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## MESSIAH CHURCH CHARITY NUMBER: 1131308

2 Corinthians 4:5 New International Version (NIV)

For what we preach is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, and ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake.

At Messiah, we neither proclaim our own wisdom nor power; we have nothing but what we have received; we do not wish to establish our own authority. We preach the word of Jesus Christ our Lord. We proclaim the author of this glorious Gospel as Christ and after sharing the story of the Good Samaritan, Jesus said "Go and do likewise." That is the mission of Messiah Church—to follow the example of Christ by helping those in need and proclaiming the hope of the Gospel.

## WE LIVE BY OUR CORE VALUES

Faith in God \* Respect for others \* Taking responsibility for our actions  
Self-control and Moderation \* Honesty and Integrity \* Kindness and Compassion  
Contentment and Thankfulness \* Patience and Perseverance  
Peace and Humility \* Loyalty and Commitment

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### **The Presiding Archbishops**

His Eminence the Most Reverend DR. A.C.C. Evangelou  
PRESIDENT OF IXTHUS CHURCH COUNCIL

&

Archbishop Edward Mannesah Antwi  
THE PRESIDENT OF ASSOCIATION OF MINISTERS AND CHRISTIAN  
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### **Assisting**

Archbishop Kwaku Frimpong Manson  
RECONCILIATION INTERNATIONAL & MEMBER OF IXTHUS CHURCH  
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Archbishop Fidela Onyuku-Opukiri  
COUNCIL OF AFRICAN & AFRO-CARRIDEAN CHURCHES

### **Moderator of the Ixthus Church Council**

Rev. Penny Efstathiou

### **The General Secretary**

Pastor John Joannou

### **Assisting Ministers**

Bishop Dr. William Wood  
Bishop Dr. Marcy Wood  
Bishop Peter Douglas  
Bishop James Larbi  
Bishop Stella Matte Bishop Samuel Ihenachio  
Bishop Joel Oluwafemi  
Rev. Simon Reed  
Rev. Peter Harris  
Bishop Ben Opoku  
Bishop Albert Alotey  
Bishop-Elect Awuraba Yawson  
Bishop-Elect Yaw Dankwah  
Rev. Dr. Vincent Onwukanjo



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## Order of Service

1. Praise and Worship  
by the united choirs
2. Processional Hymn  
I hear Thy welcome voice
3. Prayer of invocation  
Archbishop Edward Mannesah Antwi
4. Welcome address  
His Eminence the Most Reverend DR. A.C.C. Evangelou
5. Bible readings
6. The creed
7. Profile of the Bishop-Elect
8. Consecration service
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10. Offering
11. Sermon
12. Communion
13. Recessional song



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## Processional Hymn

I hear Thy welcome voice  
I hear Thy welcome voice  
That calls me, Lord, to Thee,  
For cleansing in Thy precious blood  
That flowed on Calvary.

### ***Refrain:***

*I am coming, Lord,  
Coming now to Thee!  
Wash me, cleanse me in the blood  
That flowed on Calvary.*

Though coming weak and vile,  
Thou dost my strength assure;  
Thou dost my vileness fully cleanse,  
Till spotless all, and pure.

'Tis Jesus who confirms  
The blessed work within,  
By adding grace to welcomed grace,  
Where reigned the pow'r of sin.

And He the witness gives  
To loyal hearts and free  
That every promise is fulfilled,  
If faith but brings the plea.



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## Preamble

Read By Rev. Simon Reed

**F**rom the beginning of the Church in AD33, it has been very important to set people apart to hold positions in the Church to maintain peace and order, and to ensure the physical expansion and the unity of the body of Christ.

Since the days of the apostles and throughout the Scriptures, God has used sacred offices and ministries to guide the Church to the fulfilment of its earthly purpose. The earliest records of ancient Christian writers have included Holy rituals that have given the Christian Church its character and majesty.

The Old and New Testaments contain depictions of God's design and relationship with the Church. The New Testament in particular, gives points that outline the character and duties of the post-Resurrection Church. The Scripture highlight the orders of ordained ministries that give expression to the character of the Christian Church.

