7.15 am. HOLY COMMUNION Colour: WHITE

Theme: THE PLACE OF HIS WILL **Celebrant: Canon Residentiary**

Stewards on Duty: Group C

- 1. Opening Hymn: A&MRW 38 (Merton)
- Introductory Sentence: Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Matthew 6:10
- The Preparation (Page 170)
- Collect for Purity (Page 171)
- Summary of the Law (Page 172)
- 6. Words of Comfort (Page 175)7. Confession to Collect (Pages 175-176)

Heavenly Father, You chose the Virgin Mary to be the Mother of our Lord and Saviour, fill us with Your grace that in all things, we may like Her, accept Your Holy Will and with her rejoice in Your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life in which Your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility so that on the last day, when He shall come again in His glorious majesty : to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through Him who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

- 10. Epistle: Romans 1: 1 7 Capt. 'Dapo Olumide
- 11. Gradual Hymn: A&MRW 655 (Doncaster)
- 12. Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38 Canon Residentiary
- 13. Address: Revd. Canon Kunle Dina
- **14. Creed**: (Page 178)
- 15. Intercession:(Pages 183-184) Mrs. Roli Olumide
- 16. Offertory Sentence: "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is." Ephesians 5:17
- 17. Offertory Hymn: A&MRW 45 (Veni Emmanuel) your envelopes)

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- 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: "You need to persevere so that when you have done the will of God, you will receive what he had promised." Hebrews 10:36
- 22. Hymns during Administration:
 - A&MRW 36 (Bristol)
 - (ii) A&MRW 688 (1st Tune: St. Agnes)
 - (iii) A&MRW 689 (2nd Tune: Eisenach)
 - (iv) A&MRW 33 (Tune: A&MRW 179 - Warrington)

 - (v) A&MRW 421 (All For Jesus) (vi) A&MRW 448 (1st Tune: St. Botolph)
 - (vii) A&MRW 423 (Unde et memores)
- 23. Post Communion Hymn: A&MRW 30 (Cross of Jesus)
- 24. Post Communion Sentence: Holy Father, grant that the holy meal we have shared at Your table will empower us to submit always to Your will, follow Your path and fulfil our purpose in life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
- 25. The Lord's Prayer to Thanksgiving Prayer (Pages 195- 196)
- 26. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
- 27. Notices:
- 28. Spiritual Tonic: John 10: 10b
- 29. Benediction to Dismissal: (Page 196)
- 30. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 394 (Woodlands)

At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun

9.15 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Cantor: Revd. Henry Mooh Responses: William Smith in G

Theme: THE PLACE OF HIS WILL

1. Processional Hymn: A&MRW 36 (Bristol)

2. Opening Sentence: Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10

- 3. Call to Worship:
- 4. Confession and Absolution
- 5. Venite: SPCP 239 J. Battishill
- 6. Psalm: 40 SPCP 145 Basil Harwood in G
- 7. 1st Lesson: Isaiah 7: 10-17 Mr. Adewale

Adefisan

- 8. Benedictus: SPCP 190 H. Smart in D
- 9. 2nd Lesson: Romans 1: 1-7 Mrs. Esther

Asubiaro-Adewuyi

- 10. Te Deum: SPCP 30,31,32 (Set 4)
- 11. Creed to 3rd Collect
- 12. Anthem: And He Shall Purify G.F. Handel (From the Messiah)

And He shall purify the sons of Levi, that they may offer unto the Lord and Offering in righteousness

(Malachi 3:3)

13. Hymn before Sermon: A&MRW 45 (Veni

Emmanuel)

- 14. Sermon: The Provost
- 15. Intercession:
- **16. Hymn for Offering:** A&MRW 587 (Amazing

Grace)

- 17. Thanksgiving at the Altar:
- 18. Notices:
- 19. Spiritual Tonic: John 10:10b
- 20. Conclusion to Benediction
- 21. Final Amen: William Smith in G
- 22. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 815 (Irish)

At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun
Choral Conductor: Mr. Princewill Ubani

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

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY
TO RESUME ON 14TH JANUARY, 2024
WISHING ALL CHILDREN
MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR

SUNDAY 24/12/2023

Day 358 Christmas Eve

Bible in a year: Zechariah 3,4; Revelation 17

Points for Prayer:

