

# *ICOBA (Europe)*



**Order of Service**

**Founders' Day**

**5.00pm**

**Saturday 11th February 2023**

**Preacher - Pastor 'Seye Oyediran**

**Officiating Minister**

**The Rev'd. Prebendary 'Bunmi Fagbemi  
Vicar of Holy Trinity Tottenham**

**Opening Hymn:** *Praise, my soul, the King...*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven  
to his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

Father-like, he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him;  
dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace.

*Lyte, H.F.*

**The Greeting:**

*A Minister leads with a sentence of Scripture:*

***All Igbobians, wherever you may be ...***

*"...There is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised,  
Barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!*

*- Galatians 3.28*

Omnes Unum in Domino

**All All are one in the Lord!**

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

## **Welcome & Introduction**

We have come together in the presence of God, our Father, to offer him praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive his encouraging word, to bring before him the needs of Igbobi College School, our country Nigeria, the United Kingdom and the world, to ask his forgiveness of our sins, and to rededicate ourselves to God's service.

## **Opening Prayer**

That this evening may be holy, good and peaceful, let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept.*

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication and 91 years of the life Igbobi College: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who schooled and worshipped you there: and we pray that all who seek your blessings in her and for her may be richly rewarded, and become living temples acceptable to you; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **Act of Penitence**

Loving God,  
you are faithful and forgiving:  
help us now to grasp the greatness of your love. Help us to pray honestly as we make our confession and seek your forgiveness.

*Silent Reflection*

Where we have failed to love,  
and have loved to hurt:

**All Forgive us and heal us.**

Where we have scorned difference  
and have been indifferent to those in need:

**All Forgive us and heal us.**

Where we have spoken harsh words to others,  
and have been quick to take offence ourselves:

**All Forgive us and heal us.**

Where we have prayed and sung about injustice,  
and have ignored the injustice around us:

**All** **Forgive us and heal us.**

### **Absolution**

Merciful God, unlike us, you are true to your word.  
When we cry to you in sorrow and repentance,  
you hear our cries and are swift to forgive.  
For your faithful love we praise you.

**All** **Amen.**

### **The Readings**

**The Psalm:** *Psalm 90.1-12*

- 1 Lord, you have been our refuge •  
from one generation to another.
- 2 Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or the earth and the world were formed, •  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3 You turn us back to dust and say: •  
'Turn back, O children of earth.'
- 4 For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, •  
which passes like a watch in the night.
- 5 You sweep them away like a dream; •  
they fade away suddenly like the grass.
- 6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; •  
in the evening it is dried up and withered.
- 7 For we consume away in your displeasure; •  
we are afraid at your wrathful indignation.
- 8 You have set our misdeeds before you •  
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.
- 9 When you are angry, all our days are gone; •  
our years come to an end like a sigh.
- 10 The days of our life are three score years and ten,  
or if our strength endures, even four score; •  
yet the sum of them is but labour and sorrow,  
for they soon pass away and we are gone.
- 11 Who regards the power of your wrath •  
and your indignation like those who fear you?
- 12 So teach us to number our days •  
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

**Second Reading:** *Romans 8: 31–39*

What, then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all—how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things? Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies. Who then is the one who condemns? No one. Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? As it is written:

*“For your sake we face death all day long;  
we are considered as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gospel Reading:**

*All Stand*

*Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to Matthew 8:1-10*

**All** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

In those days when there was again a great crowd without anything to eat, he called his disciples and said to them, ‘I have compassion for the crowd, because they have been with me now for three days and have nothing to eat. If I send them away hungry to their homes, they will faint on the way—and some of them have come from a great distance.’ His disciples replied, ‘How can one feed these people with bread here in the desert?’ He asked them, ‘How many loaves do you have?’ They said, ‘Seven.’ Then

he ordered the crowd to sit down on the ground; and he took the seven loaves, and after giving thanks he broke them and gave them to his disciples to distribute; and they distributed them to the crowd. They had also a few small fish; and after blessing them, he ordered that these too should be distributed. They ate and were filled; and they took up the broken pieces left over seven baskets full. Now there were about four thousand people. And he sent them away. | And immediately he got into the boat with his disciples and went to the district of Dalmanutha.

*At the end the reader says*

**All** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ORGAN MUSIC**

**ADDRESS - God's Everlasting Love - Pastor Seye Oyediran**

***Silence is kept.***  
*(This is an opportunity to reflect on the Address)*

## **THE PRAYERS**

### **ACT OF REMEMBRANCE**

*A time of prayers begins with an Act to Remember late Old Igbobians.*

*We remember, especially those who died recently, among them:*

#### **Bada Kola Akinlade — (Set: 75/77)**

*Silence is kept.*

*The period of Silence ends with this prayer:*

*Almighty Saviour,  
those who have died in faith  
have eternal joy in your presence.  
For us who remain, be with us in our sadness  
and turn our eyes to you.  
By your death once for all upon the cross,  
raise us to new life,  
give us victory over death  
and confidence to look forward to your coming.*

**All**

**Amen**

#### **Prayers Of Intercession - Led by Mr Femi Ogidan**

*Other prayers of intercession may follow, including this prayer of Thanksgiving for 91 years of Igbobi College*

*"Heavenly Father, we thank You for our beloved alma mater, Igbobi College, and the 91 years of its existence.*

*We give thanks for the thousands of noble Nigerians whose lives have been shaped by the education they received at the school. We are grateful for the vision which You graciously imparted to the Anglican and Methodist churches, and for the wherewithal to pursue it.*

*We thank You for the principals, teachers and other staff who have served the students over the years.*