The New Testament and Book of Common Prayer outline the use and purpose of these sacred offices. The order of Bishops are those who are called to lead, oversee and unite the Church. They guide and teach others to fulfil Christ's Commission in the world. The Presbyters or Elders are charged to govern, shepherd, proclaim the Gospel, administer the Lord's ordinances and strengthen the Church's missionary zeal. The Deacons assist the Bishops and Pastors in all areas of the ministry, including but limited to ministering to the sick, poor, and disenfranchised. The Church recognises those who are capable and called by God and ordains them to work of the ministry.



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Their ability and gifting is acknowledged through ceremonial prayer and the laying on of hands. Those who are called are forever associated with the redemptive plan of God, for peace and them to work of the ministry. Their ability and gifting is acknowledged through ceremonial prayer and the laying on of hands. Those who are called are forever associated with the redemptive plan of God, for peace and reconciliation in the world.

The act of consecration is a public affirmation of the servant's call and pledge of lifelong commitment to the cause of Christ and the Church. The chronicles of these ancient offices date back to the first century. Each Bishop receives their consecration through the laying on of hands.

This act confers upon the recipient the history and purpose of the office. Bishops are consecrated by other Bishops who are qualified to confer upon the recipient the rights and responsibilities of the office. This threefold ministry is a blessing from God for the edifying, nurturing, and sharing of the Gospel throughout the world.

Those, whom God calls, are publicly set apart by Him for a special work. Our Bishop-Elect, Joan Asiedu Larbi joins the long-standing tradition of those called to serve the greater Church. This is the reason that we have gathered here today.



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*Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it well until the day of Jesus Christ”*  
*Philippians 1:6*





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## Bible Readings

Leviticus 8:1-13

**T**he LORD spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments and the anointing oil and the bull of the sin offering and the two rams and the basket of unleavened bread. 3 And assemble all the congregation at the entrance of the tent of meeting.” 4 And Moses did as the LORD commanded him, and the congregation was assembled at the entrance of the tent of meeting. 5 And Moses said to the congregation, “This is the thing that the LORD HAS commanded to be done.” 6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons and washed them with water. 7 And he put the coat on him and tied the sash around his waist and clothed him with the robe and put the ephod on him and tied the skilfully woven band of the ephod around him, binding it to him with the band. [A] 8 and he placed the breast piece on him, and in the breast piece he put the Urim and the Thummim. 9 And he set the turban on his head, and on the turban, in front, he set the golden plate, the holy crown, as the LORD commanded Moses. 10 Then Moses took the anointing oil and anointed the tabernacle and all that was in it, and consecrated them. 11 And he sprinkled some of it on the altar seven times, and anointed the altar and all its utensils and the basin and its stand, to consecrate them. 12 And he poured some of the anointing oil on Aaron’s head and anointed him to consecrate him. 13 And Moses brought Aaron’s sons and clothed them with coats and tied sashes around their waists and bound caps on them, as the LORD commanded Moses.

1 PETER 5:1-4

The elders who are among you I exhort, I who am a fellow elder and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, and also a partaker of the



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glory that will be revealed: 2 Shepherd the flock of God which is among you, serving as overseers, not by compulsion but willingly, not for dishonest gain but eagerly; 3 nor as being lords over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock; 4 and when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that does not fade away.

John 21:15-19

15 so when they had eaten breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me more than these?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Feed My lambs.” 16 He said to him again a second time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?” He said to Him, “Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend My sheep.” 17 He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of Jonah, do you love me?” Peter was grieved because He said to him the third time, “Do you love me?” And he said to Him, “Lord, You know all things; you know that I love you.”



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## The Nicene Creed

**I** believe in One God, Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in One Lord, Jesus Christ, the Only-begotten Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, Light from Light, True God from True God, begotten not made, consubstantial with the Father; through Him all things were made.

For our sake and for our salvation He came down from heaven, and was Incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became Man.

He was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate, and suffered and was buried; He rose again on the Third Day, in accordance with the Scripture, and ascended into heaven and is seated at the Right Hand of the Father.

He is coming again in Glory to judge the living and the dead and His Kingdom will have no end.

And in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the Giver of life, who proceeds from the Father, who together with Father and Son is worshipped and together glorified; who spoke through the Prophets.

In one Holy, Universal and Apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. I await the resurrection the dead and the life of the age to come.