- The Venerable Zachariah Tehinmosan, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ijesha North and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.
- 12th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Babatunde and Mrs. Olayide Onaolapo.
- The full restoration of joy in the power of the Holy Spirit to all who are joyless in the Diocese
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Okinawa (The Nippon Sei Ko Kai)

Birthday Intercession:

Lady Susan Akin-Taylor, Miss Joy Oghogho Akenuwa, Mrs. Margaret Cole, Mrs Esohe Abiodun Ikhide (nee Igbinedion), Dr. Abiodun Orija, Dr. Abiodun Oladipo Osiyemi, Mrs. Adedayo Tugbobo(nee Ademiluyi), Mrs. Anwuli Joy Nimor, Miss Wuese Jukwe, Mr. Abiodun Kolapo Onipinla, Master Sokiripri Don-Pedro, Mr. Oluyomi Badejo-Okusanya, Mr. Charles Oludamilola Dawodu, Mrs. Abiodun Iyabode Adewunmi, Mr. Abiodun Bailey, Miss Molayoninujesu Ogundipe, Miss Jemimah Boluwatife Edegware.

Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

- (i) Mr. & Mrs. Oluwole Onipinla, 7th Wedding Anniversary.
- (ii) Dr & Mrs. Temilola Kehinde, 46th Wedding Anniversary.
- (iii) HRH Otunba Adekunle and Erelu O'dua Dame Ojuolape Wedding Anniversary.

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Memorial Intercession for:

Prince George Adeniyi Otunba-Payne, 45 years' mind.

Family Intercession:

Families of Late Mr. Olusegun Kokumo Johnson, Prince Adegoke Ademiluyi, CPA, Late Mr. Ted Idamkue, Mrs. S.O. Moses, Senator Gbenga and Mrs. Folashade Ashafa, Mr. Obinna Nwizu, Mr. Ogidiolu, Mr. Olugbolaga Ajayi, CPA, Late Mr. Bankole Babatunde Daniel, HRH Oba A.A. Oguntayo, Late Prof. Oladele Akinla, Mr. Adewale Jones, Late Revd. Canon Lawrence C. Nwaka, Mr. John Adedamola Alamu.

Prayer for Businesses

AllCO Insurance, Breaking Barrier Support Initiative, Come On Naija Limited, My Thousand Things, Morehouse School, Viathan Engineering Limited, Sahara Energy, Lagos State Office of the Public Defender, Sucrose Crafts, Andersen Tax, Athena Travels and Tours, Senapa International Company Ltd., BOT Nigerian Company Ltd, Sunrose Consulting Limited, BooksbyEmo,Office Makers International Ltd, Hydra Verifications Ltd., The Law Union, Geetee Ventures Ltd, Blue Cross Hospital, Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd, Quintus Projects Ltd, FJO Food and Confectionary, Oga Plumber Ltd, Josfel Nigeria Enterprises, Ayoni Life Style, Get Right Pharmacy.

SUNDAY 24/12/2023- MEETINGS

9.00 a.m. After Mattins

There will be a meeting of The Koinonia.

- (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.

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.

5.00 p,m CHRISTMAS EVE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE

11.15 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: THE PLACE OF HIS WILL

Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi Celebrant:

Communion Setting: Martin How in D

- Hymn: A&MRW 46 (Winchester New)
- Introit: Zion Hears the Watchman's Voices J.S. Bach

Zion hears the watchmen's voices, Their gladd'ning cry her soul rejoices The shadows of her night depart In His might her Lord appeareth His word of grace and truth she heareth

The day star riseth in her heart. O come in splendour bright Lord Jesu, Light of Light!

Hosanna!

We follow Thee, Thy joy to see, Where ever lasting bliss, shall be.

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- Collect

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- 31. Final Amen: Seven Fold by John Stainer
- 32. Withdrawal Hymn: A&MRW 813 (Marching)

At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun & Mr. Chuka Onyenze

Conductor: Mr. Princewill Ubani

ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

MONDAY 25/12/2023 Colour: WHITE Day 359

Christmas Day

Bible in a year: Zechiariah 5,6; Revelation 18

7.30a.m. Holy Communion 10.00 a.m. Choral Mattins

Points for Prayer

- All Widows, Orphans and those Living in Troubled Spots across the Nation The joy of Christmas to all across the world.
- The Ven. Fred Ngozi Ekeke

The Revd. Adebayo Abiodun Adenipekun The Revd. Euquene Onyenucheya Nnah

The joy and peace of Chistmas to all in the Diocese of Lagos

The Anglican Church of Melanesia.

