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June 04, 2023 – Evening Prayer - Pray Without Ceasing

Trinity Sunday

We acknowledge that we meet and work in Treaty 1 Land. We appreciate the Gifts of Resources from Creator coming from Treaty 2 and 3 Land. Treaty 1, 2 & 3 Land are the traditional lands of the Anishinaabe, Cree, Oji-Cree, Dakota, Dene, Sioux 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 - Wilson

Notices - Cassandra

Opening Sentence - Rev Wilson Akinwale

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory. Isaiah 6.3

Opening Hymn - INSERT #794 (WOV) many and great, o god, are your works

Introductory Responses - Cassandra

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can extinguish.

Thanksgiving - Rev Wilson Akinwale

Let us give thanks to God our Creator. It is right to offer thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, God of the living, to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the deep waters of death you brought your people to new birth by raising Jesus to life in triumph.

Through him dark death has been destroyed and radiant life is everywhere restored.

As you call us out of darkness into his marvelous light, may our lives reflect his glory and our lips repeat the endless song.

Blessed be God: Source of all being, eternal Word and Holy Spirit. **Blessed be God forever.**

The Psalm - Psalm 8 - Cassandra

8:1 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

8:2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

8:3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established:

8:4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

8:5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

8:6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

8:7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8:8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

8:9 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Blessed are you, creator of heaven and earth; amid the immensity of the universe, you are mindful of us and seek us out. Blessed are you for the gift of your Son, who humbled himself to share our life that we might be raised with him to glory and splendor. Blessed be your holy name, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen**

1st Reading - - - Genesis 1:1-2:4a - Joann or Brittany

Responsory - Cassandra

Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting?

Christ is risen from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep. **Death is swallowed up in victory.**

The trumpet will sound and the dead shall be raised.

Where, O death, is your sting?

We shall not all sleep, but we shall be changed. Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your sting? 2nd Reading - 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 - Joann or Brittany

Canticle A Song of Christ the Servant (1 Peter 2.21b-25) - Cassandra

Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, * that you should follow in his steps.

He committed no sin, no guile was found on his lips, * when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.

When he suffered, he did not threaten, * but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, * so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.

By his wounds, you have been healed, *
for you were straying like sheep,
but now have returned *
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls. **Amen**

Gradual Hymn - #134 (GB) to show by touch and word

The Gospel - Matthew 28:16-20 Rev Wilson Akinwale

Reflection - Rev Wilson Akinwale

Music Interlude

Offertory #50 (GB) how great thou art

Affirmation of Faith - Rev Wilson Akinwale

Hear, O Israel,
the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God
with all your heart,
with all your soul,
with all your mind,
and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it:
Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.

The Lord's Prayer - Musical call and Response Version.

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 Church; • the oppressed peoples of the world; • all who are lonely; • all who are near to death and • all who are facing loss.

Empowering God, you gave the church the abiding presence of your Holy Spirit.

Look upon your church today and hear our petitions.

Let us pray with confidence to the Lord, saying, "Lord hear our prayer."

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.

Grant that, gathered and directed by your Spirit, we may confess Christ as Lord and combine our diverse gifts with a singular passion to continue his mission in this world until we join in your eternal praise. **Amen.**

God of delight, your Wisdom sings your Word at the crossroads where humanity and divinity meet. Invite us into your joyful being where you know and are known in each beginning, in all sustenance, in every redemption, so that we may manifest your unity in the diverse ministries your entrust to us, truly reflecting your triune majesty in the faith that acts, in the hope that does not disappoint, and in the love that endures.. **Amen**

Closing Hymn - INSERT every move I make

Dismissal - Rev Deacon Wilson Akinwale

To all our donors who are giving 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 may the risen Lord bless and multiply you abundantly in all you do. **Amen**.

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.

And May the joy and beauty of the Holy Spirit abide with us all in all that we do now and forevermore. Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!