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#### Our Vision:

"CHRIST FOR ALL NATIONS"

#### Our 2020 Mission:

**"THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH"**  
**Romans 1:17**

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, 14<sup>th</sup> June - Saturday, 20<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

#### TRINITY 1

**THEME: A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD**

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**Support God's Mission through the Covenant Seed**  
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## AVMCC MEDIA

### Welcome to the Live Broadcast

Notice of Service: Please be informed that our SERVICE ON SUNDAYS during the lockdown will always start at 9.00am unless otherwise advised. Kindly join us Live on YOU TUBE.

<https://www.YouTube.com/avmccmedia>.

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#### A. 9.00 am - HOLY EUCHARIST

CELEBRANT: THE DIOCESAN

PREACHER: THE DIOCESAN

##### 1. SERVICE FOR SUNDAY – 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020

- ❖ Opening Hymn: CH 510
- ❖ Preparation to Penitence
- ❖ O.T. Reading: 1 Sam. 7:4-16 - *The Ven. G. Oniye*
- ❖ Psalm 95:1-7 {To be Chanted}
- ❖ Epistle: 1 Peter 2:1-10 - *The Rev. Canon. B. Odude*
- ❖ Gradual Hymn: CH 497
- ❖ Gospel: John 15:1-5- *The Ven. Festus Olowosile*
- ❖ Hymn: 'COMMAND THY BLESSING...' {Pg. 6} CNH 549
- ❖ **SERMON** - *The Diocesan*
- ❖ Nicene Creed, Intercession –Peace
- ❖ Hymn: CH 584 – *Rev. Ayodeji Oluwatusin*
- {Offertory, First Fruit, Tithes, Building, Covenant Seed, Sunday Offering & All other offerings}
- ❖ Eucharist Prayer
- ❖ Administration: VSH 68 – The Old Rugged Cross
- ❖ Ablution Hymn: CH 153
- ❖ Prayer of Thanksgiving
- ❖ **Thanksgiving: 1<sup>st</sup> year memorial of Late Mr James Diala & God's numerous blessings on the family he left behind.**
- ❖ Closing Prayer & Benediction
- ❖ **SHORT ADDRESS BY THE HARVEST COMMITTEE**
- ❖ Notices
- ❖ Closing Hymn: VSH 63 – I am Thine O Lord.....

#### B. SENTENCES FOR TRINITY 1

##### Introductory Sentence

And this commandment we have from Him, that he who loves God should love his brother also.

*1 John 4:21*

##### Collect for Trinity 1

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified; hear our prayer which we offer for all Your faithful people; that each in his vocation and ministry may serve You in holiness and truth, to the glory of Your name; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

#### C. ACTIVITIES FOR THE WEEK

Monday, June 15, 2020

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##### FAMILY WEEK

Epistle: *Romans 1:1-15*

Gospel: *Matthew 17:14-21*

Hymns: *CH374, CH 528, VSH 64, CH 153*

##### Prayer Points:

1. O Lord, grant me a prosperous journey in all my ways throughout this year and beyond.
2. O Lord deal with my unbelief, and increase my faith in you on daily basis.

Tuesday, June 16, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Romans 1:16-25*

Gospel: *Matthew 17:22-27*

Hymns: *CH 510, VSH 175, CH 614, CH 529*

Prayer Points: 1. O Lord my God, let me not be ashamed of the gospel of Christ unto the salvation of soul.

2. I decree and declare that I am free from evil demands of the kings of this earth.

##### BIBLE STUDY REVIEW

##### GATHERING OF THE NOBLES - ACTS 17:10-11

Wednesday, June 17, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Romans 1:28-2.11*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:1-9*

Hymns: *CH 490, CH 99, VSH 97, CH 17*

##### Prayer Points:

1. O Lord, deliver me from workers of iniquities and blood sucking men and women.
2. Every kingdom raised to take office against my destiny and glory be frustrated in the name of Jesus.