Amen



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The Profile Of

## Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi

Read By Rev. Dr. Vincent Onwukanjo



**B**ishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi is a co-founder of Messiah Church. She is the daughter of the late Reverend Jonas Asiedu Larbi and Dora Asiedu Larbi of the Senior Ministers of Apostolic Church in Mamprobi, Ghana. Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi was brought up in the word of the Lord and has been serving in the church from the age of 12 years. Her very first encounter in her younger years was at an all-night youth service.

During the encounter in 1967 she fell into a trance and saw a vision of heaven where praises were taking place. She saw living beings praising God in song throughout Heaven. She woke speaking an unknown language. Her father being a senior minister received a report of the encounter however he decided not to comment but shared with the elders at a meeting

There was another encounter in which Jesus appeared to her while she lay on her bed. Jesus appeared to stretch out his hand to her for a short time and then left.

Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi is a chef and manager by profession. She has worked in the BBC HQ, for the Royal Mail and numerous schools in Camden and Brent. During this time, she diligently continued to study the word of God. She was awarded a certificate in Christian Studies by Kensington Temple, she also achieved a Masters of Divinity from the Tabernacle Bible College & Seminar Florida.





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She has become a shining example of a Christian leader not only in the UK but across the nations of the world. She has the ability, wisdom, maturity and earnest determination in ministerial work. She works fluently and quickly, does her own research work and displays independent judgment at all times.

Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu is married to Bishop James Larbi and they are blessed with three children.

She is Spirit filled and deeply rooted in the knowledge of the only One True God, the Scripture (2 Timothy 2; 15-17) and in sound

doctrine (Titus 2:1).

She satisfies the qualifications laid down in 1 Timothy 3:1-7. She is like minded as Christ her Master (Philippians 1:1-8) with a caring and loving attitude for all mankind.

Bishop-Elect has a track record of serving people and the community and the ability to interact and reach out to people from all walks of life and backgrounds.

These exceptional qualities possessed by the Lord's servant qualify her to be recommended and be worthy of the office of a bishop.

She is currently the principal at Christ Universal Bible College the grace of God this College has gone through over ten years producing ministers for both Churches and ministries.

Bishop-Elect Joan Larbi has been described as one great example of generational changers and leaders who has come to make a difference in this generation. Bishop-Elect Joan Larbi is a respected spiritual mother



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in the Church of God and in the body of Christ. She is highly distinguished and much esteemed by many who know her.

She has unquestionable character and leadership qualities worth emulating. In recent years, she has been a true ambassador of Christ, travelling to Tanzania, Ivory Coast, United States of America and Ghana, to minister the word of God. Bishop-Elect is a woman of prayer. She also has the gift of healing. Many who have been blessed by her ministry have tangible testimonies of what God has done for them.



Her personal conviction is that in every situation, Jesus Christ is Lord, (2COR 4:5). She believes that the people of the world can be changed through the gospel of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. She became an executive member of the Mission to London 2012 and The Morris Cerullo World Evangelism conference, in London Earls Court and followed by being one of the key

speakers at the same conference in 2014.

Those in authority have chosen this woman of godly character and sound





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learning to be bishop in the Church of God. Bishop-Elect Joan Larbi is very kind and generous, there was no hesitation in recommending her to be consecrated.

Thank You Lord for your faithfulness.





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## Consecration Service

The Presiding Archbishop Dr. A. C. C. Evangelou

### **Addresses all present:**

Honoured guests, Officers of Ixthus Church Council, Bishops Ministers, Pastors and Church Members and Friends, We are gathered here today in the presence of Almighty God to consecrate Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi to the office of Bishop.

I call upon the Adjudicators to present the Bishop-Elect.

### **The Adjudicators present the Bishop-Elect:**

Reverends, Archbishops and Bishops we present the **Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi** to be consecrated to the office of Bishop of the Christian Church.

### **The Authority**

#### **The Presiding Archbishop:**

Let the Authority for the consecration be read.

The Authority is read.

Reading of the Authority

### **The Presiding Archbishop presents the Bishop-Elect to the people, saying:**

Those who have authority to do so have chosen Bishop-Elect Asiedu Joan Larbi as a woman of godly life and sound learning, to be a Bishop in the Church of Christ. It is therefore your will that she should be consecrated to that Office.

### **The People say:**

It is.





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**Moderator:**

Will you uphold her in ministry?

**The People say:**

We will.

