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#### Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

#### Our 2018 Mission:

"MY HELP COMES FROM THE LORD"

Psalm 121:2.

A GOOD INDICATOR OF YOUR SPIRITUAL TEMPERATURE IS YOUR EAGERNESS TO COME TO THE CHURCH (PS 122:1). NEVER ALLOW YOUR SEAT TO BE EMPTY FOR AN EMPTY SEAT IS AN EMPTY HEAD AND IN HIS PRESENCE ONLY ARE FULLNESS OF JOY AND PLEASURES.

#### WEEKLY BULLETIN

Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December - Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2018

#### ADVENT 4

Theme: Accepting God's Holy Will

Sub-Theme: Family Reunion – Let There Be Love  
1 Cor. 13:13.

Colour: Purple

Mr. Adetunji Adekoya  
Cathedral Warden

Mr. Charles Ojo  
Cathedral Warden

The Ven. Adegoke O. Agara  
The Dean of the Cathedral

The Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji  
The Bishop, Diocese of Lagos West

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Support God's Mission through the Covenant Seed  
Be A Diocesan Covenant Seeder

# 1. SERVICES FOR SUNDAY – 23<sup>RD</sup> DEC.

## A. 7.00 am HOLY COMMUNION

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Festus Olowosile*  
**The Epistle:** *Layreader Edwin Eze*  
**The Gospel:** *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*  
**Preacher:** *The Dean*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 100 (part 1)
- ❖ Praises **10mins.** (**Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs 2**)
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – **The Ven. Gbenga Oniye**
- ❖ Epistle: Romans 1:1-7
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: God is here.... (pg 21)
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38a
- ❖ Hymn: CH 537
- ❖ **Sermon / Bible Teaching... (pgs 16-19)**
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession (option C)
- ❖ The Peace
- ❖ The Offerings: Choruses
- ❖ **(a) First Fruit (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering**
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: CH 519, VSH 8, 99, 100, 68, 25
- ❖ The Ablution: Brethren let us..... (pg 23)
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **Thanksgiving**
  - i. The Churaching of Mrs Chinwe Nwanjoku for the gift of a baby boy and God's numerous blessings.
  - ii. 10<sup>th</sup> year birthday of Master Chukwuebuka Onwuama and God's numerous blessings.
  - iii. Mr & Mrs Chukwuka thanking God for birthdays of their children (Ifechukwu (6) and Chimkamso (1), also for Management & Staff of Idikanoye Investments Nig Ltd and Gods' numerous blessings on them.
  - iv. The Igbinovia family thanking God for miraculous healing of Mrs Elizabeth Igbinovia and God's numerous blessings.
  - v. Thanksgiving after the successful burial of Late Elder Gibson Chikezie Isika (father of Mr & Mrs Gladstone Opara of Lord's Vessel) and journey mercies
- ❖ Doxology & Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: All things are possible.. (pg 9)

## B. 10.00am HOLY COMMUNION

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*  
**O.T. Reading:** *Layreader Esther Jaiyeola*  
**The Epistle:** *Layreader Elizabeth Osibajo*  
**The Gospel:** *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*  
**Preacher:** *The Dean*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 101
- ❖ Praises **10mins.** (**Judges 1:1-2, Ps 100vs 4, Ps 95 vs 2**)
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence – **The Ven. F. Olowosile**
- ❖ O.T. Reading: Isaiah 7:10-17
- ❖ Psalm 45:10-End
- ❖ Epistle: Romans 1:1-7
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: God is here .....(pg 21)

## H. 2019 UNIVERSAL WEEK OF PRAYER

2019 Universal Week of Prayer comes up from Monday 7<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, 13<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at the following centres:

DAY	VENUE	PREACHER
Monday 7	1 <sup>st</sup> Baptist, Olowu	- Ven. E.A. Adewole
Tuesday 8	Bola Memorial, Ikeja	- Rev. P.O. Okunola
Wednesday 9	AVMCC	- Rev. T.O. Olatunji
Thursday 10	St. Leo's Catholic, Ikeja	- Ven. C.O. Ayejoto
Friday 11	Methodist Church, Opebi	- Ven. Goke Agara
Saturday 12	Ascension Church, Opebi	- Rt. Rev. John Aniagwu
Sunday 13	Thanksgiving & Prayers in every church	

### I. Busy Bees Father Christmas Grotto

Father Christmas will arrive at the **GROTTO** today Sunday, 9<sup>th</sup> December – 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 with beautiful gifts to our children. **Fee: N1,000**

### J. KEEP AVMCC CLEAN AND IN ORDER

**IF YOU DROP IT, PICK IT UP**  
**IF YOU SPILL IT, MOP IT UP**  
**IF IT FALLS, HANG IT UP**  
**IF YOU PUT IT ON, PUT IT OFF**  
**IF YOU SWITCH IT ON, SWITCH IT OFF**  
**IF YOU OPEN IT, CLOSE IT**

### ABLUTION HYMN FOR 7.00AM & 10.00AM

#### BRETHREN, LET US JOINTLY WORK ON

1. Brethren, let us jointly work on  
With the love and with the peace  
Needless to continue asking  
Is it good to stop quarrel  
In unity in unity,  
with joy love shall multiply
2. As we are walking home let us  
Help each other on the way  
Enemies are watching us on  
The ways are filled for foes traps  
It's our duty, it's our duty  
To bear each others' laden
3. When we examine how father  
Forgive us continuously  
Brethren, it is unbecoming  
Not to forsake quarrelling  
We remove it, we remove it  
Anything that can cause wrath.
4. Let us exalt our brethren,  
Than our selves be exalted  
We forsake all the male violence  
And our hearts be filled with love  
It will ease us, it will ease us  
If we concord in this world. Amen.

## D. NOTICE ON CATHEDRAL FINANCE

1. Payment of Church Dues for 2018.
  - (a) **Church Dues:** Kindly note that Church Dues should be paid in the Cathedral Office where receipt will be issued. Direct payment of Church dues into the Cathedral Bank Account is hereby discouraged.
  - (b) All Societies should pay and send in their lists of members on before December 23, 2018.
  - (c) All individuals should ensure payments are done by December 31, 2018.
2. Payments can now be done using POS Terminals which are available in the Church office and the Vestry.
3. All payments by cheques should henceforth, have the payers name and phone for ease of reference, if the need arises.

