind.

7.45 a.m. Altar Call: 70th Birthday Thanksgiving of Mrs. Olaronke Martins

Bible Study Outline

THEME: THE LORD GOD AND THE REIGN OF PEACE

SUB-THEME: Earthly Leaders 1

TOPIC: God Ordains Earthly Rulers

TEXT: Romans 13:1-7

AIMS:

- i. to understand that God ordains all rulers to serve His purposes and
- ii. to discuss how Christians can show good examples in their relationship with their rulers to the advancement of God's kingdom.

INTRODUCTION

When we say God ordains earthly rulers; we mean He appoints, calls, elects or sets apart people who are in position of authority. This is because a man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven (John 3:27) and ...there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God (Romans 13:1). In our text, Paul vividly explains that we must respect governing authorities because they are ordained by God. People in authority are God's representatives to establish His rule, and to fulfil His purposes here on earth (1Sam. 16:1, 13). We are to obey their authorities as long as the authorities are not against biblical injunctions.

STUDY GUIDE

1. Critically examine the purpose and reason behind God setting earthly rulers and leaders apart. Exo 3:7-10; 2King 9:4-10; Rom 13:3-4.
2. What is the primary duty of Christians to their rulers? Rom 13:1; 1Tim. 2:1-3 and why? (1Tim. 2:2b-4)
3. Who is the right Judge of rulers if they failed? 1Kings 14:7-11; Acts 12:21-23.

4. What is expected of every Christian when the authorities of an earthly ruler clashes with God's will and authority? Dan. 3:16-18; Matt. 5:16; Acts 5:29.

CONCLUSION

It is an undisputable fact that no earthly ruler or leader can ascend the position of power if God had not ordered it. Christians are light and salt of the world, therefore, we must be models in leadership and in followership so as to establish the kingdom of God on earth since the judgment of every ruler who abuses power is in God's hand not in our hands.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Your relationship with God determines your obedience to earthly rulers or leaders.

Memory Verse: Rom. 13:1

"Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God".

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

Isaiah 12: 5&6

Sing to the LORD, for he has done glorious things; let this be known to all the world. Shout aloud and sing for joy, people of Zion, for great is the Holy One of Israel among you.

My Father and my God, indeed You are great and worthy of my praise. Let my mouth be filled with Your praise always and my heart with joy of your presence. Dry up all my tears and take away all my worries and anxieties. Let me forever be your habitation where praises never cease. Let me never take your constant presence and your sure mercies for granted instead let me always be aware of all your benefits so that whether the devil likes it or not my life will always bring You praise and be a reflection of Your greatness in Jesus precious name I pray.

DIOCESAN ANTHEM

(TUNE: AUSTRIA)

1. Lagos Diocese, Premier Diocese
Of Anglican Communion
We are *Primus inter pares*
First among equals, bless'd one
Tenth December, nineteen nineteen
Praise the Lord!, He's done great things
Lagos Diocese, foremost Diocese
Came to be, through love and peace.
2. Our Divine Mandate of five-fold,
Clear and apt, to build the Church,
From above came like that of old,
For the mission of the Church,
Priestly, Pastoral, Prophetic,
Pray'r and Praise to reach a peak,
Help, O Lord Thy charge to fulfill,
Thy perfect will to do still.
3. God our Father, bless our Diocese,
Bless our Bishop, we pray Thee
Bless Thy people of this Diocese
Our existence, keep for Thee,
All believers to edify,
And Thy name to glorify,
Multiply Disciples for Thee,
And at last to reign with Thee. Amen

April, 2019

MEET WITH THE DIOCESAN

We are all invited to connect with our Bishop and Missioner, The Most Revd. Dr. Humphrey Bamisebi Olumakaye on social media. Follow, like and share the Diocesan programmes and activities via our handles:

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Facebook, Instagram & Twitter: @drolumakaye

We can also send in our Prayer requests and testimonies to: Prayers@dioceseoflagos.org.

