

**TIME TABLE** SATURDAY 25TH MAY, 2024  
ALL SAINTS ANGLICAN CHURCH, YABA  
MATTINS (SAID)

8.00AM	CANTOR: Assisting: PREACHING: Topic:	Rev. Canon Sunday O. Oloju Rev. Chijindu O. Emedosi Rev. Olaitan F. Afolayan "A life of Stewardship"
9.15 AM	Topic: Expositor:	BIBLE STUDY II "Mankind and the Vanity of Life"(Eccl. 1:1-11) Ven. Chidiebere E. Ukachukwu
10.15 AM		TEA BREAK
11.00 AM	Topic: Speaker:	TALK "We are at the Point of Departure- therefore be Prepared" Mrs. Morenike Obi-Farinde
12.30 PM		LUNCH BREAK
1.30 PM 3.00PM		COMMITTEE MEETINGS CLOSING PLENARY SESSION (For considering of Committee Reports/Recommendations) (a) RESOLUTIONS (b) COMMUNIQUE (c) ADOPTION OF MINUTES CLOSING PRAYERS
6.00 PM		



## SYNOD PRAYER

Almighty and Ever-living God, the Creator and Maker of all, we give Thee hearty thanks for Your Fatherly care and sustenance as we journey on our earthly pilgrimage. You O God are immortal, and we humbly bow before you acknowledging that we are mere mortals formed from the dust of the earth; and to that dust we will return, for we are but strangers and aliens on this earth.

Grant us the grace to continue to trust in Your presence with us at all times. May we, believing, obeying, and following the examples of Your Son and our Saviour Jesus Christ, always give our lives to Your service; shunning worldly passions and pleasures, knowing that we are in the world, but not of the world.

In spite of the changes and chances of this world, help us to abide in Christ as we continue to bear fruits that will glorify Your holy name; even as we live in anticipation of that day when we shall see You face to face in Your Kingdom, where You live and reign forever and ever, Amen.

## SYNOD HYMN

CH 607 - I AM A STRANGER HERE

1. I am a stranger here,  
Heaven is my home;  
Earth is a desert drear,  
Heaven is my Home;  
Danger and sorrow stand;  
Round me on every hand;  
Heaven is my Fatherland  
Heaven is my Home
2. What though the tempest rage,  
Heaven is my home;  
Short is my pilgrimage,  
Heaven is my Home;  
And time's wild wintry blast,  
Soon shall be over passed;  
I shall reach home at last,  
Heaven is my home;
3. There at my Saviour's side  
Heaven is my home  
I shall be glorified,  
Heaven is my home;  
There are the good and blest,  
Those I love most and best;  
And there I too shall rest;  
Heaven is my Home.
4. Therefore I murmur not,  
Heaven is my home.  
Whate'er my earthly lot,  
Heaven is my Home  
And I shall surely stand  
There at my LORD'S right Hand;  
Heaven is my Fatherland,  
Heaven is my Home. Amen



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We are but  
**STRANGERS**  
&  
**ALIENS**

Hebrews 11:13b



## FRIDAY 24TH MAY, 2024

**All Saints' Church Yaba**  
MATTINS (SAID)  
CANTOR: Rev. Micheal O. Adesina  
Assisting: Rev. Chinedum Udeze  
PREACHING: Rev. Kingsley C. Ehilegbu  
Topic: "If only in this life"

9.15 AM  
Topic: BIBLE STUDY I  
"Mankind and the Vanity of life(Eccl. 2:17-25)"  
Expositor: Ven. Chidiebere E. Ukachukwu

10.15 AM  
TEA BREAK

11.30 AM  
OFFICIAL OPENING  
(a) Processional Hymn  
(b) Opening Prayer  
(c) Roll Call  
(d) Recognitions & Christian felicitations  
(e) President of Synod's Address  
(f) Appreciation of Address  
-Hon. Justice Olayinka Faji, -Diocesan Chancellor  
(g) Concluding Prayer  
(h) Withdrawal Hymn

Assisting: 1. The Synod Secretary  
2. The Chaplain

2.00PM  
LUNCH BREAK

3.00 PM  
REPORTS & PRESENTATION  
(a) Diocesan Board's Report by the Synod Secretary  
(b) Diocesan Financial Report by the Diocesan Treasurer

4.00 PM  
COMMITTEE MEETINGS

6.00 PM  
CLOSING PRAYER



## The Opening Service

THE THIRD SESSION OF THE SIXTH SYNOD  
ON THE 23RD OF MAY 2024  
@ THE CATHEDRAL OF ST. JUDE EBUTE-META.  
TIME: 4:00PM

The opening service of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Session of the 6<sup>th</sup> Synod of the Diocese of Lagos Mainland started at 4:00 pm on Thursday, May 23 2024 with the Diocesan, The Rt. Rev. B.C. Akinpelu Johnson who welcomed everyone to the opening service.

