

# HOLY COMMUNION

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Theme: **CHRIST'S RESURRECTION:  
HARBINGER OF FULL RESTORATION**

**Celebrant: The Diocesan**

Stewards on Duty: **Group A**

1. **Opening Hymn:** C.H. 331 (Tune CH(CS) 79 - Hermas) - *Welcome Happy Morning* (see page 3)
2. **Introductory Sentence:** *"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." - Matthew 28:6*
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:** *Lord of all life and power, Who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him; grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory; to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen*  
  
*Almighty God, Who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life : we humbly beseech You that, as by Your special grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continued help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.*
  
9. **O.T. Reading:** Isaiah 25: 6-9 **The Clergy**
10. **Epistle:** 1 Cor. 15: 12-20 - **The Clergy**
11. **Gradual Hymn:** God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus (see centre page)
12. **Gospel:** Luke 24: 1-12 **The Clergy**
13. **Sermon:** **The Provost**
14. **Creed:** (Page 178)
15. **Intercession:**(Pages 183-184) **The Clergy**
16. **Offertory Sentence:** *"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." —1 Corinthians 15:17"*
17. **Offertory Hymn:** A&MRW 194 (*Lux Eoi*)
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:** *"... I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth." —Job 19:25*
22. **Administration:** (Page 194)
23. **Hymns during Administration:**
  - (i) A&MRW 205 (*Easter Hymn*)
  - (ii) A&MRW 207 (*St. Albinus*)
  - (iii) A&MRW 209 (*Savannah*)
  - (iv) A&MRW 216 (*Ellacombe*)
  - (v) A&MRW 221 (*St. Fulbert*)
  - (vi) C.H. 347 (*1st. C.H. 447 - Maryton*)
  - (vii) A&MRW 199 (*Truro*)
  - (viii) A&MRW 678 (*In Christ Alone*)
24. **Post Communion Hymn:** A&MRW 217 (*Victory*) **Easter Thanksgiving**
25. **Post Communion Prayer:** *God of Life, "who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son "to the death of the cross, "and by his glorious resurrection"have delivered us from the power of our enemy;"grant us so to die daily to sin,"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 (if any)**
28. **Notices:**
29. **Spiritual Tonic: : Romans 8:11**
30. **Benediction to Dismissal:** (Page 196)
31. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 218 (*Maccabaeus*)  
*At the Organ: Mr. 'Jola Adeosun*

# 9.30 A.M. CHORAL MATTINS

Theme: **CHRIST'S RESURRECTION:**

**HARBINGER OF FULL RESTORATION**

**Cantor:**                    **The Provost**  
**Responses:**                **Reading in A**

1. **Opening Hymn:** C.H. 331 (Tune CH (CS) 79 - *Hermas*) - *Welcome Happy Morning*

1. "Welcome, happy morning!" age to age shall say;  
Hell today is vanquished, Heaven is won today!  
Lo, The Dead is living, God for evermore!  
Him, their true Creator, all His works adore!  
    "Welcome, happy morning!"  
    age to age shall say;  
    Hell today is vanquished,  
    Heaven is won today!
2. Earth with joy confesses, clothing her for spring,  
All good gifts return with her returning King;  
Bloom in every meadow, leaves on every bough,  
Speak His sorrows ended, hail His triumph now.  
    "Welcome, happy morning!" etc.
3. Months in due succession, days of lengthening light.  
Hours and passing moments praise Thee in their flight;  
Brightness of the morning, sky, and fields, and sea,  
Vanquisher of darkness, bring their praise to Thee.  
    "Welcome, happy morning!" etc.
4. Maker and Redeemer, Life and Health of all,  
Thou from Heaven beholding human nature's fall  
Of the Eternal Father true and only Son,  
Manhood to deliver, manhood didst put on.  
    "Welcome, happy morning!" etc.
5. Thou, of life the Author, death didst undergo,  
Tread the path of darkness, saving strength to show;  
Come then, True and faithful, now fulfil Thy word;  
'Tis Thine own Third Morning; rise, O buried Lord!  
    "Welcome, happy morning!" etc.
6. Loose the souls long prisoned, bound with Satan's chain;  
All that now is fallen raise to life again;  
Show Thy Face in brightness, bid the nations see;  
Bring again our daylight : day returns with Thee.  
    "Welcome, happy morning!" etc. Amen.

2. **Opening Sentence:** "*He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay.*" - Matthew 28:6

3. **Call to Worship:**

4. **Easter Anthem:** - **Christ Our Passover ACB 389 (Pelham  
Humphrey in C)**

5. **Psalms:** 113 - **ACB 97 (F.A.G. Ouseley in A)**  
114 - **ACB 286 (Tonus Peregrinus in G)**

6. **First Lesson:** Isaiah 12

7. **Benedictus:** ACB 174 (J. Battishill)

8. **Second Lesson:** Romans 6: 1-14

9. **Te Deum** - C.V. Stanford in B Flat

10. **Creed to Collects**

11. **Anthem:** **As It Began To Dawn (George C. Martin)**

12. **Hymn before Sermon:** A&MRW 205 - (*Easter Hymn*)

13. **Sermon:** **The Diocesan**

14. **Intercession:** .

