

7.15 a.m

HOLY COMMUNION

Colour: WHITE

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

(iv) Restored Hope II

(Assured Eternal Salvation)

Celebrant: Canon Kunle Dina

Stewards on Duty: Group A

1. **Opening Hymn:** A&MRW 676 (*St. Denio*)
 2. **Introductory Sentence:** *'Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24*
 3. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
 4. **Collect for Purity** (Page 171)
 5. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
 6. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
 7. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)

 8. **Collect:** *Almighty God, 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*

 10. **Epistle:** Hebrews 5:1-10 - **The Clergy**
 11. **Gradual Hymn:** A&MRW 681 (*Petition*)
 12. **Gospel:** John 5:16-29 **Canon Kunle Dina**
 13. **Sermon:** **The Provost**
 14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
 15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **The Clergy**
 16. **The Peace** (page 186)
 17. **Offertory Sentence:** *He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, so obtaining eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:12*
 18. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 587 (*Amazing Grace New Britain*)
 19. **Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer** (Pages 187-190)
 20. **Breaking of Bread to Anthem:** (Pages 190-193)
 21. **Prayer of Humble Access:** (Pages 193-194)
 22. **Communion Sentence:** *For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Col. 3:3&4*
 23. **Administration:** (Page 194)
 24. **Hymns during Administration:**
 - (i) A&MRW 641 (*Austria*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 666 (*Londonderry Air*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 671 (*Hyfrydol*)
 - (iv) A&MRW683 (*Ewing*)
 - (v) A&MRW 684 (*Southwell Irons*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 740 (*Wiltshire*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 462 (*Anima Christi*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 618 (*Nettleton*)
 25. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 643 (*St. Helen*)
 26. **Post Communion Prayer:** *God of Life, who for our eternal salvation gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death: grant us so to walk daily in this victory, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
 27. **The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer** (Pages 195-196)
 28. **Thanksgiving at the Altar:**
- Mrs. Christianah Olufunke Ijanusi, 40th Birthday (A&MRW 766)
 29. **Notices:**
 30. **Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 115: 14-15**
 31. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
 32. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 724 (*Buckland*)
- At the Organ: Mr. Princewill Ubani*

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

21st Anniversary – Correctional Centre Welfare Ministry

Cantor: The Provost

Responses: Fela Sowande in A

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

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1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 599 (*Christchurch*)
2. Opening Sentence: *Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24*
3. Call to Worship:
4. Confession and Absolution
5. Venite: ASB 128 - James Nares in A Flat
6. Psalm 57: ASB 132 - Edward J. Hopkins in B Flat
7. 1st Lesson: Job 19: 21-29 - Correctional Centre Welfare Ministry
8. Benedictus: ASB 115 - James Turle in A
9. 2nd Lesson: Hebrews 5:1-10 - Correctional Centre Welfare Ministry
10. Te Deum: ASB 28, 32, 36 - Set B
11. Creed to 3rd Collect
12. Anthem: God Omnipotent Reigneth - Charles Wood
13. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 643 (*St. Helen*)
14. Sermon: Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi
15. Intercession: The Provost
16. Hymn for Offering: A&MRW 587 (*Amazing Grace New Britain*)
17. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
- 50th Birthday Thanksgiving of Mrs. Folake Ademiluyi (A&MRW 765)
18. Notices:
19. ***Spiritual Tonic: Psalm 115: 14-15***
20. Conclusion to Benediction
21. Final Amen: Fela Sowande in A
22. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 748 (*Wolvercote*)
At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun
Choral Conductor: Mr. Princewill Ubani

9.15 A.M. CATHEDRAL YOUTH CHURCH

Conductor: Barr. Niran Adeluwoye

1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 599 (*Christchurch*)
2. Call to Worship
3. Praise and Worship
4. Psalm: 57
5. Bible Reading: Hebrews 5: 1-10
6. Creed, Collects and Intecession/Creed to Prayers
7. Health Talk: Mrs. Stella Emojorho
8. Sunday Offering: Choruses
9. Notices
10. Prayer and Benediction
11. Closing Hymn: A&MRW 748 (*Wolvercote*)

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

TOPIC: A NEW BODY

Worship Leader: Aunty Osas Fadaka

1. Choruses
2. Opening Hymn: from Pamphlet
3. Bible Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:35-43
4. Creed to Prayers:
5. Hymn: from Pamphlet (Offering to be taken)
6. Closing Prayer
7. Closing Hymn - from Pamphlet
8. Children go to their various classes

11:15 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

34TH Anniversary – Fountain of Hope (FOH24NG)

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

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(Assured Eternal Salvation)

