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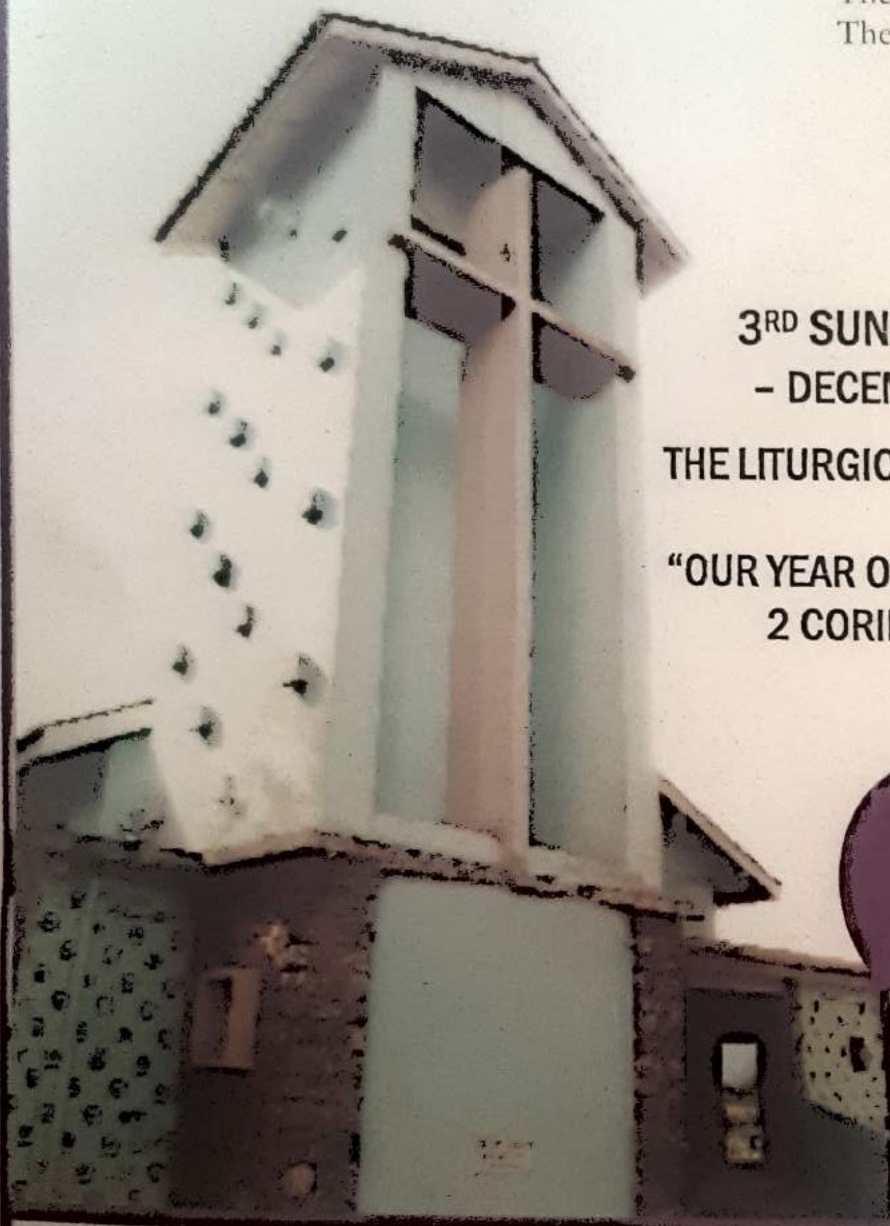
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3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- DECEMBER 17, 2023

THE LITURGICAL COLOUR: VIOLET

"OUR YEAR OF GREATER GLORY".

2 CORINTHIANS 3:18

**WELCOME TO
CHURCH**

"...that they may be one..." John 17:22

The Very Revd Dr. Kalu Ndukwe
The Assistant Minister I

The Very Revd Oluwaseun Jegede
The Assistant Minister II

The Venerable Dr. S.F.O. Jolayemi
The Minister

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In this Sanctuary, we switch off our phones during services!!!

7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service: "A"

1. The Processional Hymn: Hymns A&M 399
2. The Preparatory Prayer
3. The Act of Penitence
4. The Collect
5. The Epistle: 1 Corinthians 4:1 - 5
6. The Gradual: Hymns A&M 389
7. The Gospel: John 1:19 - 28
8. Hymns A&M 494 (The Collection for Indigent Students' Scholarship Scheme will be taken)
9. The Sermon
10. The Nicene Creed and Prayer of Intercession
11. The Peace
12. The Offertory Hymn: Hymns A&M 406 (Tithes and Freewill Offerings also)
13. The Preparation of the Gifts
14. Eucharist Prayer etc. and Communion Proper with Hymns: ASCSHC 11, 12 (Ablution)
15. After-Communion Prayers
16. The Blessing
17. The Announcements
18. The Withdrawal Hymn: ASCSHC 5

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THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE; LET ALL THE EARTH BE SILENT IN HIS PRESENCE. HABAKKUK 2:20. PLEASE, THIS IS THE HOUSE OF GOD, LET OUR CONDUCTS AND MOVEMENTS BE DONE IN AN ORDERLY MANNER. 1 COR. 14:40.

