

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION
Theme: THE UNFAILING LOVE OF GOD

Colour: WHITE

Psalm 48:9

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Stewards on Duty: Group B

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 608 (*Harewood*)
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 156 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:** Ephesians 2:11-22 - Mrs. Bola Odedina-Vaughan
11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 293 (*Everton*)
12. **Gospel:** Matthew 16: 13-20 **Revd. Henry Mooh**
13. **Sermon:** Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **Miss Labake Peters**
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 589 (*Angel Voices*)
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 445 (*Tune A&MRW 337 - Blaenwern*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 471 (*Tune A&MRW 505 - Thornbury*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 506 (*Aurelia*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 622 (*Surrey*)
 - (v) A&MRW 626 (*Diademata*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 641 (*Austria*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 648 (*Neander Unser Herrscher*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 715 (*Lord for the Year*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** Hymn for the Year - see page 13
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 (A&MRW 766)***
 - ***Feast of Dedication Thanksgiving - A&MRW 753 (Laudate Dominum-Parry)***
28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 12:5&6**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 646 (*Benson*)

At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun

9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist

2023 Feast of Dedication Service

Stewards in Duty: Group B

(156th Anniversary of the Church)

and

(77th Anniversary of this Present Building)

Theme: 'THE UNFAILING LOVE OF GOD.'

- Psalm 48:9

Celebrant: **The Provost**

Setting: **Mass of Light by Alan Wilson**

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 608 (*Tune: Harewood*)
2. **Introit: From Glory to Glory Advancing**
- T.K.E. Phillips
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**
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.

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 156 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: 2 Chronicles 7: 1-16**
Feast of Dedication Sub-Committee
11. **Psalms: 48 - C.P. 171 - John Goss in A**
100 - C.P. 200 - Thomas Attwood in D
12. **The Epistle:** Ephesians 2: 11-22 - **Feast of Dedication Sub-Committee**
13. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 379 (*Blaernwern*)

14. **The Gospel:** Matthew 16: 13-20 - **The Clergy**
15. **The Sermon – Venerable Prof. Tayo Aluko**
Rector, Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary, Abeokuta
16. **Anthem – Let us with a Gladsome Mind**
words from **A&MRW 706** - Sydney Nicholson
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 589 (*Angel Voices*)
(ii) A&MRW 753 (*Laudate Dominum - Parry*)
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 169(*Tune A&MRW 536 - Melita*)
(ii) A&MRW 293(*Tune A&MRW 641 - Austria*)
(iii) A&MRW 445(*Everton*)
(vi) A&MRW 505(*Salvatori*)
(v) A&MRW 613(*Richmond*)
(vi) A&MRW 622(*Tune MHB 558 - St. Catherine*)
(vii) A&MRW 648(*2nd Tune - Westminster Abbey*)
(viii) A&MRW 662(*Tune: MHB 450 - Edgware*)
29. **Hymns for Ablution:** Psalm 150 - Tolu Obajimi in B Flat
(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. **Thanksgiving**
- April Birthday
- 77th Feast of Dedication and 156th Anniversary Thanksgiving
33. **Notices**
34. **Spiritual Tonic: Isaiah 12: 5&6**
35. **Hymn: A&MRW 497 (Londonderry air) To be sung kneeling**
36. **Benediction to Dismissal: Final Amen: Great Amen by Tunde Sosan**
37. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 506 (*Aurelia*)
At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun

SUNDAY 07/05/2023 Day 127

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

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.
- ❖ 29th Wedding Anniversary of The Revd. and Mrs. Adetunji Idowu
- ❖ **The Church in Wales**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Olaronke Martins, 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 Adebayo, 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, 6th Wedding Anniversary.
- (ii) Mr & Mrs. Ikechukwu Alajuronye

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mr. Samuel Oluwatoyin Abayomi Layeni, 6 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Henry Charles Johnson, 19 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. Adeniyi Doherty, 21 years' mind.