**Moderator:**

I call upon the representatives of Messiah Church of which the Bishop-Elect is the Leader, to pledge that the Ministry will strongly support their new Bishop.

Do you, the representatives of Messiah Church of which the Bishop-Elect is the Leader, pledge, on your own account and on behalf of the members and Officers of the Ministry, to support your new Bishop, willingly and in gracious service, in prayer, in finance, and in faithfully carrying out the work of the Ministry both in his/her presence and also when she is absent engaged in the duties laid upon her as a Bishop of Church,

**The Ministry Representatives:**

We pledge, on our own account and on behalf of the Ministry, to support Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi as she carries out the duties of a Bishop in Messiah Church, in prayer, in finance and in faithfully carrying out the work of the Ministry as directed by her.

**The Bishop Assisting:**

The Pentecostal Churches are part of the one, holy, universal and Apostolic Church, worshipping the one true God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. They profess faith in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God and Saviour of humankind, and in the Holy Spirit. They profess the faith uniquely revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the Creeds, which faith the Church is called upon to proclaim afresh in each generation. Led by the Holy Spirit, they have borne witness to Christian truth in the midst of suffering.

In the declaration you are about to make, will you affirm your loyalty to



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this inheritance of faith, as your inspiration and guidance under God, in bringing the grace and truth of Christ to this generation and making Him known to those in your care?

**The Bishop-Elect declares:**

I, Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi do so affirm, and accordingly declare my belief in the faith which is revealed in the Holy Scriptures and set forth in the universal creeds and which has been witnessed to in the midst of suffering. I will uphold that faith in public worship and prayer and administration of the Sacraments.

The people sit.

**The Presiding Archbishop:**

Therefore, Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi, it is necessary for me to wash your feet as our Lord did to His disciples in St. John 13.

**Bishop-Elect:**

Why do you wash my feet?

**The Presiding Archbishop:**

It is the will of our Lord that if I do not wash your feet, your mission is not accomplished.

**Bishop-Elect:**

Then wash my feet.

The Presiding Archbishop washes the Bishop-elect`s feet.

**The Bishop Assisting:**

The Bishop is called to lead in serving and caring for the people of God. As Chief Pastor, she carries a special responsibility to maintain and further the unity of the Church, to uphold its discipline, and to guide its faith. She is to promote its mission throughout the world. It is her duty to watch over and pray for all those committed to the up building of the Church and to guide them after the example of the Apostles.



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She is to baptise, to preside at Holy Communion, and to lead the offering of prayer and praise. She is to be merciful, but with firmness, and to minister discipline, but with mercy. She is to have a special care for the outcast and needy: and to those who turn to God, she is to declare the forgiveness of sins.

**The Presiding Archbishop says to the Bishop-Elect:**

In order that we may know your mind and purpose, and that you may be strengthened in your resolve to fulfil your ministry, you must make the declarations we now put to you.

Do you believe, as far as you know in your own heart, that God has called you to the Office and work of Bishop in His Church?

**Bishop-Elect:**

I believe that God has called me.

**The Presiding Archbishop:**

Do you accept the Holy Scriptures as revealing all things necessary for eternal Salvation through faith in Jesus Christ?

**Bishop-Elect:**

I do so accept them.

**The Presiding Archbishop:**

Do you believe the doctrine of the Christian Faith as the Church has received it, and in your Ministry, will you expound and teach it?

**Bishop-Elect:**

I believe it and will do so.

**The Presiding Archbishop:**

Will you accept the discipline of the Ixthus Church Council and will you faithfully carry out the tasks laid upon you in accordance with the Vision of Unity and obedience to Christ?



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**Bishop-Elect:**

By the help of God, I will.

**The Bishop Assisting:**

Will you be diligent in prayer, in reading the Holy Scripture, and in all studies that will deepen your faith and fit you to uphold the truth of the Gospel against error?

**Bishop-Elect:**

By the help of God, I will.

**The Bishop Assisting:**

Will you strive to fashion your own life and that of your household according to the way of Christ?

**Bishop-Elect:**

By the help of God, I will.

**The Presiding Archbishop:**

Will you promote unity, peace and love among all Christian people, and especially among those you serve?

**Bishop-Elect:**

By the help of God, I will.

**The Presiding Archbishop:**

Will you then be a faithful witness to Christ to those among whom you live, and lead your people to obey our Saviour`s command to make disciples of all nations?

