

## Sermon Summary for EASTER SUNDAY, 21st April, 2019

### “EXPERIENCING THE RESURRECTION”

John 20: 1 - 31

Rev. Julius Duah Coomson

#### The Importance of the Resurrection

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead lies at the heart of Christianity. Jesus' death would have meant nothing if He had not risen from the dead (1 Cor. 15:13-20). Without the resurrection, our faith would have been in vain and we would still be in our sins. The resurrection is the Father's 'Amen' to Jesus' last words spoken on the cross, "It is finished". As Romans 1:4 notes, the resurrection demonstrates that Jesus is indeed God's Son. The resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ gives us hope beyond the grave. Because the resurrection is so crucial to our Christian Faith, the devil and the world of unbelievers are doing everything to disprove its credibility. Therefore, as Christians, we must give our attention to the subject of Jesus' resurrection. There are 3 compelling reasons for which we must reaffirm the resurrection as Christians:

**1. It is a historical fact we can trust** - John 20:1-30. There are two main proofs for the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ. They are the empty tomb and the post resurrection appearances. John 20:1 tells us the stone was rolled away and the tomb was empty. This was confirmed by Peter and John (verses 3-10). John 20:7 notes that the strips of linen and the cloth that had been wrapped around Jesus' head were still intact, implying that His body had risen out of the cloth, just like it could pass through walls (v19). Therefore the stone at the entrance of the tomb was not rolled aside for Jesus to exit, but to allow people access inside to verify that He was raised from the dead. Not only was the tomb empty; Jesus also appeared to His followers. He appeared to Mary Magdalene (verses 10-18), to the ten disciples without Thomas (verses 19-25), and with Thomas (verses 26-29) and to some 500 people at the same time (1Cor. 15:6).

**2. It wields transformative power that we must experience** - All the people who encountered the risen Lord were transformed. Mary Magdalene was transformed from a state of sorrow to a joyful state (verses 10-18), the disciples were transformed from fear to courage (verses 19-25) and Thomas was also transformed from doubt to faith (verses 26-29). Ultimately, the power of the resurrection transforms us from the state of death in sin to life in Christ when we believe in Him (verses 30&31). Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ?

**3. It is great news that must be shared with others.** In John 20:17, Jesus asked Mary to go and share the good news of the resurrection with the other disciples, instead of clinging to him. The same applies to us who have heard and experienced Jesus' resurrection power through faith and salvation. As the Father sent Jesus, so has Jesus also sent us (verse 21). We are on a mission of reconciliation. For this reason, we are charged to share the good news of Christ and His resurrection with others through witnessing and evangelism. Are you willing to share this great news?

#### OUTREACH TO OTHER CHURCHES – 5TH & 12TH MAY

Mr. Kofi-Kakraba Afful will preach at Narhman Emmaus Presbyterian Church on 5th May. Topic: "Jesus Christ Our Salvation". Mr. Joseph Akwei Allotey will preach at Korleman Methodist Society on 12th May. Topic, "Jesus Christ Our Shepherd". Let us bear them up in prayer.

#### This Week's Prayer Topics

✠ Pray for Christian marriages: Come against attacks on marriages in the name of the Lord, and pray that the Holy Spirit will clothe every struggling marriage with love, forgiveness and reconciliation (1 Samuel 17:45; Ephesians 5:24-28)

✠ Pray for trouble spots around the world: that the peace of God will reign in those places ... Sri Lanka, New Zealand, Algeria, etc. (1 John 5:14-15)

✠ Pray for yourself and come against every plan of the enemy against your life and everything that concerns you. Cancel every demonic decree against your life and condemn every tongue that is speaking against you. Pray also that the power of the resurrection will fully manifest in your life (Luke 10:19; Isaiah 54:14, 17; Romans 8:11)

