

2. Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord!  
Late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin's womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate Deity,  
pleased as man with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Immanuel.

***Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"***

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild, he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.

***Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"***

#### WITHDRAWAL HYMN CH 104

#### WHILE SHEPHERDS WATCHED THEIR FLOCKS

1. While shepherds watched their flock by night,  
All seated on the ground,  
The Angel of the Lord came down,  
And glory shone around.
2. "Fear not", said He (for mighty dread)  
Had seized their troubled mind),  
"Glad tidings of great joy I bring  
To you and all mankind.
3. "To you in David's town this day  
Is born of David's line  
A Saviour who is Christ the Lord  
And this shall be the sign
4. The Heavenly Babe you there shall find  
To human view displayed  
All meanly wrapped in swathing bands  
And in a manger laid.
5. Thus spake the Seraph, and forthwith,  
Appeared a shining throng  
Of Angels, praising GOD, and thus,  
Addressed their joyful song:-
6. "All glory be to God on high,  
And to the earth be peace  
Goodwill henceforth from heaven to men,  
Begin and never cease."

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# CHURCH OF NIGERIA (Anglican Communion)

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### ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHURCH CATHEDRAL, GRA - IKEJA

### CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

**Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2019**



**7.00am & 10.00am**

#### ISAIAH 9:6

**For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

***The Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji  
The Diocesan***

**ORDER OF SERVICE**  
**SUNG EUCHARISTIC SERVICE**

**THEME:** THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

**CELEBRANT:** THE DIOCESAN

**PREACHER:** THE DIOCESAN

1. Processional Hymn: CH 106
2. Preparation to Penitence
3. O.T. Reading: Isaiah 9:2, 6 & 7
4. Psalm: 98:1-6
5. Epistles: Hebrews 1:1-12
6. Gradual Hymn: CH 105
7. Gospel: John 1:1-14
8. Hymn before Sermon CH 108
- 9. SERMON**
10. Hymn: *'Joy to the World'*
11. Nicene Creed and Intercession
12. The Peace
13. Offertory Hymns: *'A Great and Mighty...'*  
(Sitting)  
MHB 124 (Standing)
14. Eucharistic Prayers
- 15. Administration of Holy Communion: *Worship & Adoration Songs***
16. Ablution Hymn: CH 107
16. Thanksgiving:  
(a) Christmas Thanksgiving (Birthday gift to Jesus)
17. Episcopal Blessings
18. The Notices
19. The Withdrawal Hymn: CH 104

**Introductory Sentence:**

I bring you good news of great joy which will come to all the people; for to you is born this day a Saviour, Christ the Lord.  
**Luke 2:10-11.**

**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.**

**Post Communion Sentence:**

The word was made flesh, and made His dwelling among us. We have seen His glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth. **John 1:14.**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN: CH 106**

1. CHRISTIANS, awake, salute the happy morn  
Whereon the Saviour of the world was born  
Rise to adore the mystery of love  
Which hosts of angels chanted from above  
With them the joyful tidings first begun  
Of God incarnate and the Virgin's Son
2. Then to the watchful shepherds it was told  
Who heard the angelic herald's voice: "Behold,  
I bring good tidings of a Saviour's birth  
To you and all the nations upon earth  
This day hath God fulfilled His promised word;  
This day is born a Saviour, Christ the Lord."

**2.**

**MHB 124: SEE AMID THE WINTER'S SNOW**  
**(STANDING)**

1. See amid the winter's snow,  
Born for us on earth below  
See the tender Lamb appears,  
Promis'd from eternal years.

**Chorus: Hail, thou ever blessed morn;  
Hail, redemption's happy dawn  
Sing through all Jerusalem  
Christ is born in Bethlehem.**

2. Lo, within a manger lies,  
He who built the starry skies;  
He who, throned in height sublime,  
Sits amid the cherubim.

**Chorus: Hail, thou.....**

3. Say, ye holy shepherds, say,  
What your joyful news today  
Wherefore have ye left your sheep  
On the lonely mountain steep?

**Chorus: Hail, thou.....**

4. As we watch'd at dead of night,  
Lo, we saw a wondrous light  
Angels singing, peace on earth,  
Told us of the Saviour's birth.

**Chorus: Hail, thou.....**

**ABLUTION HYMN – CH 107**

1. Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the new born King;  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic hosts proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"  
Refrain:

***Hark! the herald angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King!"***

**5.**

***O come, let us adore Him,  
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O come, let us adore Him,  
Christ the Lord.***

2. God of God,  
Light of Light,  
Lo, he abhors not the Virgin's womb;  
Very God,  
Begotten, not created:
3. Sing, choirs of angels,  
Sing in exultation,  
Sing, all ye citizens of Heaven above!  
Glory to God  
In the highest:
4. Yea, Lord, we greet thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to thee be glory given!  
Word of the Father,  
Now in flesh appearing!