Birthday Intercession:

Mrs. Modupe Abiodun Omololu, Miss Folasayo Abiodun Omotilewa Alo, Miss Temitope Martins, Dr. E.T. Olatunde Vaughan, Master Jordan Phillips, Miss Sanjana Phillips, Mr. Israel Odunayo Olatunji, Mrs. Doris Ifeyinwa Oramadike, Mr. Emmanuel Kamana Akinyanju, Major Abiodun Olasoji Doherty, Mr. Olufemi Ajose, Mrs. Edugie Temitope Amihere, Miss Aderinola Shonekan, Dr. Oluwole Wey, Mr. Henry Abiodun Sanyaolu, Master Oladipo Osinowo, Master Emmanuel Olabanji, Mr. Chidiadi Erondu.

Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

Dr & Dr. (Mrs) Osborne Olumide Phillips, CPA, 52nd Wedding Anniversary.

Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Chief Frank Odunayo Akinrele, SAN, 5 years' mind
- (ii) Chief Dr. Irene M. Thomas, CPA, 18 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. Omoniyi Samuel Ojebuoboh, 18 years' mind.
- (iv) Mrs. Christiana Margaret Alakija, 88 years' mind.

TUESDAY -26/12/2023 Colour: RED Day 360

St. Stephen's Day

Bible in a year: Zechariah 7,8; Revelation 19

6.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Henry Mooh Epistle: Acts 7: 54-60 Gospel: Matthew 23: 34-39

Points for Prayer

- The Venerable Abimbola Ajayi, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Osun North East and the Assistant Synod Secretaries
- The Revd. Christopher Ekpemoriri Eghiesembe Abekhe.
- Mrs. Janet Odunola Ariyo
- 25th Wedding Anniversary The Ven. Akinwande and Mrs. Bolanle Odubena
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Oklahoma (Province VII, Episcopal Church of USA).

Birthday Intercession:

Mr. Eyimofe Olagbaju, Mrs. Angela Uzoamaka Gilpin, Mrs Abiodun Elizabeth Akanni (nee Ologungbiri), Prince Azubuike Onyekwelu, Miss Valerie Atinuke Nylander, Miss Irene Bodunde Aiyelabola.

Wedding Anniversary:

Mr & Mrs. Tunde Wey, 23rd Wedding Anniversary.

Memorial Intercession for:

- (i) Mr. J.O. Vanderpure, 5 years' mind
- (ii) Mrs. Violetta Olabisi Edun, 20 years' mind.

12.00 Noon Christmastide Baptism

WEDNESDAY 27/12/2023 Colour: WHITE Day 361

St. John: The Apostle and Evangelist

Bible in a year; Zechariah 9,10 Psalm 148

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: The Provost
Epistle: I John 1: 1-9
Gospel: John 21: 19-24

- Points for Prayer
- The Venerable S. O. Ogunmiluyi, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ondo and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.
- All Church Secretaries, Sextons and other supporting staff
- ❖ The Bishop of the Diocese of Okirika (Niger Delta, Nigeria)

Birthday Intercession:

Prof. (Mrs) Olusimbo O. Aboaba, Princess Tenidade Aofiyebi, Mr. Ekwueme Udemba, Mr. Adegoke Phillips, Dr. (Mrs) Monilola Alaba (nee Ojo-Osagie), Mr. Ademola Olalekan Bolarinde, Miss Oriyomi Abodunrin Williams, Mr. Emmanuel Tetteh Quaye, Mrs. Ruth Sogbola, Mr. Gbolahan Oludotun Aboaba, Miss Olugbotemi Omosalewa Ajike Alo, Master Taiwo Mosopef'Oluwa Olajide, Master Kehinde Mofinyinf'Oluwa Olajide, Master Oluwaseyifunmi Adelugba, Mrs. Abimbola Ibidun Brodie-Mends, Mrs. Abiodun Nene Makinde, Mr. Adekunle Okunnu, Mr. Oyinonador Porbeni.

❖ Wedding Anniversary

- (i) Mr & Mrs. Abioye Alade Adewale.
- (ii) Mr & Mrs. Tunde Wey, 23rd Wedding Anniversary.

