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## January 29, 2023 - Holy Eucharist - *Book of Alternative Services* **4th Epiphany**

We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 Land. We appreciate the Gifts of Resources from the Creator coming from Treaty 2 and 3 Land. Treaty 1, 2 & 3 Land are the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Dakota, Sioux and Oji-Cree people and the homeland of the Metis Nation. We are grateful for their stewardship of this land and their hospitality which allows us to live, work and serve God the Creator here.

Welcome **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices - Cassandra

Opening Sentence **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

The Gloria

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven. Matthew 5.12

Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap),  
In excelsis Deo  
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Opening Hymn - Rejoice in God's saints #689  
(WOV)

Lord God, heavenly King,  
Peace you bring to us;  
We worship you, we give you thanks,  
We sing our song of praise.

The Gathering of the Community **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

Jesus, savior of all,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
You take away our sin, O Lord,  
Have mercy on us all.

**And also with you**

Almighty God,  
**to you all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.  
Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,**

At the Father's right hand,  
Lord, receive our prayer,  
For you alone are the Holy One  
And you alone are Lord.

Glory Father and Son,  
Glory Holy Spirit,  
To you we raise our hands up high,

We glorify your name.

The Collect of the Day **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

1st Reading -Micah 6:1-8 - **Brittany Perkins**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm -Psalm 15 -**Rev Wilson Akinwale**.

15:1 O LORD, who may abide in your tent? Who may dwell on your holy hill?

**15:2 Those who walk blamelessly, and do what is right, and speak the truth from their heart;**

15:3 who do not slander with their tongue, and do no evil to their friends, nor take up a reproach against their neighbors;

**15:4 in whose eyes the wicked are despised, but who honor those who fear the LORD; who stand by their oath even to their hurt;**

15:5 who do not lend money at interest, and do not take a bribe against the innocent. Those who do these things shall never be moved.

God of love, teach us to walk blamelessly in your ways, that our whole life may be established in you, and that we may come to the place prepared for us by your Son, Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

2nd Reading -1 Corinthians 1:18-31 - **Brittany Perkins**

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Gradual Hymn -O Christ, the word incarnate #22 (GB)

The Gospel - Matthew 5:1-12- **will be sung**

**The Gospel may be sung by Bishop Geoff and Meredith Robinson #755 CP**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to ...

**Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Gospel of Christ

**Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ**

The Reflection - **Bishop Geoff**

Baptismal Covenant Renewal - See Insert **Bishop Geoff**

Affirmation of Faith - **Reverend Wilson**

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God,  
the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only  
Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of  
the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the  
Father.  
He will come again  
to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers for the Community      **Cassandra**

*Additional intercessions, petitions and  
thanksgivings may be offered in silence  
or aloud. Among these concerns it is  
appropriate to remember • the  
persecuted • the oppressed peoples of  
the world; • all who are lonely; • all who  
are near to death and • all who are  
facing loss.*

Sisters and brothers,  
let us lift our hearts in faith  
to the one who hears all prayers  
and holds close all those in need.

O Lord, guard and direct your Church in  
the way of unity,  
service, and praise.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Give to all nations an awareness of the  
unity of the human  
family.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Cleanse our hearts of prejudice and  
selfishness, and inspire us  
to hunger and thirst for what is right.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Teach us to use your creation for your  
greater praise, that all  
may share the good things you provide.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Strengthen all who give their energy or  
skill for the healing of  
those who are sick in body or in mind.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Set free all who are bound by fear and  
despair.  
**Lord, hear our prayer.**

Grant a peaceful end and eternal rest to  
all who are dying, and  
your comfort to those who mourn.  
**Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

Holy God, you gather the whole  
universe  
into your radiant presence  
and continually reveal your Son as our  
Savior.  
Bring healing to all wounds,  
make whole all that is broken,  
speak truth to all illusion,  
and shed light in every darkness,  
that all creation will see your glory and  
know your Christ. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution - **Bishop Geoff**

Dear friends in Christ,  
God is steadfast in love and infinite in  
mercy;  
he welcomes sinners  
and invites them to his table.  
Let us confess our sins,  
confident in God's forgiveness.

Most merciful God,  
**We confess that we have sinned  
against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our  
whole heart;**

**we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,**

**have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

The Peace - **Bishop Geoff**

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn - Did you hear the mountains tremble - Presentation by David & Meredith

Doxology - 666 (CP)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise God all creatures here below  
Praise God above ye Heavenly Host  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Prayer Over the Gifts - **Bishop Geoff**

God of steadfast love, may our offering this day, by the power of your Holy Spirit, renew us for your service. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 2 - **Bishop Geoff**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God,  
through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer.  
He is your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows,  
and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of evil and death,  
and banish the darkness of sin and despair.

By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth;

you have revealed your eternal plan of salvation,  
and have shown your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of all peoples.

Therefore with angels and archangels we raise our voices in joyful praise to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth of your Glory are Full  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious God,  
accept our praise,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ;

who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death,  
took bread and gave you thanks,  
saying, "Take, and eat:  
this is my body which is broken for you."

In the same way he took the cup,  
saying, "This is my blood which is shed for you.

When you do this, you do it in memory of me."

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we offer you this bread and this cup,  
giving thanks that you have made us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church.

Gather into one  
all who share in these sacred mysteries,  
filling them with the Holy Spirit  
and confirming their faith in the truth,  
that together we may praise you  
and give you glory  
through your Servant, Jesus Christ.

All glory and honour are yours,  
Father and Son,  
with the Holy Spirit  
in the holy Church,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer **Bishop Geoff**

And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us,  
we are bold to say,

**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.**

The Breaking of the Bread **Bishop Geoff**

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

**We, being many, are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

The Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God  
**Thanks be to God**

Hymn - Lamb of God

Lamb of God You Take Away The Sins Of  
the World  
Have Mercy on Us

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Lamb of God You Take Away the Sins of the  
World  
Grant Us Peace  
Grant Us Peace

Prayer after Communion **Bishop Geoff**

Source of all goodness, in this eucharist  
we are nourished by the bread of  
heaven and invigorated with new wine.  
May these gifts renew our lives, that we  
may show your glory to all the world, in  
the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.  
**Amen**

The Benediction **Bishop Geoff**

The Lord bless and keep you;  
The Lord make his face to shine  
upon you and be gracious to you;  
The Lord lift up the light  
of his countenance upon you, and give  
you peace.

And the blessing of the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit

Be with you, uphold and strengthen you,  
grant you favour in  
all that you do now and always. **Amen**

Doxology **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

Glory to God,  
**whose power, working in us,  
can do infinitely more  
than we can ask or imagine.  
Glory to God from generation to  
generation,  
in the Church and in Christ Jesus,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Sunday School

Closing Hymn - I'm going to sing when the spirit  
says sing pg 120 (CCSB)

Dismissal - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

To all our donors and those who have  
contacted us for one concern or the other,  
we are grateful for your gifts and presence.  
Thank you for your generous donations and  
giving. We pray that the risen Lord bless  
and multiply you in all you do.

Go Forth into the world rejoicing in the  
power of the Holy Spirit.  
And be what you are, the church in the  
World. **Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!**