## E. BIBLE IN ONE YEAR

Avail yourself of this plan. Read the BIBLE in one year and be blessed  
 – Rev. 1:3

1. Dec.23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sunday	-	1 Jn. 3-5
2. Dec. 24 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	-	2 Jn-3Jn & Jude
3. Dec. 25 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	-	Rev. 1-3
4. Dec. 26 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	-	Rev. 4-5
5. Dec. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	-	Rev. 6-9
6. Dec. 28 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	-	Rev. 10-13
7. Dec. 29 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	-	Rev. 14-16

## F. AVMCC CHURCH NEEDS

Dear Parishioners,

*Be encouraged to pick one or more of the items listed below to mark your birthday, wedding anniversary and other occasions of joy. Do endeavour to get in touch with the WARDENS for specifications or monetization.*

Tables for the Halls	N 4,100 per one
Chairs for the Halls	N1,600 per one
APC Industrial Ups 10KVA	N2,400,000
Hi Tech Surveillance System	N1,800,000
Mercury Stabilizer 10 KVA	N 250,000
Development of our landed properties	
Painting of the Church and our halls	
3 Pcs Handsfree Table Microphones	

## G. AVMCC BANK ACCOUNTS DETAILS

<u>BANK</u>	<u>ACCOUNT</u>	<u>SORT</u>	<u>PURPOSE</u>
	<u>NUMBER</u>	<u>CODE</u>	
ACCESS	0017948337	044151245	Evangelical Fund
WEMA	0120970667	035150695	Offering & Thanksgiving
FIRST	2025018178	011151841	Harvest (kindly signify the purpose e.g. Family harvest, Youth Harvest etc.)
FIRST	2001350641	011151841	Project Support
STANBIC	9200212515		
IBTC		221150027	First Fruits
GTB	0007899440	058152120	Tithes
WEMA	0122245798	035150695	Endowment Fund

Please indicate your name in the payments.

- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38a
- ❖ Hymn: CH 537
- ❖ **Sermon / Bible Teaching.... (pgs 16-19)**
- ❖ Nicene Creed & Intercession (Option C)
- ❖ The Peace
- ❖ The Offerings: Choruses
- (a) **First Fruit (b) Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering**
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: CH 508, 483, 567, 497
- ❖ The Ablution: Brethren let us ....(pg 23).
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ **Thanksgiving**
  - i. Thanksgiving after the successful wedding of Chukwudebelu & Ogochukwu (children of Chief & Dr (Mrs) Sunday Okudo and God's numerous blessings.
  - ii. 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Mr & Mrs Titus Okelana and God's numerous blessings.
  - iii. Sir Mike Lawani thanking God for a successful surgery operation and God's numerous blessings.
  - iv. Hon. Olakunle Okunola thanking God for victory in recent party primary of Ikeja Federal Constituency in National Assembly for upcoming 2019 Election and God's numerous blessing.
  - v. Thanksgiving after the successful burial of Pa Joachim Babatunde (Father of The Ven & Mrs James Adekanye) and journey mercies.
  - vi. 1<sup>st</sup> year remembrance for Late Mr Michael Adebisi Popoola (husband of Mrs A.M. Popoola of Band of Light) and God's numerous blessings on the family he left behind.
- ❖ Doxology & Benediction
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Diocesan Anthem
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: In Christ alone ..... (pg 11)

## C EVENTS AHEAD

1. **Christmas Day Service / Special Birthday Gift to Jesus - Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 – 7.00am & 10.00am Services**
2. **Watchnight Service – Monday, 31<sup>st</sup> Dec. 2018 at 9.00pm**
3. **New Year Service – Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January, 2019 at 7.00am & 10.00am Services.**
4. **First Seven Days of the year with JESUS charting a Glorious Course for our lives – 1<sup>st</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at 6.00am daily.**
5. **Apostles of Peace 2019 Annual Conference – Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at 9.00am in AVMCC.**
6. **Enrolment Service: Mothers Union – March. Registration is on now with any of the Clergy wives. Class resumes in January**

**F. EQUIPPING THE SAINTS IS ON BE A PARTAKER. IT IS SPIRITUALLY REWARDING. Classes hold every Saturday at 9.00am. Venue: 1<sup>st</sup> Floor Vining Hall.**

**G. FIRST FRUITS – LEV. 23:10-11; DEUT. 26:1-10**

1. Your first salary on a new job.
2. The first profit from a new line of business
3. For those already working, it is the first salary in the year.
4. When promoted to another level, the difference between your former salary and the new one.
5. To the aged with no pension, it is your first allowance from your children.
6. For Landlords and Landladies, the rent for the first month in the year is your first fruit.
7. For students, the poor, the jobless, it is your first gift in the year.
8. For those with multiple sources of income or salary, the best or the highest of all is ideal as first fruit.

**TEST GOD WITH IT, TASTE AND SEE THAT THE LORD IS GOOD – Mal. 3:10, Ps. 34:8**

**Acct NO - STANBIC IBTC - 9200212515- First Fruits**

**G. AVMCC SPONSORSHIP OF 2018**

**EVENSONG BY SOCIETIES**

1. Sunday Dec. 23, 2018 - Torchbearers
2. Sunday Dec. 30, 2018 - YMCA
3. Sunday Jan. 6, 2019 - Clergy Family & Evangelical Ministry Members
4. Sunday Jan 13, 2019- Agape Sisters
5. Sunday Jan. 20, 2019- Christian Brothers
6. Sunday Jan. 27, 2019- Band of Light
7. Sunday Feb. 3, 2019 - Good Shepherd
8. Sunday Feb. 10, 2019 Anglican Fellowship
9. Sunday Feb. 17, 2019- Band of Peace

**H. 7.00a.m & 10.00a.m. YOUTH SERVICE**

**Celebrant: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin**

**Preacher: The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin**

**Theme: Accepting God's Holy Will**

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 101
- ❖ The Preparation to Penitence
- ❖ Psalm 45:10-End
- ❖ The Epistle: Romans 1:1-7
- ❖ Praises
- ❖ The Gospel: Luke 1:26-38a
- ❖ Choir Ministration
- ❖ Bible Study
- ❖ Nicene Creed to Intercession
- ❖ The Peace
- ❖ Offering Hymn: Choruses
- (a) *First Fruits* (b) *Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*
- ❖ The Eucharistic Prayers
- ❖ The Administration: Choir Ministration
- ❖ Post Communion Prayer
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Anthem
- ❖ The Notices
- ❖ Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: All things are possible... (pg 9)

- vi. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Pa Mr Edward Olabode Ainah of Christian Unity Band. Aged: 80years. Burial arrangements are as follows.

