

Appreciation

*Of great comfort during our sorrow
were the expressions of sympathy,
moral and financial support.*

*We appreciate your thoughtfulness
and numerous prayers and I thank you
most sincerely on behalf of the entire
Lawson and related families.*

Billy Kolawole Lawson



METHODIST CHURCH NIGERIA
DIocese OF LAGOS

Order of Service of songs

Call To Glory

SIR (PROF.) LOVETT LAWSON

15 NOVEMBER 1948 - 13 JULY 2020

Venue: Wesley Chapel Lekki, Lagos.

Date: Friday, July 31, 2020

Time: 4:00pm

Officiating Ministers

Prelate

Archbishops

Bishops

Presbyters

Priests

Deacons

Deaconesses

Evangelists

Order of Service of Songs Sir Prof. Lovett Lawson, KJW Held at Wesley Chapel Lekki On Friday, July 31, 2020 at 4:00pm

1. Silence
2. Welcome & Opening Prayer (The Lord's Prayer)
3. Psalm 90 (Standing)
4. EMHB 679 (Standing) – Pleasant are Thy courts above (**Tune: MAIDSTONE**)
5. Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 15
6. EMHB 527 – Sometimes a light surprises (**Tune: PETITION**)
7. Bible Reading: John 14: 1 – 6
8. Prayer for the Church of God & the Society
9. EMHB 235 – I know that my Redeemer lives (**Tune: MARYTON**)
10. Tributes/Testimonies
11. Songs of Praise
12. Bible Reading: Revelation 7: 9 – 17
13. Prayer for members of the family
14. EMHB 216 – Jesus lives! thy terrors now (**Tune: ST. ALBINUS**)
15. Tributes/Testimonies
16. Exhortation
17. Notices/Vote of thanks
18. EMHB 948 (Standing) – Abide with me; fast falls the eventide (**Tune: EVENTIDE**)
19. Closing Prayer & Benediction




1. **Silence**

2. **Welcome & Opening Prayer (The Lord's Prayer)**

3. **Psalm 90 (Standing)**

- 1) Lord, you have been our dwelling place throughout all generations.
- 2) Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God.
- 3) You turn people back to dust, saying, "Return to dust, you mortals."
- 4) A thousand years in your sight are like a day that has just gone by, or like a watch in the night.
- 5) Yet you sweep people away in the sleep of death - they are like the new grass of the morning:
- 6) In the morning it springs up new, but by evening it is dry and withered.
- 7) We are consumed by your anger and terrified by your indignation.
- 8) You have set our iniquities before you, our secret sins in the light of your presence.
- 9) All our days pass away under your wrath; we finish our years with a moan.
- 10) Our days may come to seventy years, or



eighty, if our strength endures; yet the best of them are but trouble and sorrow, for they quickly pass, and we fly away.

11) If only we knew the power of your anger! Your wrath is as great as the fear that is your due.

12) Teach us to number our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.

13) Relent, Lord! How long will it be? Have compassion on your servants.

14) Satisfy us in the morning with your unfailing love, that we may sing for joy and be glad all our days.

15) Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us, for as many years as we have seen trouble.

16) May your deeds be shown to your servants, your splendor to their children.

17) May the favour of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us - yes, establish the work of our hands.

4. **EMHB 679 (Standing) – Pleasant are Thy courts above (Tune: MAIDSTONE)**

1. Pleasant are Thy courts above,
In the land of light and love;
Pleasant are Thy courts below,
In this land of sin and woe.
O, my spirit longs and faints
For the converse of Thy saints,

For the brightness of Thy face,
For Thy fullness, God of Grace!

2. Happy birds that sing and fly
Round Thy altars, O Most High!
Happier souls that find a rest
In a heavenly Father's breast!
Like the wandering dove that found
No repose on earth around,
They can to their ark repair,
And enjoy it ever there.
3. Happy souls! Their praises flow
In this vale of sin and woe;
Waters in the desert rise,
Manna feeds them from the skies.
On they go from strength to strength,
Till they reach Thy throne at length;
At Thy feet adoring fall,
Who hast led them safe through all.
4. Lord, be mine this prize to win;
Guide me through a world of sin;
Keep me by Thy saving grace;
Give me at Thy side a place.
Sun and shield alike Thou art;
Guide and guard my erring heart;
Grace and glory flow from Thee;
Shower, O shower them, Lord, on me!
Amen.