15. **Collection Hymns:** (i) C.H. 343 (*Tune Victory*)  
(ii) A&MRW 207 (*St. Albinus*)

16. **Easter Thanksgiving:**

17. **Thanksgiving at the Altar (if any)**

18. **Spiritual Tonic:** *Romans 8: 11*

19. **Conclusion to Benediction**

20. **Final Amen:** **Great Amen by Tunde Sosan**

21. **Withdrawal Hymn:** A&MRW 208 (*Lasst Uns Erfreuen*)

*At the Organ:* Mr. Jola Adeosun

*Choral Conductor:* Mr. Princewill Ubani

# 11.30 A.M. SUNG EUCHARIST

Theme: **CHRIST'S RESURRECTION:**

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Celebrant: The Provost

Setting: Berthold Tours in C

1. Hymn: C.H. 331 (Tune C.H.-C.S. 79 - *Hermas*) - see centre page
2. Introit: **Christians, Shout for Joy and Gladness - J.S. Bach**
3. Introductory Sentence: *"He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." - Matthew 28:6*
4. **The Preparation** (Page 170)
5. **Collect for Purity and Gloria** (Page 171)
6. **Summary of the Law** (Page 172)
7. **Words of Comfort** (Page 175)
8. **Confession to Collect** (Pages 175-176)
  
9. **Collect: Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of Your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in Him; grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to You in Jesus Christ, may reign with Him in glory; to whom with You and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity. Amen.**  
  
*Almighty God, who through Your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life : we humbly beseech You that, as by Your special grace going before us You put into our minds good desires, so by Your continued help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen*
  
10. **O.T. Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9 Baptismal Candidate**
11. **Epistle: 1 Cor. 15: 12-20 - Baptismal Candidate**
12. **Gradual: God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus** (see centre page)
13. **Gospel: Luke 24: 1-12 The Provost**
14. **Address: Canon Residentiary**
15. **Hymns (Procession to the Baptismal Font):**
  - (i) A&MRW 335 (*St. Peter*)
  - (ii) A&MRW 339 (*Angelus*)
16. **Peace:** (Page 186)
17. **Offertory Sentence:** *"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile and you are still in your sins." —1 Corinthians 15:17"*
18. **Offertory Hymns:**
  - (i) A&MRW 194 (*Lux Eoi*)
  - (ii) A&MRW 203 (*Gelobt sei Gott*)
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:** *"... I know that my Redeemer lives, and at the last he will stand upon the earth." —Job 19:25*
23. **Administration:** (Page 194)
24. **Hymns During Administration:**
  - (i) A&MRW 205 (*Easter Hymn*)
  - (ii) C.H. 347 (*Tune MHB 348 - Christopher*)-see centre page
  - (iii) A&MRW 207 (*St. Albinus*)
  - (iv) A&MRW 209 (*Savannah*)
  - (v) A&MRW 678 (*In Christ Alone*)
  - (vi) A&MRW 199 (*Truro*)
  - (vii) A&MRW 216 (*Ellacombe*)
  - (viii) A&MRW 221 (*St. Fulbert*)
25. **Post Communion Hymn:** Y.H.B. 593 - Ore-ofe! ohun (see centre page) - **Easter Thanksgiving**
26. **Post Communion Prayer:** *God of Life, "who for our redemption gave your only-begotten Son" to the death of the cross, "and by his glorious resurrection" have delivered us from the power of our enemy; "grant us so to die daily to sin, "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 (If any)**
29. **Notices:**
30. **Spiritual Tonic: Romans 8:11**
31. **Benediction to Dismissal** (Page 196)
32. **Final Amen: Sevenfold Amen - Sir John Stainer**
33. **Withdrawal Hymn:** C.H. 330 (*Melton*) - see centre page

At the Organ: Mr. Jola Adeosun and Mr. Chuka Onyenze

Choral Conduction: Mr. Jimi Olumuyiwa

# SUNDAY 31/03/2024

# Day 91

Bible in a year: Deut. 33, 34; Romans 9

## **Points for Prayer:**

- ❖ His Excellency, Abdulrahman Abdulrazaq, Governor, and the People of Kwara State.
- ❖ The Revd. Tochukwu Chukwumelie Okafor
- ❖ The Revd. Solomon Chineyen Okere.
- ❖ **The Church in the Province of West Indies.**

## ❖ **Birthday Intercession for:**

Mrs. Bunmi Asekun, Mr. Tochukwu Chukwunenye, Mrs. Vivian Ede Williams, Mrs. C.T. Adenekan, Ms. Titilola Januario, Miss Folashade Adewunmi, Miss Oluwatamilore Senbanjo, Miss Oluwatumininu Senbanjo, Pastor Yemi Akisanya, Mr. Akin Lawal.

## ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**

Ven. and Mrs. Adekunle Ajado, 19th Wedding Anniversary.

## ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Mr. Lawrence Abiose Mammah, 12 years' mind.
- (ii) Mr. Ebun Olufunmilayo Martins, 17 years' mind.
- (iii) Madam (Chief) Emily Osebowale Omogbehin, 49 years' mind.
- (iv) Mrs. Comfort Ayodele Adeosun, 71 years' mind.

## ❖ **Family Intercession:**

**Families of** Late Mrs. G. Olugbo Hollist, Mrs. C.O. Ibirogbra, Late Olorogun Michael C.O. Ibru, Mr. Kehinde Phillips, CPA, Late Sir Joseph Onumonu, Late Chief S.A. Makinwa, CPA, Mr. Iyaniwura O. Adewunmi, Mr. Adeniyi Campbell, Mrs. Dolapo Coker, CPA, Mrs. Modupe Sowemimo-Coker, Layeni, Engr. Kehinde and Mrs. Lydia Saka.

## ❖ **Prayer for Businesses**

FCMB Group Plc, Ibot Exclusive Events, Pee Mart Cuisine, Wajufot Services Ltd., Pearce-Dawodu and Co. Printing, Holala Catering, VEGS and Foods Farm, 3D Food Chains Ltd, Bucknor and Grandels Ltd, Joke Stores Nig. Ltd, Dapo Opeaye & Co., Lenox Hill Realty Limited, Alabaru Global Services Ltd, Lenox Heights Ltd., Purple Scents Ltd, Quintus Projects Ltd, Flamestar Investment Company Ltd, Capri-Gem Integrated Services Limited, Drinks on Toks, Treadytech9ja IT Solutions.

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

**CALL ON ANY DOCTOR OR NURSE IN CASE OF EMERGENCY**

# ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

**MONDAY IN EASTER WEEK – 01/04/2024      Colour: WHITE      Day 92**

**Bible in a year: Joshua 1-3; Psalm 37**

- 6.45 a.m.      Holy Communion**  
Celebrant: **Ven. Henry Adelegan**  
**Epistle: Acts 2: 22-32**  
**Gospel: Luke: 24: 13-35**  
**Points for Prayer**
- ❖ **The Rt. Revd. Dr. Owen Chiedozie Nwokolo, Bishop of the Diocese on the Niger.**
  - ❖ **Mrs. Elsie Nonyelum Nwokolo, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese on the Niger.**
  - ❖ **The Rt. Revd. Ifedola & Mrs. Modupe Okupevi**
  - ❖ **Mrs. Comfort Oluwayemisi Olayinka (50).**
  - ❖ **The Diocese of Damaturu - The Church Of Nigeria (Anglican Communion)**
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**  
**Mrs. Felicia Enitan Fetuga(80), Mrs. Jokotade Aderemi Adeyinka, Mr. Dolapo Badejo, Mrs. Peace Omotola Iyamabo, Mrs. Yeside Oriyomi(nee Asekun), Mr. Phillips Olusegun Abidogun, Miss Oyebola Ajayi-Bembe, Mr. Omoruyi Iyamu, Miss Chinyere Nwamaka Apakama, Miss Chioma Zimuzo Apakama, Mrs. Angela Udo-Okonkwo, Miss Happiness Obrudu, Miss Jesunimofe Adelegan.**
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**  
(i) **Chief Aderemi Odofoin, 15 years' mind.**  
(ii) **Mr. Dominic Okwuraiwe, 19 years' mind.**  
(iii) **Mr. Sanjo Morgan, 42 years' mind.**  
(iv) **Mrs. L. Adeniyi-Jones, 52 years' mind.**
- 4.00 p.m.      Women Bible Class/Prayer Meeting (Easter Monday) Prayer for the Home by Mrs. Temitayo Folami.**

**5.00 p.m.      Holy Week Service**

**TUESDAY IN EASTER      WEEK – 02/04/2024      Colour: WHITE      Day 93**

**Bible in a year: Joshua 4, 5; Romans 10**

- 6.45a.m.      Holy Communion**  
Celebrant: **Revd. Henry Mooh**  
**Epistle: Acts 2: 36-41**  
**Gospel: Luke 24: 36-49**  
**Points for Prayer**
- ❖ **The Most Revd. Dr. Alexander Chibuzo Ibezim, Bishop of the Diocese of Awka**
  - ❖ **Mrs. Martha Chioma Ibezim, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Awka.**
  - ❖ **The Ven. Akpoghene Ohwoefe Okoro.**
  - ❖ **The Revd. Jude Akpoezi Idiode**
  - ❖ **The Revd. Dr. Joel Chigozie Anaele**
  - ❖ **Mrs. Folasade Oluyemisi Adeyemo**
  - ❖ **Mrs. Mary Ademidun Ogunfolami**
  - ❖ **The Diocese of Dar-es-Salaam - The Anglican Church of Tanzania.**
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**  
**Mrs. Selina Awusi Ayodele Akinyanju(80), Mrs. Ayodele Odugbesan, Olori Abimbola Adetutu Balogun, Dr. Samuel Olusegun Spaine, Master Gbolatokunbo Sokunbi, Dr. Adewale Abiola Oki, Mrs. Ayodeji Ediale (nee Adeniyi-Williams), Miss Olawunmi A. Uthman, Mr. Godswill Nwokedi Nduka, Mr. Arthur Tolu Ajayi, Miss Yetunde Abimbola Art-Alade, Miss Ooreofejesu Olubunmi Agesin, Master Lekan Alade.**
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**  
**Mr. & Mrs. Chukwudi Nwobodo, 8th Wedding Anniversary.**
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**  
(i) **Mr. Oluyinka Ayodele, 14 years' mind.**  
(ii) **Mrs. Mobola Olufunmilayo Okikiade, 32 years' mind.**  
(iii) **Mrs. Christianah Abiodun Oki, 47 years' mind.**
- 5.00 p.m.      Christian Wake-Keep for Mrs. Margaret Olaitan Laniyan**
- 6.00 p.m.      Choir Practice**