**Bishop-Elect:**

By the help of God, I will.

**Bishop-Elect:**

By the help of God, I will.



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**The Presiding Archbishop:**

Almighty God, who has given you the will to undertake all these things, give you the strength to perform them: that He may complete that work which He has begun in you: through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Moderator:**

I invite you Bishop-Elect Joan Larbi about to be consecrated as a Bishop, and the representative of his/her Ministry to sign the declarations they have just made.

**The Moderator speaks to the people:**

In the name of the Lord Jesus, I commend Bishop-Elect Joan Larbi to your prayers. Do not fail to uphold her at all times as she undertakes the task laid upon her. Let us all stand to join together in prayer for the Bishop-Elect and for the ministry of the whole Church.

Prayer

**Minister:**

God the Father

**People:**

Have mercy on us.

**Minister:**

God the Son

**People:**

Have mercy on us.

**Minister:**

God the Holy Spirit

**People:**

Have mercy on us.



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**Minister:**

From all evil and mischief, from pride, vanity and hypocrisy, from envy, hatred and malice, and from all evil intent.

**People:**

Good Lord deliver us.

**Minister:**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money, from hardness of heart, and contempt for your Word and Laws,

**People:**

Good Lord deliver us.

**Minister:**

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil; from error and false doctrine,  
People: Good Lord deliver us.

**Minister:**

In all times of sorrow, in all times of joy, in the hour of death, and at the Day of Judgement,

**People:**

Good Lord deliver us.

**Minister:**

Govern and direct your Holy Church; fill it with love and truth; and grant it that unity which is your will.

**People:**

Hear us good Lord.

**Minister:**

Give us boldness to preach the Gospel in the entire world, and to make



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disciples of all nations.

**People:**

Hear us good Lord.

**Minister:**

Enlighten your Ministers with knowledge and understanding, that by their teaching and their lives they may proclaim your Word.

**People:**

Hear us good Lord.

**Minister:**

Bless your servant Joan, now to be made Bishop that she may serve your Church and reveal your glory in the world.

**People:**

Hear us good Lord.

**Minister:**

Give our people grace to hear and receive your Word, and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

**People:**

Hear us good Lord.

**Minister:**

Bring into the way of truth all who have erred, and are deceived.

**People:**

Hear us good Lord.

**Minister:**

Strengthen those who stand, comfort and help the fainthearted, raise up the fallen and finally beat down Satan under our feet.



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**People:**

Hear us good Lord.

**Minister:**

Give us true repentance; Forgive our sins of negligence and ignorance, and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your Holy Word.

**People:**

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal; have mercy on us.

**Minister:**

Lord you are merciful to forgive us our sins. You hear those who pray in the name of your Son. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may obtain according to your will, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People:**

Amen.

**The Presiding Archbishop:**

Joan I ask you to kneel for the Prayer of Consecration.

I ask the ordained Church Leaders, Bishops and Ministers to come forward.

*Let us pray.*

We praise and glorify you, Almighty Father, because you have formed throughout the world a holy people for your own possession, a royal priesthood, a universal Church.

We praise and glorify you because you have given us your only Son, Jesus Christ, to be the Apostle and High Priest of our faith, and the Shepherd of our souls.





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We praise and glorify you that by His death He has overcome death; and that, having ascended into heaven, He has given gifts abundantly to your people, making some apostles, some Prophets, some Evangelists, some Pastors and Teachers; to equip them for the work of the ministry and to build up His body.

Now we give you thanks that you have called this your servant, whom we now inaugurate in your name, to share this ministry entrusted to your Church.

### **Deacons to present the oil**

(The Archbishops and Bishops lay their hands on the Bishop being consecrated and the Ministers stretch forth their hands towards her).

The Presiding Archbishop:

Send down your Holy Spirit upon your servant, Bishop-Elect Joan Larbi for the office and work of a Bishop in Your Church.

### **The Choir sings:**

*Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me,  
Fill me anew, Fill me anew  
Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.*

### **The Presiding Archbishop continues in prayer:**

Almighty Father, fill this, your servant with the grace and power, which you gave to your apostles that she may lead those committed to his/her charge in proclaiming the Gospel of Salvation. Through her increase you're Church. Renew its ministry, and unite its members in a holy fellowship of truth and love. Enable her as a true Shepherd to feed and protect your flock; make her wise as a teacher, and steadfast as a guardian of its faith and sacraments. Guide and direct her in presiding at the worship of your people. Give her humility that she may use his/her authority to heal, not to hurt; to build up, not to destroy.