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)

PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

"Honour the LORD with your possession... so your barns will be filled with plenty". Proverbs 3: 9&10.

Your kind and generous donations to the Cathedral will be highly appreciated. Below are the Church's Bank Accounts.

No	PURPOSE	BANK	ACCT NO
1.	Social Welfare Service Unit	Polaris Bank	1770128010
2.	Cathedral Clinic	First Bank	2000514561
3.	Church Donations	GT Bank	0124088211
4.	Sustentation	First Bank	2000519164
5.	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



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

Anglicanism is one of the major branches of the 16th-century Protestant Reformation and a form of Christianity that includes features of both Protestantism and Roman Catholicism. Anglicanism is loosely organised in the Anglican Communion, a worldwide family of religious bodies that represents the offspring of the Church of England and recognises the Archbishop of Canterbury as its nominal head. It prizes traditional worship and structure but operates autonomously and flexibly in different locales. The Church of Nigeria Anglican Communion is one of such autonomous churches within the larger community of worldwide Anglican Communion.

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

- 2/5/2022 - Prayer Meeting - Prayer for the Sick by **Mrs. Funmilayo Fadipe.**
7/5/2022 - Business and Professional Women's Fellowship by St. Philips Church, Sari-Iganmu
9/5/2022 - Bible Study - God of Mercy and Justice by **Ms. Bimpe Alaba**

Payment of Sacrifice

- Women's and Girls' Organisations

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

THIS MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL

- MAY

- By Church History Sub-Committee

1912

May 7 At the Third Synod of the Diocese, Dr. Henry Carr moved that the Christ Church be constituted the Cathedral Church of the Diocese.

May 20 Dr. Henry Carr's motion was accepted by the Third Synod for the reconstruction of Christ Church as the pro-Cathedral of the new Diocese.

1920

May 9 The Rev. M.S. Cole, the Principal of Abeokuta Grammar School, was formally appointed the first African Vicar of the Church.

1921

May Recommendation of the synod for the formation of Province of West Africa following decision by Lambeth Conference. Status of Christ Church raised to that of Pro-Cathedral.

May 29 First Synod Thanksgiving service

1923

May Launching of the Pro-Cathedral Magazine printed by Awoboh Press

May

11&12 First and second performances of the Cantata "Daughter of Jairus" by the Choir in aid of Cathedral Building Fund.

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.

1. **Industrial Borehole** - ₦15 million
2. 5 Computer Systems @ ₦400,000 each

OBAFUNKE AKINKUGBE GIFT SHOP IS NOW OPENED. VISIT THE SHOP FOR YOUR COFFEE AFTER EACH SERVICE ON SUNDAYS.

SUNDAY 08/05/2022

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(Easter 3)

Stewards on Duty: **Group B** Colour: **WHITE**
7.15 a.m. **HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)**

Theme: **CHOSEN FOR SATISFACTION**

Celebrant: **Canon Residentiary**
O.T. Isaiah 49: 8-16 **Mrs. Olatorera Sowande**
Epistle: Ephesians 1: 3-14 **Mrs. Olatorera Sowande**
Gospel: John 15: 9-16 **Canon Residentiary**
Address: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
Prayers: **Mrs. Esther Adewuyi**
- *Thanksgiving at the Altar*

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

9.15 a.m. *The Finance and General Purpose Sub-Committee will meet at the Cathedral Library.*

09.15 a.m. **CHORAL MATTINS**

Theme: **CHOSEN FOR SATISFACTION**

Cantor: **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
Sermon: **The Provost**
O.T. Reading: **Isaiah 49: 8-16 Mrs. Folasayo Oni**
N.T. Reading: **Ephesians 1: 3-14 Dr. (Mrs) Funmilayo Doherty**
Prayer: **Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

After Mattins

- (i) *The Monthly General Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies Friendly Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (ii) *The **Cathedral Women's Guild Auxiliary** will meet at Ayo Rosiji Hall, Cathedral House.*
- (iii) *The Monthly Meeting of the **Cathedral Busy Bees Women's Society** will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (iv) *The **Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer** will meet 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. **HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)**