#### CONGRATULATIONS!!!

##### BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

- 28 Apr: Mr. Pious B. Dadzie
- 28 Apr: Mr. Reindorf Baah Perbi
- 28 Apr: Mr. Franklin Eleblu
- 28 Apr: Dr. (Mrs.) Naa Dodua Dodoo-Adjokatcher
- 28 Apr: Mr. Henry Abraham
- 29 Apr: Mrs. Abena Twumwa Manteaw
- 29 Apr: Mrs. Eunice Bawah
- 30 Apr: Mr. Ebenezer Terkutey
- 30 Apr: Mr. Ebenezer Nortey
- 30 Apr: Mrs. Victoria M. Baah
- 1 May: Mr. Victor Abeku Panford
- 1 May: Ms. Carollina Esenam Gbenah
- 1 May: Mr. Worlali Senyo
- 2 May: Miss Ewurabena A. Yeboah
- 2 May: Ms. Sarah Banwa Sam
- 2 May: Mr. Loryean Tomah
- 3 May: Mr. John Henry Myers
- 3 May: Mr. Daniel Malias Abodi-Klenn
- 3 May: Mr. Ethan Edrick Kweku Nartey
- 3 May: Mr. Eugene Poku Asante
- 3 May: Ms. Sefakor Agbesi
- 3 May: Ms. Paulina Akweley Addico
- 3 May: Ms. Esinam Afua Dzameshie
- 4 May: Mrs. Selasie Eryonam Agamah
- 4 May: Mr. Collins Gadawusu
- 4 May: Mrs. Mavis Dagadu-Safo

##### WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

- Apr 29: Immanuel & Selasie Agamah
- 1 May: Joseph and Agnes Budu
- 2 May: John and Agnes Abedu Quashie
- 3 May: Alfred & Efeh Amoah
- 4 May: Kofi and Therese Adomako

# WELCOME



TO

## LEGON INTERDENOMINATIONAL CHURCH

(University of Ghana, Legon)

*The Council of Elders and Pastors heartily welcome you to today's Service this Sunday morning! Akwaaba!!*

### SUNDAY 28TH APRIL, 2019

YEAR'S THEME: "EMPOWERED FOR SERVICE"

Half-Year Theme: "The Role of the Holy Spirit in the Life of the Believer"

FIRST SERVICE: 7:00AM TO 9:00AM

BIBLE STUDY: 9:15AM TO 10:15AM ON SUNDAYS

SECOND SERVICE: 10:30AM TO 12:30PM

<b>Pastors:</b>	Rev. Francis Yaw Boamah	Tel: 024 464 6205
	Rev. Julius Duah Coomson	Tel: 055 526 9155
<b>Presiding Elder:</b>	Prof. Esther Sakyi-Dawson	Tel: 050 256 8615
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**TODAY: SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL, 2019**

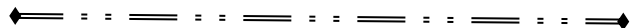
Officiant: 1st & 2nd Services - Mrs. Efua Ohene-Adu || Prof. Mrs. Regina Appiah-Opong

Sermon Topic: **“THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES A WORD OF KNOWLEDGE, A WORD OF WISDOM AND DISCERNING OF SPIRITS”**

Preacher: **Pastor Selassie Mawuenyega**

Lectors: 1st Service - Mr. Arnold Poku-Adu and Dr. Elsie Effah Kaufmann  
2nd Service - Dr. Ekuia Ekumah and Mr. Jonathan Ntsiful

Notices: 1st & 2nd Services - Mr. Nuku Kumaga || Dr. Millicent Cobblah



Scripture Passages: **2 Kings 5: 20 - 27 and Acts 13: 4 - 12**

Opening Hymn: “All hail the power of Jesu’s name” || “I sing the almighty power of God”

Closing Hymn: “Crown Him with many crowns” || “O Thou who camest from above”

**NEXT WEEK: SUNDAY, 5TH MAY, 2019**

Officiant: 1st & 2nd Services - Mrs. Lillian Phillips-Kumaga || Dr. Awo Asiedu

Sermon Topic: **“THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVES FAITH”**