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of Late Amb. Otunba E.O. Fowora, Miss Jumoke Adeniyi-Jones, Tunde Alaje, Late Claudius-Cole, Late Mr. E.H. Imoukhuede, Dr. Bode Oyewole, Late Chief D.A. Ogunyemi, Alajuronye, Chief S.O. Olujuyigbe, Late G.O. Ogunro, CPA, Adeluwoye, Late Mr. Edwin Ogunbayo, Late Mr. J.B.A. Olowole, Mr. Ojo Osagie, John Majekodunmi Browne, Pa E.M.I. Sowunmi, Engr. Kehinde Saka, The Adekitan.

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

Oladele Fajemirokun Foundation, Ginger Baker Nigeria Enterprises Limited, Facility and Environmental Care Plus, Common Naija, Breaking Barriers Support Initiative, Promaco Associates Ltd, Promaco Engineering Ltd, Billington Petroleum Ltd, Keystone College Lagos, Coconut Grove Apartments, PentAir Ltd, Lasaco Assurance Plc. Oluolu Industries Nigeria Limited, Yem Yom Ventures UK.

SUNDAY 07/05/2023 - MEETINGS

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m. CLINIC

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY – 08/05/2023

Colour: WHITE Day 128

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 6,7; I Cor. 4

7.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: Col. 3: 18-4.1

Gospel: Luke 7: 35-50

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Oluwbenga Oluwemi Oduntan, Bishop of the Diocese Oyo.
- ❖ Dr. (Mrs) Felicia M. Oduntan, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Oyo.
- ❖ The Ven. Festus Oluwale Adeyemi Ajayi.
- ❖ The Revd. Adetunji Ikeolu Idowu
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Spokane, The Episcopal Church (Province VIII).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mr. Isaac Olajide Oni, Mr. Mosope Taiwo, Mrs. V.I. Nnatuanya, Miss Ibilola Adedoyin Dawodu, Mr. Archibong Maurice Duke, Nyingi Spiiff, Mrs. Harriet-Anne O. Adesola, Miss Rebecca Munachi Nwankerendu, Mr. Rotimi Adewunmi, Mrs. Oluwakemi Ashiru, Miss Gracious Ato, Miss Daniella Uruemuesiri Dan-Egua, Mrs. Ivy Duncan, Miss Alice Edem-Eyo, Mr. Hubertson Ezeugwunne, Mr. Oluwbenga Ebenezer Folowosele, Mrs. Nyingi Saro.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary:**

Mr & Mrs. Deola Shonibare, 30th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession**

Princess Oluwayemisi Morolake Adefila (nee Oyinlola), 8 years' mind.

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service for Mr. Olumide Omoniyi Fate

4.00 p.m. Women's Bible Class/Bible Study - The Place of Prayer by Mrs. Haniel Adeyemi.

TUESDAY – 09/05/2023

Colour: WHITE

Day 129

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 8-10; 1 Cor. 5

6.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Epistle: Romans 12: 1-21

Gospel: Luke 8: 1-15

Points for Prayer

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Titus Babatunde Olayinka, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbomoso.
- ❖ Mrs. Bola Olayinka, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ogbomoso.
- ❖ Revd. Emmanuel Olabanji Ikuoponiyi.
- ❖ 16th Wedding Anniversary, of The Revd. Bamidele and Mrs. Olayiwola Olayanju.
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Springfield, The Episcopal Church (Province V).**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Abimbola Oyenuga, Mr. Edobor Iyamu, Mrs. Aramide Folashade Laleye, Mrs. Abiola Abimbola, Mr. Emmanuel Oluwatobi Sokefun, Miss Olufolake Olusanya, Mr. Akinola Folorunsho Williams, Miss Oluwapamilerinayo Martins, Mr. Matthew Gbolabo Akingba, Mrs. Bunmi Edegware, Mr. Omogunola Ibiidapo Ibirogba, Mrs. Abiodun Fate, Mrs. Oluwemisi Bode-Thorpe, Miss Damilola Adeniyi, Mr. Adetayo Babagbemi Odunsi, Miss Adesimisola Ojora, Miss Eyitemi Oyolola, Master David Peters, Master Adesopefoluwa Fetuga, Mr. Abayomi Samuel Afolabi, Mrs. Sandra Thomas

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

- (i) Mrs. Olabisi Akodu (nee Moore), 3 years' mind.
- (ii) Mrs. Veronica Oluwatoyin Braimo (Nee Ejemai), 8 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. Christian Roman E. Ado-Imoisili, 13 years' mind.
- (iv) Chief Dr. E.N. Oyekanmi Sodeinde, 42 years' mind.