**Christian Wake-Keep:** On Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at No 16, Efunsetan Street, off Oyewole Road, Araromi Bus stop, Iyana-Ipaja by 5.00pm.

**Burial Service:** On Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at AVMCC by 9.00am.

**B. COMMITTEE'S & MINISTRIES REPORTS**

**This is to inform the above that the next Vestry Meeting will hold on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. Kindly send the report of your activities for the year 2018 to the Cathedral Office.**

**C. MARRIAGE COUNSELLING MINISTRY:**

The ministry would like male counselors who have been married for at least **15years** to join the ministry so as to bring a male perspective to our efforts at Counselling would be couples.

**GRADUAL HYMN FOR 7.00AM & 10.00AM**

**GOD IS HERE**

1. God is here! As we his people meet to offer praise and prayer  
May we find in fuller measure  
what it is in Christ we share  
Here as in the world around us,  
all our varied skills and arts  
Wait the coming of his Spirit  
into open minds and hearts.
2. Here are symbols to remind us  
of our life long need of grace  
Here are table, font and pulpit,  
Here the cross has central place;  
Here in honesty of preaching  
Here in silence as in speech  
Here in newness and renewal  
God the Spirit comes to each.
3. Here our children find a welcome in  
The Shepherd's flock and fold;  
Here as bread and wine are taken  
Christ sustains us as of old;  
Here the servants of the servant  
seek in worship to explore  
what it means in daily living  
to believed and to adore.
4. Lord of all, of church and kingdom  
In an age of change and doubt  
Keep us faithful to the gospel,  
Help us work your purpose out;  
Here in this day's dedication,  
All we have to give received;  
We who cannot live without you,  
We adore you! We believe.

## 15. CHRISTIAN MOTHERS

- i. All women prayer meeting {Cathedral Deanery} Every 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the Month. Venue: The AVMCC Auditorium. Time: 5.00pm-6.00pm.
- ii. Bible Study for Christian Mothers - Every 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iii. Fasting & Prayer for Christian Mothers - Every last Monday of the month at 5.00pm.
- iv. **Adult Education Programme:** This course is for young and old every Monday & Wednesday by 3.30pm at the Vining Hall.

## 16. INFORMATION FOR MEMBERS

### A. Obituaries

- i. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Prof. Michael Akintayo Bankole of Torchbearers Society). Aged:85years. Burial arrangements will be announced later.
- ii. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother Mrs Modupeola Uthman). Aged:71years. Burial arrangements will be announced later.
- iii. We announce the passing into glory of our Mother Mrs Jolasun Okusanya of Christian Unity Band. Society. Aged: 76years. Burial arrangements are as follows:  
**Service of Songs:** On Wednesday, 26<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at Vining Hall by 4.00pm.  
**Commendation Service:** On Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at AVMCC by 10.00am.  
**Wake Keep Service:** On Thursday, 27<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at Ikenne home opp. Community High School by 5.00pm.  
**Burial Service:** On Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> December, 2018 at Our Saviours Anglican Church, Ikenne by 10.00am.
- iv. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Pa Akam Chukwu (Father of Mr Nicholas Chukwu Friday of LLF). Aged: 70years. Burial arrangements are as follows.  
**Christian Wake-Keep:** On Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at St. Joseph Church, Azunwogwu, Ebonyi State.  
**Burial Service:** On Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at St. Joseph Anglican Church, Azunwogwu, Ebonyi State by 1.00pm.
- v. We announce the passing into glory of our Father Hon. Sir. Obi Madueke of Anglican Fellowship. Aged: 67years. Burial arrangements are as follows:.  
**Service of Songs:** On Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 at Vining Hall by 5.00pm.  
**Burial Service:** On Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2019 in his home town Enugu.

## I. 6.00 pm. EVENSONG

**Cantor:** *The Rev. Canon Benson Odude*

**Preacher:** *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*

**Sponsor:** *Torchbearers Society*

**Organist:** *Mr Femi Williams*

- ❖ Processional Hymn: CH 161
- ❖ Call to Worship
- ❖ Praise Worship
- ❖ Lesson: John 3:16-21 - **Torchbearers**
- ❖ Hymn: CH 38
- ❖ Short Exhortation & Prayer
- ❖ Offerings Choruses  
*(a) First Fruit (b Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed & Sunday Offering*
- ❖ Thanksgiving
- ❖ Closing Prayer
- ❖ Withdrawal Hymn: CH 52

## 2. SENTENCES FOR ADVENT 4

### Introductory Sentence

A virgin shall conceive and bear a Son, and His name shall be called Emmanuel, God with us. **Matthew 1:23.**

### Collect for the Week:

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.**

### Collect for the Season:

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 forever.

**Amen.**

### Post Communion Sentence

And the glory of the Lord will be revealed, and all mankind together will see it. For the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

**Isaiah 40:5.**

## 3. ANIMA CHRISTI

### 1. Soul of my Saviour, Sanctify my breast

**Body of Christ, be Thou my saving guest**

**Blood of my Saviour, Bathe me in Thy tide**

**Wash me with water flowing from Thy side.**

### 2. Strength and protection may Thy passion be

**O blessed Jesus, hear and answer me**

**Deep in Thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me**

**So shall I never, never part from Thee.**

### 3. Guard and defend me from the foe malign

**In death's dread moments, make me only Thine**

**Call me and bid me come to Thee on high**

**When I may praise Thee with Thy Saints for aye. Amen**

#### **4. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2018**

##### **A. Prayers for the Anglican Communion and for Christian Denominations and Organizations**

- i. Pray for Nicholas our Primate, Olusina, Our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop for grace to remain at the centre of God's will as they lead the people of God.
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. Dr. Owen Chiedozie Nwokolo, his family and all members of the Diocese on the Niger.