*As we celebrate an illustrious past, we look forward, with humility, to a future in which leaders of courage and integrity are nurtured and released into our nation."*

*The Minister may conclude with these words:*

*God of our salvation, we thank you for hearing our prayers, which we offer in the power of the Spirit and in union with Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

**All**

**Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

*The period of Silence is broken by the Vicar's invitation to the Chairman to lead the Act of Rededication.*

## **ACT of REDEDICATION**

*The CHAIRMAN requests the attention of all Igbobians present.*

*The Chairman expresses appreciation for the work of the Executive Committee.*

*The CHAIRMAN then leads all Igbobians present in an Act of Rededicating ourselves to the service of Igbobi College and ICOBA:*

**All** **Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for Igbobi College**  
**and for shaping our lives through her.**  
**May the joys, love and fellowship,**  
**she has given to us continue**  
**to strength to our lives.**

**We rededicate ourselves**  
**to revealing God's Glory through her.**  
**Take us and use us**  
**to love and serve all people**  
**in the power of the Holy Spirit**  
**and in the name of your Son,**  
**Jesus Christ our Lord,**  
**in whom we are all one.**  
**Amen.**

## **LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

### **The Peace**

When our eyes have seen our salvation in our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ, we can be at peace.

**All** The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## **Offertory Hymn: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!**

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! His the triumph,  
His the victory alone.  
Hark! The songs of peaceful Zion  
Thunder like a mighty flood.  
Jesus, out of every nation,  
Has redeemed us by his blood.

Alleluia! Not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! He is near us;  
Faith believes nor questions how.  
Though the cloud from sight received him  
When the forty days were 'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
"I am with you evermore"?

Alleluia! Bread of angels  
Here on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! Here the sinful  
Come to you from day to day.  
Intercessor, friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
You the Lord of lords we own:  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
Earth your footstool, heav'n ol, throne:  
He within the veil, have entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest:  
He on earth both priest and victim  
In the Eucharistic feast!

*Source: (CAHON 12)*

*People complete the transfer of their gifts and offerings.*

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

**All** **Amen**

*The table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.  
The president takes the bread and wine.*

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

**All** The Lord is here  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**All** **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All** **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.  
When we turned away  
you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.  
**All** **You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.  
**All** **He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed,  
at supper with his friends  
he took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
**All** **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:  
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.  
**All** **Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All** As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**All** Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us,  
Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All** Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done;  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever.  
Amen.

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

**All** Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

### **Agnus Dei**

**All** Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
have mercy on us.

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world,  
grant us peace.**

## **Giving of Communion**

*Prayer of Spiritual Communion  
(For those not receiving the Sacrament physically)*

**All** Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly,  
day by day. Amen.

*The president and people receive communion.*

## **ORGAN MUSIC**

### **Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

**All** Merciful Father,  
who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the  
bread of life,  
that those who come to him should  
never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him at  
his table in the kingdom, where he is  
alive and reigns, now and for ever.  
Amen

### **Notices & Vote of Thanks**

#### **National Anthems – First Verses Only**

##### **Nigeria**

Arise, O compatriots, Nigeria's call obey  
To serve our fatherland  
With love and strength and faith  
The labour of our heroes past  
Shall never be in vain  
To serve with heart and might  
One nation bound in freedom,  
peace and unity.

## **United Kingdom**

God save our gracious King,  
Long live our noble King,  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King!

## **School Song – Teach Me Thy Best**

Teach me thy best, that all the world may know,  
What it is, to have come from thee.  
Teach me that I, into the world may go,  
Struggling ever for thy fame Igbobi.

**Refrain** Give me a torch which shall shine  
And pour on all afar and near its radiance divine,  
Let hill and vale these tidings bear  
Wherever there's an Igbobian  
There also is a Noble Nigerian!

## **THE DISMISSAL**

### **Closing supplication**

For each new venture  
give us new heart,  
for each new step  
give us new strength,  
for each new problem  
give us new wisdom,  
for all things new,  
give us the word that is old,  
yet ever new.

**All** Amen.

## **THE BLESSING**

**All** On our heads and our houses,  
**the blessing of God.**

**All** In our coming and going,  
**the peace of God.**

**All** In our life and believing,  
**the love of God.**

**All** At our end and new beginning,  
**the arms of God to welcome us  
and bring us home.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** **Amen.**

*The minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**Final Hymn:** *God of nurture, God of caring, (Tune: What a friend we have in Jesus)*

God of nurture, God of caring,  
God whose love goes ev'rywhere,  
God who's kept us through life's journey  
hold us safe now, hear our prayer.  
Make each home a place of safety,  
make ICOBA a BOND of joy,  
make each moment rich and special;  
for us every fear destroy.

God of ages, God of story,  
God who's witnessed all we've been,  
God who's walked each step beside us,  
bless us through the things we've seen;  
hold, with us, our treasured mem'ries –  
friendship, laughter, joy and care –  
let them guard us and sustain us,  
whatsoever else we'll share.

God of welcome, God of sharing,  
God who helps us learn and grow,  
in response to our receiving,  
may we share the God we know.  
Help our body delight to welcome  
those with faith and those with doubt;  
keep us fresh, alive and quirky,  
open, eager, reaching out.

God who understands our worries,  
ever works to bring relief,  
by your Spirit daily bless us,  
send us love and joy and peace.  
Send us patience, kindness, goodness,  
faithfulness and self-control,  
keep us humble, keep us praising,  
be for us our All in All. Composed by John Campbell © 2016 Kevin Mayhew Ltd

*The minister and people depart.*

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