**WEDNESDAY IN EASTER WEK – 03/04/2024**

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**Day 94**

*Bible in a year; Joshua 6,7; Romans 11*

**6.45 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Celebrant: The Provost**

**Epistle: Acts 3:1-10**

**Gospel: John 6:32-40**

**Points for Prayer**

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Ndubusi Obi, Bishop of the Diocese of Nnewi*
- ❖ *Mrs. Ukamaka Obi, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Nnewi.*
- ❖ *Chief Olubunmi Sowande - Bishop's Nominee*
- ❖ **The Diocese of Davao - The Episcopal Church in the Philippines.**
  
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**  
*Mr. Taiwo Akintola Daramola, Mr. Kehinde Omosalewa Daramola, Miss Abisola Peters, Master Prosper Esiolee, Mr. Joseph Nwachi Ofodum, Mr. Uzamaka Udemba, Miss Olumide Phillips, Master Olubiyi Ogunbiyi, Mrs. Rosamond A. Vera-Cruz, Mr. Daniel Olayeni Pratt, Mr. Oluseun Ogunmekan, Miss Jaiyeola Olukemi Wey, Mr. Ayodele Craig, Mrs. Oyinlola Oshifeko, Miss Mojinyinoluwa Adebajo, Mr. Ololade Kayode Yahaya.*
  
- ❖ **Wedding Anniversary Intercession:**  
*(i) Mr & Mrs. Kayode Yahaya, 14th Wedding Anniversary.*  
*(ii) Mr & Mrs. Ademola Ilori, 52nd Wedding Anniversary.*
  
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession for:**  
*(i) Ms. Muriel Marion Johnston, 13 years' mind.*  
*(ii) Mrs. Edith Omotunde Williams, 26 years' mind.*  
*(iii) Mr. Akinwande Babalola Daramola, 44 years' mind.*

**5.00 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting**

**THURSDAY IN EASTER WEEK – 04/04/2024**

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**Day 95**

*Bible in a year: Joshua 8, 9 Romans 12*

**6.45 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Celebrant: Revd. Michael Nwigani**

**Epistle: Acts 3:11-26**

**Gospel: John 21: 1-14**

**Points for Prayer**

- ❖ *The Rt. Revd. Dr. Samuel C. Ezeofor, Bishop of the Diocese of Aguata*
- ❖ *Mrs. Chinyere Ezeofor, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Aguata.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Canon Matthew Sunday Oluwaseun Oyekan.*
- ❖ *The Revd. Stephen Tobeckukwu Ohaegbu*
- ❖ *Mrs. Charity Chinelo Onyeka*
- ❖ **The Diocese of Saint Davids - The Church in Wales**
  
- ❖ **Birthday Intercession:**  
*Mrs Alamina Asunramu, Mr. Ifeoluwapo Oluwafemi Ademowo, Mr. Ian Buckanan, Mrs. Yetunde Abike Freeman, Ms. Simisola Abari, Miss Adetoun Ogunleye, Mrs. Felicia Mobolaji Odetoyinbo, Mr. James Peters, Mr. Gabriel Ayodeji Ogolo, Miss Iyaniwura Adenuga, Mr. Olawale Matthew Kembu, Miss Susanne Chibuzor Reggie, Master Nathan Ayodele Akinyanju.*
  
- ❖ **Memorial Intercession:**  
*(i) Barr. Richard Olutoyin Marke, 15 years' mind.*  
*(ii) Mr. Victor Babasola Sangoyele, 15 years' mind.*  
*(iii) Mr. Henry Olaide Thomas, 17 years' mind.*  
*(iv) Mr. James Kolawole Cole, 23 years' mind.*  
*(v) Miss Lucetta Idowu Doherty, 30 years' mind.*  
*(vi) Mr. Benjamin Domingo John.*

**11.00 a.m Funeral Service for Mrs. Margaret Olaitan Laniyan**

FRIDAY IN EASTER WEEK – 05/04/2024

Colour: WHITE

Day 96

*Bible in a year: Joshua 10, 11; Psalm 38*

**6.45 a.m. Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** Revd. Canon Kunle Dina

**Epistle:** Acts 4:1-12

**Gospel:** John 21: 15-17

**Points for Prayer:**

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Dr. Proper Amah, Bishop of the Diocese of Ogbaru
- ❖ Mrs. Uche Amah, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild Diocese of Ogbaru.
- ❖ The Ven. Phillip Adegoke Akinwande (40)
- ❖ The Revd Canon Babatunde Olatunji Adeboye
- ❖ **The Diocese of Deleware - The Episcopal Church**