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Defend her from all evil, that as a ruler over your household and an ambassador for Christ, she may stand before you blameless, and finally, with all your servants, enter your eternal joy.

Accept our prayers, most merciful Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and your Holy Spirit, belong glory and honour, worship and praise, now and forever. Amen.

*The people sit.*

*The newly consecrated Bishop stands.*

## The Vesting

The Presiding Archbishop presents the vestments to the newly consecrated Bishop.

### **The Cassock:**

The Bishop is wearing a cassock; the robe of a servant. This garment modelled after the one Jesus wore is the garment they gambled over as He hung on the cross

### **The Bishop's Band:**

Being placed around her waist is symbolic of truth, which Jesus girded Himself and began to wash the disciples feet and said to us wash one another's feet. Paul also admonishes us in our spiritual Armour to put around our waist the truth.

### **The Stole:**

I present to you this Stole, a symbol of extra care and awareness of duty and ministering in your calling as a faithful Steward of the Most High God, who has given you this Rank of Excellence and Nobility for His Glory.



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### **The Bishop's Cope:**

A symbol of the prophet. In the days of the Prophet Elijah they called it the prophets Mantle. You knew immediately that he was God's messenger. As the Priest carries the Prayers of the people to God, the Prophet carries the Word of God back to the people.

This Bishop stands in the twofold office as Priest and Prophet.

### **The Mitre:**

The Mitre is the symbol of the Bishop's Authority for her ecclesiastical Headship and Christian Leadership in the Universal Body of Christ. It is a sign of distinction and God's delegated Authority.

### **The Shepherds Staff:**

It reminds the Bishop to shepherd her people with her Staff, the flock of her God's given heritage with love and care as she imitates the Lord Jesus Christ, the Good Shepherd of our souls.

### **The Pectoral Cross:**

Suspended by a golden chain, Jesus' cross was not this fancy, but we cherish the symbol. It is made of gold, which is the most enduring non-tarnishing material. The chain that is suspended by it, is not for jewellery or decoration, but represents the chains of a prisoner, for we are prisoners of the Lord Jesus Christ.

### **The Ring:**

The ring is a sign of son-ship. It also indicates that one is a Prince in the family of God. The ring is gold, which symbolizes that one has been tried in the fire.

### **The Bible:**

My dear sister, to keep you ever mindful of the law and the Gospel of God as the Rule for the whole life and government of the New Covenant Church, we present you with this book, the most valuable thing that this world affords. Here is Wisdom.



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This is the law of God. These are the lively Oracles of God. Be diligent my sister to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.

Read it, learn it, and teach it in season and out of season.

### **The Pen:**

Always agree with the Psalmist to say that: “My heart is overflowing with a good theme; I recite my composition concerning the King; my tongue is the pen of the ready writer”. Use the Pen to write the Vision, for it will come to pass.

### **The Briefcase:**

I present to you this case in which, as you travel in the name of Jesus, you may carry many messages of the will of God, even as the boy who carried the five loaves and two fishes.

### **The Presiding Archbishop presents the Document of Certification to the new Bishop saying:**

I Present to you these documents of certification to enhance the credibility and trust placed in You by the designation of your office of Bishop under the authority of the Ixthus Church Council.

The Presiding Archbishop prays for the spouse of the new Bishop. There follows a presentation to the spouse of the new Bishop.

## **The Offering**

*To be used for the ingoing work of the Ixthus Church Council.*

## **Message**

*By the Presiding Archbishop of the Ixthus Church Council,  
Archbishop Dr. A. C. C. Evangelou*



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## The Communion Service

*By the Presiding Archbishop of the Ixthus Church Council, Archbishop  
Dr. A. C. C. Evangelou*

### **The Presiding Archbishop:**

Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi, on this occasion of your taking up the obligations of the office of Bishop, we invite you to come to the Table of the Lord and receive Holy Communion, and thereafter administer the Sacrament to the people.

Hymn

(During which the Bread and Wine are uncovered)

The Presiding Archbishop: Lift up your hearts.