5.00 p.m. Evensong "M"

1. The Opening Hymn: Hymns A&M 54
2. Call to Worship
3. Prayer and the Lord's Prayer
4. Psalm 126 (to be read responsively)
5. Bible Reading: John 1:6-8, 19-28
6. ASCSHC 144
7. The Sermon
8. Creed and Intercessory Prayers
9. Closing Hymn: ASCSHC 50 (Collection shall be taken)
10. The Closing Prayer and Benediction
11. The Announcements
12. The Withdrawal Hymn: Hymns A&M 22

GREETINGS: We have come together in the presence of God our Father, to rejoice in the gift of Jesus Christ as the Light of the world. We are here to offer to God our thanksgiving in prayer and song.

WELCOME: We welcome those who are worshipping with us for the first time today. Please, kindly stand up for recognition as we sing from ASCSHC 68:1. *What shall our greeting be: Sign of our unity? "Jesus is Lord"! May we no more defend, Barriers He died to end: Give me your hand, my friend- One Church, one Lord!*

We thank Ven. Adewale Sanda for preaching the Word at 7.30 a.m. Services. May the good Lord continue to uphold and bless your ministry in Jesus name. Amen.

We thank Canon Prof. Bisi Sowunmi for preaching the Word at 9.30 a.m. Services. May the good Lord continue to uphold and bless your ministry in Jesus name. Amen.

NOTICES:

1. **For members who are not able to come** to Church physically, you can please pay your Tithes, Freewill Offerings, Membership Dues and others to the Account of the Church: **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, JERICHO, IBADAN. UNION BANK PLC, ACCOUNT NUMBER: 0008782811.** God will continue to prosper the works of your hands as you give unto the Lord in Jesus name. Amen.
2. **BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS:** We rejoice with our esteemed members who are celebrating their birthdays this Week:

Mrs. Bolatito D. Adeoye	- 17	Mr. Ajibola O. Ayeyemi	- 21
Mr. Oluwemimo O. Sayannwo	- 18	Miss Oluwatobiloba T. Talabi	- 22
Chief Richard A. Agbaje	- 18	Prince Morounfolu B. Abayomi	- 22
Mrs. C.J. Aremu <i>C.J.</i>	- 18	Miss Mayowa D. Thomas	- 22
Mrs. Modupe A. Adeyemi	- 19	Mrs. Olufunso A. Adegbola	- 22
Mr. Olaoluwa A. Orekha	- 19	Mr. Chukwuemeka C. Dingba	- 22
Miss Favour A. Ojo	- 19	Mrs. Victoria Aladetan	- 22
Prof. (Mrs.) Aderonke O. Akinpelu	- 21	Miss Abolanle A. Denton	- 23

Note: Culled from the Membership Data Base. We pray the glory of the Lord to continue to radiate around you, and, fill you with His presence and peace in Jesus name. Amen.

3. **ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, JERICHO, IBADAN ELECTRONICS RADIO BROADCAST WITH LEAD RADIO 106.3** – Please, partner with God for a lifetime testimony. Tune in every Sunday at 6:45 a.m. and repeat broadcast every Wednesday at 7.15 a.m. and be blessed.