❖ Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Omoba Adekunle Ademola, 4 years mind
- (ii) Mrs. Abelba Bob-Manuel, 19 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY 28/12/2023 Colour: RED Day 362

The Holy Innocents' Day

Bible in a year: Zechariah 11,12; Revelation 20

6.45 a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Oluwaseun Adeyemi

Epistle: I Peter 4: 12-16 Gospel: Matt. 2: 13-19

Points for Prayer

- The Venerable Oladeji, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Ekiti and the Assistant Synod Secretaries. The Revd. Samuel Akintunde Idowu
- 10th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. and Mrs. Samuel Akintunde Idowu.
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Oleh (Bendel, Nigeria)

Birthday Intercession:

Mrs. Olawunmi Ilori, Miss Roberta Fingesi, Miss Oluwaseyi Olukoya, Mr. Festus Wilfred Omoruyi, Mr. Abiodun Oluwaseun Bello, Miss Akintonde Olukemi Aina, Miss Onikepo Ilori, Miss Uriah N.J. Peterside, Mr. Thomas Aqbede Toborowuru.

Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

- (i) Dr. and Mrs. O.A. Ogboye.
- (ii) Engr. and Mrs. Tunde Aromasodu, 28th Wedding Anniversary.

Memorial Intercession:

- (i) Prof. Deji Femi-Pearse, 5 year's mind
- (ii) Mr. Timisola Owo-Samson, 7 years' mind.

FRIDAY - 29/12/2023 **Colour: WHITE** Day 363

Bible in a year: Zechariah 13,14; Revelation 21

6.45 a.m. Celebrant: Canon Residentiary

> Epistle: II John 1-13 Gospel: John 2: 1-11 Points for Prayer

- The Venerable Olusola O Adeosun, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Akoko and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.
- 27th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Canon Ndubuisi and Mrs. Ugochi Iberosi.
- 8th Wedding Anniversary of Revd. Chinedu and Mrs. Ogochukwu Chukwueke.
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Olo- The Province of the Episcopal Church of South Sudan (Western Equatoria Province)

Birthday Intercession for:

Mr. Abodunrin Olatunde Layeni, Miss Joy Uche Ezeani, Mrs. Adebisi Adebola Olawore(nee Martins), Mr. Tolulope Oyeleye, Mr. James Oluseyi Duggan, Mr. A. Famuagun, Mr. Ohiomole B. Ajakaiye, Mrs. Nimbota Spiff, Mr. Michael Adedipupo Ogun, Miss Oluwaferanmi Odujinrin, Master Emmanuel Olanrewaju Opemipo Ijimakinwa-Bailey, Master Kamsiyochukwu David Onyiagha, Mr. Chinedu Emmanuel Odina.

Wedding Anniversary:

- (i) Mr & Mrs. Sanjay Phillips (ii) Mr & Mrs. P.A. Olawore, 16th Wedding Anniversary
- (iii) Mr & Mrs. Phillip Ikeazor, 33rd Wedding Anniversary.
- (iv) Mr & Mrs. J.O. Vanderpuye, 50th Wedding Anniversary.

Memorial Intercession:

- Omoba Bamidele Abiodun Oyinade Fetuga, CPA, 5 year's mind.
- Chief Mrs. Josephine Badejoko Doherty, 35 years' mind.

5.00 p.m. Men's Bible Class

SATURDAY -30/12/2023 **Colour: WHITE Day 364**

Bible in a year: Malachi 1,2; Psalm 149-150

7.45a.m. Holy Communion

Celebrant: Revd. Olawole Faloye

Epistle: III John 1-15 Gospel: John 4: 46-54

Points for Prayer:

- The Venerable Olatunde Abiodun, The Synod Secretary, Diocese of Owo and the Assistant Synod Secretaries.
- All Church Wardens
- The Bishop of the Diocese of Olympia The Episcopal Church (Province VIII)

Birthday Intercession:

Mr. Eniola Adewale Babaniii. Miss Olubunmi Adefola Aboaba. Revd. Dr. Oluwayemi Abiodun Oladunioye. Mrs. Folake Ajayi, Mrs. Olabisi Adebimpe Shonibare, Mrs. Cynthia Korede Asuguo, Mr. Olusegun Adekoye, Master Durojaiye Ogboye, Mrs. Folake Yewande Arole(nee Fafowora), Miss Abiodun Adeniyi, Master Michael Adebanjo, Mrs. Odunola Tosin-Agbede.

Wedding Anniversary Intercession:

Mr & Mrs. Adeniji Olukayode Adekitan.