Preacher: **Rev. (Mrs.) Agnes Phillips**

Lectors: 1st Service - Dr. Mrs. Akua Ofori Asumadu and Mrs. Nana Asantewaa Afadzino  
2nd Service - Mrs. Charity Budu-Laryea and Dr. Mrs. Nana K. Sereboe

Scripture Passages: **Genesis 22:1-19 and James 5:14-18**

Notices: 1st & 2nd Services - Mr. Nuku Kumaga || Dr. Millicent Cobblah

**LOCATE A C.A.R.E. (CARING FOR AND REACHING EVERYONE) CELL NEAR YOU**

Would you like to grow as a disciple to become more like Jesus? Contact any of the under-listed leaders.

Name	Contact No.	Area/Location	Name	Contact No.	Area/Location
Mrs. Isabella Agra	0244337249	Sakumono-Spintex	Mr. Victor Tweneboea	0244324667	Nsawam Road
Mrs. Efua Ohene-Adu	0244420657	Haatso	Mr. Charles MacCarthy	0244353522	Adenta
Mr. Frank Y. Yeboah	0244636841	Legon Hill/ Ayido	Mr. Charles Ayarkwa	0248895940	Agbogba/North Legon Extension
Dr. Emmanuel Sina-yobye	0244524499	Pantang-Abokobi, Aburi Road	Mr. Charles Adomako	0249953141	Haatso/Papao
Mr. Nuku Kumaga	0243319328	Haatso Adenta	Mr. Kenneth Appiah-Opong	0208118468	LIC (Legon campus)
Mrs. Monica Senanu	0244748746	Nungua/ Sakumono	Mrs. Serena Boamah	0277418396	Spintex
Mr. Isaac Agyeman	0202022572	Dome Pillar 2	Dr. (Mrs.) Akua Ofori-Asumadu	0244313122	Ministries Enclave
Ms. Mabel Kotey	0242111268	LIC (Legon campus)	Mr. Dan Agamah	0208170000	Teshie Nungua
Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo	0208161624	Adenta Housing Down	Mrs. Florence Yeboah	0506761399	Agbogba/North Legon Extension
Mr. Kofi D. Asomaning	0208115481	Adjiringanor	Mr. Kwame Attrams	0244281927	Tafia/Dome/Atomic
Mr. Alfred Amoah	0268504572	Nsawam Road	Dr. Ben Diabah	0509225772	Link Gate/LIC
Mr. Justice Larbi-Akor	0244623265	Adenta	Dr. Ezekiel Clotey	0244474891	Ayido Flat



Activity for 28th April, 19

**‘WORKSHOP’**

Leaders:

Tsatsu Adogla-Bessa; Kwaku Afful; Ethel Abedu Quashie; Dromo Aryee

Time is **4:00pm @ LIC**

**Visitors’ Reception for APRIL, 2019**

- 1: Mrs. Amanda Derban
- 2: Ms. Aileen Asafu-Adjaye; Mr. Spike Boaitay Jr.

**BABY DEDICATION**

This will be on **Sunday, 12th May** before the start of our AGM. It will be a **JOINT SERVICE**. Deadline to register is **Wednesday, 8th May**.

**REFLECTION: Make every effort**

The spiritual gifts are free and gifted at Will to make the gifted function without effort. Missing a particular gift doesn’t make you poor in spirit. A Christian without the gift of wisdom is not excused to be foolish. Not having the gift of discernment doesn’t mean you don’t exercise any judgment. The gifted may effortlessly set the standard but the gift-less Christian is still held to a standard and must make every effort to meet the standard. — JNA (April, 2019)

**PLASTIC WASTE COLLECTION IS NEXT SUNDAY**

The Van comes **every 1st Sunday of the month** to pick up your plastic waste. Please drop-off at the **NEW LOCATION** as you drive-in!