❖ **Birthdays Intercession:**

Mrs. Ibidun Kofoworola Akinrele, Mrs. Olawumi Adetoun Fajemirokun, Miss Ngozi Dorothy Chinyere Morah, Miss Carol Bob-Okonedo, Master Babarinde Temilola Olukoya, Mr. Ikhide Imoukhuede, Miss Ogechi Morenikeji Kanu, Dr. Mrs. Monisola Olubunmi Oni, Miss Rosemary Okechukwu, Mrs. Omobolanle Jolade Johnson, Mrs. Yetunde Adepeju Johnson, Mr. Olutugbele O.A. Morgan, Mr. Abiodun Adebayo Osinowo.

❖ **Memorial Intercession:**

- (i) Dr. Alabo Ekine Amabibi, 3 year's mind
- (ii) Mrs. Sonia Ransome-Kuti, 13 years' mind.
- (iii) Mr. 'Lolu Foresythe, 19 years' mind.
- (iv) Mr. Solomon Onyeka Chukwu Imoukhuede, 19 years' mind.

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

SATURDAY IN EASTER IN WEEK- 06/04/2024

Colour: WHITE

Day 97

*Bible in a year: Joshua 12-15; Romans 13*

**7.45a.m. Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** Revd. Olawole Faloye

**Epistle:** Acts 4:13-21

**Gospel:** John 21: 20-25

**Points for Prayer:**

- ❖ The Rt. Revd. Prof. Israel Kelue Okoye, Bishop of the Diocese of Ihiala.
- ❖ Dr. (Mrs) Faith Okoye, President, Mothers' Union and Women's Guild, Diocese of Ihiala
- ❖ The Revd. James Bamidele Olayanju
- ❖ Mrs. Margaret O. Bamikiya
- ❖ 33rd Wedding Anniversary Revd. Dr. Kolawole and Mrs. Olubunmi Ajayi.
- ❖ **The Diocese of Delhi - The Church of North India (United)**

❖ **Birthdays Intercession:**

Chief Afolabi Oladeinde Lucas, Ms. Atinuke Omolabake Peters, Mr. Olutola Ademowo, Miss Chioma Onyenachiya Apakama, Mr. Olamide Uthman, Miss Folakemi Ibiyemi Daramola, Mrs. Titilayo Nduchukwe, Mr. Sesan Odunsi, Dr. Tolulope Oluwaseun Ekisola, Master Anjola Elufioye-Johnson, Mrs. Opeyemi Fasusi, Master Oluwapelumi Oseni.

10:00am **Wedding: Abiola & Princess**

12:00noon **Wedding: Oladele & Modupe**

# Bible Study Outline

**THEME: THE CHRISTIAN RACE**

**SUB-THEME: Easter Sunday**

**TOPIC: New life in Christ Jesus**

**TEXT: 2Cor 5:12-21**

**AIMS:**

- i. to study the concept of new life in Christ and
- ii. to discuss the old livelihood in relation to the new life in Christ.

## INTRODUCTION

We thank God for another Easter morning, a day to celebrate the victory of our Lord Jesus Christ over death.

In our Bible passage today, Paul exposed the fact that Christ died as an innocent person for the sins He never committed, just for our righteousness and salvation (2Cor 5:15, 21). He admonished us that the best way to acknowledge this maximum sacrifice of Christ is to continuously live like Him and in Him (2Cor 5:15-17).

## STUDY GUIDES

1. How can you describe new life in Christ with reference to 2Cor 5:17 and Gal 2:20; Col 3:5, 9.
2. Mention some of the old things that are abominable to Christians on their way to the kingdom of God. Gal 5:19-21; 1Pet 2:1
3. What do we mean by "being crucified with Christ?" Rom 6:6; 1Pet 4:1-2.
4. According to Act 9:17-22; 26-27; Gal 1:13-16, how can you describe Paul as a good example of one who lived a new life in Christ Jesus and how can his conversion be a challenge to us as Christians?

**CONCLUSION:** As we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ today, let us continuously put to death every works of the flesh and daily put on the new man in Christ so as to reign with Him eternally.

**FOOD FOR THOUGHT:** Christianity without new livelihood ends in dead again

**MEMORY VERSE:** Gal 2:20

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ living in me: and that [life] which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, [the faith] which is in the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me".





## EPISCOPAL CALL TO PRAY FOR OUR NATION NIGERIA AND THE WORLD IN GENERAL

- **Isaiah 2:4** “He will judge between the nations and will settle disputes for many peoples. They will beat their swords into ploughshares and their spears into pruning hooks. Nation will not take up sword against nation, nor will they train for war anymore”.
- **Isaiah 60:17-18** - For brass I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood brass, and for stones iron: I will also make thy officers peace, and thine exactor’s righteousness. Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, wasting nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise.