##### **B. Prayers for Nigeria & the World**

- i. That the will of God will prevail in the affairs of Nigeria.
- ii. For peace to reign in the troubled areas of the world using trance as point of contact.
- iii. For peace, joy and love at Christmas to be embraced by all.

##### **C. Prayers for AVMCC Members**

- i. For preservation against end of the year calamities.
- ii. For journeying mercies to all of us.
- iii. For God's will and thought which is ever good, perfect and acceptable be done in our lives.
- iv. For grace to cross over to 2019 to take over.

##### **D. Prayers for all our members who are having their Birthdays and/or other Anniversaries today:**

- i. For Mr Abiodun Lawal, Mr Emmanuel Odey, Mrs Ngozi Adelokun, Mrs Oluwabukonla Adenekan, Miss Chidiogo Agbasi, Mr Dada Ajewole, Mr Emmanuel Agbo, Mrs Alaba Alliu, Mr Abiodun Alliu, Miss Onyinyechi Eze, Miss Chika Nwankwo, Mrs Ebere Gogo-Kurubo, Mrs Ifeoma Ojukwu, Mr Emmanuel Okafor, Mr Isichei Okafor, Dr. Funmi Okunromade, Mrs Martha Okwuosa, Miss Christiana Olusodo, Mr Agboola Seweje, Master Adrian Okolo, Master Jason Okolo and others who are celebrating their birthdays today.
- ii. For Engr & Mrs Oluwole Komolafe on their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary today.
- iii. For those having their Wedding Anniversaries or any other positive Anniversaries today.

##### **E. Prayers for individual Families within the AVMCC Household**

- i. Ajakpovi Family, Ajala Family, Ajanaku Family, Ajao Family, Ajayi Family, Ajayi-Obe Family, Ajewole Family, Ajibade Family, Ajibo Family, Ajibodu Family.

**F. Prayers for the following people:** The Rt. Rev. Dr. P. A. Adebisi, Engr. & Mrs. Odedairo, Mrs. Beatrice Akinola, Mrs. David-West, Justice S.O. Ilori, Mrs M.I. Ilori, Mrs Lydia Metu, Mr. B. Sorinmade, Mrs M.M. Aruofor, Mrs Esther Babalola, Mrs Roseline Anyadikwa, Mrs. Ronke Famuyide, Mr Samuel Chukwudum, Pa Isaiah Olajide Solaja.

**G. Prayers For:** The barren, the pregnant, spinsters, bachelors, the jobless and the homeless among us that God will open a book of remembrance covering them all and help them speedily to the shame of the devil, removing their reproaches.

#### **M. CONCLUSION**

As we celebrate this Christmas let us aim at reuniting as a family and sharing love for our own good. Are you feeling unloved, unwanted, unneeded and worthless, are you hurt and sad, God's unconditional love in Christ Jesus can forgive our sins, heal our broken hearts and restore our souls.

Calvary is a proof of how very much God wants us in His beloved family. There is a fellowship in the family of God which can meet the deepest needs of our lives for love, joy and peace. **LET THERE BE LOVE REVOLUTION.**

**SONG: LET THERE BE LOVE SHARED AMONG US – Jh 13:35.**

Let there be love shared among us  
Let there be love in our hearts,  
May now your love sweep this nation  
Cause us o Lord to arise.  
Give us a fresh understanding  
Of brotherly love that is real.  
Let there be love shared among us  
Let there be love.

#### **1<sup>ST</sup> CORINTHIANS 13 – CHRISTMAS VERSION (culled from an Email sent by a Parishioner)**

If I decorate my house perfectly with plaid bows, strands of twinkling lights and shiny balls, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another decorator.

If I slave away in the kitchen, baking dozens of Christmas cookies, preparing gourmet meals and arranging a beautifully adorned table at mealtime, but do not show love to my family, I'm just another cook.

If I work at the soup kitchen, carol in the nursing home and give all that I have to charity, but do not show love to my family, it profits me nothing.

If I trim the spruce with shimmering angels and crocheted snowflakes, attend a myriad of holiday parties and sing in the choir's cantata but do not focus on Christ, I have missed the point.

Love stops the cooking to hug the child. Love sets aside the decorating to kiss the husband. Love is kind, though harried and tired. Love doesn't envy another's home that has coordinated Christmas china and table linens.

Love doesn't yell at the kids to get out of the way, but is thankful they are there to be in the way. Love doesn't give only to those who are able to give in return but rejoices in giving to those who can't.

Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails. Video games will break, pearl necklaces will be lost, golf clubs will rust, but giving the gift of love will endure.

## 2. THE TRUE LOVE

This is AGAPE, the love which involves REASON, CHOICE and UNSELFISH SACRIFICE. It is UNCONDITIONAL, UNIVERSAL and EVERLASTING, IT IS free for all AND FORVER, IT IS GIVING, FORGIVING AND REDEEMING. The finest of this LOVE was given at CALVARY where Jesus died on the cross for our sins – Jh. 3:16. This love is beautiful, holy, gracious and merciful – 1 Jh 4:19; 1 Cor. 13:1 – exemplified this love as made manifest in Jesus Christ Himself. Recorded in the spirit of Christ for our leaning in the spirit of love.

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## 3. THE ROTTEN LOVE

This is manifested in **selfishness, hatred, anger, fear, hostility, resentment, bitterness, jealousy, unforgiveness, condemnation, criticism, rejection and many more.**

These are all deadly poisons which can produce all kinds of sicknesses in one body soul and spirit.

## K. CALL TO FORGIVE: LOVE FORGIVENESS AND MERCY

Love forgiveness and mercy are interwoven and interrelated. Interestingly forgiveness is of far more benefit to the one exercising it than to the one to whom it is extended. It has spiritual, psychological health and eternal implications. – Prov. 10:12b, 1 Peter 4:8b.

1. Like our God, we must forgive and show mercy – Ps. 103:12, Exod. 32:14, 2 Sam. 24:16, Micah 6:8, Matt. 18:33, Eph. 4:32, Col. 3:13, Lk. 17:4, Prov. 17:9, Matt. 18:21-22.
2. No grudge – Lev. 19:17-18, James 5:9.
3. Eschew bitterness, put it away – Eph. 4:31-32.
4. It is for our blessing – Matt. 5:7, Ps. 18:25, Matt. 6:15.