11.00 a.m. Care Ministry Fellowship at the Fellowship Centre

WEDNESDAY – 10/05/2023 Colour: WHITE Day 130

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 11,12; Psalm 51

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: Romans 13: 1-14

Gospel: Luke 8: 16-25

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Andrew Wale Adebiji, Bishop of the Diocese of Oke Ogun.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Adebiji, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Oke Ogun.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Josephine Ebelechukwu Nriama.*
- ❖ *9th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Bankole and Mrs. Simidele Oke*
- ❖ *The Bishop of the Diocese of Port Sudan, Province of the Episcopal Church of Sudan.*

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Miss Oyenike Oyedele, Mrs. Adetoun Duke, Mrs. OlaOluwatoyosi Effiong (nee Phillips), Master Dean Ebozue, Mrs. Debo Anifowose, Miss Chiamaka Okechukwu, Mrs. Priscilia Fagha Cookey, Mr. Oluwarotimi Obahiagbon, Master Chidi Kingsley, Miss Blessing Obehi, Master Emoka Odera, Mr. Ademola Ajayi, Master Olumide Soleye, Master Ayomide Ajose, Engr. Omotola Ekisola, Mr. Chizoba Ezihe, Miss Ufuoma Koloko, Dr. Abimbola Olufemi Layeni, Miss Audrey Omenai, Miss Ogooluwapo Unuefa, Mr. John Ovuzorie Uyeh, Mr. Prekebena Porbeni, Miss Kanyinsola Ige.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mr. Oladipo Bode-George, 5 year's mind*
- (ii) *Otunba Oladeji Ariyibi, 10 years' mind*
- (iii) *Ms. Abiodun Abeke Bucknor, 14 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Miss Adejoke Ajayi, 29 years' mind.*

5.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

THURSDAY -11/05/2023 Colour: WHITE Day 130

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 13,14; 1Cor. 6

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olusegun Lufadeju

Epistle: Romans 14: 1-12

Gospel: Luke 8: 26-39

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *Bishop of the Diocese of Ajayi Crowther.*
- ❖ *President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ajayi Crowther.*
- ❖ *Prof. G.O.A. Sowemimo, Diocesan Medical Adviser Plenipotentiary.*
- ❖ *The Bishop of the Diocese of Sul-Occidental (South Western), Igreja Episcopal Anglicana do Brasil (Province 1)*

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Mrs. Christiana Fadekemi Brodie-Mends, Mrs. Olayinka Olusola Adesanya, Mrs. Yewande Oluwatoyin Cole, Mr. Oremide Phillips, Mr. Ifeanyi Morah, Mr. Jeremiah Daniel Akpabio, Mr. Adebisi Oladipo Adebambo, Miss Blessing Afedo, Mrs. Adekemi Olateju, Mr. Gabriel Owowo, Mrs. Oluwatoyin Oyindamola Sagoe, Miss Kariba Mason Braide, Mr. Omolaja Olatunde Ige, Mrs. Abosede Bailey, Mr. Emmanuel Oluwadamilare Abidogun.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr. & Mrs. Olaseindemi Ijanusi, 10th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Dr. Omofolaju Babatunde Ajose, 8 years' mind*
- (ii) *Pa Eleazar M. Nwizu, 12 years' mind.*
- (iii) *Mrs. Comfort Oladunni Adefila, 17 years' mind.*
- (iv) *Mrs. Sabaina Towobola Bajulai, 43 years' mind.*

11.00 a.m. Elders' Monthly Fellowship at Ayo Rosiji Hall

6.00 p.m. Choir Practice

FRIDAY -12/05/2023

Colour: WHITE Day 132

Bible in a year: 2 Samul 15,16; I Cor. 7

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

Epistle: Romans 14: 13-23

Gospel: Luke 8: 40-56

Points for Prayer

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Oluseyi Oyelade, Bishop of the Diocese of Ife East.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Comfort Oyelade, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ife East.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Emmanuel Nzube Ezeagabu.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Alice Kikelomo Ajetunmobi*
- ❖ *33rd Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Akpoghene and Mrs. Bernadine Okoro.*
- ❖ *16th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Sunday and Mrs. Funmilayo Fadipe.*
- ❖ *11th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oluleye and Mrs. Iromidayo Oluwadare.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Sunyani, The Church of the Province of West Africa.**

❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Engr. Christopher Babatunde Spaine, Mrs. Patience Folashade Adeniji, Miss Susan Oluwadamilola Opeaye, Miss Ada Crystal Oyekwe, Miss Oluwatosin Modupe Lewis, Arc. Akintunde Oluwarotimi Ogunyemi, Mr. Sunday Babalola Ajulo, Mr. Arthur Amaechi Morah, Mr. Fidelis Okonkwo, Master Oluwajinmi Akinola, Mr. Akin Akintola, Master Maximus Asika, Mr. Babatunde Solomon Essien, Master Oladipupo Obaloluwa Akanni, Master Olatoye Banmeke.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Mr. & Mrs. M.K. Borha.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) *Mrs. Doreen Elfrida Bolajoko Ogunro, 18 years' mind.*
- (ii) *Mrs. Stella Olusola Doherty, 23 years' mind.*

5.00 p.m. Bible Study

SATURDAY – 13/05/2023

Colour: WHITE

Day 133

Bible in a year: 2 Samuel 17,18; Psalm 52-54

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: Romans 15: 1-13

Gospel: Luke 9: 1-17

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ *The Most Revd. Abiodun Timothy Olaoye, Bishop of the Diocese of Osun North.*
- ❖ *Mrs. Theresa Omolara Olaoye, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Osun North.*
- ❖ *Revd. Isaac Opeyemi Oyeyemi*
- ❖ *The Revd. Olaotan Olusegun Ajose-Adeogun, SAN*
- ❖ *Mrs. Rhoda Opeyemi Kolawole*
- ❖ *23rd Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Rotimi and Mrs. Okwuchi Mehinsan.*
- ❖ **The Bishop of the Diocese of Sur - Iglesia Anglicana de Chile**

❖ **Birthday Intercession:**

Lt. Col. 'Sade Odunaike(rtd)(80), Mrs. Valerie Modupe Nylander, Mr. Adeyinka Shonekan, Mr. Elijah Abayomi Shogbamu, Mrs. Olabopo Asake Kehinde, Mrs. Adewonuola Adeyemi Ariyo, Mrs. Helen Ovbiagele, Miss Adetokunbo Kikelomo Awani, Mr. Seyilayo Coker, Miss Temitayo Ladipo, Miss Olayinka Ogboye, Master Ayoposi Ogboye, Mr. Jacob Olukoya Oriade, Miss Tanwa Yisa, Master Fehintoluwa Olubukunmi, Mr. Tolu Onipinla, Mr. Oluwaseun Somolu, Master Fyne Don-Pedro, Master 'Toni Soyannwo, Miss Damilola Adegbesan, Mr. Alabi Samuel Cookey, Mr. Foluso Ayodele Fafowora, Mrs. Olufunlola Jolaoso.

❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**

Prince Oluremi A. Olaneye, 16 years' mind.

11.00 a.m. Lt. Col. 'Sade Odunaike(rtd), 80th Birthday Thanksgiving Service.

Bible Study Outline

**THEME: GOD'S CHILDREN AS PILGRIMS TO THE HEAVENLY KINGDOM:
MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH**

SUB-THEME: Dangers on the path of Pilgrims to heavenly Kingdom 4

TOPIC: Moralism

TEXT: Mk 7:1-13

AIMS:

- i. to introduce the concept of moralism and*
- ii. to expatiate on the menace of moralism on Christianity.*

INTRODUCTION

Moralism is any philosophy with the central focus of applying moral judgements above the gospel and godly virtues. The Moralists believe that Morality is done out of obligation by their power or achievement instead of alluding it to the grace of God. To them, every act of goodness is not because it is God's injunction, but because it is mandatory. Our Bible passage today reveals the Pharisees judging the disciples' moral standard by their physical habit without looking beyond to see their spiritual conducts. They based their accusation on the Tradition of the elders (Mk 7:5). However, Jesus declared to them that obedient to God's commandment is more virtuous than the tradition of the elders.