Memorial Intercession:

- Mrs. Dotun Paul, 8 years' mind.
- (ii) Mrs. Gladys Abimbola Ogunlaja, 21 years' mind.

Bible Study Outline

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

MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S REIGN ON EARTH

SUB-THEME: Living the Victorious Life 3

TOPIC: Victory over Satan **TEXTS**: Luke 10: 17-20

AIMS:

i. to expound the operation of Satan,

ii. to study the victory of Jesus over satan and

iii. to discover how we can continuously live victorious lives over satan.

INTRODUCTION

Satan is traditionally understood as an angel who rebelled against God and was cast out of heaven with other "fallen" angels before the creation of humankind. Biblically, he is always against every workof God. Our text today revealed how the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ brought satan under submission. Satan manifests in various ways to bring down Children of God; but with the garment of righteousness and the pure Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ in our mouth, we shall surely conquer him.

STUDY GUIDE:

- 1. Describe satan in the context of his operations according to the following passages. Job 2:1; Matt 4:8-9; 2Cor 11:14; 1Pet 5:8.
- 2. How can a Christian become a slave to satanic manipulations? Jn 13:26-27, 30; 2Tim 4:10
- 3. Analyse the victory of Jesus over Satan according to Matt 4:4, 7, 10; Lk 22:41-42; Phil 2:7-11?
- 4. How can we overcome satanic manipulation in our Christian race? Rom 16:19-20; Rev 12:9-11; 14:4-5

CONCLUSION: Though Satan has been defeated, and eventually will be thrown into the lake of fire, he is still actively spreading evil. Therefore, as pilgrims to the kingdom of heaven, we need to always put on our garment of righteousness with the testimony of Christ's victory over the power of Hell in our mouth, so as to continuously defeat satan and all his agents.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: To sustain victory over Satan, remain in Christ and the word of God.

MEMORY VERSE: Rom 16:20 "And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. Amen".

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

John 10: 10b

I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Jesus Christ came into the world that I may have life and have it to the full. This Christmas season and all the days of my life, I will live and be lively both in my spirit and in my body. The life of Christ will fill me and I will bring life to others in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.



10. Free Will

The condition of man since the fall of Adam is such that he cannot turn and prepare himself by his own natural strength and good works for faith and for calling upon the name of the Lord. Hence we have no power to do good works which are pleasing and acceptable to God, unless the grace of God through Christ goes before us so that we may have a good will, and continues to work with us after we are given that good will.

11. The Justification of Man

We are accounted righteous before God solely on account of the merit of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ through faith and not on account of our own good works or of what we deserve. Consequently the teaching that we are justified by faith alone is a most wholesome and comforting doctrine. This is taught more fully in the homily on Justification.

TITHE:

Remember to pay your Tithe*

(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)

(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)

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

SUSTENTATION

Please pay your Sustentation/Church Dues (for the upkeep of the Church to: First Bank: 2000519164 (Kindly indicate the following: Name & Sustentation No) 157, BAMGBOSE BUILDING PROJECT

Please pay all donations toward the project into Cathedral Access Bank Account Number: $\bf 0773948851$

(I Chronicles 29:14)

PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

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

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FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

WOMEN'S CORNER NOTICES CLOSED FOR THE

YEAR

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 - DECEMBER

- By Church History Sub-Committee

2010

Dec. 19 Christmas Carol Service of Nine Lessons was marked with the accompaniment by the Trumpeters of the Life Guards, an arm of the British Army since January 1661.

2010 Dec.to

Oct 2011 Extensive renovation of Provost Residence.

2011

Dec.16 Christmas Carol Service of Nine Lessons was marked with the accompanishment of the Trumpeters of the Life Guards, an arm of the British Army.

2012

Dec. 23 Christmas Carol Service with the Muson Orchestra in attendance.

Dec. 25 Dedication of the extensively redecorated Church and Clergy toilets by the Diocesan the Most Revd. Dr. Ephraim Adebola Ademowo

2017

Dec. 10 Thanksgiving service to mark the end of activities for the celebration of the 150th Anniversary of the Cathedral.

2019

Dec. 15 The Cathedral Mobile Application was launched on Google Play Store.