### **People:**

We lift them up to the Lord.

### **The Presiding Archbishop:**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

### **People:**

It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

### **The Presiding Archbishop:**

Father, all-powerful and ever-living God, it is indeed right, it is our joy and our Salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. You created all things and made us in your own image. When we had fallen into sin, you gave your only Son to be our Saviour. He shared our human nature, and died on the cross. You raised Him from the dead, and exalted Him to your right hand in glory, where He lives forever to pray for us.



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Through Him you have sent your holy and life-giving Spirit and made us your people, a royal priesthood, to stand before you to proclaim your glory and celebrate your mighty acts.

Therefore, with all the company of Heaven we join in the unending hymn of praise:

**People:**

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest.

**The Bishop Assisting:**

We praise you, Lord God, King of the universe, through our Lord Jesus Christ, who, on the night in which He was betrayed, took bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to His disciples, saying, "Take this and eat it". This is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it all of you. This is my blood of the New Covenant, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

**People:**

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

**The Bishop Assisting:**

Therefore, Father, as He has commanded us, we do this in remembrance of Him, and we ask you to accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that, by the power of the Holy Spirit, we who receive your gifts of bread and wine may share in the body and blood of Christ. Make us one body with Him.

Accept us as we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice, and bring us with your whole creation to your Heavenly Kingdom. We ask this through Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.



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**People:**

Through Him, with Him, in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be given to you, Almighty Father, from all who dwell on earth and in Heaven throughout all ages. Amen

**The Bishop Assisting breaks the bread, saying:**

The bread we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

**People:**

Though we are many we are one Body because we all share in the one loaf.

**The Presiding Archbishop:**

Lord, we come to your table trusting in your mercy and not in any goodness of our own. We are not worthy even to gather up the crumbs under your table, but it is your nature always to have mercy, and on that we depend. So feed us with the body and blood of Jesus Christ, your Son that we forever live in him and him in us. Amen.

**The Presiding Archbishop gives the bread to the new Bishop, saying:**

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which is shed for you, keep you in eternal life. Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on Him in your heart by faith with thanksgiving.

**The Presiding Archbishop gives the wine to the new Bishop, saying:**

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, keep you in eternal life. Drink this in remembrance that Christ's blood was shed for you, and be thankful.

**The newly Consecrated Bishop invites the people, saying:**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, and His blood, which was shed for you; and feed on Him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.



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Those who desire to receive Communion come forward, row by row, as direct by the Stewards.

*The Bishop is assisted by other Ministers and designated persons.*

**After all who desire have partaken the Bishop prays, saying:**  
We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the Heavenly banquet prepared for all mankind. Amen.

**People:**  
Thanks be to God.

## Thanksgiving Offering

## Pronouncement

### **Presiding Archbishop Pronouncement:**

Now in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and the authority vested in me as the Presiding Archbishop of this Inauguration and Elevation Service under the auspices and authority of the Ixthus Church Council, I do hereby install you as a free standing Bishop, with every Right and Authority.

## The Benediction





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## The Recessional Song

*Stand up for Jesus*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Ye soldiers of the cross;  
Lift high his royal banner,  
It must not suffer loss.  
From victory unto victory  
His army shall he lead,  
Till every foe is vanquished,  
And Christ is Lord indeed.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
Stand in his strength alone;  
The arm of flesh will fail you,  
Ye dare not trust your own.  
Put on the gospel armor,*

*Each piece put on with prayer;  
Where duty calls or danger,  
Be never wanting there.*

*Stand up, stand up for Jesus,  
The strife will not be long;  
This day the noise of battle,  
The next the victor's song.  
To those who vanquish evil  
A crown of life shall be;  
They with the King of Glory  
Shall reign eternally.*



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## Acknowledgements

*We acknowledge and truly appreciate all of the effort of that people have put in to make this consecration service a success.  
We thank all of the program participants for the services performed in this consecration.*

*We acknowledge all of our apostles, bishops, pastors, leaders, and sister churches for their attendance and support.  
We thank the members of  
**MESSIAH CHURCH UK**  
For their love and support.*

*Most importantly, we give glory to our Great God Almighty for allowing this consecration service to come to pass.  
We will like to give a special thanks to our  
Master of Ceremony, photographer, videographer,  
and the special events ministry team.*

