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4TH SUNDAY IN ADVENT

- DECEMBER 24, 2023

THE LITURGICAL COLOUR: VIOLET/WHITE

"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
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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: “P”

THE APPROACH

1. The Processional Hymn: Hymns A&M 49
2. Introit: ASCSHC 59
3. Call to Worship
4. Hymn of Praise: ASCSHC 36
5. Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Supplication.

THE WORD

6. 1st Bible Lesson: Isaiah 9:2 - 7
7. 2nd Bible Lesson: Luke 2:1 - 7
8. Hymn before the Sermon: ASCSHC 145 (The Collection for Indigent Students' Scholarship Scheme will be taken)
9. The Sermon

THE RESPONSE

10. The Nicene Creed
11. The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer
12. The Collection Hymn: Hymns A&M 60 (Tithes and Freewill Offerings also)
13. The Lord's Supper: Communion Hymns: Hymns A&M 361, 397 and ASCSHC 90, 11

THE PEACE

14. Closing Prayer and Benediction
15. Announcement
16. Recessional Hymn: ASCSHC 147

9.30 a.m. Mattins: “P”

THE APPROACH

1. The Processional Hymn: Hymns A&M 59
2. Praise and Worship Session
3. Introit: ASCSHC 8 (Stanza 1)
4. Call to Worship
5. The Hymn of Praise: A&M 60
6. Sentences: Psalm 97:1 - 12
7. Prayer of Adoration, Confession and Supplication.

THE WORD

8. 1st Bible Lesson: Isaiah 9:2 - 7
9. 2nd Bible Lesson: Titus 3:4 - 7
10. Hymn before the Sermon: A&M 250 (The Collection for Indigent Students' Scholarship Scheme will be taken)
11. The Sermon

THE RESPONSE

12. The Apostles Creed
13. Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession and the Lord's Prayer
14. The Collection Hymn: ASCSHC 9 (Tithes and Freewill Offerings also)
15. The Closing Prayer and Benediction
16. Announcement
17. Recessional Hymn: Hymns A&M 300

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.

4.30 P.M. A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND NINE LESSONS

PLEASE, SEE THE PAMPHLET

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 Rev. John Nehebe for preaching the Word at 9.30 a.m. Service. 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:

Chief Simoa P. Ajibade	- 24	Mr. Oluwatobi J. Ayejuni	- 28
Mrs. Abiodun Akintfenwa	- 24	Mr. Isaac O. Ajijola	- 28
Miss Omosalewa A. Denton	- 25	Mrs. R.L. Oyerinde	- 28
Mrs. Abiodun O. Babatunde	- 25	Mr. Ekenedilichukwu I. Okafor	- 29
Ms. Yetunde Y. Ajasin	- 25	Prof. Mrs. Adefunke A. Oyemade	- 29
Mrs. Omolola A. Olubanjo	- 25	Mrs. Tolulope M. Kolawole	- 29
Mrs. Olumoroti A. Adedoyin-Adeyinka	- 27	Mrs. Victoria S. Ayejuni	- 30

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 ₦ 75,000 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. **A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND NINE LESSONS** will take place today, 24th December, 2023 at 4.30 p.m.
11. **NOTICE:** The members should kindly indicate the purpose of the money they put in their envelope during the offering.
12. **The Choir shall go on recess from 26th December, 2023** to end of January, 2024.
13. **CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE:** We are enjoined to come and celebrate the **CHRIST OF CHRISTMAS** in the service scheduled for Christmas Day, Tomorrow, Monday 25th December, 2023 at 7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service and 9.30 a.m. **SUNG EUCHARIST.** May we be filled with the joy of Christmastide, now and always in Jesus name. Amen.
14. Members of the congregation are hereby notified that the dedication and swearing-in ceremony of our esteemed Trustees will come up on Sunday, December 31, 2023 during 9.30 a.m. service. The Announcer: **Secretary, Church Council.**
15. **MEETING:**
 - a) Women's Group – Next Sunday after the 7.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. Services respectively.
16. At 4.30 p.m. today, there will be **A SERVICE OF CHRISTMAS CAROLS AND NINE LESSONS.**
17. **NEXT SUNDAY:**

7.30 a.m.: Holy Communion Service: **The Assistant Minister 1**
 9.30 a.m. General Community Hymn Singing
 10.00 p.m.: **Watch Night/New Year Eve Service**

CHURCH ATTENDANCE - 17th December, 2023

CHURCH SERVICES	ATTENDANCE
7.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service	81
9.30 a.m. Holy Communion Service	190
9.30 a.m. Sunday School	50
9.30. a.m. Teenage Ministry	16
9.30 a.m. Jacob and Grace	117
5.00 p.m. Evening Service	9
Mid-week Anointing Service – 20/12/2023	65

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.
HIGH PRAISE.
(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.
On recess.
(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.