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 @ N5.5m
- ii. Toyota Coaster Bus @ N105m
- iii. Cisco 350X-24 MP Switch for CCTV cameras @ \$1500
- iv. Transformer and Tape Guide for the Lift car in the Cathedral House @ \$3000
- v. D-link Switch DGS-1210-28P @ NGN230K
- vi. IP Camera @ NGN1,196,000
- vii. One 1.5 hp Airconditioners @ N220,000 each
- viii. Two 3 hp Airconditioners @ N300,000 each
- ix HP all in- one desktop computer "Intel core i7 16gb ram 1TB ssd \(\frac{\text{\tin}\text{\texi}\text{\texi}\tex{\text{\texit{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{\texi{

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 31/12/2023 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

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

Theme: FOLLOWING IN THE PATH OF HIS LIGHT

Celebrant: Revd. Canon Kunle Dina

N.T. Reading: I John 1: 5-10 Mr. Gabriel Ogolo Gospel: Matthew 4: 12-17 Revd. Canon Kunle

Dina

Address: Ven. Henry Adelegan
Prayer Miss Alero Ogunbayo
Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

9.15 a.m. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: FOLLOWING IN THE PATH OF HIS LIGHT

Cantor: Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi
Sermon: Canon Residentiary

O.T. Reading: Isaiah **7**: 10 -17 **Lay Reader** N.T. Reading: Romans **1**: 1 -7 **Lay Reader**

Prayer: Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi

Thanksgiving at the Altar

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

CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY

11.15 a.m. SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: FOLLOWING IN THE PATH OF HIS LIGHT

Celebrant The Provost

N.T. Romans 1: 1-7 Guild of Stewards

on Duty

Gospel: Luke 1: 26-38 The Provost

Address: Revd. Henry Mooh

Prayer: Guild of Stewards on Duty

Thanksgiving at the Altar

8.00 p.m. PRAISE AND WORSHIP

10.30 p.m WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

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. Christmas Eve:

There will be the Litugical Christmas Eve Service this evening at 5.00 p.m. We should all try to attend.

2. Christmas Day:

Please note that we have our usual Christmas Day Services at 7:30 a.m. and 10.00 a.m.

3. Christmas Decoration:

We want to express our deep appreciation to those who donated towards the Cathedral's Christmas decorations this year. The Lord knows you, and He will adorn you and your home with His beauty daily.

4. Floral Decoration:

Our flowers for Christmas Day have been placed by **Sir Gbolahan Ayodele,CPA** in memory of his sister **late Mrs. Abimbola Ayoola Ogefere (nee Ayodele)** who died November 11, 1995. She shall not grow old as we here grow old. Age shall not weary her nor the years condemn. From the going down of the sun and in the morning,

5. Birthday Present for Jesus:

Our birthday gifts for Jesus for the year 2023 can be given from **25th December** till **6th January 2024** (Feast of Ephiphany) for a project that will be determined later. May we all receive good gifts from the Lord in 2024 and beyond.

6. Christmastide Baptism:

There will be Christmastide Baptism on **Boxing Day, Tuesday 26th December, 2023 at 12.00 noon.** Interested candidates should register with Revd. Henry Mooh.

7. Activities till the end of the year/New Year

31st Dec. - Watchnight Service - 8.00 p.m. - Praise Worship Service

- 10.30 p.m. - Choral Evensong into the New Year

1st January, 2024 New Year Day Service

The Naming and Circumcision of Jesus

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

- 10.00 a.m. Choral Mattins

8. Light Up The Night 2023

This year's Light Up the Night comes up on **Friday, 29th December, 2023 at 5.30 pm** at the seminary grounds of the Cathedral. Preparations have started in earnest to make this year's even a memorable one. We are inviting willing members of the Cathedral to kindly join the 100 of Us choral group to sing a few songs during the event. Please contact Gbenga Bello – 0802 315 6979 or Michael Agbogidi - 0802 918 0308 to indicate interest. God bless you as you offer to serve.

9. 2024 Vestry Meeting and Election comes up Sunday, February 25, 2024. To vote at the Election, a voter must be a financial member of the Cathedral and must be on the sustentation list as having subscribed a minimum of N5,000 in 2023. The congregation is hereby reminded to make payment on or before 31st December 2023. Pay into Cathedral Church of Christ, First Bank Account No. 2000519164.

10. 2024 Confirmation

Confirmation Preparatory Classes will start on **Sunday**, **14th January**, **2024.** Classes will hold at 9.15 a.m. every Sunday, thereafter at the Ayo Rosiji Hall, Cathedral House. Candidates must be at least 13 years old. Interested candidates are to register with Revd. Henry Mooh.