### PRAYER POINTS

- The restoration of our Nation’s economy.
- Restoration of peace, safety, and security of lives and properties.
- That God should put an end to the incessant kidnappings of the innocent citizens for ransom and kidnapping to rituals.
- That God should reverse the general lack of food and hunger in the land.
- That God should please put an end to untimely death.

- Divine Intervention in the area of continuous rising rate of inflation.
- Pray that God should give our leaders wisdom to proffer lasting solution to the Nation's insecurity and economic problems.
- Bring an end to the wars and killings going on, in different parts of the world, most especially between Russia and Ukraine, the looming civil war in Haiti, the Israel and Hamas war, and other African Countries being ravaged by war.
- Pray against hunger and poverty, epidemics, plane crashes, and imminent global famine.
- Pray against affliction; that no affliction, in whatever modules and severity, be it endemic, epidemics, and pandemics shall ever be permitted to come near our tents in Jesus' name.
- Pray also that God should please turn the darkness covering the Nation to eternal light of prosperity.
- And may we be instructed and illuminated from within, by the Holy Spirit as you stand in the gap for our Nation and the World.

## **OUR NATION NIGERIA SHALL BE GREAT AGAIN**

  
**The Rt. Rev. Ifedola Senaṣu Gabriel Okupevi**  
The Diocesan Bishop of Lagos.

SPIRITUAL TONIC FOR THE WEEK

**ROMANS 8: 11**

If the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, He who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through His Spirit which dwells in you.

Almighty God, the Giver and Sustainer of life, Through Your Spirit who dwells in me, raise me up from every dead situation. Let Your life giving Spirit revive and continue to sustain me in my spirituality, in my home and marriage, career and all my endeavours. Fill me with Your life afresh that I may be able to do Your work in accordance with Your will. Let life from the Holy Spirit flow in my veins. Let it flush out every sickness in my body and make me whole. Through the Holy Spirit, make me a life giver that I may truly be a child of my Father who is in heaven and that I may also point You to others as the only source of life through Jesus Christ, my Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

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**A TRIAL WILL CONVINCEN YOU!**

**DIOCESAN EASTER CANTATA**

This will hold on Sunday, 7th April, 2024 at 3.30 p.m. at Our Saviour's Church, TBS. Come and let us celebrate the Risen Christ together.

**TITHE:**

**Remember to pay your Tithe\***

*(into Cathedral Zenith Bank Account Number)*

**1013180620**

**(The tithe is a tenth of all our increase)**

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

**SUSTENTATION**

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

(Kindly indicate the following: Name & Sustentation No)

**157, BAMBOSE BUILDING PROJECT**

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

## PAYMENT INTO CHURCH'S ACCOUNTS

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

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

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GOD WILL COUNTENANCE YOUR SACRIFICE



FOR YOUR OFFERINGS AND OTHER  
DONATIONS. GOD BLESS YOU.

# WOMEN'S CORNER

## NOTICES

1/4/2024 - Prayer Meeting (Easter Monday) Prayer for the Home by Mrs. Temitayo Folami  
8/4/2024 - Feast of Annunciation of Blessed Virgin Mary at Our Saviour's Church, TBS at 1.00 p.m.  
8/4/2024 - Bible Study 4 - Living by Faith in trying times (Exodus 1: 12-20; 2: 1-10 by Ladies Helpers' Union  
11-13/4/2024 - All Workers Wives Retreat - Agents, Postulant and Clergywives at Faith Plaza

### 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-**

### **MARCH**

- By Church History Sub-Committee

1954  
Mar. 30 Inauguration of the Diocese of Northern Nigeria.

1955  
Mar. 4 Archbishop Vining died at sea and was buried in Freetown, Sierra Leone on March 5.

1963  
Mar. 8 Death of Bishop Adalokun Williamson Howells.

1967  
Mar. 28  
-April 8 Centenary celebrations of the Cathedral

1998  
March 26-29 The Cathedral presented a four day power packed revival

2013  
March 31 Dedication by the Diocesan of  
(Easter Day) (a) the new marble floor in the Cathedral.  
(b) the refurbished Cornerstone Fellowship Centre  
(c) the newly constructed Sunday School toilets

2014  
March Refurbishment of Stained-Glass windows  
  
Replacement of parishioners chairs by a members

2019  
March 3 The Bishop Rt. Revd. Humphrey Olumakaiye, PhD, assisted by the Provost dedicated a 3-bedroom flat vicarage at the Christ Anglican Church, Iraye-Oke, Epe, donated by the Cathedral Christian Brothers.