*God Bless You.*

*We Love You All.*



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## *Blessed Women Of Messiah Church*

*It is with great joy that we share in the celebration of your consecration and elevation to the office of Bishop. As you embark on this new journey, you have our love, encouragement and support. Your elevation comes at a pivotal time when the Body of Christ needs men of integrity, honour, humility and strength to represent the Kingdom of God. I pray God's uninterrupted blessings upon you, as you continue to be a light in dark places. Congratulations.*

## *From The Larbi Family*

*We send this message to congratulate you on your elevation to the high, humble and holy office of a Bishop. You have desired an honourable thing and today God has made it possible. The evidence is clear; you have earned the right to function in this office. Your leadership, labour of love and selfless attitude in the Body of Christ and in the community has not gone unnoticed. Your elevation will indeed be an immense blessing to us all. Bishop, congratulations and May the years ahead be filled with God's goodness.*

## *From The Bible School*

*We, the ministers, the students past and present, congratulate you on this special occasion of your consecration as Bishop. We pray for great grace and over-flow anointing for you in your next level of ministry. He who has begun a good and great work in you will bring it to an expected end. God bless you, your family and ministry in Jesus' name.*  
*FROM ARC BISHOP E.M. ANTWI – Founder and President of NNO-BOA & CHRIST UNIVERSAL BIBLE COLLEGE AND WORD OF LIFE*  
*I have known Bishop-Elect Rev Joan Larbi for a considerable period of time and undoubtedly she has proven to be a woman of persistent determination to get matters and things done and always in the right way. She is humble, obedient, teachable, faithful and zealous. She is ever ready to take instructions and accept corrections. She is studious and unassuming as well as willing to sacrifice her time, money and convenience for the sake of the gospel.*



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*She is currently the Principal of the Christ Universal Bible College of which I am the founder and President. She has contributed immensely to the academic and tutorial life of the college and she has won the affection of both the present and past students of the college. I do hereby wholeheartedly recommend and support Bishop-Elect Reverend Joan Larbi in her application to be consecrated as a Bishop of Messiah Church.*

### *Kingdom Life Tv*

*Congratulations to Bishop-Elect Joan Asiedu Larbi on her elevation. I know that she will use her many ministry gifts. Generosity and faithfulness represent the call of God her life. Over the two decades since knowing her, she exhibits a Woman of vision, purpose and commitment and will fulfil this charge to the end.*

### *One Very Good Friend*

*My personal Bishop, as you are elevated to this higher calling and humble office, I'm truly humbled and overjoyed for the doing of Our Heavenly Father. It is evident that you have earned this wonderful office. The compassion that you have for the things of God, your family and the people of God is truly amazing. I'm very proud and honoured to stand with you my love. Eternally grateful.*

### *From The Asiedu Family Accra*

*When an individual makes her family proud and accomplish great developments in honour of her family we say: AYEKKOO to her. Today, we are happy to see and witness our sister, being predestined as a Bishop and a steward of God. We are not surprised by the stride, because growing up with her she exhibited enormous leadership qualities and faithfulness to God. Her love for evangelism and preaching the gospel was never questionable. She has been a woman with strong conviction, determination and exudes kindness. We recall how she had been very supportive to us each time we encounter various challenges as a family.*



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*She had always carried the torch of fortitude and had been very forceful to make global impact, no wonder today her hard work has been recognized by the church internationally.*

*Continue to be focused as always and keep moving forward, God has just begun to do greater things in your life, He will work in you favour until he accomplishes you in the fullness of His abundant blessings. We are very sure that our late parents are proud of you and would have marked this day as a special one to celebrate you. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you now and forever more.*

### *Beloved Daughter New Jersey, USA*

*It is my privilege to extend the congratulations to you, on such a wonderful day. I rejoice with you in your appointment as Bishop, may the good Lord give you all the strength and joy you need for this very important position in the Church and everywhere. I believe that you will bring unique competence and experience to this work and position from the many years to come in the ministry. I pray that, the Lord will use you mightily, as he did with Deborah in the bible.*

*Mum, this journey, is not going to be easy but the good Lord that called you for this position, will take you to places that you have no idea. Mum, you are my mentor, everything to me, and I am proud to have such a wonderful Mum, in my life. Mummy, I love you. Even though I could not make it physically my heart and spirit is with you. God bless.*



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