STUDY GUIDE

1. How can you define moralism in the context of our study today?
2. Mention some of the denominational traditions on dressings and electronic usage in our generation and how it has affected the Church of God. See 1 Peter 3:3-4.
3. How can moral tradition retard the growth of the Church? Acts 10:28; Gal 2:11-13.
4. How can you explain Christian love in the context of Jesus livelihood? Read Luk 7:36-37; Joh 4:7-10, 27, 40-41.

CONCLUSION: Christians must be very careful of placing tradition above godliness. It is good to follow and obey the tradition in a constituted environment including the Church, but when it is taken above the virtues of godliness, it becomes vanity and an obstruction on our path to eternity.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Morality without godliness is equal to vain tradition.

MEMORY VERSE: Col 2:8

"Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ".

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.



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS
39 ARTICLES OF RELIGION
ARTICLE XXVIII

28. Of the Lord's Supper

The Supper of the Lord is not only a sign of the mutual love that Christians ought to have among themselves. Rather, it is a sacrament of our redemption through Christ's death. To those who rightly, worthily, and with faith receive it, the bread which we break is a partaking of the body of Christ, and similarly the cup of blessing is a partaking of the blood of Christ. Transubstantiation (the change of the substance of the bread and wine) in the Supper of the Lord cannot be proved from Holy Scripture, but is repugnant to the plain teaching of Scripture. It overthrows the nature of a sacrament and has given rise to many superstitions. The body of Christ is given, taken, and eaten in the Supper only in a heavenly and spiritual manner. The means by which the body of Christ is received and eaten in the Supper is by faith. The sacrament of the Lord's Supper was not instituted by Christ to be reserved, carried about, lifted up, or worshipped.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

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(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)

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

SUSTENTATION

Please pay your Sustentation/Church Dues (for the upkeep of the Church to: First Bank: **2000519164**

(Kindly indicate the following: Name & Sustentation No)

157, BAMBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

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

(I Chronicles 29:14)

PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

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

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

You can also visit the Cathedral website www.thecathedrallagos.org to make your donations.
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WOMEN'S CORNER NOTICES

8/05/2023 - Bible Study - The Place of Prayer by Mrs. Haniel Adeyemi.
15/05/2023 - Health Talk - Miscarriages by Dr. (Mrs) Oluchi Okafor

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

- 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.

Industrial Borehole and Water Treatment Plant - N15million
(Total money raised now is N9,750,000)

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 14/05/2023

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(EASTER 5) (ROGATION SUNDAY)

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

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **ACTIVATING POSSIBILITIES WITH
(iv) Prayer (Communion with God)**

Celebrant: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
Epistle: **Phil. 4: 1-7 Mr. Rotimi Talabi**
Gospel: **Matthew 6: 5-15 Revd. Olawole Faloye**
Address: **Canon Residentiary**
Prayers: **Mrs. Labake Talabi**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

09.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: **ACTIVATING POSSIBILITIES WITH
(iv) Prayer (Communion with God)**

Cantor: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**
Sermon: **The Provost**

O.T. Reading: I Samuel 1: 10-20 **Mrs. Folasayo Oni**
N.T. Reading: Phil 4: 1-7 **Dr. (Mrs) Funmilayo Doherty**
Prayer: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

after Mattins:

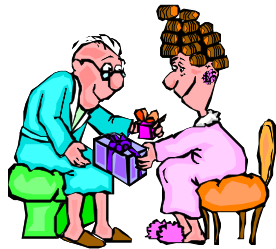
- (i) *The Monthly General Meeting of the Cathedral Ladies Friendly Society will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (ii) *The Cathedral Women's Guild Auxiliary will meet at Eva Wakeman Hall, Cathedral House.*
- (iii) *The Monthly Meeting of the Cathedral Busy Bees Women's Society will hold at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (iv) *The Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer will meet at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*
- (v) *There will be a meeting of the Girls' Guild at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

11.15 a.m. GIFT DAY

PRAYER AND COUNSELLING



5.00 p.m. EVENSONG

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. 156th Anniversary and 77th Feast of Dedication

Today, we joyfully celebrate the blessings of God Almighty on the occasion of the 156th Anniversary of our Church and the 77th Anniversary of the dedication of this present building.