##### HOURS OF DIVINE SETTLEMENT – 1 PETER 5:10

Prayer Leader: *The Ven. Festus Olowosile*

**THEME: O BLOOD OF JESUS CLEANSE OUR FOUNDATION – Psalm 79:9**

Thursday, June 18, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Romans 2:12-24*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:10-20*

Hymns: *CH 526, CH 615, VSH 17, CH 516*

Prayer Points: 1. Deliver me, O Lord, from the secrets of men, and justify me according to my faith

2. O Lord, restore my lost glory and cause me to rejoice all the days of my life.

Friday, June 19, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Romans 2:25-3.8*

Gospel: *Matthew 18:21-35*

Hymns: *CH IV, VSH 21, CH 547, VSH 22*

Prayer Points: 1. O Lord, be moved with compassion, and loose me from bondage of sin and indebtedness.

2. O Lord, give me the grace to be a keeper and not a breaker of your law.

Saturday, June 20, 2020

Colour: Green

Epistle: *Romans 3:9-20*

Gospel: *Matthew 19:1-12*

Hymns: *VSH 157, VSH 150, CH 484, VSH 148*

##### Prayer Points:

1. O Lord, deliver me and my household from every tongue of deceit and falsehoods and poisonous lips.
2. Save my marriage, O Lord, and grant me the grace to be responsible to my family.

**A. HYMN: 'COMMAND THY BLESSING...'**

1. Command thy blessing from above,  
O God! on all assembled here;  
Behold us with a father's love,  
While we look up with filial fear.
2. Command Thy blessing in this hour,  
Spirit of Truth! and fill this place  
With humbling and exalting power,  
With quickening and confirming grace.
3. Command Thy blessing, Jesus Lord  
May we Thy true disciples be;  
Speak to each heart the mighty Word,  
Say to the weakest, "Follow me."
4. With Thee and These for ever found,  
May all the souls who here unite,  
With harps and songs Thy throne surround,  
Rest in Thy love and reign in light.

**B. CLOSING HYMN: VSH 63 – I AM THINE O LORD**

- (1) I am thine, O Lord; I have heard Thy voice  
And it told Thy love to me  
But I long to rise, in the arms of faith  
And be closer drawn to Thee.

**Chorus: Draw me nearer, Nearer blessed Lord  
To Thy cross where Thou hast died;  
Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord,  
To Thy precious bleeding side.**

- (2) Consecrate me now to Thy service Lord  
By the power of grace divine:  
Let my soul look up, with a steadfast hope  
And my will be lost in Thine.

**Chorus: Draw me nearer, Nearer blessed Lord**

3. O the pure delight of a single hour,  
That before Thy throne I spend,  
When I kneel in prayer, and with Thee my God  
I commune as friend with friend.

**Chorus: Draw me nearer.....**

- (4) There are depths of love, that I cannot know  
Till I cross the narrow seas  
There are depths of love, that I may not reach  
Till I rest in peace with Thee.

**Chorus: Draw me nearer .....**

**C. NEXT SUNDAY**

1. REUNION AND RESTORATION SERVICE
2. THE DIOCESAN MINISTERING
3. 2020 FATHER'S DAY CELEBRATION
4. LAUNCHING OF 2020 HARVEST, UNVEIL BANNER
5. FAMILIY HARVEST: *The Ven. & Mrs. A. O. Agara & family*

**Post Communion Sentence**

For you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

*1 Peter 1:9*

**C. PRAYER POINTS FOR TODAY – SUNDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020**

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

- i. Pray for Henry Ndukuba our Primate, Olusina, Our Archbishop and Olusola our Bishop for exceptional wisdom and understanding to remain devoted in their priesthood responsibility
- ii. For the Rt. Rev. David K. Bello, his family and all members of the Diocese of Otukpo.

**D. Prayer for Nigeria & the World**

- i. *Pray that the Lord of Host in His mercies will on account of His elects and remnants in Nigeria frustrate every raging from the pit of hell and all evil counsels, gang-ups and schemes in form of Boko Haram, Herdsmen and Islamization agenda so that Christianity in Nigeria will never go the way of TURKEY nor NORTH AFRICA in Jesus Name. Amen.*
- ii. Pray that every yoke of oppression in Nigeria be frustrated and broken down
- iii. Pray and thank God for all the good things He has done for Nigeria especially this season of Covid-19 pandemic.

**E. Prayer for AVMCC**

- i. Pray for grace never to loose faith no matter the trials and tribulations
- ii. Pray for help to remain faithful till the Second Coming of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- iii. Pray for divine wisdom to continue to build on the Solid Rock where all other ground is sinking.

