

WITHDRAWAL HYMN - CONH 240

- 1 See amid the winter's snow
Born for us on earth below
See, the Lamb of God appears
Promised from eternal years.

*Ref: Hail, thou ever blessèd morn
Hail, redemption's happy morn,
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem,*

2. Lo, within a manger lies
He, Who built the starry skies
He, Who reigned in height sublime
Sits amid the cherubim

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

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

5. Teach, O teach us, Holy Child
By Thy face so meek and mild
Teach us to resemble Thee
In Thy sweet humility. Amen

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(Anglican Communion)

DIOCESE OF LAGOS WEST



ARCHBISHOP VINING MEMORIAL CHURCH CATHEDRAL, GRA - IKEJA

CHRISTMAS DAY HOLY EUCHARISTIC SERVICE

THURSDAY, 25th December, 2025



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.**

ORDER OF SERVICE

CELEBRANT: THE DIOCESAN
PREACHER: THE DIOCESAN

1. Processional Hymn: CONH 232
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: In Christ Alone
7. Gospel: John 1:1-14
8. Hymn before Sermon CONH 238
9. **SERMON**
10. Nicene Creed and Intercession
11. The Peace
12. All Offerings: Choruses
(Tithes, Covenant Seed, Service Offering & Offertory)
13. Eucharistic Prayers
14. Administration: CONH 50, 810, 60
15. Ablution Hymn: CONH 233
16. Thanksgiving:
(a) Christmas Thanksgiving (Birthday gift to Jesus)
17. Episcopal Blessings
18. The Notices
19. Song: We wish you A Merry Christmas (pg 7)
20. The Withdrawal Hymn: CONH 240

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: CONH 232

1. Joy fills our inmost heart today
The royal Child is born,
And Angel hosts in glad array
His advent keeps this morn.

***Rejoice, rejoice! The Incarnate Word
Has come on earth to dwell.
No sweeter sound than this is heard
Emmanuel!***

2.

ABLUTION HYMN – CONH 233

1. Joy to the world, the Lord is come,
Let earth receive her King,
Let every heart prepare Him room,
And heaven and nature sing.
And heaven and nature sing.
2. Joy to the world, the Saviour reigns,
Let men, their songs employ,
While field and floods, rocks hills and plains,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
3. No more let sin and sorrow grow
No thorns infest the ground
He comes to make His blessings flow
Far as the curse is found
Far as the curse is found
4. He rules the earth with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove,
The glories of His righteousness
And wonders of His love.
And wonders of His love. Amen.

SONG – WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

1. We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
We wish you a merry Christmas
And a Happy New Year
***Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year***
2. Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
Now bring us some figgy pudding
And bring some out here
***Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year***
3. For we all like figgy pudding
We all like figgy pudding
We all like figgy pudding
So bring some out here
***Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year***
4. We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
We won't go until we get some
So bring some out here
***Good tidings we bring to you and your kin
We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy New
Year***

7.

HYMN: CONH 60

- 1 Jesus, my Lord, my God, my All
Hear me, Blessed Saviour when I call
Hear me, and from Thy dwelling place,
Pour down the riches of Thy grace.

**Ref: Jesus my Lord, I Thee adore
O make me love Thee more and more.**

2. Jesus, too late Thee have I sought
How can I love Thee as I ought?
And how extol Thy matchless fame,
The glorious beauty of Thy Name.

**Ref: Jesus my Lord, I Thee adore
O make me love Thee more and more.**

- 3 Jesus what didst Thou find in me
That Thou hast dealt so lovingly
How great the joy that Thou hast brought
So far exceeding hope or thought.

**Ref: Jesus my Lord, I Thee adore
O make me love Thee more and more.**

4. Jesus, of Thee shall be my song
To Thee my heart and soul belong
All that I have or am is Thine
And Thou, Blessed Saviour, Thou art mine

**Ref: Jesus my Lord, I Thee adore
O make me love Thee more and more.**

- 2 For us the world must lose its charm
Before the manger-shrine,
When folded in Your Mother's arms
We see Thee, Babe Divine.
- 3 Low at the cradle throne we bend
We wonder and adore
And feel no bliss can ours transcend
No joy was sweet before.
4. Lord, Light of uncreated Light,
Shine on us, Holy Child,
That we may keep Your birthday bright,
With service undefiled. Amen

GRADUAL HYMN: 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.

HYMN BEFORE SERMON
CONH 238

- 1 Once in royal David's city
Stood a lowly cattle shed,
Where a Mother laid her Baby
In a manger for His bed,
Mary was the mother mild
Jesus Christ her little Child.
- 2 He came down to earth from heaven
Who is God and Lord of all.
And His shelter was a stable
And His cradle was a stall
With the poor, and mean and lowly
Live on earth our Saviour holy.
- 3 For He is our childhood pattern
Day by day like us He grew;
He was little, weak and helpless
Tears and smiles like us he knew
And He feeleth for our sadness
And He shareth in our gladness.
4. And our eyes at last shall see Him
Through His own redeeming love.
For that Child so dear and gentle
Is our Lord in heaven above.
And He leads His children on
To the place where He is gone.
- 5 Not in that poor lowly stable
With the oxen standing by,
We shall see Him, but in heaven
Set at God's right hand on high.
When like stars His children crowned,
All in white shall wait around. Amen

ADMINISTRATION HYMNS - CONH 50

1. Blessèd assurance, Jesus is mine
Oh what a foretaste of glory divine
Heir of salvation, purchase of love
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood

**Ref: *This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Saviour, all the day long,***
2. Perfect submission, perfect delight
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight
Angels descending bring from above,
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.
3. Perfect submission, all is at rest
I in my Saviour am happy and blessed
Watching and waiting looking above
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

HYMN – CONH 810

- 1 What a Friend we have in Jesus,
All our sins and grief to bear!
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer.
O what peace we often forfeit
O what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer.
- 2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
- 3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
Cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Do your friends despise, forsake you?
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
In His arms He'll take and shield you,
You will find a solace there. Amen