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh

Communion Setting: Arthur Somervell in F

1. Hymn: A&MRW 589 (*Angel Voices*)
2. Introit: **O Taste and See - Ralph Vaughan Williams**
3. Introductory Sentence: *'Very truly I tell you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be judged but has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24*
4. The Preparation (Page 170)
5. Collect for Purity (Page 171)
6. Summary of the Law (Page 172)
7. Words of Comfort (Page 175)
8. Confession to Collect (Pages 175-176)
9. Collect: **Almighty God, 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**
10. Epistle: Hebrews 5:1-10 - Fountain of Hope (FOH24NG)
11. Gradual Hymn: A&MRW 640 (*Warrington*)
12. Gospel: John 5:16-29 - Revd. Henry Mooh
13. Sermon: **The Diocesan**
14. Creed: (Page 178)
15. Intercession:(Pages 183-184) Fountain of Hope (FOH24NG)
16. Peace: (Page 186)
17. Offertory Sentence: *He did not enter by means of the blood of goats and calves; but he entered the Most Holy Place once for all by his own blood, so obtaining eternal redemption. Hebrews 9:12*
18. Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 710 (*Regent Square*)
(Please drop all your envelopes)
19. Preparation of Gifts to Eucharistic Prayer (Pages 187-190)
20. Breaking of Bread to Anthem: (Pages 190 -193)
21. Prayer of Humble Access: (Pages 193 -194)
22. Communion Sentence: *For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory. Col. 3:3&4*
23. Hymns during Administration:
 - (i) A&MRW 683 (*Ewing*)
 - (ii) A&MRW 641 (*Austria*)
 - (iii) A&MRW 643 (*St. Helen*)
 - (iv) A&MRW 740 (*Wiltshire*)
 - (v) A&MRW 666 (*Londonderry Air*)
 - (vi) A&MRW 671 (*Hyfrydol*)
 - (vii) A&MRW 587 (*Amazing Grace New Britain*)
 - (viii) A&MRW 684 (*Southwell Irons*)
24. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 681 (*Tune: MHB 958 - Heber*)
25. Post Communion Prayer: *God of Life, who for our eternal salvation gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection have delivered us from the power of death: grant us so to walk daily in this victory, that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his risen life through Jesus Christ our Lord.*
26. The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (Pages 195-196)
27. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
 - **Mrs Esther Omowunmi Campbell (nee Imoukhuede), 50th Birthday (A&MRW 766)**
 - **Old Students of Anglican Primary School (A&MRW 739)**
 - **Outing/Thanksgiving - Family of Late Mrs. Dora Ayodeji Alakija (A&MRW 299)**
 - **Fountain of Hope (FOH24NG)**
28. Notices:
29. Spiritual Tonic: **Psalm 115: 14-15**
30. Benediction to Dismissal: (Page 196)
31. Final Amen: Arthur Somervell in F
32. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 758 (*St. Gertrude*)

At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun & Mr. Kingsley Agu
Choral Conductor: Mr. Jimi Olumuyiwa

SUNDAY 28/04/2024

Day 119

Bible in a year: 1 Samuel 14, 15; Mark 13

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Innocent U. Ordu, Bishop of the Diocese of Eyo.
- ❖ Mrs. Chinyere U. Ordu, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Eyo.
- ❖ Mrs. Patricia Chinasa Nwankwo
- ❖ 40th Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Olubunmi and Mrs. Oluwayemisi Adeyi.
- ❖ 23rd Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Oghenovo and Mrs. Erhimado Okoro
- ❖ 12th Wedding Anniversary. Revd. and Mrs. Goodluck Nwosu
- ❖ **The Church of Bangladesh**

❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Mrs Esther Omowunmi Campbell(nee Imoukhuede)(50), Mr. Adewale Moses Folami, Miss Temitayo Hollist, Master Mobolaji Kehinde, Mrs. Olufunke Lipede(nee Oluwole), Mr. Remi Morgan, Mr. Remilekun Oseni, Master Lanre Ladipo(Jnr), Miss Eniola Olaluwoye, Mr. Isaac Durojaiye, Mr. Arthur Olusegun Obada, Mrs. Folashade Sonia-Ojo, Master Boluwatife Adegbamigbe, Miss Orevaoghene Aruoriwo Ukpedor, Mr. Kayode Cole, Mr. Lailopin Kayode Ajose, Miss Vivian Olubanke daCosta.

❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Revd. & Mrs. Akinwande Craig, 20th Wedding Anniversary.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mrs. Morayo Williams, 11 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Ademayowa Olayiwola Ajayi-Bembe, 13 years' mind
- (iii) Mr. Churchill Oluyinka Johnson, 14 years' mind.
- (iv) Mr. David Ayoola Ibare-Jones, 45 years' mind.