**2. THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK  
SUNDAY, 14<sup>TH</sup> JUNE, 2020**

**THEME: A CHOSEN PEOPLE, A  
ROYAL PRIESTHOOD**

**READINGS: PSALM 95:1-7; 1 SAMUEL  
7:4-16; 1 PETER 2:1-10; JOHN 115:1-5.**

From the Old to the New Testament times, God has always used both priests and lay (ordinary) members of the church to do His work. While Aaron and his sons and their descendants were charged with the responsibility of the priesthood, all the other Levites who were not descended directly from Aaron were to serve as priestly assistants, taking care of the tabernacle and the Temple and performing other menial duties (Num.8:6). During David's reign, the Levites were divided into four classes:

- i. Assistants to priests in the work of the sanctuary,
- ii. Judges and Scribes,
- iii. Gate keepers and
- iv. Musicians (1 Chron. 24-25).

The New Testament teaching however recognizes **the priesthood of all believers** (1 Pet.2:9) which does not abolish the Aaronic order of priesthood but rather compliments it by placing the **work of reconciliation** firmly in the hands of **ALL** Christians (see also 2 Cor.5:18-21).

The focus of our thought for this week is on the **Priesthood of ALL believers** as a chosen people of God. Apostle Peter wrote in chapter 1 vv.9-10 of his first General Epistle - ***But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once were not a people but are now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.*** (NKJV).

It is given and taken that the primary work of a priest (one ordained after Aaronic order) is to preach the good news of salvation through Jesus Christ to everyone. He is involved, as shepherd in members' spiritual nurturing through counselling, teaching and leading of worship. It is therefore required of a person that has been called into such high office to be well equipped so he will not speak and/or perform as a novice in his sacerdotal duties. Besides he has as his primary responsibility the duty of representing Christ and His Church and live a godly life that bears witness to Him wherever he may be.

Having said this much, this write-up shall concern itself more with the need to disabuse the mind of those who may still believe that the work of God, albeit preaching of the Gospel, is the work of priests and their involvement in whatever way is only meant to assist the priests in doing what is essentially their job. This notion leads to apathy and lack of commitment, hence their withdrawal from Church assignments at the slightest excuse. Attempt will also be made to shed light on how the laity, having gained understanding of their priestly status, may be involved in the work of reconciliation in an acceptable way.

Article 80 of the Catechism of the Church of Nigeria (Anglican Communion), BCP (N), 1996, Pg. 787, identifies the ministers of the church as Lay Persons (Laity), Bishops, Priests and Deacons. Lay persons are non-clergy members of the church. Article 81 defines the ministry of the laity thus; "The ministry of the lay persons is to represent Christ and his Church, to bear witness to him wherever they may be; and according to the gifts given them, to carry on Christ's work of reconciliation in the world; and to take their place in the life, worship, and governance of the Church".

From the above, we can isolate four areas of lay persons' involvement which tally with Peter's definition of their roles as members of the Royal Priesthood;

- i. To represent Christ and His Church
- ii. To bear witness to Him everywhere they find themselves
- iii. To use their God-given gifts for Christ's work of reconciliation in the world, and

- iv. To take their place in the life, worship and governance of the Church.

Of utmost importance are the first two roles which **have to do with us all, as believers, living up to our calling unto holy living as a special people of God to proclaim (show forth) the praises of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light**, as emphasized by Peter. We must pause at this juncture to ask ourselves individually how are we faring in our effort to represent Christ well in our life journey? What kind of impact are we having on our environments? Is our lifestyle compatible with the Gospel we are called to preach and proclaim? These are just a few of the so many questions to ask.

It would now not matter whether our inner judgment of ourselves measure up to biblical standard of fruitfulness that meet with God's expectations or fall below it; what would matter is recognizing that we have in Christ a sure source of the help and wherewithal to bear much fruit and thus live up to divine expectations. This is the import of today's Gospel reading from John 15:1-5.

The take-home lesson here is that the earnest expectation of all creation (our individual world, our sphere of operations and influence) is waiting for you and me to manifest the Christ-like characters that prove us to be Christ's own, especially as His chosen people, a royal priesthood.

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