## K. SUGGESTED PRACTICAL WAYS OF FAMILY REUNION: NUCLEAR /EXTENDED/ CHURCH FAMILY

This Christmas and beyond.

(i) Send a test (ii) Send a gift (iii) Pray for that person mentioning the name (iv) Greet the person if there is an opportunity of physical touch.

H. Pray that God will send HELP to us from ABOVE to facilitate the development of our lands that are fallow.

## 5. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

SUNDAY, 23<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2018

THEME: ACCEPTING GOD'S HOLY WILL

READINGS: ISAIAH 7:10-17; PSALM 45:10-END;

ROMANS 1:1-7; LUKE 1:26-38a.

INTRODUCTION: After the Creation and during the fall, through Adam and Eve, man fell completely from the fellowship with God. Could God just forgive man and forget the rebellion? There are several reasons why God couldn't do this. If He just forgave man and let him continue in the lifestyle he was in God would go back on His word. God said death was the penalty for disobedience. This involves more than physical death. It involves eternal separation from God. Someone had to pay the penalty. If God set the penalty aside it would undermine His integrity, this would make everything God says and does questionable. No matter how much God loves man and desires to forgive him, His love could not nullify the penalty. Justice must be served. Why did God create living beings whom He knew would rebel against Him and be doomed to eternal punishment? Why couldn't God, being all-powerful keep Adam and Eve and their descendants from disobeying Him? Merely forgiving Adam and Eve for their rebellion would not have solved the basic problem. Giving them a new start in life would have made no difference. The rebellion would occur over and over as often as God forgave. Creating another Adam and Eve would only result in the same failure. The human race that existed had to be delivered from the penalty of sin. But how? God must provide a Redeemer who must come into the World!. Hence, the reason for the coming Redeemer!

The coming Redeemer as spoken in the Scriptures points OUR attention to the Birth of Christ Jesus, the Messiah that we celebrate and commemorate His Birth and Incarnation at this time and season. The messianic prophecy in Isaiah is used as proof texts for the deity of Jesus Christ because of the words, 'Immanuel,' (God with us). Isaiah's prophetic words were uttered during Old Testament days when the kingdom was divided and at war against each other. The ten northern tribes were called Israel, while the southern tribes were known as Judah or the House of David, since the bloodline of their patriarch David was from Judah. The king of Israel (Pekah) and the king of Judah (Ahaz) were both wicked and had forsaken the way of God. Syria and the Northern Kingdom of Israel had formed alliance and were determined to bring Judah into their alliance, overthrow Ahaz, share the spoils of defeating Jerusalem and substitute a Syrian puppet king in Jerusalem. The Syrian leagued with Israel sent fear through the outnumbered forces of Judah. The first attack was unsuccessful but it was all certain they would not fail a second time. Even though Ahaz was an unrepentant and wicked king, God uses Isaiah to assure Ahaz of His deliverance, treating him with kindness altogether undeserved. God's offer of a sign of His deliverance is ridiculed by the arrogance and unbelief of Ahaz.

The Lord offered a positive miracle to boost Ahaz' faith, but Ahaz, having made up his mind to put his trust in Assyria, put Isaiah off with a hypocritically pious pretext by misquoting and distorting the meaning of the commandment in the Law of Moses not to tempt the LORD (Deuteronomy 6:16). Later Ahaz would pay tribute to the king of Assyria with the sacred Vessels of the Temple in exchange for his help in defeating Israel and Syria. For this he would pay with his life and hasten judgment upon Judah and Jerusalem.

Isaiah 7:14 literally means that within a short time, Isaiah's wife, a virgin at the time this prophetic promise was given, would give birth to a son as the "sign" God promised (Isaiah 8:1-4). The Literal fulfillment of the prophecy concerning the virgin that shall conceive a child was initially directed at Ahaz, and in a larger sense, all of the House of Judah, of whom he was king. Therefore Matthew 1:20 and Luke 1:27 affirm that JOSEPH vicariously serves as the recipient of God's initial promises on behalf of fleshly bloodline of Judah, (the House of David). Matthew 1: 23 was the spiritual fulfillment of the prophecy in that a virgin named Mary conceived and bore a son, Immanuel, the Christ. From this time on Judah lost its physical blessing as the heritage of the House of David. The prophecy would find fulfillment in the spiritual land of the promised Redeemer. To whom was the prophecy of Isaiah 7:14 was LITERALLY fulfilled? To Joseph, husband of Mary whom the angel gave this message to in a dream saying, ".....Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name 'Immanuel', which is translated, "God with us." (Matthew 1:23). In the Isaiah account as described earlier, the tribe of Judah foolishly used Immanuel to boast, "God was with them," when in reality Yahweh was about to judge them by using the Assyrian army whom Ahaz had allied with to strip Samaria of all they had.

THE Coming Redeemer is the Lord Jesus whom we remember at this Advent which is a time to celebrate both the past and the future, as we remember when Jesus came into this world around 2000 years ago, born as a baby, fully human and also fully God. The coming Redeemer came, lived a perfect life, suffered a cruel death on a cross, carried the punishment of our sins, rose triumphantly from the grave, ascended into Heaven, and one day He will return. As He had come as the coming Redeemer, He would also come as the coming Judge not to Redeem but to take away the Redeemed.

In the second Text above (John 1; 26 & 27), John the Baptist was pointing the attention of his audience to the coming Redeemer (who according to John) would come to forgive sins as the Son of God. John the Baptist said he was not even fit to be Christ's slave to perform the humble task of unfastening his sandals!

His second coming/ return is good news for those who trusted in Him as Lord and Saviour.  
Good news for those who have already repented and turned from their sins.

Good news for those who are living as disciples of Jesus.  
Good news for those whose destiny is to spend eternity with God.

7. We share same spiritual kinship – Mk 3:34.
8. We have a blood relationship – Acts 17:26.
9. No harsh judgement – Rm. 14:13.
10. This family union and reunion entails self sacrifice – 1 Cor. 8:13.