❖ **Family Intercession:**

Families of Late Dansaaki (Lt.Col) Adeleye Samuel Agbede (Rtd), Prince Adeyimika Ademiluyi, Chief (Dr) Oluyomi Finnih, CPA, Mr. Jide Ladeinde, Mr & Mrs. S. Abidogun, Mr. Olusola Adigun, Femi Ajana, Late Mrs. J.M. Aluko, CPA, Late HRH Oba Ademola, Mr. Steve Amihere, Mr. Olatunji Dada Balogun, Brodie-Mends, Late Chief Gordon Edegware, CPA, Princess Adenike Adeniran, Mr. Olumide Duggan, Late Revd. Canon Lawrence Chuku Nwaka, Late Revd. Canon Gabriel Sokefun.

❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

Oladele Fajemirokun Foundation, Ginger Baker Nigeria Enterprises Limited, Facility and Environmental Care Plus, Come On 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, Goodness and Mercy Enterprises, Neak B Ventures.

SUNDAY 28/04/2024 - MEETINGS

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

after Mattins:

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

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

After 11.15 a.m.

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

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY – 29/04/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 120

Bible in a year: 1 Samuel 16, 17; Psalm 8

- 6.45 a.m. **Holy Communion**
Celebrant: Ven. Henry Adelegan
Epistle: 1 Thess. 4:13-18
Gospel: Matt. 6:1-6,16-18
Points for Prayer
- ❖ His Excellency, Engr. Seyi Makinde, Governor, and the People of Oyo State.
 - ❖ 23rd Wedding Anniversary of Ven. Ayodeji and Mrs. Margaret Bamikiya.
 - ❖ **The Diocese of Easton, The Episcopal Church, USA.**

 - ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Engr. Ayodele Taiwo Borisade, Mr. Ayodeji Kehinde Borisade, Master Oluwarotimi Daniel Ajana, Miss Mosopefoluwa Otukoya, Miss Joy Amaka Modebe, Mrs. Omotola Adefunke Abegunde, Miss Bukola Bakare, Chief Wilfred Chibuzor Onyekwere, Mr. Akinwemimo Sedinam Taiwo Akinyanju, Mrs. Adetoun Selinam Kehinde Aluko (nee Akinyanju), Mr. Chigozie Gladsome Okoye, Miss Bukola Yemisi Olonade, Mrs. Omobolanle O. Olayinka(nee Laniyan), Mr. B.T. Thomas, Miss Dupe Dawodu, Miss Hillary Coker, Miss Favour Chidera Enendu, Mrs. Omotayo Ojutalayo Vaughan, Miss Adebawale Olamide.

 - ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
(i) Mr. and Mrs. Gabriel Adelaja Fatoye, 7th Wedding Anniversary.
(ii) Mr. and Mrs. Oladunni Afolabi Bolade, 7th Wedding Anniversary.

 - ❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**
(i) Pa Oluremi Akinrinola Macaulay, 17 years' mind.
(ii) Mr. Adeniyi Olajide Fisher, 25 years' mind.
(iii) Madam Esther Olabisi Layeni.
- 4.00 p.m. **Women Bible Class / Home Visitation/Hospital**

TUESDAY – 30/04/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 121

Bible in a year: 1 Samuel 18, 19, Mark 14

- 6.45a.m. **Holy Communion**
Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh
Epistle: 1 Thess. 5:1-11
Gospel: Matt. 6:7-15
Points for Prayer
- ❖ His Excellency, Caleb Manasseh Muftuwang, Governor, and the People of Plateau State.
 - ❖ Dr. Eric Sibeudu, Diocesan Medical Adviser.
 - ❖ **The Diocese of Eau Claire -The Episcopal Church (USA).**

 - ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Mr. Godson Chukwunweike Mefo, Mrs. Adaeze Ekwueme, Mr. Dada Olatunji Balogun, Miss Ekundayo Adenike Rosiji, Miss Efua Oyinkansola Brodie-Mends, Mr. Sunday Olusegun Aberdeen, Miss Uju Blessing Ogidi, Miss Chibuzor Esther Onyiagha, Miss Adesola Adewunmi.

 - ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
(i) Mr. Tokunbo Diyan, 3 years' mind
(ii) Mrs. Victoria Olusola Oyesiku, 14 years' mind.
(iii) Mrs. Olasunmba Afuwape, 16 years' mind.
(iv) Pa Gilbert Oyenola Ogunro, Esq, CPA, 17 years' mind
(v) Mr Daniel Bankole Babatunde, 19 years' mind.
(vi) Mr. Abiodun Lawrence, 26 years' mind.
(vii) Mrs. Dolly Nylander, 26 years' mind.
(viii) Mr. Francis Modupe Wey, 55 years' mind.
(ix) Mrs. Ruth Imona-Russel, 65 years' mind.
- 4:00 p.m. **Service of Songs for Otunba Dolanimi Babafemi Olabamidele Ogutuga, CPA**
- 6.00 p.m. **Christian Wake keep for Otunba Dolanimi Babafemi Olabamidele Ogutuga, CPA**
- 6.00 p.m. **Choir Practice**

WEDNESDAY – 01/05/2024 Colour: RED Day 122

Bible in a year; 1 Samuel 20-22 ; Mark 15

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost

Epistle: James 1:1-12

Gospel: John 14: 1-14

Points for Prayer

- ❖ 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 Rt. Revd. Ifedola & Mrs. Modupe Okupevi
- ❖ The Diocese of Central Ecuador - The Episcopal Church (USA)

❖ Birthday Intercession:

Mrs. Gladys Oluwatoyin Sokunbi, Mr. Adedamola Aboaba, Mr. Arinze Ekwueme, Hon. Justice (Mrs) E. Abike Lufadeju, Mrs. Tolu Odujinnin(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, 3rd Wedding Anniversary.
- (ii) Mr. & Mrs. Kweku Ayodeji Brodie-Mends, 17th Wedding Anniversary.
- (iii) Surv. Adedayo & Mrs. Olufunke Fetuga, 22nd Wedding Anniversary
- (iv) Rear Admiral & Mrs. Adebawale A. Da-Costa, 31st Wedding Anniversary.
- (v) Justice & Mrs. E.O. Sanyaolu, 59th Wedding Anniversary

❖ Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Mr. Yinka Lijadu, CPA, 8 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Michael Adebayo Ogun, 15 years' mind.
- (iii) Mrs. Sophia Adenike Shonibare (nee Doherty), 19 years' mind.
- (iv) Mrs. S.O. Preston-Holder, 37 years' mind.
- (v) Mr. Nathaniel 'Bafunmi Agbebi, 39 years' mind.
- (vii) Mrs. Mary Olajumoke Abeke Coker, 51 years' mind

8.00 a.m. The Cathedral Hosts the Diocesan Girls'and Ladies Guild Day at the Faith Plaza.

11.00 a.m. Funeral Service for Otunba Dolanimi Babafemi Olabamidele Ogutuga, CPA

3.00 p.m. Songs of Praise to mark 60th Birthday of Chief Mrs. Omotola Akinola

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY – 02/05/2024 Colour: WHITE Day 123

Bible in a year: 1 Samuel 23, 24 Mark 16

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Michael Nwigani

Epistle: 2 Thess. 1:1-12

Gospel: Matt. 6:25-34

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. Elizabeth Olayide Onaolapo.
- ❖ 9th Wedding Anniversary - The Revd. Ewere and Mrs. Ebi Okoh.
- ❖ The Diocese of Edinburgh - The Scottish Episcopal Church, USA.

❖ 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 Blessing Idamkue, Mr. Ugochukwu Nwokedi.

❖ Memorial Intercession for:

- (i) Mr. Olumide Omoniyi Fate, 1 year mind
- (ii) Mrs. Olasumbo Badejo-Okusanya, 13 years' mind.
- (iii) Chief Mrs. Elizabeth Kofoworola Bodunrin Adewunmi, 25 years' mind.
- (iv) Miss Abimbola Onipede.
- (v) Dr. Taiwo Oluwole, 55 years' mind.

FRIDAY -03/05/2024

Colour: WHITE

Day 124

Bible in a year: 1 Samuel 25, 26; Psalms 49

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Canon Kunle Dina

Epistle: 2 Thess. 2:1-17

Gospel: Matt. 7:1-12

Points for Prayer:

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Dr. Foluso Olugbenga Babatunji, Bishop of the Diocese of Osun.
- ❖ Mrs. Hannah Olasimbo Babatunji, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Osun.
- ❖ Mrs. Olanike Feyisayo Oladele.
- ❖ **The Diocese of Edmonton - The Anglican Church of Canada**

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

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
Sir and Lady A.G. Ayodele, CPA, 44th Wedding Anniversary.