Theme: **CHOSEN FOR SATISFACTION**

Celebrant: **Revd. Henry Mooh**
O.T. Reading: **Isaiah 49: 8-16 FOH 24NG**
Epistle: **Ephesians 1: 3-14 FOH 24NG**
Gospel: **John 15: 9-16 Revd. Henry Mooh**
Sermon: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
Prayers: **FOH 24NG**

1.30 a.m. *General Meeting of the **Cathedral Youth Fellowship** at the Fellowship Centre.*

1.30 p.m. *The General Meeting of the **Cathedral Torch Bearers** will take place at N1,221 Close, Bababa Island, Ikoyi.
Zoom link: Meeting ID: 856 5660 0837. Passcode 471361.*

5.00 p.m. **EVENSONG**

Conductor: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**
1st Lesson: **Numbers 13: 1-2, 17-end**
2nd Lesson: **John 21: 1-14**
Sermon: **Mrs. Esther Adewuyi**
Reader: **Mrs. Bimpe Alaba**
Prayers: **Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju**

WELCOME

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

GENERAL NOTICES

1. 155th Anniversary and 76th Feast of Dedication

Today, we joyfully celebrate the blessings of God Almighty on the occasion of the 155th Anniversary of our Church and the 76th Anniversary of the dedication of this present building.

2. Welcome:

We welcome our Guest Preacher, **Ven. Dr. Ayodele Atowoju**, the Head of Department, Advanced Theological Studies, Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary, Abeokuta. May the good Lord continue to prosper your ministry.

- (b) Special congratulatory greetings to all Awardees and their families for the well deserved honour and recognition they have received today. God will make you all relevant till the very end in Jesus name.
- (c) We welcome all our invited guests. Thank you all for honouring God with us today. The Almighty God will reward you.
- (d) The organising Sub-Committee invites **ALL MEMBERS and Guests** of the Church to join in the Reception, an integral part of the celebration, that takes place immediately after the Church Service at the Seminary Grounds.

3. 2022 Annual Inter-Society Bible Quiz Result

- Cathedral Ladies Helpers' Union - Winner
- Anglican Youth Fellowship - 1st Runner-up
- The Boys' Brigade - 2nd Runner-up

4. The Cathedral/Diocesan Charity Day:

The Diocesan Charity Day will come up on **Saturday, 14th May, 2022** DV at the Cathedral, Akodo and Iraye. Donation of the following items are welcomed.

- **Fairly used clothes, shoes etc for men, women and children.**
- **Household items**
- **Foodstuffs like - rice, bean, gari, yams etc,**
- **Beverages - Milk, sugar, milo.**
- **Washing materials- Detergent, soaps for body and clothes**
- **Cash to purchase any of the above items**

Please send the items to Mrs. Adefolake Ojofeitimi, the Provost's wife. Thank you.

5. Gift Day 2022

Our traditional Gift Day will hold this year in the context of liturgical Rogationtide from **Sunday, 22nd May 2022 (Rogation Sunday) to Wednesday, 25th May, 2022**. It will afford parishioners the opportunity to seek the face of the Lord in prayer and one-on-one counselling session with members of the Cathedral Clergy. Theme is **"PRAY YOUR WAY TO SATISFACTION" John 14: 13**

6. Archbishop Abiodun Adetiloye Comprehensive College 2022 Entrance Examination:

Admission for 2022/2023 Academic Session is now open. Examination holds on Saturday, 14th May, 2022 at 9.00 a.m. Forms are available online:

- <https://my.forms.app/aaacc-igbooye/20222023> applicationformforadmission and also at **-Diocesan Women's Office (29, Marina, Lagos)**
- **The School, AAACC Igbooye, Epe, Lagos State.**
- For enquiries: 08054109976; 08033034449
- abiodunadetiloye6@gmail.com

7. The Care Ministry:

The Care Ministry Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Tuesday, 10th May, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. at the Fellowship Centre.**