**H. THE CHURCH OF GOD AS A FAMILY: THE CHALLENGES – 1 Cor. 1:11; 1 Cor. 3:3, 1 Cor. 6:6; 2 Cor. 12:20; Phil. 4:2**

1. Husband and Wives living as co tenants.
2. Unhealthy rivalry in the church.
3. EGO and over pricing of self
4. Selfishness and over ambition
5. Followers and Leaders of Societies
6. Priests and Parishioners
7. Leadership tussle, ignorance of boundaries etc.
8. In-laws outlaws (IN LOVE)
9. Quarrelling, Gossip, Tribalism, Party Spirit
10. Highlight other evidence of lack of LOVE as evident even in the early CHURCH..

**I. CALL FOR REUNION  
CALL FOR LOVE**

**LOVE CAME DOWN AT CHRISTMAS**

1. Love came down at Christmas,  
love all lovely, Love divine;  
Love was born at Christmas;  
star and angels gave the sign.
2. Worship we the Godhead,  
Love incarnate, Love divine;  
worship we our Jesus,  
but wherewith for sacred sign?
3. Love shall be our token,  
love be yours and love be mine;  
love to God and others,  
love for plea and gift and sign.

**J. WHAT IS TRUE LOVE?**

There are three BASIC types of fruit as far as LOVE is concerned.

**1. THE FALSE LOVE**

- (a) True Love is not just **PHYSICAL ATTRACTION** – That is **SENSUALISM**
- (b) True Love is not limited to **FAMILY AFFECTION** – That is **FAVOURITISM**
- (c) True Love is not **SENTIMENTAL PLEASURE** – That is **EMOTIONALISM**
- (d) True Love is not **romantic fantasy** – That is FALSE IDEALISM
- (e) True Love is not **BLIND ACCEPTANCE** – That is **DECEPTION**
- (f) True love is not **PERMISSIVENESS** – That is indulgence
- (g) True love is not **PASSIVE PITY** – That is a sign of **INNER WEAKNESS**



## BIBLE TEACHING OUTLINE

### FAMILY REUNION: LET THERE BE LOVE – 1 COR.

13:13

#### A. AIM

1. To reunite us with our loved ones far and near.
2. To reconcile with those we have wronged or who have wronged us.
3. To encourage us to forgive and forget.
4. To replicate the love of God in sending Jesus Christ to us in spite of our unworthiness.
5. To remind us of the true essence of Christmas i.e. LOVE.

B. **INTRODUCTION:** In some nations of the world for obvious reasons, the period of Christmas is always set aside as a time to observe the culture, custom or tradition of reuniting families. Basically a family reunion is an occasion when many members of an extended family congregate. Sometimes reunions are held regularly for example on the same date of every year. A typical family reunion will assemble for a meal, some recreation and discussion.

C. **REASONS FOR FAMILY REUNION:** It differs from family to family. Each family has its own mixed reasons.

#### **BASIS**

To give young children opportunities of getting to know COUSINS, AUNTS, UNCLAS, and other RELATIVES. New spouses meet the members of extended family. It is usually characterised with such activities like story time, games, eating, drinking, photography, prayers, reminiscences etc.

D. **NIGERIA PERSPECTIVE:** This is realistic in some parts of Nigeria today especially in the East with the culture of travelling at Christmas for the August meeting etc. With urbanization however this is becoming a serious challenge in some other parts of Nigeria with some children and grand children outside the shores of Nigeria, the hazards of travelling on Nigeria roads, with increased accidents and other ills in December, cost of transportable, kidnapping, fear of witches wizards change in cultural values due to economic challenges which is eroding care for extended family etc.

E. **EXPLORING THE INTERNET/MODERN MEANS OF COMMUNICATION:** This could be explored to reunite with loved ones.

F. **THE CHURCH AS A FAMILY: NEED FOR REUNION** – Mark 3:31-35 – Jesus redefined the real meaning of family in Christendom, My brother and Sisters are those who are **doing the will of God.**

G. **FAMILY REUNION: THE PERSPECTIVE OF THE CHURCH:** There is the preeminence of spiritual relationships over and above all others.

1. Obedience to God's will is a mark of Christian family union – Matt. 12:50
2. Heirs with Christ – Rm. 8:17.
3. No barrier in Christian family union – Eph. 2:19
4. United saints in Heaven and Earth – Eph. 3:15.
5. Brotherhood of Christians recognised by Jesus Christ – Heb. 2:11.
6. We have a common father – Prov.

## WHAT DOES THE 'COMING REDEEMER' MEANS TO US?

A God who cares for us; who understands us; who loves us; who is with us; who forgives us; who gives us the free gift of salvation; who has saved and REDEEMED us. As we celebrate the remembrance of His Birth at this season, let us be assured that there is still TIME for our PERSONAL/INDIVIDUAL REDEMPTION before He would come back again for Final Separation, Harvests and Judgement.

### WITHDRAWAL HYMN FOR 7.00AM ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE TO HIM

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

## 9. ATTENDANCE FOR PREVIOUS WEEK

December 16 – December 22

7.00 am Holy Communion	1,201
10.00 am Youth Service	218
7.00 am Sunday School	-
10.00 am Mattins	928
10.00 am Youth Service	169
10.00 am Sunday School	-
6.00 pm Service	478
Tuesday Bible Study	140
Wednesday Holy Communion	189
Wednesday Prayer Meeting	460

## 10. MEETINGS THIS WEEK

➤ The following Societies will meet immediately in the Church after Service

✚ *Band of Faith*

✚ *Ladies Christian League*

✚ *Christian Friends Society*

✚ *Lord Labourers Fellowship*

## 11. CATHEDRAL ROSTER

### A. Cathedral Health Centre

#### i. Personnel on Duty this Sunday, 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec., 2018

**7.00a.m-10.00a.m:** Dr. Makinde Akinlemibola, Pharm. Ifeanyi Uchefuna, Mrs. Gina Okolo, Pharm. Chinwe Eze.

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. (Mrs) Irene Okwerekwu, Dr. (Mrs) Frances Ajose, Pharm Dele Ajala, Mrs Bola Awobiyi, Dr. Femi Olaleye.