11. Home Call:

We announce the home call of the following:

- (a) Arc. Chima Chijioke on Wednesday, 20th November, 2023. He was 78 years. He was a member of Cathedral Torch Bearers. The family can be visited at 12, Adeola Ajayi Crescent, Mafoluku, Lagos. Funeral arrangements to be announced later.
- (b) Mr. Akorede Emmanuel Folami on Wednesday, 20th December, 2023. He was 19 years. He was a member of Altar Servers Guild, Boy's Brigade and Cathedral Youth Fellowship. He has since been buried.

May their gentle souls rest in perfect peace.

12. Mid-Week Fellowship and Love Feast:

Are you celebrating your birthday or any joyous occasion in your family or remembering a loved one? Think of sharing your joys with the less privileged, who can give you nothing in return, but are being led to Christ by us. Sponsor a Wednesday afternoon.

Cost is N100,000 per Wednesday. You can pay part of an afternoon's cost. See Omoba Ademola or the Parish Clerk during the week. Thank you and God bless.

Our sincere appreciation goes to **the Fetuga family** for sponsoring our Mid-Week Fellowship on Wednesday 27th December, 2023 in memory of their husband, father and grandfather **Omooba Abiodun Oyinade Fetuga, CPA** who died five (5) years ago on 29th December, 2018. May the soul of the faithful departed, continue to rest in peace and may God's blessings, mercies and protection be always upon his children and children's children. Amen.

13. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 24/12/2023

We thank **Mr. Oluwadamilola Mojolaoluwa** who hosts the Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. Service in thanksgiving to God for his birthday. *God will continue to grant him good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of his life.*

(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: December 2023

Sunday, 31/12/2023 - The Fetuga Family in memory of their late Husband, Father and Grandfather, **Omoba Abiodun Oyinade Fetuga,CPA**, who died 5

years ago on 29th December, 2018.

(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 2024*. Please indicate your preferences on first come first served.

		7.15 a.m.	9.15 a.m.
Sunday	14&28/1/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	22/1/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	11&25/2/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	10/3/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	24/3/2024	Booked	Booked
Sundays	14&28/4/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	12&26/5/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sunday	9 & 23/6/2024	Vacant	Vacant
Sundays	14&28/7/2024	Vacant	Vacant

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WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE

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

SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

- The SWSU Panel wishes through this medium, to appreciate all those who are helping the needy through the Unit (SWSU) in cash and kind. God Almighty will bless and enrich you more in Jesus name. Amen.
- In the course of the week the Unit received an anonymous donation of N3,000,000 (Transfer) May God bless the donor more abundantly.

(a) Sponsorship:

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

- 1. <u>Adereti Esther Oluwatimilehin (19 years)</u> needs the sum of N1,083,995 for her University Education. She got an admission into Lagos State University for 5 years at N216,799 per session.
- Mr. Jimoh Aleem a Secondary School student needs a sum of N900,000 for a 6 years level of education at N50,000 per term.
- 3. <u>Master Daniel Elijah (10 years)</u> needs the sum of N900,000 for his Secondary School Education at N50,000 per term.
- **4.** <u>Miss Ikuomola Oluwanifemi Blessing (13 years)</u> needs the sum of N900,000 for her Seconday School Education at N50,000 per term.
- **Master Iremide Ejionome (3 years)** needs the sum of N1,308,000 for his hearing aid. He is a cerebral palsy child.
- 6. Mrs. Bimbo Durosimi-Etti (50 years) need the sum of N4,901,000 for a hip replacement surgery.
- 7. Mrs. Akinbode Felicia Titilayo (64 years) and a widow who was diagonised with Brain tumor, enlarged brain organ, blood clot and untreated hypertension seeks assistance for N2.5 million to undergo the 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.