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).

TRANSITION

With gratitude to God Almighty for a life well spent, we announce the passing unto glory of **Mrs. Helen Olakitan AKINKUGBE (Nee: Olagundoye)**. Burial arrangements as listed below:

Thursday, 11th January 2024 at 4.00 p.m. – Christian Wake at All Saints' Church Hall, Jericho, Ibadan.

Friday, 12th January 2024 at 10.00 a.m. - Funeral Service at All Saints' Church Jericho, Ibadan.

Interment follows immediately at All Saints' Church Memorial Park & Gardens, Eruwa Road, Ido.

Reception at All Saints' Church Hall Premises.

Sunday, 14th January 2024 9.30 a.m. – Thanksgiving Service at All Saints' Church Jericho, Ibadan. The Announcer: **Mr. Sola Akinkugbe** (for the family).

PRAYER REQUESTS, TESTIMONIES AND THANKSGIVING:

1. A family is giving Thanks to God for additions to the family through childbirth and through marriage. (Thanksoffering: ₦100,000).
2. A child of God is thanking God Almighty for preventing a major fire outbreak caused by electrical fault in his car. (Thanksoffering: ₦50,000).
3. A family is praising God for their Daddy's 80th birthday and immeasurable goodness in their lives. Please sing "Praising the Lord always..." (Thanksoffering: ₦100,000: ₦20,000 for the Choir, ₦80,000 for Church Development).
4. Please let us Pray for our nation Nigeria:
 - a) That our leaders be filled with divine wisdom, knowledge and understanding (James 1:5).
 - b) Pray that God will deliver our nation from hardship and suffering.
5. 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

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times. (Martin Luther).

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Increase my faith in you O Lord and let faith be evident in my life every day. Amen.

FROM THE MINISTER'S DESK.

THE WEEKLY MEDITATION.

SUNDAY 24TH — SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER, 2023.

THEME: WHAT DO YOU DESIRE? FAITH WILL GET IT FOR YOU.

THE TEXT: MATTHEW 15:21-28

Then Jesus went out from there and departed to the region of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a woman of Canaan came from that region and cried out to Him, saying, "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David! My daughter is severely demon-possessed." But He answered her not a word. And His disciples came and urged Him, saying, "Send her away, for she cries out after us." But He answered and said, "I was not sent except to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." Then she came and worshiped Him, saying, "Lord, help me!" But He answered and said, "It is not good to take the children's bread and throw [it] to the little dogs." And she said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the little dogs eat the crumbs which fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered and said to her, "O woman, great [is] your faith! Let it be to you as you desire." And her daughter was healed from that very hour.

We sometimes approach God with a sense of entitlement as if we truly and in ourselves deserve whatever we seek from Him. While our adoption through Christ gives us the privilege of approaching God as His children, grace brought us to salvation.

Ultimately, therefore, we are truly blessed by Him only by mercy. This Canaanite woman came to Jesus knowing she was not 'qualified'; she came seeking mercy because of her daughter: "Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David" (v.22). Although Jesus did not initially answer, her persistence and Faith paid off eventually.

There are few lessons we can learn here.

- I. Even when we are unqualified, mercy triumphs over judgment. Has sin disqualified you from approaching Him? Plead for His mercy in genuine repentance.
- II. The intercessor possesses the power to stand in the gap for someone else (v.22). You can intercede today for someone under the oppression of the enemy.
- III. Persistence in prayers pays off eventually because it is a sign of Faith. Even when it looks like Heaven is silent over your case/request, persist! Your desperate need will be met.
- IV. Have faith in Christ's ability. Christ is able to handle all that concerns you. Be encouraged.

Do have a glorious week.

Shalom, Shalom!!