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

SATURDAY – 04/05/2024 Colour: WHITE

Day 125

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

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: 2 Thess. 3: 1-18

Gospel: Matt. 7:13-21

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 Ven. Christopher Olusola Afesojaaye
- ❖ Mrs. Jumai Aderemi Adeboye
- ❖ 28th Wedding Anniversary, The Revd. Abayomi and Mrs. Olajumoke Afolayan.
- ❖ 29th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Obafemi and Mrs. Feyisola Aderibigbe.
- ❖ **The Diocese of Saint Edmundsbury and Ipswich - The Church of England.**

- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**
Dr. (Mrs) Oluwatoyin Yetunde O. Olooku (nee Otuyalo), Mrs. Rejoice Yetunde Motunrayo Ogundipe, 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, Miss Eniola Olanike Faji

- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**
 - (i) Mr & Mrs. A. Aruofor
 - (ii) Mr. & Mrs. Yinka Shonekan
 - (iii) Mr. & Mrs. C.T. Olaomo, CPA, 56th Wedding Anniversary.

- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**
 - (i) Mr. Tunde Sowande, 15 years' mind.
 - (ii) Ms. Gail Martin, 15 years' mind.
 - (iii) Mr. David Akinola Oshodi, 16 years' mind.
 - (iv) Revd. Victor Bala Bako, 16 years' mind.
 - (v) Mr. Abodunrin Olabode Agbebi, 18 years' mind.
 - (vi) Mr. Rowland Samuel Quinn, 24 years' mind.
 - (vii) Dr. Isaac Ladipo Oluwole, 71 years' mind.

Bible Study Outline

THEME: THE CHRISTIAN RACE

SUB-THEME: The Narrow way 2

TOPIC: The Uneasy Way

TEXT: 2Tim.3:10-17

AIMS:

- i. to describe the difficult nature of the pathway to eternal life,
- ii. to discover what can help Christians to successfully navigate the difficult way to eternal life and
- iii. to expose the eternal benefits of walking on the narrow and uneasy way that leads to eternal life.

INTRODUCTION

Salvation is free, but not cheap. Therefore, one can say that the Christian race is not as easy as it seems. The songwriter that wrote, "It's not an easy road, we're travelling to heaven, and many are the thorns on the way..." is right. Today, we read of Paul's afflictions from wicked and hostile persecutors on his evangelical

journeys, yet he never derailed. Our study guides shall open our eyes more to how uneasy it is and how we can successfully navigate our way through difficulties of being believers, and how to reap the benefits of walking on the narrow and uneasy way.

STUDY GUIDES

1. From Paul's experience in our Bible Passage today, how can you describe the uneasy way to salvation? Compare with Matt 24:9-11.
2. In view of the uneasy nature of the road, how can we successfully navigate the pathway to eternal life as Christians? 1Tim.6:12-14; Phil.4:8-9.
3. In line with Luke 18:22-26, discuss why it is difficult for Christians to tread on the narrow way to salvation. Compare with Acts 5:1-4
4. What can we learn from Jesus' experience on the uneasy way? Phil 2:8-11; compare with Matt. 10:21-22.

CONCLUSION: If all were easy, if all were bright, where would the fight be? By divine prerogative and design, the way to eternal life is not easy, and only the wise and those who have truly made up their minds for Christ and His kingdom can painstakingly stay the full course and berth safely. Make sure your decision is real and authentic.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Nothing good comes easy.

MEMORY VERSE: Matt 10:22

"And you will be hated by all for my name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved".

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

Psalm 115: 14-15

“May the LORD make you increase, both you and your children. May you be blessed by the LORD, The Maker of heaven and earth.”

O my Father, like Jabez I cry to You today; increase me and my children, enlarge our coasts and bless us with Your heavenly bounties. Destroy every hinderance to our blessing and advancement. Uphold us in the victory You won for us to the shame of our enemies. Thank You Father, In Jesus name I pray. Amen.



ANGLICANISM FAST FACTS

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ARTICLE XX

20. The Authority of the Church

The church has authority to decree forms of worship and ceremonies and to decide in controversies concerning the faith. However, it is not lawful for the church to order anything contrary to God's written Word. Nor may it expound one passage of Scripture so that it contradicts another passage. So, although the church is a witness and guardian to Holy Scripture, it must not decree anything contrary to Scripture, nor is it to enforce belief in anything additional to Scripture as essential to salvation.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

1013180620

(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)

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

SUSTENTATION

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

157, BAMGBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

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

(I Chronicles 29:14)

PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

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

No	PURPOSE	BANK	ACCT NO
1.	Social Welfare Service Unit	Polaris Bank	1770128010
		Zenith Bank	1013826528
2.	Cathedral Clinic	First Bank	2000514561
3.	Donations/Sunday Collection/Thankoffering	GT Bank	0124088211
4.	Offertory/Communion Basket	UBA	1017498994
5.	Sustentation	First Bank	2000519164
6.	Family Harvest/Harvest Donations	FCMB	0130543010
		Union Bank	0071028724

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



FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER
DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