## 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 @ \$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. Two 5 Tons Standing Airconditioners @ N1,900,000 each
- viii. Two Television, model LG @ \$350
- ix. Eight Television, model LG UQ7070 43" @ \$470
- x. Three Canon EOS 90D DSLR Camera with 18-135mm lens @ \$1,500

**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 07/04/2024

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

*(Easter 1 - Low Sunday)*

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

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

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

**(i) Broken Relationship Restored**

Celebrant: **Canon Residentiary**

N.T. Reading: 1 Pet. 1:3-9 **The Clergy**

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12 **The Clergy**

Address: **The Provost**

Prayer: **The Clergy**

*Easter Thanksgiving*

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

**9.15 a.m. COMBINED CHORAL MATTINS AND  
SUNG EUCHARIST**

**27TH Anniversary – Young Christian Association**

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

**(i) Broken Relationship Restored**

Cantor: **Ven. Uchenna Ubadinobi**

Celebrant: **Revd. Olawole Faloye**

*Responses*

*Communion Setting:*

Sermon: **The Provost**

O.T. Reading: Exod. 15:1-11

N.T. Reading: 1 Pet. 1:3-9

Gospel: Luke 24:1-12

Readers: **Young Women Christian Association**

Prayer:

**Thanksgiving at the Altar**

- **Monthly Thanksgiving**

- **March Birthday Thanksgiving**

**after Communion**

**Service** *There will be the General Monthly Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies League** at the Lagos Anglican Diocesan Seminary.*

(ii) *The Executive Committee Meeting of the **Cathedral Ladies Armour Bearer** 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**

# 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. Easter:**

Today is Easter Day, the Feast of the Resurrection of Christ, the greatest Feast of the Christian Church which commemorates Christ's victory over sin and death. May this victory be our portion now and always.

- 2.** We welcome the **Rt. Revd. Ifedola Senasu Gabriel Okupevi, our Diocesan Bishop**, to the Cathedral today as he worships with us and gives his Easter Message to the Nation from the Cathedral pulpit. We pray that God will continue to enlarge his coast and prosper his ministry. Warm welcome also to **Mrs. Modupe Okupevi, Mama Lagos** we bless the LORD for her ministry. May God bless her more abundantly.

**3. The Cathedral Youth Fellowship:**

The Annual Easter Picnic would be coming up on **Easter Monday, 1st April, 2024** at Paradise Resort Abraham Adesanya Okun Ajah at 9.00 a.m.

**4. Easter Cantata 2024 with Music Poetry and Scriptures:**

This event comes up on **Sunday 7th April, 2024 at 5.00 p.m.** It is a selected pieces from works of J.S. Bach, John Stainer, Gioachino Rossini, Thomas Tallis, William Byrd, Walford Davies, Felix M Bartholdy, Ludwig Van Beethoven, John Ruther, Ryan T. Murphy, Josef Rheinberger, Dotun Olayemi. Don't Miss Out.

**5. The Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The Diocesan Service to mark the Feast of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary comes up on **Monday, 8th April, 2024 at Our Saviour's Church T.B.S. at 1.00 p.m.** Colour code is Blue and White. All women are encouraged to attend please.

**6. The Care Ministry:**

The Care Ministry Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Tuesday, 9th April, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. at the Fellowship Centre.**

**5. The Elders' Fellowship:**

The Elders' Monthly Fellowship will take place on **Thursday, 11th April, 2024 at 11.00 a.m. at Ayo Rosiji Hall.**

**6. Annual Inter Society Bible Quiz Competition:**

Annual inter-Society Bible Quiz competition will take place on two Sundays in April - **14th and 21st April, 2024.** Books of study: **Ezra, Mark, Philippians, Cathedral History and Anglicanism (The 39 Articles of Faith)**

**7. Floral Decoration:**

We thank **the Ayodele Family** for placing flowers in the Cathedral today in memory of **Ms Adebola Ayodele.** We pray that the departed will continue to rest in peace and rise in glory at the coming of Jesus Christ.

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**8. 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.

**9. Bulletin Sponsorship:**

Our bulletin for today has been sponsored by **Mrs. Felicia Enitan Fetuga** in thanksgiving to God for her 80th Birthday which comes up on Monday, 1st April, 2024. *God will continue to grant her good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of her life.*

**10. (a) Fellowship Hour - Sunday 31/03/2024**

We thank **Mrs. Felicia Enitan Fetuga** who hosts the Fellowship Hour after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services today in thanksgiving to God for her 80th birthday which comes up on Monday, 1st April 2024. *God will continue to grant her good health, joy and happiness throughout the days of her life.*

**(b) Fellowship Hour Booking: April - June 2024**

Sunday, 14/4/2024	-	Vacant	after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services	
Sunday, 21/4/2024	-	<b>Mr. Ewemade Moses Akenuwa</b>	for his 88th Service	birthday on 21st April, 2024 after 7.15 a.m.
	-	<b>Mr. Ayodeji Awokoya</b>	for his birthday after 9.15 a.m. Service	
Sunday, 28/4/2024	-	<b>Mrs. Folake Ademiluyi</b>	for her 50th birthday on 25th April, 2024 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services	
Sunday, 12/5/2024	-	Vacant	after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services	
Sunday, 26/5/2024	-	To mark posthumous birthday of late <b>Engr. Afolabi Oladele Mabogunje</b>	on 23rd of May, 2024 after 7.15 a.m. Service	
Sunday, 9/6/2024	-	<b>Mrs. Cornelia Olufunmilola Ademokun</b>	for her birthday on the same day, 9th June, 2024 after 7.15 a.m. service.	
Sunday, 23/6/2024	-	<b>Mrs. Rebecca Olamide Afolabi-Alu</b>	for her birthday on 20th June, 2023 after 7.15 a.m. and 9.15 a.m. Services	