#### ii. Personnel on Duty Next Sunday, 30<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2018

**7.00a.m-10.00a.m:** Dr. Makinde Akinlemibola, Pharm. Deji Osinoiki, Pharm (Mrs) Yomi Osinoiki, Pharm. Ezenwaji Amaka.

**10.00am-2.00pm:** Dr. Odusina Nike, Pharm Ranti Adedeji, Mrs Bola Awobiyi, Ms Adenike Adefila.

### B. Security & Traffic Control

#### i. Sunday 23<sup>rd</sup> Dec. - Saturday, 29<sup>th</sup> Dec., 2018

Segun Openiyi (**Captain**), Nwaorgu Chinedu (**Assistant Captain**), Odanye Moji (Mrs.), Ayo Tetede, Ogunleye Adeboboye, Mbaekwe Augustine, Dare Sigbeku Jones Bassey, George A. Adeyemi, Juliet Chimezie, Omotola Onakoya, Akinniran O. Temidayo, Bolaji Dania, Rita Osibodu.

#### ii. Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> Dec. - Saturday, 5<sup>th</sup> Jan., 2019

Olupitan E. Bola (**Captain**), Oyebanji Toba (**Assistant Captain**), Funso Omole, Bukade Olaniyi, Segun Adeniji, Helen Arhagba, Chioma Obi, Caroline Omowhara, Juliet Chimezie, Funso Fagbuyiro, Kene Obimma, Chukwuemeka Osaka, Funmi Ladele, Ekwegh Lilian, Michael Enujiokwe.

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## 11. SUMMARY OF SERVICES FOR NEXT SUNDAY Christmas 1 December 30

**Theme:** The Divine Disclosure

**Colour:** White

**SERVICE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAISE AND  
THANKGIVING TAGGED: GIVE THE LORD HIS DUE –  
PS. 29:2**

**7.00 am: HOLY COMMUNION**

**Celebrant:** *The Dean*

**Epistle:** *Galatians 4:1-7*

*Layreader Tunde Sotuminu*

**Gospel:** *John 1:14-18*

*The Rev. Canon Benson Odude*

**Address:** *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

**10.00am: HOLY COMMUNION**

**SERVICE OF ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PRAISE AND  
THANKGIVING TAGGED: GIVE THE LORD HIS DUE –  
PS. 29:2**

**Celebrant:** *The Dean*

**The Epistle:** *Galatians 4:1-7*

*Layreader Oluremi Abimbola*

**The Gospel:** *John 1:14-18*

*The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*

**Address:** *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

**6.00pm: EVENSONG**

**Cantor:** *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

**Psalm** 20

**Lesson:** *John 7:53-8:1-11*

**Preacher:** *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*

## 12. BANNES OF MARRIAGE

We publish the Banns of Marriage between the persons under-listed: If anyone knows any just cause in law why the persons listed may not be joined together in Holy Matrimony, he should declare it immediately.

### 1<sup>ST</sup> NOTICE:

1. *Mr. Samuel Nwoyele & Miss Kelechi*

## 13. NOTICES

### A. Visitors and New Comers

We welcome Visitors and New Comers to Archbishop Vining Memorial Church Cathedral, Ikeja. We pray that the joy of the Lord will be yours today and always. You are requested to please move to the Lady's Chapel after the service where our Evangelical Team is waiting to attend to you.

### B. Library:

The Cathedral Library opens daily:

Monday – Friday 9.00am to 6.00pm

Sundays 1.00pm to 3.00pm

We request everyone to make use of this opportunity

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**Friday, December 28, 2018**

**Colour: Red**

**The Holy Innocents' Day**

**7.00 am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Canon Benson Odude*

**Epistle:** *I Peter 4:12-16 - Lay. O. Onabolu*

**Gospel:** *Matthew 2:13-19*

**Hymns:** *CH 118, CH (CS) 68, VSH 22.*

**Preacher:** *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*

Collect: Heavenly Father whose children suffered at the hands of Herod, though they had done no wrong: grant us neither to act cruelly nor to stand indifferently by, but to defend the weak from tyranny of the strong; in the name of Jesus Christ who suffered for us, but is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God now and forever. Amen.

**Prayer Points:**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Henry S.O. Okere, his family and all members of the Diocese of Mbamili.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Goddy Akujor, Arc. Olabamiji Esan, Mr Daniel Akabuike, Sir. Emeka Asiegbu, Mr Kingsley Asinobi, Mr Wale Awe, Mrs Lovina Emeforo, Mrs Iyamide Gafar, Mr Oyeniyi Sodipo, Mrs Precious Itua, Mrs Omobonike Museo, Prince Agboola Oshikoya, Miss Itohan Uduehi, Mrs Oladunni Taiwo.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Akingbola Family, Akinde Family, Akindeinde Family, Akindiya Family, Akindolire Family, Akinfolarin Family, Akingbade Family, Akinhanmi Family, Akinjayeju Family, Akinkola Family.

**6.00pm EFAC Meeting**

**6.30pm Choir Practice**

**Saturday, December 29, 2018 Colour: White**

**7.00 am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

**Epistle:** *Rev. 1:1-8 - Lay. Ndidu Uzo*

**Gospel:** *John 7:37-50*

**Hymns:** *CH 198, VSH 99, CH CS 51*

**Preacher:** *The Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*

**Prayer Points**

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Ephraim O. Ikeakor, his family and all members of the Diocese of Amichi.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mr Adeyemi Adejuwon, Mr Christian Ajulu, Miss Amaka Akuihe, Miss Gloria Ineh, Miss Omosewe Jide-Fadiya, Mr Daniel Nwaokeneme, Mr Chidera Obi, Mr Ugochukwu Okaro.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Akinkoye Family, Akinkugbe Family, Akinlade Family, Akinlemibola Family, Akinnawo Family, Akinnifesi Family, Akinniye Family, Akinniran Family, Akinloye Family, Akinobi Family.