8. The Elders' Fellowship:

The Elders' Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Thursday, 12th May, 2022 at 11.00 a.m. at the Fellowship Centre.**

9. Bulletin Sponsorship:

Our bulletin have been sponsor for 5 Sunday starting from Sunday 24th April to Sunday 22nd May, 2022 by **Mr. Ewemade Moses Akenuwa** in thanksgiving to God for his 86th Birthday which was marked on Thursday, 21st April, 2022. *God will continue to grant him good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of his life.*

10. 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 N40,000 per Wednesday. You can pay part of an afternoon's cost. See Omoba Ademola or the Parish Clerk during the week. Thank you and God bless.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Mrs. Nta Lijadu for sponsoring our Mid-Week Fellowship for Wednesdays 27th April and 4th May, 2022. (i) 12 years in memory of her mother, Madam Iquo Bassey Orok, who died on 30th April, 2010. (ii) 6 years in memory of her husband, Mr. Yinka Lijadu, who died on 1st May, 2016. May the souls of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings, mercies and protection be always upon their children and children's children. Amen.

11. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 8/05/2022

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

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking - May - June, 2022

Sunday, 15/5/2022 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. Service.

- Sunday, 15/5/2022 - In memory of late **Princess Adejoke Ibidunni Dasaolu- Ogunmola(nee Karuwi)**, who died 21 years ago on 15th May, 2001 after 9.15 a.m.
- Sunday, 29/5/2022 - **Mrs. Folashade Omobola Ashafa** after 7.15a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services to mark her 65th Birthday on 29th May, 2022
- Sunday, 12/6/2022 - **Vacant** after 7.15a.m. and 9.15 a.m. services
- Sunday, 26/6/2022 - **Mrs. Oyebola Adisa** for her mothers birthday (**Mrs) Rebecca Olamide Afolabi-Alu** on 20th June, 2022.

(c) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2022

The following dates are available for booking for **Fellowship Hour on the 2nd and 4th Sunday of 2022**. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

		7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
Sundays	10&24/7/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	14/8/2022	Booked	Booked
Sunday	28/8/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	11&25/9/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	9/10/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	23/10/2022	Booked	Booked
Sunday	13/11/2022	Booked	Booked
Sunday	27/11/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	11/12/2022	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	25/12/2022	Booked	Booked

WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

Parishioners should please inform either the Welfare Sub-Committee on 08088930045; 0802 787 2516 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.

- Mr. Paulinus Umoren (65 yrs):** He needs to undergo a Spinal cord injury surgery at Faith Specialist Orthopedic Hospital in Sango. He needs N3m. N1.1m has been raised already. **Remaining the sum of N1.9m.**
- Mr. Olukayode Oluwaponmile (4 yrs)Cerebral palsy:** Needs the sum of N90,000 per term to be enrolled in an inclusive school (Prime Way School, Baruwa, Ipaja).
- Mr. Abiodun Atelemo (45 years):** Needs the sum of N103,800 for his drugs for massive discrete swelling of left lower limb following trauma of 4 years.
- Mr. Adewole Bashiru (52 yrs):** He needs to undergo total hip replacement the cost of the surgery is N1,313,500 at National Orthopaedic Hospital Igbobi.
- Miss Idowu Anjorin** She needs the sum of N810,000 for her Secondary School education for 6years at N45,000 per term. **A donation of N250,500 have been paid. Remaining the sum of N559,500 to be paid.**
- Miss Nifemi Yusuff:** She needs the sum of N810,000 for her Secondary School Education for 6years at N45,000 per term.
- Mrs. Adebisi Adiamo** whose daughter has cancer need financial assistance of 1 million (N1,000,000) **N50,000 have been paid, remaining the balance of N950,000.**
- Miss Temitope Mojola Faith (10 years):** She needs the sum of N765,000 for her Secondary School Education for 5 years at N45,000 per term. **A donation of N45,000 have been paid. Remaining the sum of N765,000 to be paid.**
- Nathaniel Olahanmi (3 yrs):** A special needs child (Cerebral Palsy) needs the sum of N30,000 per month for his medical upkeep and drugs.
- Mrs. Olayemi Kehinde:** She needs the sum of N450,000 for her vein surgery at Hosanna Specialist Hospital & Clinic.
- Mr. Adeniyi Gbadamosi:** He needs the sum of N1.5million to undergo a surgery (Lineal Rail system) at Lagos University Teaching Hospital.
- Omosehin Sarah Adebisi (27 yrs):** She needs the sum of N300,000 for her Nursing Education. She gained admission to Jafad College of Nursing Science for 4 years course at N100,000 per session.