4. **THE INDIGENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND:** Blessed is he who considers the poor; the Lord will deliver him in time of trouble (Psalm 41:1). Please, kindly donate generously into the Indigent Scholarship Fund – **UNION BANK PLC Account No. 0008858176.** May the blessings be!
5. The yearly **membership dues** were revised to ₦ 5,000 with immediate effect starting in 2023, as decided at the AGM held on Sunday, June 25, 2023. We are enjoined to make any necessary payment towards arrears. Online payments can be made to **UNION BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER 0008782811.** The Announcer: **Secretary, Church Council.**
6. The Following Books are available for sale:
- BOOSTER PLUS – powered by God’s Word with over 300 key insights and 380 Prayer Points.... ₦1500.00.
 - TOWARDS A GREAT MARRIAGE – A Marital Guide specially couched to aid intending and already married couples to shore up intimacy and enjoy the sweetness of marriage... ₦ 800.00. Author: Very Rev. Olumide Aluko.
 - SOME MORE MESSAGES FROM ABOVE – by Canon Emmanuel Babajide Lucas.
 - Towards a great marriage making happy family life happen in your home.
 - GREAT IS HIS FAITHFULNESS? - By Ayodele Olajide Falase.
 - 10 GREATS DOTES FOR EMPTY NESTARS - by David ARD
Claudra ARD
 - YOU CAN LIVE YOUR DREAMS by Olumide Aluko.
 - All Saints’ Church, Jericho, Ibadan supplementary Hymns and Choruses (Musical Edition).
7. **CHURCH NEEDS:**
- Equipment for Livestreaming:
 - Lapel Mic – N 290, 000
 - Camera: Sony A7 111 with Sony Sigma lens 23-240 mm 2.8 - ₦2,100,000
 - Complete Desktop computer - (HP 2022 Envy TE01 Desktop computer- 12th Intel i7-12700 12-Core CPU - 12GB Nvidia RTX 3060-16GB DDR4-512B PCI-E SSD + 1TB HDD – Wi-Fi 6 Bluetooth RJ45 - Windows 11 Pro. \$1549.
 - 2 units of Shure PGA58 Wired microphone at ₦ 70,000 each.
 - Multimedia Projector for Sunday School
 - 100KVA Generator for the Church (₦ 15m)
 - 6 Units of Air Conditioner Media 1.5Hp (₦ 300,000/Unit)
 - 30 Units of 300W Solar floodlights (₦ 65,000/unit)
 - 8 Units of OX 26" Standing fans for the Church Hall. (₦ 75,000/Unit)
 - 10 Units of floodlight poles (₦ 25,000 Each).

8. **DONATION:** The Women's Group is planning to give clothes to the **NEEDY** (both male and female) at Christmas. God bless you for your wonderful donation as you support us in this regard. The Announcer: **The President, Women's Group.**
9. **SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** Every family that intends to have a celebration in All Saints' Church **MUST** set aside a time to have a chat with the Minister-In-Charge and should please comply with both the resolution and instructions at the end of the chat.
10. **TABITHA OUTREACH (TEENAGE MINISTRY)** comes up on Friday, 22nd December 2023. We hereby solicit for donations of **FOOD ITEMS** and well laundered clothings. Kindly drop them with the Administrative Officer in the Church Office during the week or in the Teenage Ministry Hall on Sundays. God bless you as you give. Amen. The Announcer: **Teenage Ministry Leader.**
11. **A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND NINE LESSONS** will take place next Sunday, 24th December, 2023 at 4.30 p.m. Invitation cards are available at both 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Services.
12. **NOTICE:** The members should kindly indicate the purpose of the money they put in their envelope during the offering.
13. **MEETINGS:**
 - a) Finance Committee – Today after the 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service.
 - b) Memorial Park and Gardens – Today after the 9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Ido.
14. At 5.00 p.m. today, there will be Evening Service. The Assistant Minister II will preach.
15. **NEXT SUNDAY:**

7.30 a.m.: Holy Communion Service: **The Assistant Minister 1**
 9.30 a.m. Mattins: **Rev. John Nchebe**
 5.00 p.m.: Evensong: **Carol Service**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE – 10th December, 2023

CHURCH SERVICES	ATTENDANCE
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service	85
9.30 a.m. Mattins	186
9.30 a.m. Sunday School	95
9.30. a.m. Teenage Ministry	44
9.30 a.m. Jacob and Grace	94
5.00 p.m. Evening Service	9
Mid-week Anointing Service – 13/12/2023	57

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES:

- (a) Tuesday 4.00 p.m.: Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. **On recess.**
- (b) Wednesday: (i) 12 noon – 1.00 p.m. – Wednesday Anointing Service.
The Preacher: **Mrs. G. R. Omoluabi.**
(ii) 4.30 p.m. – 5.30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. **On recess.**
- (c) Thursday 5.00 p.m.: Women's Group Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.
Praise Worship Testimonies/ Thanksgiving.
- (d) Friday: Choir Practice – 4.30 p.m.
The Boys' and Girls' Brigade: 5.00 p.m.
- (e) Saturday: The Youth Fellowship: 3.30 p.m.
- (f) Saturday: Davidic Praise Group meeting at 4.00 p.m.

APPRECIATION

Words are not enough to express our profound gratitude to all members of All Saints' Church Jericho Ibadan, for your immense support via visits, heartfelt prayers, gifts and cash during the period of the demise and burial of our beloved husband, father, uncle, grandfather and active member of the body of Christ, Mr. George Uchenna Ogbogu. Many thanks to The Church Trustees, The Church Council, The Minister Venerable Dr. S.F.O Jolayemi, the Assistant Ministers and other clergy. We appreciate also the Evangelical Committee; The Women's Group; Sides Men and Ladies; Library and Archives Committee; The Sunday School and Teenage Ministry; Staff and Students of All Saints' College; All Saints School; The Boys and Girls Brigade; The Youth Fellowship; Members of Jacob and Grace Chapel Committee and Church workers of our dear Church. The outpour of unconditional love and felicitation on us were magnificently evident and with Jesus Joy in our heart, we say a very big THANK YOU. May love and support find us at every point of our need in Jesus name. Amen! The Announcer: **Chike Nnanyelum Ogbogu, for the family.**

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS OF MRS. UGWUJI NDUKWE AGWU (MAMA TEACHER)

Friday, 5th January 2024 at 7.00 p.m. - Wake keep at Teacher. Ndukwe Agwu's Family Home, 6 Ogbokwe Road, Asaga Ohafia, Abia State.