#### **HYMN AFTER SERMON - JOY TO THE WORLD**

1. Joy to the world, the Lord has come  
Let earth receive her King  
Let every heart prepare Him room  
And Heaven and nature sing (2ce)  
And Heaven and heaven and Nature sing.
2. Joy to the world the Saviour reigns  
Let men their songs employ  
While fields and floods rock hills and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy (2ce)  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.
3. He rules the world with truth and grace  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love (2ce)  
And wonders, wonders of His love. Amen

#### **OFFERTORY HYMNS - (SITTING)**

1. A great and mighty wonder,  
A full and holy cure!  
The Virgin bears the Infant  
With virgin-honour pure:  
**Refrain**  
Repeat the hymn again:  
'To God on high be glory,  
And peace on earth to men.'
2. The Word becomes incarnate,  
And yet remains on high;  
And cherubim sing anthems  
To shepherds from the sky:
3. While thus they sing your Monarch,  
Those bright angelic bands,  
Rejoice, ye vales and mountains,  
Ye oceans, clap your hands: [Refrain]
4. Since all he comes to ransom,  
By all be he adored,  
The Infant born in Bethl'em,  
The Saviour and the Lord: [Refrain]

**4.**

3. He spake, and straightaway the celestial choir  
In hymns of joy, unknown before, conspire  
The praises of redeeming love they sang  
And heaven's whole orb with alleluias rang  
God's highest glory was their anthem still  
Peace upon earth and unto men goodwill
4. To Bethlehem straight the shepherds ran  
To see the wonder God had wrought for man  
And found, with Joseph and the blessed Maid  
Her Son, the Saviour, in a manger laid  
Amazed, the wondrous story they proclaim  
The earliest heralds of the Saviour's name
5. Let us, like these good shepherds, them employ  
Our grateful voices to proclaim the joy  
Trace we the Babe, who hath retrieved our loss  
From His poor manger to His bitter cross  
Treading His steps, assisted by His grace  
Till man's first heavenly state again takes place
6. Then may we hope, the angelic thrones among  
To sing, redeemed, a glad triumphal song  
He that was born upon this joyful day  
Around us all His glory shall display  
Saved by His love, incessant we shall sing  
Of angels and of angel-men the King.