13. **Salami Sekinat Oluwatoyin (35 yrs) Amputee:** She needs the sum of N500,000 to complete the payment for her prosthetics (Artificial Limb) at collaks prosthetics and Orthotics.
 14. **Miss Nancy Ekenechukwu Okocha (17 yrs):** She needs the sum of N400,000 for her tertiary education. She just gained admission to the University of Benin, Benin City, Edo to study Public Administration for 4 years. Course at N100,000 per session.
 15. **Miss Oliyide Mayowa Elizabeth:** She need the sum of N400,000 for her tertiary education. She just gained admission into University of Lagos to study Zoology for 4 years. Course at N100,000 per session
 16. **Master Omoyiola Francis Oluwadamilola (16 yrs):** He need the sum of N500,000 for his tertiary education. He just gained admission into University of Ilorin to study Mechanical Engineering for 5 years. Course at N100,000 per session.
- (b)** The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate **the donation of fairly used clothes, shoes** for both young and old, **and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions, etc.**

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

Almighty God, our Source and Sustainer, in You we live and move and have our being; only You can satisfy the longings of our hearts; only You have the power to strengthen our frames. Amid dryness and lack offered by the world, we cannot find true satisfaction until we are in Your company. Father, draw us closer to Your satisfying presence, nourish our bodies, souls, and spirits at Your ever-flowing well of abundance, make us into well-watered gardens and springs whose water never fail. Grant that from the abundances of our lives, we may give succour to the needy and the unsatisfied around us until we all attain unending satisfaction in You, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Redeemer.

Theme for the year: DIVINE SATISFACTION

TEXT: PSALM 91:16

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

O GOD OF BETHEL, BY WHOSE HAND

A&MRW 744

Tune: Martyrdom

**1. O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led;**

**2. Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
of their succeeding race.**

**3. Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.**

**4. O spread thy covering wings around
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.**

ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK

Second Sunday of Easter (Easter 1) - 24/04/2022

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion (Youtube 250/Facebook 300 views)....	301
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School.....	148
9.15 a.m.	Cathedral Youth Church	26
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins.(Youtube 349/Facebook 299 views)	300
9.15 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (Youtube 104/Facebook 175 views)...	150

<u>Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday</u>			
	HC		HC
Saturday 23/4/2022	10	Wednesday 27/4/2022	26
Monday 25/4/2022	11	Thursday 28/4/2022	14
Tuesday 26/4/2022	16	Friday 29/4/2022	8

Coming Events (May 2022)

- 3-8/5/2022 - National Youth Week
- 7/5/2022 - Business and Professional Women's Fellowship
- 7/5/2022 - Cathedral Medical Society outreach to Noforija
- 14/5/2022 - Diocesan Women of Grace Retreat
- 14/5/2022 - The Boys' Brigade Excursion
- 21/5/2022 - Cathedral Missionary Society - Revival in Lagos Island



SOUL FOOD 18/2022

REJOICE AND BE GLAD

“The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.”
- Psalm 118:24

Praise be to God Almighty for another commemoration of the birth of Christ Church on this site 155years ago and the 76th of the dedication of this present House of Prayer. The Lord has visited us with salvation amid unthinkable gloom that has pervaded the land; He has kept us as the apples of His eyes to witness this annual celebration. It is truly the day the Lord Himself has made; we shall surely rejoice and be glad in it as instructed by the Psalmist in our reference text, Psalm 118:24.

