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Welcome

Notices -

Opening Sentence

I am the vine, you are the branches, says the Lord. Those who abide in me, and I in them, bear much fruit. John 15.5

Opening Hymn #601 (CP) god whose giving knows no ending

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with you 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,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Gloria

Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap), In excelsis Deo Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap), In excelsis Deo

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

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

At the Father's right hand, Lord, receive our prayer, For you along 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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to be the light of the world.

Free us from all that darkens and ensnares us, and bring us to eternal light and joy; through the power of him who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading - Judges 4:1-7

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm -Psalm 123

123:1 To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!

123:2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us.

123:3 Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt.

123:4 Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud.

King of love, rule in the hearts of all people on earth through your Son Jesus Christ, that we may become one family and one kingdom serving you by serving each other. We ask this in his name.

Amen

2nd Reading -1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

<u>Gradual Hymn</u> - #318 (CP) rejoice today with one accord

The Gospel - Matthew 25:14-30

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 -

Affirmation of Faith -

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.

Prayers for the Community

and the life everlasting. Amen.

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.

Friends in Christ,
God invites us to hold the needs of our sisters
and brothers
as dear to us as our own needs.
Loving our neighbours as ourselves,
we offer our thanksgivings and our petitions
on behalf of the church and the world.

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.

Hear our prayers, God of power, and through the ministry of your Son free us from the grip of the tomb, that we may desire you as the fullness of life and proclaim your saving deeds to all the world. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution -

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 -

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offertory Hymn #57 (GB) love, joy and peace

Doxology - 666 (CP)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow Praise God all creatures here below Praise Gods above ye Heavenly Host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Prayer Over the Gifts -

Holy God, in this eucharist we renew our baptismal covenant. Help us, through our offering this day, to renounce all things that draw us from your love. This we ask in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2 -

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 are the source of light and life for all your creation, you made us in your own image, and call us to new life in Jesus Christ our Saviour.

Therefore we praise you,

joining our voices 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, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Repeat

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth of your glory are full. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

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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.

The Lord's Prayer

Amen

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

"I am the bread which has come down from Heaven says the Lord" Give us this bread forever.

"I am the vine and you are the branches"

May we dwell in him, as he lives in us.

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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Grant Us Peace Grant Us Peace

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in this sacrament we have shared the body and blood of Christ. May we who have been nourished by holy things bear witness to his light, and share in his eternal priesthood; for he is Lord for ever and ever..**Amen**

The Benediction - Rev Wilson Akinwale .

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

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#599 (CP) Awake! Awake! Fling off the night

Dismissal -

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And be what you are, the church in the World.

Thanks be to God. Amen. Alleluia!

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