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

**(d) Advance Bookings - Fellowship Hour 2024**

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

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



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**WELFARE SUB-COMMITTEE**

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



# SOCIAL WELFARE SERVICE UNIT (SWSU)

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

(a) **Sponsorship:**

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

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

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

**Theme for the year: "FULL RESTORATION"**

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

**- Joel 2: 25-26**

# **HYMN FOR THE YEAR**

**LEAVE GOD TO ORDER ALL THY WAYS**

**MHB 504 (Tune: Solid Rock/Sagina)**

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

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

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

## **ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK**

### **PALM SUNDAY - 24/03/2024**

7.15 a.m. Holy Communion (Youtube 315/Facebook 176 views)...271  
9.15 a.m. Choral Mattins (Youtube 335/Facebook 240 views).....233  
11.15 a.m. Sung Eucharist (Youtube 335/Facebook 240 views).....170

### **Week-Day Services - Saturday - Friday**

	<b>HC</b>		<b>HC</b>
Saturday		Wednesday	
23/3/2024	15	27/3/2024	30
Monday		Thursday	
25/3/2024	28	28/3/2024	22
Tuesday		Good Friday	
26/3/2024	19	29/3/2024	

## **COMING EVENTS (APRIL 2024)**

07/04/2024 - Young Women Christian Association 27th Anniversary.  
07/04/2024 - Fountain of Hope (FOH24NG) 33rd Anniversary.  
13/04/2024 - Boys' Brigade Bible Quiz and Drill Competition  
13/04/2024 - Diocesan Youth Open Day  
21/04/2024 - Cathedral Missionary Society General Meeting



# SOUL FOOD 13/2024

## CHRIST'S RESSURECTION:

### HARBINGER OF FULL RESTORTION

***“But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man.” - 1 Corinthians 15:20-21***

Alleluia! Christ is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Today, on Easter Sunday, we celebrate the triumph of our Lord Jesus Christ over death and hell. On Good Friday, when Jesus was crucified, suffered, died, and was buried, his enemies thought they had succeeded in putting an end to the Savior of the world. They even hired guards to prevent his disciples from approaching his body. However, God's promise that He would not abandon His holy one to decay was fulfilled when Christ rose from the dead. Death could not hold him captive, and he emerged victorious, restoring humankind to its rightful place.

Christ's resurrection is significant as it gives hope for complete restoration to humanity. In 1 Corinthians 15:17-20, the Apostle Paul emphasises that if Christ had not risen from the dead, the Christian faith would be meaningless, and believers would still be in their sins. However, since Christ has risen from the dead, becoming the first to conquer death, we can be assured that we, too, will experience resurrection in this life and the afterlife. In other words, we have the assurance that restoration is possible now and in the future. As a result, our theme is “Christ's Resurrection: Harbinger of Full Restoration”.

In Romans 4:25, it is stated that He was delivered over to death for our sins and was raised to life for our justification. This justification is the first step toward restoring the relationship between God and humanity, ensuring that believers are seen as righteous before God because of Christ. “In him, we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ...” (Ephesians 1:7). The resurrection of Jesus serves as God's declaration that Christ's sacrificial death was sufficient for the atonement of sin.

The resurrection as a harbinger of restoration is also seen in Paul's submission in 2 Corinthians 5:17; he states that if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! Through our faith, we are united with Christ, not just legally or intellectually but spiritually (2 Corinthians 4:14). This union means that when God looks at us, He sees Christ's righteousness and not our imperfections. We share in Christ's resurrection, having died with Him and now living with Him (Romans 6:8). This bond between believers and Christ can be compared to the union of marriage, where two individuals become joined, and their possessions are shared. We believers receive Christ's righteousness through this union with Him (1 Corinthians 1:30). Through this bond, we can walk in newness of life, connected to Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit (Romans 6:4).

Thus, we are empowered to live a new life in the Spirit because of Christ's resurrection. Romans 8:11 says that if the Spirit of Him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of His Spirit who lives in you. This new life is a foretaste of the complete restoration, where the redeemed will live in perfect harmony with God.

Most importantly, Christ's resurrection means we no longer have to fear death as He has triumphed over it. Paul writes: “O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?” “The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ! (1 Corinthians 15:55-57). Paul states, “For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive.” (1 Corinthians 15:22). This future resurrection

is the culmination of our restoration when death will be swallowed up in victory. God will wipe away every tear from every eye.

Let us rejoice more, for our restoration is guaranteed. Christ has risen to restore to us what disobedience robbed us of. Death is conquered; it can no longer harass us, for Life has been enthroned. Henceforth, we shall live in abundance of God's restored provision. In place of disease, we will enjoy ease and health. Disorderliness will give way to orderliness. In place of chaos, there shall be peace, and we will live the victorious life we were created to have.

May the victory of Christ's resurrection permeate every area of our lives.

**Happy Easter!**

*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 - .....Master of the Music and Organist  
Revd. Michael Nwigani.....Children's Church  
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Revd. Canon Kunle Dina .....Care Ministry  
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