2. Welcome:

We welcome our Guest Preacher, **Venerable Prof. Taye Aluko**, from Crowther Graduate Theological Seminary, Abeokuta, Ogun State. May the good Lord continue to prosper your ministry.

- (b) We welcome all our invited guests. Thank you all for honouring God with us today. The Almighty God will reward you.

3. Gift Day 2023

Our traditional Gift Day will hold this year in the context of liturgical Rogationtide from **Sunday, 14th May 2023 (Rogation Sunday) to Wednesday, 17th May, 2023**. 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 **"SOARING ABOVE LIMITATION"** *Isaiah 45:1-9, Phil.4:13*

4. The Cathedral/Diocesan Charity Day:

The Diocesan Charity Day will come up on **Saturday, 20th May, 2023** 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. The Care Ministry:

The Care Ministry Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Tuesday, 9th May, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. at the Fellowship Centre.**

6. The Elders' Fellowship:

The Elders' Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Thursday, 11th May, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. at Ayo Rosiji Hall.**

7. Outreach to Ogombo: The Cathedral Missionary Society will be going on Evangelical Outreach to one of our baby churches; St. James's Anglican Church Ogombo, Ajah from **Friday 26th to Sunday 28th May 2023.** We kindly solicit your support in cash, foodstuff, fairly used clothes and toiletries. God bless you always.

8. Cathedral Couples' Brunch/Family Day 2023 on **Saturday, June 27, 2023.** Time 12.00 noon. Venue at Ayo Rosiji Hall. **Theme: SUSTAINING THE SPARK IN MARRIAGE.**

9. Cathedral Dues:

The sustentation list from **January to March** is ready and is placed at all the Church entrance doors. Please check to ensure your name, duplex number and the amount contributed.

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 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.

11. Home Call:

We announce the home call of **Mr. Olumide Omoniyi Fate** on Tuesday, 2nd May, 2023. He was 40 years. He was a member of Cathedral Youth Fellowship

Funeral arrangements are as follows:

Monday, 8th May, 2023 at 11.00 a.m. Funeral Service here, at the Cathedral. May his soul rest in perfect peace.

12. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 14/5/2023

Mrs. Blessing Yahaya will host the Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. service for her birthday which comes up on the same day, 14th May, 2023.

While **Mr. Ajesola Rosiji** will host the Fellowship Hour after 9.15 a.m. service to mark his Birthday and their 1st Wedding Anniversary **Mr. Ajesola & Mrs. Elutide Rosiji** on the same day, 14th May, 2023.

God will continue to grant them good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of their lives

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: April, 2023

Sunday, 21/5/2023 - 2023 after	To mark 60th Posthumous birthday of late Engr. 7.15 a.m. Service.	Afolabi Oladele Mabogunje on 23rd May,
Sunday, 28/5/2023 - 2023	Vacant after 7.15 a.m. Service after 9.15a.m. Service	Omobola Ashafa for her birthday on 29th May,
Sunday, 11/6/2023 -	Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services.	
Sunday, 25/6/2023 -	Mrs. Oyebola Adisa for her mothers' birthday - Mrs.	Rebecca Olamide Alu which
comes up on Tuesday,	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 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.

(d) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2023

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

	7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
Sundays 9&23/7/2023	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 13&27/8/2023	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays 10&24/9/2023	Vacant	Vacant

Sunday	8/10/2023	Booked	Booked
Sunday	22/10/2023	Booked	Booked
Sunday	12/11/2023	Booked	Booked
Sunday	26/11/2023	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	10/12/2023	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	24/12/2023	Booked	Booked

RENTAL OF AYO ROSIJI HALL

Birthdays, Burials, Wedding Receptions and other events

Members - **N600,000** (including refundable caution fee of N50,000)

Non Members-**N650,000** (including refundable caution fee of N50,000)

Wake-Keep/Service of Songs

Members - **N250,000**

Non Members - **N300,000**

Societies Anniversary Reception/AGM = **N130,000**

Use of Hall Sound System = **N20,000** (*To be paid seperately*)