**OUR 2019 AGM WILL BE ON 12TH MAY, 2019. IT WILL BE A JOINT SERVICE. Bible Study @ 8am || Service @ 9:15am**

**PRAYING WITH ONE ANOTHER**

The Prayer Ministry requests the under-listed persons to kindly provide the Ministry with their active/current contact numbers and professions as they pray for them this week. The Ministry’s week begins on Monday and runs until Saturday.

Esther Anim-Dankwa	Mr. Nii Kpakpo Oti Ankrah	Mrs. Edith Asaabaa Annan
Mr. Kofi Anim-Dankwa	Mr. Nii Kwanchie Ankrah	Mr. Dickson Annan
Mr. Joseph Aninga	Mr. Nii Okantah Ankrah	Mr. Matthew Kwadjo Anne
Mrs. Cecilia Ayaovi Kpoti Ankrah	Mrs. Dela Akosua Boachie-Ansah	Ms. Elizabeth Annoh
Ms. Naa Kwaduah Ankrah	Mr. Seveamenu Ephraim Anku-Quarcoo	Mrs. Effie Annor

Kindly contact the following people with any two specific prayer requests, latest by 12noon on Wednesday: Mr. David Avor - 0207628947 and Mr. Otobil Arthur—0269654873. Also, **please update your records with the Church Office**.

**SUNDAY, 28TH APRIL, 2019**

**ELDERS ON DUTY**

**NEXT SUNDAY, 5TH MAY, 2019**

Mr. Charles MacCarthy (0244-353522)  
Dr. George T-M. Kwadzo (020-8161624)

**Reception**

Dr. Mrs. Eureka Ahadjie Adomako (0244-281821)  
Mr. Kwadwo Otu Addae (0243-367611)

**Counseling**

Mr. Theo Aryee (0204-315133)  
Mr. Samuel Owusu Yeboah (0504441114)

Dr. Awo Mana Asiedu (0244-575177)

**MID-WEEK SERVICES SCHEDULE AND OTHER PROGRAMMES**

DATE	TIME	OFFICIANT	ACTIVITY	SERMON TOPIC	PREACHER
<b>Fri. 3-May</b>	10:00pm - 5:00am	Mr. Terry Jumah	<b>All-Night Prayer Meeting</b>	<b>“LORD REVEAL THE POWER IN THE BLOOD TO US”</b> (Revelation 12: 9-17)	Rev. Julius Coomson & Prophet Afriyie-Jenkins
Wed. 8-May	6:30pm- 8:00pm	Mr. Kofi Afum Karikari	Prayer & Teaching Service	“Empowered for Service: Persistence in Faith” (Luke 18: 1 - 8)	Mr. Edem Senanu
Wed. 15-Mar	6:30pm- 8:30pm	Mr. Vincent Dogbey	BETHESDA MOMENT (John 5:1-9)		Mr. Kofi Obeng Yeboah

◇ **PRAYER MEETINGS:**

Sunday Morning: Prayer for Sunday Activities @ 8:45am - 9:15am; Sunday Evening: In the Conference Room @ 6:30pm- 8pm; Monday: In the Meeting Room 1 @ 6:30pm - 8pm; Wednesday: Prayer & Teaching Service @ 6:30pm - 8pm in the Sanctuary, except for ‘Bethesda Moment’ which is from 6:30pm - 8:30pm; Saturday: Prayer for Missions @ 7am - 8:30am on the Right Verandah of the Sanctuary; All Night Prayer Meeting: 1st Friday of the Month @ 10pm - 4am

◇ **BIBLE STUDIES: Sunday:** 9:15 - 10:15am (for 2 Services); 8am - 9am (for Joint Services); Monday: 6:45pm - 8:00pm

◇ **REHEARSALS: LIC BAND: Tuesdays @ 7:00pm - 9:00pm LIC CHOIR: Saturdays @ 4:00pm - 7:00pm**