The opening of the Choir office was said by the Bishop of the Diocese of Eha-amufu, Rt Rev Daniel Olinya.

The following Bishops were present at the opening service;

- The Most Rev'd. Prof. Adebayo D. Akinde (rtd), the Pioneer Bishop of the Diocese
- The Rt. Rev'd. Dr. James Odedeji, Bishop of Lagos West Diocese
- The Rt. Rev'd. David I. Olinya, Bishop of Eha-Amufu Diocese
- The Rt. Rev'd. Festus Oduntan, Bishop of Ogorimagongo
- The Rt. Rev'd. Isaac Oluyamo, Bishop of Ijesha North Diocese
- The Rt. Rev'd. Dr. Stephen Fagbemi, Bishop of Owo Diocese
- The Rt. Rev'd. Oyinlola Sunday, Bishop of Irele-Iseodo
- The Rt. Rev'd. Jacob Kwashi, Bishop of Zonkwa

The Processional Hymns were "Father in whom we live", Lights Above, Celestial Salem A&M 710. The Old Testament was read by Hon. Justice Olayinka Faji, the Chancellor of the Diocese, and the New Testament was read by Hon. Justice Bukunola Adebisi, the Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese. Rev. Dr. Ademola Agbeleye led the intercession while the sermon was by Rt. Rev. Dr. James O. Odedeji.

The Preacher, the Rt. Revd James Olusola Odedeji, Bishop of Diocese of Lagos West, spoke on the Theme: "WE ARE BUT STRANGERS AND ALIENS" which was taken from Hebrews 11:13b.

He drew our attention to I Peter 1:1 and 2, saying Peter referred to us as pilgrims.

He admonished the congregation that it is not good for us to attach much importance to this World because it is just a passage to an exit. He said that the World is a temporary residence. Every passage has both entrance and

## SNIPPET FROM OPENING SERVICE

Thursday 23rd May 2024



exit. Rt. Revd. James Olusola Odedeji said immigrants, strangers, pilgrims, foreigners, aliens etc are terms used in the Bible. These terms are what is used for those who are not naturalized citizens in a foreign country. We are told to emulate the Heroes of Faith who did not even receive the promise despite their various exploits.

### EXPECTED CHARACTERISTICS AND FEATURES IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN

He gave attributes expected of Christians who believed that they are were just passing through the World:

- **Fight the good fight of faith against practices that are not applicable to the scriptures.**
- **Not to live in the culture of the World that is ungodly (Romans 12:1-2). We should not live as the people of the world live, we must be different. "If you cannot beat them, you join them." (Matthew 5:14-16)**
- **We must not be entangled with the worldly passion (1 Timothy 6:6-9).**
- **We must have faith and hope in God in every practice.**
- **We must have a Christian mindset rather than earthly things (Colossians 3:1-2). He said his Father will always tell him "Focus on your focus, and you become the focus."**

*"Every passage has both entrance and exit"*

He highlighted challenges that can hinder Christians as pilgrims going to heaven.

These include:

- Temptations and sin.
- Cultural pressures.
- Persecution, humiliation and discrimination.
- Materialism and inordinate ambition.
- False teachings and doctrinal errors.
- Spiritual apathy and lukewarmness.

He concluded the homily by saying that if we miss heaven, it would be a double tragedy. There are two testimonies that every pilgrim is expected to give before he/she can enter eternity with God. That is, "I fought" and "I conquered." He prayed for every one of us to make heaven and for those who are yet to have Christ to have the opportunity because he is the only visa to heaven.

The service ended with benediction said by the Diocesan and the Withdrawal hymns were "Through The Night of Doubt & Sorrow" and "Guide Me, O Thou Great Redeemer".

The closing of the Choir office was led by The Dean- The Ven. Segun Ajayi at 6:50pm.