CLINIC DAYS – 9.00 A.M. – 3.00 PM

WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

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

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

❖ *The SWSU Panel wishes through this medium, to appreciate all those who are helping the needy through the Unit (SWSU) in cash and kind. God Almighty will bless and enrich you more in Jesus name. Amen.*

❖ *In the course of the week the Unit received an anonymous donation of N800,000. (Transfer)*

(a) **Sponsorship:**

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

1. **Dugbo Emmanuel (15 yrs):** He needs the sum of \$63,000 for his surgery at Nationwide Childrens Hospital Ohio USA, he is diagnosed with an imperfect Anus.
2. **Master Timilevin Oyeshola (7 yrs)** need the sum of N1,741,200 for Broken leg to undergo leg surgery Orthopaedic Hospital Igbobi. **N800,000 has been raised remaining the balance of N941,200**
3. **Oliseh Anthony (25 yrs)** He needs the sum of \$38,000 for his bone marrow transplant, He is suffering from Aplastic Anaemia.
4. **Akintade Aderonke Victoria (13 yrs)** need the sum of N3.6 million for a corrective surgery of a hole in the heart.
6. **Master Taiwo Badmus (16 yrs):** He needs the sum of N441,000 for six months for his drugs and physiotherapy at LASUTH where he is been treated for Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (weakness of muscles).
7. **Miss Ogunshina Funmilayo (13 yrs):** She needs the sum of **N810,000** for her Secondary school education. She got admission to Selaf Height School for six years at N45,000 per term.
8. **Miss Omotolani Emmanuel (10 yrs):** She needs the sum of **N810,000** for her Secondary school education. She got admission to Jet Star College, Lagos for six years at N45,000 per term.
9. **Miss Ruth Bamgbose (39 yrs):** She needs the sum of N812,000 to undergo a surgery for Urinary Tract at Lagos University Teaching Hospital.
10. **Mrs. Mafimidiwo Tokunbo (49 yrs):** She needs the sum of N500,000 to undergo a skin grafting surgery at National Orthopaedic Hospital, Igbobi.

11. **Miss Alice Albert (39 yrs):** She needs the sum of N1,000,000 to undergo a coronary artery disease and Hypoplastic surgery at Lagos University Teaching Hospital.
 12. **Mr. Olawale Oladimeji (28 yrs):** He needs the sum of N400,000 for Tertiary Education. He just gained admission to the Polytechnic Ibadan to study Music Technology for four years at N100,000 per session.
 13. **Mrs. Victoria Ojo (68 yrs):** She needs the sum N320,000 to undergo her eye surgery at the Vision House Clinics, Ibadan.
 14. **Mr. Dosunmu Samson (23 yrs):** He needs the sum of N400,000 for his tertiary Education. He gained admission to study Counsellor Education at the University of Ilorin for four years 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

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

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

TEXT: MATTHEW 19:26

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM

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

**Holy and pure and perfect here;
The servant as his Lord shall be;
All things are possible to me.**

**6 All things are possible to God,
To Christ, the power of God in man,
To me, when I am all renewed,
When I in Christ am formed again,
And witness, from all sin set free,
All things are possible to me.**

**ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - 23/04/2023**

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion(Youtube 265/Facebook 370 views).....	201
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School.....	145
9.15 a.m.	Cathedral Youth Church.....	39
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins (Youtube 414/Facebook 432 views).....	300
11.15 a.m.	Sung Eucharist (Youtube 400/Facebook 350 views).....	180

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday 29/4/2023	10	Wednesday 03/05/2023	38
Monday 01/05/2023	36	Thursday 04/05/2023	19
Tuesday 02/05/2023	19	Friday 05/05/2023	19

COMING EVENTS (MAY 2023)

- 13/5/2023 *Diocesan Youth Entrepreneurship and Skills Acquisition (Zonal Level)*
- 14/5/2023 - *Gift Day (Prayer and Counselling)*
- 25/5/2023 - *Cathedral Missionary Society outreach to Ogombo*