WOMEN'S CORNER

NOTICES

- 1/5/2024 - Girls' Guild and Ladies' Day at Faith Plaza
1-7/5/2024 - Girls' / Ladies Week
4/5/2024 - Business and Professional Women's Fellowship at Church of Nativity, Parkview.
12/5/2024 - Young Women Fellowship Hospital Visitation
18/5/2024 - Cathedral Women Charity Day
26/5/2024 - Young Women Fellowship Anniversary

Payment of Sacrifice

- Women's and Girls' Organisations

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

THIS MONTH IN THE HISTORY OF THE CATHEDRAL

- APRIL

- By Church History Sub-Committee

2006

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

2007

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

2010

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

2017

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

April 30

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

2020

April 5

For the first time in many decades the special ceremonies of blessing of the palms and the traditional Sunday School procession through the streets depicting the Lord's triumphal entry into Jerusalem could not hold due to the restriction on movement as a result of Covid-19 pandemic

NEEDS OF THE CATHEDRAL

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

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

- i. Risograph Printing Machine @ N8.5m
- ii. Toyota Coaster Bus @ N105m
- iii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ N1,800,000
- iv. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- v. D-link Switch - DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K (DONATED)
- vi. Five IP Streaming PTZ Camera @ NGN1,620,000 each
- vii. Two 5 Tons Standing Airconditioners @ N1,900,000 each
- viii. Two Television, model LG @ N600,000 each
- ix. Eight Television, model LG UQ7070 43" @ N500,000 each
- x. Two Canon EOS 5D Mark IV DSLR Camera with 24-105mm F/4L II lens @ 4,080,000

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

SUNDAY 05/05/2024

ROGATION SUNDAY

(EASTER 5)

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

7.15 a.m. HOLY COMMUNION (SAID)

Theme: **JESUS CHRIST- OUR FIRM FOUNDATION**

Ephesians 2: 19&20

Celebrant: **Revd. Henry Mooh**

N.T. Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-30 **Revd. Henry Mooh**

Address: **Revd. Michael Nwigani**

Prayer: **The Clergy**

Thanksgiving at the Altar

- *Monthly Thanksgiving*

- *April Birthday Thanksgiving*

9.00 a.m.

There will be a meeting of The Koinonia

**9.30 a.m. Sung Eucharist
2024**

FEAST OF DEDICATION

Celebrating

(78th Anniversary of this present Building)

and

(157th Anniversary of the Church)

**Theme: "JESUS CHRIST- OUR FIRM
FOUNDATION"**

- Ephesians 2:19&20

Celebrant: **The Provost**

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

Sermon: **The Rt. Revd. Dr. Steven Kayode Akobe, Ph.D.**

Diocesan Bishop of Kabba

O.T. Reading: 2 Chronicles 7:1-16 - **Feast of Dedication Sub-Committee**

The Epistle: Ephesians 2: 11-22 **Feast of
Dedication Sub-Committee**

The Gospel: Matthew 16: 13-30

Prayers: **The Provost**

Thanksgiving at the Altar

- April Birthday

- End of Month

- Feast of Dedication Thanksgiving

11.00 a.m. - 1.00 p.m Clinic

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

4.00 p.m. SYNOD SERVICE IN THE CATHEDRAL

(Special Programme)

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. Correctional Centre Welfare Ministry:**
We congratulate the Coordinator and members of the Correctional Centre Welfare Ministry as they celebrate their 21st Anniversary today. May the good Lord continue to use them for His honour and glory. Happy anniversary.
- 2. (a) Fountain of Hope (24NG):**
We congratulate the President and members of the Fountain of Hope (24NG) as they celebrate their 34th Anniversary today. We pray that God will continue to use them mightily for his glory.
(b) We welcome our Diocesan, His Lordship, **The Rt. Revd. Ifedola Senasu Gabriel Okupevi**, to his Cathedral for his investiture as the Grand Patron of the Fountain of Hope society during the 11.15am service. He will also be preaching at that service.
- 3. Inauguration of 2024 Harvest Sub-Committee:**
The 2024 Harvest Sub-Committee's Inauguration today after the 9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins service. All societies are encouraged to send their representatives to this meeting.
- 4. 2024 Feast of Dedication:**
The 157th Anniversary of Christ Church and 78th Feast of Dedication of the present Church Building will be celebrated next week, **5th May, 2024 at 9.30 a.m.** Let us prepare to rejoice in the Lord on this occasion.
- 6. Samuel's Mission**
This initiative aims to reach boys aged 0-15 to prepare them for the future. Data collection is ongoing; kindly fill out a copy when you receive it and submit the hard or soft copy to the Provost or Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi.
- 7. 2024 Annual Inter-Society Bible Quiz Result**
The result of last Sunday Bible Quiz
- Youth Fellowship - Winner
- Busy Bees Women Society - 1st Runner-up
- The Boys' Brigade - 2nd Runner-up
- 8. Girls' and Ladies' Guild Week 2024:**
The Programme is as follows
Theme: **'Let Your Light So Shine'. Matthew 5:15**