PRAYER FOR THE YEAR

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

Theme for the year: WITH GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSSIBLE

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.
- 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.
- 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.
 - 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.
 - 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 IN ADVENT - 17/12/2023 Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday

_	HC		HC
Saturday		Wednesday	
16/12/2023	17	20/12/2023	26
Monday		Thursday	
18/12/2023	24	21/12/2023	13
Tuesday		Friday	
19/12/2023	19	22/12/2023	24

COMING EVENTS (DECEMBER 2023 – JANUARY 2024)

31/12/2023 - Watch Night Service

- 8.00 p.m. Praise and Worship

10.30 p.m. WatchNight Service

1/1/2024 - New Year's Day Service

- 8.00 a.m. Holy Communion

- 10.00 a.m. Choral Mattins



"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May your word to me be fulfilled." Then the angel left her." Luke 1:38

Our theme, "The Place of His Will," explores how conformity to the will of God leads to extraordinary miracles in humans' lives. The story of Mary in Luke 1:26-38 illustrates the intricate relationship between doing God's will and the occurrence of miracles. It emphasises the sovereignty of God in initiating miracles and the necessity of human receptivity and obedience to God's will for such initiated miracles to come to pass.

Mary had been told that she would conceive a child through the Holy Spirit despite being a virgin and unmarried. Upon receiving the message from the angel Gabriel, she was filled with fear and trepidation. She knew fully well the cultural and societal implications of her situation that an unwed mother would be stigmatised and ostracised by her community. Despite her fears, uncertainties, and questions, Mary trusted God's divine plan for her life and surrendered to the will of God. In Luke 1:38, she affirms her surrender, "I am the Lord's servant, and tells Gabriel, "May your word to me be fulfilled." Accordingly, God greatly favoured her and blessed her with the birth of Jesus through extraordinary circumstances.

The will of God refers to the divine sovereign plan or purpose that guides the universe and all living beings to fulfil God's purpose. Scripture says: "Our God is in heaven; He does whatever pleases Him" (Psalm 115:3; 135:6). He created everything in heaven and earth to fulfil His purpose. "The LORD has made everything for His purpose..." (Proverbs 16:4). The twenty elders around His throne proclaim this day and night, saying: "You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power, for You created all things, and by Your will, they were created and have their being." (Revelation 4:11)

God desires all His creatures, especially humans, to accept and live by His will. Jesus clearly expressed this point in Matthew 7:21 saying: "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." To press this point home, Jesus modelled a life that perfectly conforms to God's will and demonstrated that this life did not always take the easy course. The Gethsemane scene depicts this most vividly. As Jesus prayed to the Father, He acknowledged both the strength of His own will and His commitment to God's: "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will My Father, if it is not possible for this cup to be taken away unless I drink it, may your will be done" (Matthew 26:39 Matthew 26:42; cf. Mark 14:36; Luke 22:42).

Like Mary and Jesus, surrendering to God's will is not easy but necessary for our enjoyment of God's many blessings and our spiritual development as well. Nothing pleases the Lord more than for His people to desire His will and to do it. Doing the will of God places one in a vantage position to receive the unimaginable blessing of God. The *Magnificat* (Mary's Song of Praise) in Luke 1: 46-55 is an eloquent testimony to the ultimate reward of placing the will of God first in one's life.

Trusting God when things are going well, and our next step is clear is easy. However, there are obstacles to doing the will of God. Difficulties may arise from the world in which we live; they may come from our fallen human nature; they can even be God's plan for us. God has His plan. "For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways," declares the LORD. For instance, Mary had plans to have perhaps an elaborate society wedding, but God came with His plan, which is at variance with hers. The world makes doing God's will difficult. The Bible says: "...anyone who chooses to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God."

(James 4:4). The devil is another potent enemy of the Lord's will. The more sincerely you want to do the will of God, the more the devil will tempt you, primarily through discouragement, worry, and anxiety.

Still, God calls us to trust Him daily with our lives and purposes, no matter how difficult. With limited information and control, we must continue to trust God's path and provision with utmost humility and reverence for His sovereignty - "for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil His good purpose." (Philippians 2:13). Mary and Jesus deferred to God and submitted themselves to His authority to fulfil His purpose for their lives. We, too, must do the same; we must defer to God in all situations, not crumbling under the murmurs of self-will but embracing His perfect will even when it is inconvenient or in tandem with our plans.

Mary did not lean on her own understanding or limited perspective in her unsure state. Instead, she accepted the word of God as spoken and made herself available for the Lord's purpose. Proverbs 3:5 & 6 encourage us: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight." We must accept the word of God and yield ourselves as it comes to us without rationalising or philosophising.

God's plans for our lives may take us down windy and uncertain roads. We may not always know how to go about it, and our fears may increase. However, we can take comfort in Mary's story and be reminded that God will lead, guide, and direct us. "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Have a blessed week!

The one who serves among you,

Very Revd. Adebola Ojofeitimi,PhD Provost

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