**SOUL FOOD 19/2023
THE UNFAILING LOVE OF GOD**

- Psalm 48:9

“Within your temple, O God, we meditate on your unfailing love.” - Psalm 48:9

The following submission made in the Soul Food for the 2013 Feast of Dedication will be apt to set the tone for our celebration today: “As a Church, we can rightly be proud of our position as the First Cathedral in the Anglican Church in Nigeria. Not only that, but we also have over the years continued to meet the various challenges that this position has thrust upon us, and we can say that ours is indeed an amazing heritage. Yes, as a Church we have played and continue to play a role in our nation’s history, both religious and secular. We continue to support the work of evangelism both in the proclamation of the gospel and in the practicalisation of the gospel’s social imperative within and outside the diocese and today, we ‘raise our Ebenezer for hitherto, the Lord has helped us.’ Yet, while we could get carried away by all of this, Isaiah gently reminds us, that it is all from God; “...all that we have accomplished you have done for us.”

Our triple celebration – the 156th Anniversary of our moving from Oko-Faji to this site (1867), the 77th Feast of the dedication of this present building (May 1, 1946), and the 29th Festival of Flowers - is a testimony of God’s “unfailing Love” towards us. The theme of God’s unfailing love is emphasized in many Psalms, such as Psalm 36:5, which declares “Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.” Similarly, Psalm 103:8 states, “The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.” And so, our text Psalm 48:9 stresses the need to meditate on this unique love.

To meditate means to ponder, imagine, think about, mutter, recite, and rehearse. Meditating on God’s unfailing love leads to hearts that understand and understanding leads to knowing what to do. As God’s temple now and

here, one of the most important things to meditate on is His steadfast unfailing love. The word unfailing means “reliable or constant” while love means “a great interest and pleasure in something” according to the Oxford Dictionary. Therefore, the unfailing love of God for us simply means His reliable or constant great interest and pleasure in us. In other words, His affection towards us has remained constant and will never change, regardless of time or circumstances.

Today, we come together in celebration, not merely for feasting and merriment but to consider how beautiful God has been to us and to reciprocate with quality worship and thanksgiving for His unique interest in us. When Revd James Abner Lamb moved Christ Church to this present site in 1867, he perhaps did not have a clear picture of the outcome of his leap of faith, but he trusted in the steadfast love of God. When the idea of this present building was conceived it was the unfailing love of God that fuelled the desire against all odds. From the turning of the first sod of the first building on March 29, 1867, in a ceremony presided over by the then Administrator of Lagos Colony, His Excellency Sir John Glover; the Vicar of the nascent congregation, Revd James Lamb and other government functionaries, the journey has been from one level of glory to another, making our Cathedral a cynosure of all eyes both within the country and beyond. Indeed, it has been the Lord’s doing!

Most importantly, through His unfailing love, He worked out 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) The unfailing love of God declared us His people and made us unto Him “a kingdom of priests and a holy nation” and has continued to do what He alone can do in His Church.

We must learn and yearn to respond to this kind of love. It is important to note that not responding consistently to God’s unfailing love can leave us deficient in our walk with Him. God has not loved us with such great love without a reason, He has demonstrated His unfailing love for us to learn from Him what it means to love and to imbibe His nature of love to exemplify the same to the world around us. “By this, everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” (John 13:35) His love for us is compassionate, sacrificial, and forgiving. God intended healthy relationships among His people to be compassionate, sacrificial, and forgiving. God wants us - as a church - to love one another the way He loves us. Love for God and fellow humans, especially members of the household of faith (both the lovable and the unlovable) is the only fuel that propels the church to make a tremendous impact in the world.

Also, we must not use this opportunity to glory too much in the past, as beautiful and as fruitful as the past may have been, but to use it as an inspiration for the endless possibilities for the future. We must continue to forge ahead trusting in God’s ever-abiding presence to guide and direct us. About this, God speaks to us through Isaiah; ‘Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?’ (Isaiah 43:18-19) Paul emphasised this in Philippians 3:12-14, “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” We must use this celebration to recommit ourselves to the Lord’s service (with love, in love and for love) and be ready for the new things He has in store for us, individually and collectively.

Happy Celebration!

The one who serves among you,



Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi, PhD

Provost

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

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