Saturday, 6th January, 2024 at 10.00 a.m. - Funeral Service at the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, Emmanuel Congregation, Asaga Urban Parish, Asaga Ohafia.

Interment Follows Immediately at the Family Home.

Sunday, 7th January 2024 at 10.00 a.m. - Thanksgiving Service at the Presbyterian Church of Nigeria, Emmanuel. The Announcer: **The Assistant Minister 1** (for the family).

PRAYER REQUESTS, TESTIMONIES AND THANKSGIVING:

1. A child of God is thanking Almighty God for His abundant blessings upon him and his family. Please sing ASCSHC 5 vs 1 only. (Thanksoffering: ₦250,000: ₦100,000 for Mercy Clinic, ₦100,000 for Needy and ₦50,000 for Indigent Fund).
2. Please let us Pray for our nation Nigeria:
 - a) Thank God for the New Administration.
 - b) That our leaders be filled with divine wisdom, knowledge and understanding (James 1:5).
 - c) Pray that God will deliver our nation from hardship and suffering.
3. Please let us pray for our Church, All Saints' Church Jericho, Ibadan:
 - a) That God will fill His Minister, Assistant Ministers with His Holy Spirit and the Church at large.
 - b) Let us pray for our educational institutions that they will continue to excel among other schools bringing glory to the name of Christ.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!!!

We congratulate all those whose birthdays are within last Monday and today. Please, let us sing the Traditional Birthday song for them. We wish you many happy returns in Jesus name. Amen.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Live today like it is your last day on earth and if you wake up tomorrow, do it again. (Joey Martin Posthumus).

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, help me to live with the consciousness of eternity in view. In Jesus name I pray.

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK.
THE WEEKLY MEDITATION.
SUNDAY 17TH — SATURDAY 23RD DECEMBER, 2023.
THEME: SIGNS OF THE END
THE TEXT: MATTHEW 16:1-12

Then the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and testing Him asked that He would show them a sign from heaven. He answered and said to them, "When it is evening you say, '[It will be] fair weather, for the sky is red'; "and in the morning, '[It will be] foul weather today, for the sky is red and threatening.' Hypocrites! You know how to discern the face of the sky, but you cannot [discern] the signs of the times. "A wicked and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign shall be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." And He left them and departed. Now when His disciples had come to the other side, they had forgotten to take bread. Then Jesus said to them, "Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and the Sadducees." And they reasoned among themselves, saying, "[It is] because we have taken no bread." But Jesus, being aware of [it,] said to them, "O you of little faith, why do you reason among yourselves because you have brought no bread? "Do you not yet understand, or remember the five loaves of the five thousand and how many baskets you took up? "Nor the seven loaves of the four thousand and how many large baskets you took up? "How is it you do not understand that I did not speak to you concerning bread? -- [but] to beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees." Then they understood that He did not tell [them] to beware of the leaven of bread, but of the doctrine of the Pharisees and Sadducees. (NKJV).

"Many have been sick and were diagnosed with cancer."
And once the doctors concluded that they should be taken home because their best have been tried with no positive response, the suggestion comes to the mind of the people around, that the end has come for those patients. No doubt the physical reality is that they are at that point close to their 'last days'; one thing that must in such situations be uppermost in our hearts is to 'Go and ensure their salvation". We are to pray with them and also preach to them so that if the lord will not heal them through the prayer, He will accept them home if they surrender to Christ after the preaching.

The Pharisees and Sadducees knew how to interpret "the appearance of the sky", but could not interpret the signs of the times (v.3). In a sense, Jesus was disappointed that they could not correctly interpret the Scriptures concerning Him and the time of the visitation of Israel.

We are expected to be like the sons of Issachar who understood the signs of the times and knew what Israel ought to do. A proper understanding of the times we are living in should tell us that we are in the last days. This should come with a sense of responsibility in relation to the gospel. For one, there should be a higher sense of urgency in proclaiming the gospel and seeking to reach the unsaved. Second, we should be more careful with our own lives, knowing that in the last days, iniquity shall abound and the love of many shall wax cold. Are you getting cold? May we be saved at the end at all cost in Jesus name.

Do have a glorious week.

Shalom, Shalom!!
The Minister.