#### **GRADUAL HYMN - CH 105**

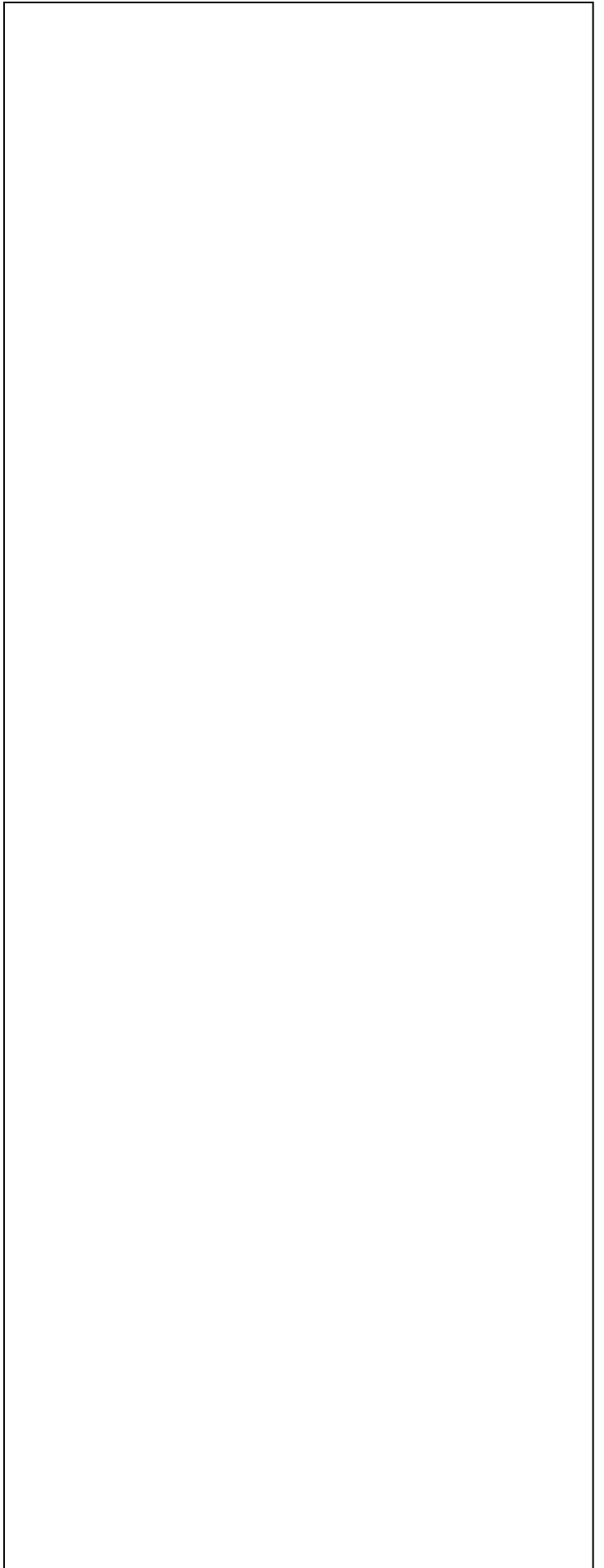
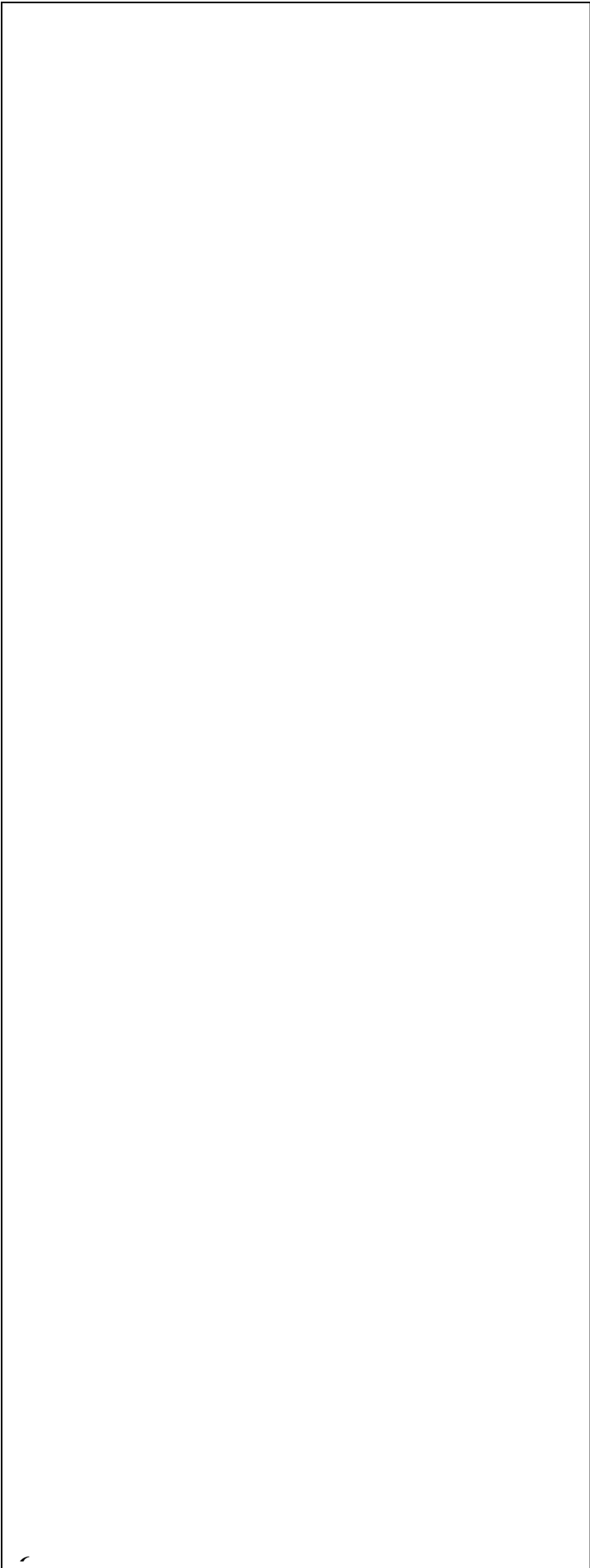
1. Angels from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o'er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation's story  
Now proclaim Messiah's birth:  
***Refrain:***  
***Come and worship, come and worship,  
worship Christ, the newborn king.***
2. Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o'er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing;  
Yonder shines the infant light: [Refrain]
3. Sages, leave your contemplations,  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen his natal star: [Refrain]
4. Saints, before the altar bending  
Watching long in hope and fear;  
Suddenly the LORD, descending,  
In His temple shall appear. *Amen*

#### **Hymn Before Sermon - CH108**

##### **O COME, ALL YE FAITHFUL**

1. O come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of Angels:

**3.**



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