5. Bible Reading: Ecclesiastes 3: 1 – 15

- 1 There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens:
- 2 A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot,
- 3 A time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build,
- 4 A time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance,
- 5 A time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing,
- 6 A time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away,
- 7 A time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak,
- 8 A time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace.
- 9 What do workers gain from their toil?
- 10 I have seen the burden God has laid on the human race.
- 11 He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end.
- 12 I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live.
- 13 That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil - this is the gift of God.

14 I know that everything God does will endure forever; nothing can be added to it and nothing taken from it. God does it so that people will fear him.

15 Whatever is has already been, and what will be has been before; and God will call the past to account.

6. EMHB 527 – Sometimes a light surprises

(Tune: PETITION)

1. Sometimes a light surprises
The Christian while he sings;
It is the Lord who rises
With healing in His wings;
When comforts are declining,
He grants the soul again
A season of clear shining,
To cheer it after rain.
2. In holy contemplation
We sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation,
And find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow,
We cheerfully can say -
E'en let the unknown morrow
Bring with it what it may.
3. It can bring with it nothing,

But He will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing,
Will clothe His people too:
Beneath the spreading heavens
No creature but is fed;
And He, who feeds the ravens,
Will give His children bread.

4. Though vine nor fig tree neither
Their wonted fruit shall bear;
Though all the fields should wither
Nor flocks nor herds be there;
Yet God the same abiding,
His praise shall tune my voice,
For, while in Him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

7. Bible Reading: John 14: 1 – 6

- 1 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me.
- 2 My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you?
- 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.
- 4 You know the way to the place where I am going."
- 5 Thomas said to him, "Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?"

6 Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

8. Prayer for the Church of God & the Society

9. EMHB 235 – I know that my Redeemer lives

(Tune: MARYTON)

1. I know that my Redeemer lives
What joy the blest assurance gives;
He lives, He lives, who once was dead;
He lives, my everlasting Head.
2. He lives to bless me with His love;
He lives to plead for me above;
He lives my hungry soul to feed;
He lives to help in time of need.
3. He lives, and grants me daily breath;
He lives, and I shall conquer death;
He lives, my mansion to prepare;
He lives, to lead me safely there.
4. He lives, all glory to His name;
He lives, my Saviour, still the same;
What joy the blest assurance gives,
I know that my Redeemer lives!

10. Tributes/Testimonies

11. Songs of Praise

12. Bible Reading: Revelation 7: 9 – 17

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands.

10 And they cried out in a loud voice:


"Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

11 All the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, 12 saying:

"Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanks and honour and power and strength be to our God for ever and ever. Amen!"

13 Then one of the elders asked me, "These in white robes—who are they, and where did they come from?"

14 I answered, "Sir, you know." And he said, "These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.



15 Therefore, “they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

16 ‘Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them,’ nor any scorching heat.



17 For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; ‘he will lead them to springs of living water.’ ‘And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.’”

13. Prayer for members of the family

14. EMHB 216 – Jesus lives! thy terrors now (Tune: ST. ALBINUS)

1. Jesus lives! thy terrors now
Can, O Death, no more appall us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Hallelujah!

2. Jesus lives! to Him the Throne
High o'er heaven and earth is given;
We may go where He is gone,
Live and reign with Him in heaven.
Hallelujah!



3. Jesus lives! for us He died;
Hence may we, to Jesus living,
Pure in heart and act abide,
Praise to Him and glory giving.
Hallelujah!

4. Jesus lives! our hearts know well
Nought from us His love shall sever;
Life, nor death, nor powers of hell,
Part us now from Christ for ever.
Hallelujah!


5. Jesus lives! henceforth is death
Entrance-gate of life immortal;
This shall calm our trembling breath
When we pass its gloomy portal.
Hallelujah!

15. Tributes/Testimonies

16. Exhortation

17. Notices/Vote of thanks





18. EMHB 948 (Standing) – Abide with me; fast falls the eventide

(Tune: EVENTIDE)

1. Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me
abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts
flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.
2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass
away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with
me!
3. I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the
tempter's power?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can
be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide
with me.
4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no
bitterness:
Where is death's sting? where, grave, thy
victory?

I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.

5. Hold Thou Thy Cross before my closing
eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me
to the skies;
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth vain
shadow flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!

19. Closing Prayer & Benediction