Date	Programme	Level
Mon. 29th April, 2024	Exposition on the Theme	Parish Level
Tues. 30th April, 2024	Evangelism/Talent Hunt	Parish Level
Wed. 1st May, 2024	Girls' & Ladies' Guild Day Host: Cathedral Church of Christ, Marina, Lagos	Diocesan Level
Thur. 2nd May, 2024	Quarter Finals on Talent Hunt	Parish Level
Fri. 3rd May, 2024	Semi Finals on Talent Hunt	Archdeaconry Level
Sat. 4th May, 2024	Finals on Talent Hunt	Archdeaconry Level
Sun. 5th May, 2024	Thanksgiving	Parish Level
Fri. 3rd May, 2024	Semi Finals on Talent Hunt	Archdeaconry Level
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- 9. Sunday School Charity Appeal:** Kindly support the Sunday School Children as they raise money to sponsor 2 physically challenged children at the FRIENDS OF THE DISABLED HOME. Kindly send your donation to Cathedral Church of Christ, StanbicBTC 0034250928 or collect an envelope from the stewards on duty.
- 10. The Medical Society** is calling for volunteer Doctors, Nurses and Pharmacists for the Church Clinic on Sunday.
- 11. Cathedral Dues:**
The Sustentation list from **January to March, 2024** is ready. Please check at the Membership desk to ensure your name, duplex number and the amount contributed.
- 12. Bulletin Sponsorship:**
Our bulletin have been sponsored for 4 Sundays starting from today Sunday 7th April to Sunday 28th April, 2024 by **Mr. Ewemade Moses Akenuwa** in thanksgiving to God for his 88th Birthday which comes up today on Sunday, 21st April, 2024. *God will continue to grant him good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of his life.*

13. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 28/04/2024

We thank **Mrs. Folake Ademiluyi** who hosts Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services for her 50th birthday which was marked on Thursday, 25th April, 2024. *God will continue to grant her good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of her life.*

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: May-June 2024

Sunday, 12/5/2024 - Vacant after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services
 Sunday, 26/5/2024 - To mark posthumous birthday of late **Engr. Afolabi Oladele Mabogunje** on 23rd of May, 2024 after 7.15 a.m. Service
 Sunday, 9/6/2024 - **Mrs. Cornelia Olufunmilola Ademokun** for her birthday on the same day, 9th June, 2024 after 7.15 a.m. service.
 Sunday, 23/6/2024 - **Mrs. Rebecca Olamide Afolabi-Alu** for her birthday on 20th June, 2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services

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

(d) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2024

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

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



WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

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

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

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

(a) Sponsorship:

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

1. **A Serving Priest** in one of our Dioceses is in need of N4,703,936.75 for immediate eye surgery.
2. **Miss Taiwo Oluwakemi Olasoji (10 years old)** was born with a congenital heart disorder. She had the first corrective surgery when she was 3 months old in Germany. She is due for another Cardiac Catheterization at the same hospital. The cost is 57,300 (about N72m)
3. **Miss Komolafe Busola Emmanuella (11 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for her Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
4. **Mr. Bankole Emmanuel Olufemi (20 years)** needs the sum of N480,000 for his University Education at Tai Solarin University of Education for 4 years at N120,000 per session.
5. **Mr. Adegahi ThankGod Bright (21 years)** needs the sum of N759,200 for his University Education at Confluence University Science and Technology Kogi State for 4 years at N189,800 per session.
6. **Miss Precious Adedamola Tayobo (16 years)** needs the sum of N900,000 for her University Education at Olabisi Onabanjo University for 4 years at N225,00 per session.
7. **Miss Adeosun Modinat Omolara (Visually Impaired) (21 years)** needs the sum of N480,000 for her University Education at Lagos State University for 4 years at N120,000
8. **Mr. Adeyemi Akeem (42 years)** Mr. Adeyemi needs the balance payment of N1,500,000, for his retina Eye Surgery.
9. **Mrs. Bimbo Durosimi-Etti (50 years)** needs the balance payment of N2,901,000 for a hip replacement surgery.

(b) The members of the Social Welfare Service Unit would appreciate the donation of fairly used clothes, shoes for both young and old, and also food items like Rice, Gari, Beans, Provisions, etc.