**11.00 am Wedding**

*Oladimeji & Sorinwa*

**4.00 pm Youth Fellowship**

**4.00pm Boys' Brigade and Girls' Brigade**

**4.00 pm Baptism**

## WITHDRAWAL HYMN FOR 10.00AM

### IN CHRIST ALONE

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! who took on flesh  
Fulness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness  
Scorned by the ones he came to save:  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied -  
For every sin on Him was laid;  
Here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground His body lay  
Light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day  
Up from the grave he rose again!  
And as He stands in victory  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
For I am His and He is mine -  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath.  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

## 10. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

**Monday, December 24, 2018 Colour: Purple**

**7.00 am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*  
**Epistle:** *Rev. 20:1-10 - Lay. Oluremi Abimbola*  
**Gospel:** *John 5:30-47*  
**Hymns:** *CH 100, CH 453, CH 454*  
**Preacher:** *The Ven. Gbenga Oniye*

### Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Alexander Ibezim, his family and all members of Diocese of Awka.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Mrs Joy Nwoye, Miss Amina Adeleke, Miss Ogochukwu Onyeagbagha, Mr Oluwarotimi Boboye, Mrs Onyekachi Ani, Mrs Favour Ohiomoba, Mrs Olabode Boboye, Mrs Ukamaka Okpara, Mrs Joy Akokwu, Mr Friday Inyang, Mrs Confidence Okolie, Mr Bamidele Okorie, Lady Louisa Madueke, Mr Adeola Ekundayo, Mr Eric Ozongwu, Mrs Ekene Okoye.
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Ajinro Family, Ajoku Family, Ajomale Family, Ajomiwe Family, Ajose Family, Ajudua Family, Ajulu Family, Ajuwon Family, Ajuzieogu Family, Akabike Family.

**Tuesday, December 25, 2018 Colour: White**

**The Nativity of our Lord**

**Christmas Day (7.00AM & 10.00AM )**

**Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Diocesan*  
**O.T. Reading:** *Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7*  
**Psalm:** *98:1-6*  
**Epistle:** *Hebrew 1:1-12 -*  
**Gospel:** *John 1:1-14*  
**Hymns for 7.00am:** *CH 106,113, The First Noel, MHB 124, CH 105, CH 107*  
**Hymns for 10.00am:** *CH 106, 108, Joy to the World, 113, MHB 124, Good Christian Friends., CH 104*

**Preacher:** *The Diocesan*

### COLLECT

All praise to You, Almighty God and Heavenly King, who sent Your Son into the world to take our nature upon Him and to be born of a pure Virgin Mary. Grant that we, who have been born again and made Your children by adoption and grace may continually dwell in Him and reign on earth as He reigns in Heaven with You, and Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. **Amen.**

### Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Most Rev. Prof. Godwin I.N. Okpala, his family and all members of the Diocese of Nnewi.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Evang. Eze Ebonugwu, Mr Moses Adewale, Mr Simon Agazie, Mr Gorden Ajoku, Mrs Christy Amuzie, Mrs Christabel Eze, Mr Anderson Bankole, Miss Emmanuela Buolu, Mr Chuma Chinwuba, Mr Emmanuel Duru, Mr Anthony Uwa, Mr Kingsley Duruaku, Mr Olumide Idowu, Miss Belinda Itua, Miss Oyindamola Jegede, Mr Abiodun Kabala, Chief Austin Nnebe, Mr Christian Nwankwo, Mr David Nwobi, Mrs Roseline Obuh, Mr Abiodun Dada, Mrs Segilola Olawoyin, Chief (Mrs) Abiodun Yesufu, Miss Christian Okogbue, Miss Christian Zang.

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**Wednesday, December 26, 2018 Colour: Red**

**St. Stephen: The Deacon & 1<sup>st</sup> Martyr**

**7.00 am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Rev. Dayo Bamigbola*  
**Epistle:** *Acts 7:54-60 - Lay. F. Okey-Ogbu*  
**Gospel:** *Matthew 23:34-39*  
**Hymns:** *CH 114, CH 770, CH 668, CH 133 CH 171.*

**Preacher:** *The Dean*

Collect: Heavenly Father, You gave Your martyr Saint Stephen grace to pray for those who stoned him; grant that when we suffer for the truth we may follow his example of forgiveness, though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### Prayer Points

- ❖ For the Rt Rev. Dr. Samuel C. Ezeofor, his family and all members of the Diocese of Aguata.
- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Prof. Israel Okoye, his family and all members of the Diocese of Ihiala.  
For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: The Ven. Taiwo Olupitan, Engr. Nnamdi Agbakwu, Mr Emmanuel Agbara, Otunba Bimbola Ashiru, Lady Christiana Asiegbu, Mr Ifeanyi Ezeonyebuchi, Mrs Emilia Nmezi, Mr Emmanuel Nwoye, Mrs Titilayo Abraham-Odumuyiwa, Chief (Mrs) Grace Odukomaia, Mrs Roseline Okafor, Miss Odunayo Okelana, Mr Julius Olowoniyi, Miss Abiodun Onadeko, Mr Alero Ikomi, Mr Akinola Famodimu, .
- ❖ For these individual Families within the AVMCC Household: Akaeme Family, Akande Family, Akano Family, Akeredolu Oso Family, Aketch Family, Akhime Family, Akinbiyi Family, Akinbobola Family.

**4.00pm Service of Songs for Late Mrs Jolasun Okusanya**

**8.00am Vining Intercessor's Visitation**

**Thursday, December 27, 2018 Colour: White**

**St. John's Day**

**7.00 am Holy Communion**

**Celebrant:** *The Ven. James Adekanye*  
**Epistle:** *I John 1:1-9 - Lay. Kike Akinyemi*  
**Gospel:** *John 21:19-24*  
**Hymns:** *VSH 20, CH 455, CH 117 (1 & 6)*

**Preacher:** *The Rev. Canon Benson Odude*

Collect: Merciful Father, whose Son is the light of the world, so guide Your Church by the teaching of Your Apostle and Evangelist Saint John, that we walk by the light that has come among us and finally know Him as light of everlasting life, who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

### Prayer Points:

- ❖ For the Rt. Rev. Johnson Nwaohalama Ekwe, his family and all members of the Diocese of Niger West.
- ❖ For these members of the Cathedral who are celebrating their Birthdays today: Emmanuel Olowosile, Capt. Kolawole Abejide, Mr Moses Adekoya, Mrs Oluwaseyi Akinronbi, Mr Chukwudi Anyakora, Mr Gideon Emeforo, Mrs Oluremi Jegede, Mr Obed Nwaorgu, Mrs Titilayo Opadiran, Mrs Ugochi Chinakwe, Mrs Lydia Orakwe, Mrs Chidinma Iwuchukwu, Mrs Ugochi Chinakwe.

**10.00am Commendation Service for Late Mrs Jolasun Okusanya**

**12.noon 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Mrs Oluremi Jegede**

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