According to literary classification, Psalm 118 is the last of the *Hallel* or praise psalms (Psalms 113 - 118), sung by the Jewish people in their joyous annual festivals. They recited them to remember God's great love and deliverance in freeing them from bondage to their cruel enemies. Historically, the passage was part of a liturgy of praise in which worshippers recognised a feast day for giving thanks to God. With the wordings, the people acknowledged that God had established the day for a particular purpose, and, therefore, they would carry out His purpose by rejoicing and being glad in it.

The Cathedral's Feast of Dedication is the day established by God to bring His children together with pomp and pageantry to worship Him for His wonderful works in the Church since its inception until now and usually with the assurance of His continual help. The movement of Christ Church from *Oko Faaji* to *Ehingbetti* by Revd Abner Lamb (the then Vicar), was an exodus to the Promised Land. Ever since the turning of the first sod in March 1867, it has been from “glory to glory advancing” for this assembly of God's *Segullah*.

God, in mercy, declared us His people and made us unto Himself “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” and has continued to do what He alone can do in His Church. Like the Jewish people, the Cathedral family rejoices before God today in worship because of His faithfulness since the founding of this Church. Most importantly, our salvation from the cruelty of sin, the world, and the devil. “When you were dead in your sins and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive with Christ. He forgave us all our sins, having cancelled the charge of our legal indebtedness, which stood against us and condemned us; He has taken it away, nailing it to the cross. And having disarmed the powers and authorities, He made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross.” (Colossians 2:13-15) Gladness and rejoicing are

significant features that will differentiate us from the rest of the world. Joy and happiness seem elusive in our world today. However, as the “called out” of God, we have the assurance of His abiding presence. That God, for 155 years, has sustained Christ Church here in Marina is enough and eloquent testimony to His almightiness. Our God is not dead. He is alive and actively involved in our affairs.

Consequently, we are using this year’s celebration to tell the world that there is joy in knowing and serving the Lord. There is no depression for those in Christ Jesus, those who have accepted Him as their Lord and Saviour. Believers can always rejoice, even in unfavourable circumstances, knowing that “in all things God works for the good of those who love him” (Romans 8:28). They can always rejoice, knowing that “God’s gifts and His call are irrevocable” (Romans 11:29). They can always rejoice, knowing that one day they will inhabit the New Jerusalem, see the Lord face to face, and live in a perpetual day (see Revelation 22:1–5).

God Almighty alone is the real joy giver, and He desires the happiness of His *Segullah* – His “treasured possession,” “special treasure,” or “very own people”. As we celebrate the 2022 Feast of Dedication, let us scrap every care, concern and anxiety and worship our joy giver with great rejoicing and gladness. Rejoicing in the Lord means that the truths about God - who He is, what He has done, and what He will do - personally and profoundly affect us. Whatever may be around you, the Bible says: “Do not be afraid, land of Judah; be glad and rejoice. Surely the Lord has done great things... Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God...” Joel 2:21&23

So today, brethren of Christ Church Marina, rejoice and be glad. I pray that God will increase our reasons for gladness and rejoicing in life in Jesus’ name.

Happy Celebration!

The one who serves among you,



Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi
Provost

Prince ‘Dapo Opeaye.....People’s Warden
Mr. Adeyinka Shonekan.....Provost’s Warden
Mr. Tunde Sosan - 070 316 91851, 081 369 95393 ..Master of the Music and Organist
Revd. Henry Mook - 0803 218 4422.....Altar Servers/Care Ministry
Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju - 0703 847 8142... Children’s Church/Missionary Society
Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun M. Adeyemi - 0806 462 5305..... Choir and Band
Revd Olawole Faloye - 0806 620 9914.....Prison/Youth
Revd. Canon Emmanuel Fadipe - 0803 435 9230.....Elders’ Fellowship/SWSU
Ven. Henry Adelegan - 0816 535 5634Harvest Sub-Committee
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