Theme for the year: "FULL RESTORATION"

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

- Joel 2: 25-26

HYMN FOR THE YEAR

**LEAVE GOD TO ORDER ALL THY WAYS
MHB 504 (Tune: Solid Rock/Sagina)**

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

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

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

**ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK
FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER - 21/04/2024**

7.15 a.m.	Holy Communion (Youtube 315/Facebook 176 views)	218
9.15 a.m.	Children's Church/Sunday School.....	147
9.15 a.m.	Cathedral Youth Church.....	38
9.15 a.m.	Choral Mattins(Youtube 335/Facebook 240 views).....	291
11.15 a.m.	Holy Communion(Said).....	145

Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
20/4/2024	16	24/4/2024	32
Monday		Thursday	
22/4/2024	13	25/4/2024	49
Tuesday		Friday	
23/4/2024	11	26/4/2024	17

COMING EVENTS (MAY 2024)

- 5/05/2024 - 157th Anniversary and 78th Feast of Dedication Thanksgiving Service
- 12/05/2024 - Gift Day (Prayer and Counselling)
- 19/05/2024 - Pentecost Sunday (Confirmation Service)

SOUL FOOD 17/2024

IMPLICATIONS OF CHRIST'S RESURRECTION

(iv) Restored Hope II

(Assured Eternal Salvation)

*"... And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him."
Hebrews 5: 9*

In Christian theology, Eternal salvation is a hopeful concept that speaks to the idea of an endless life in a place where pain, suffering, and death are no longer present. In John's Apocalypses, he hints: "I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.'" (Revelation 21:2-4)

This doctrine refers to the permanent and eternal nature of Christian salvation made possible by Christ's ultimate sacrifice, which was accomplished once and for all and will never need to be repeated. The New Testament emphasises the idea of eternal salvation, which means being saved from the eternal consequences of sin, such as the possibility of eternal suffering in hell. The promise of Eternal Salvation offers hope and comfort to those who seek it, knowing they will have an everlasting life free from pain, sorrow, and suffering.

In 1 Corinthians 15:19, Paul writes to extend the benefit of Christ's resurrection beyond the terrestrial plane and all it has to offer, culminating in what we call meaningful existence. He says: "If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all men most miserable." Here, Paul provides thorough teaching about the resurrection of Christians from the dead. He shows that natural death is not the end of life for Christians; it is the last step before receiving a glorified, resurrected body like that of the risen Christ. This 'spiritual' body, a term used to describe a body that is not physical but still real, will be as different from our current bodies as a star is from a fish. In that moment, for all who have believed in Christ, living and dead, death will be defeated for good. This assures us that our restored hope in Christ extends beyond this earthly life, offering us comfort and security in the promise of eternal salvation.

In our text, the writer to the Hebrews traces the source of this beautiful blessing to Jesus Christ: "... and having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him" (Hebrews 5: 9). Jesus is the author of Eternal Salvation. His victory over death establishes Him as the author of eternal salvation - He has overcome the ultimate barrier to eternal life. He is the author, source, or cause of eternal salvation to those who obey Him. Hebrews 4:14-16 describes Him as the great high priest who has passed through the heavens. His priesthood is eternal, unlike the Levitical priests of the Old Testament, who served temporarily without the power to grant eternal salvation.

Jesus, the author of Eternal Salvation, has practical and spiritual implications for us. This gives us the assurance of salvation. We can have confidence in the salvation wrought by Jesus Christ because it does not depend on our efforts but on what Jesus has already accomplished by His redemptive work.

In addition, knowing that Jesus has secured our eternal salvation should motivate us to live according to God's will, seeking to reflect Christ's love and righteousness in our lives. John enjoins: "All who have this hope in Him purify themselves, just as He is pure. Everyone who sins breaks the law; in fact, sin is lawlessness. But you know that He appeared so that He might take away our sins. And in Him is no sin. No one who lives in Him keeps on sinning. No one who continues to sin has either seen Him or known Him. (1John 3:3-6)

Furthermore, the assurance of eternal salvation provides strength and hope during trials and sufferings, as we know that these present difficulties are temporary and pale compared to the eternal joy that awaits. Paul asserts this point by saying: "I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." (Romans 8:18). The practical conclusion is that if we keep our eyes on the future promised glory, then we can endure present sufferings with perseverance and hope.

Assured Eternal Salvation also should increase in us evangelical impulse. Understanding Jesus as the author of eternal salvation compels believers to share this good news with others, driven by the desire that all might come to experience this profound gift. Having this same assurance, Paul would categorically announce: "For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me if I preach not the gospel!" (1 Corinthians 9:16)

Hebrews 10:23 declares that we can completely trust in the hope Christ brings, "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful."

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,



Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi, PhD

Provost

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Mr. Adeyinka Shonekan.....Provost's Warden
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Revd. Henry Mooh Youth/Confirmation Class
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