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## April 02, 2023 - Holy Eucharist - *Book of Alternative Services* **Liturgy Of the Palms**

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Welcome **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

Notices - **Cassandra**

Opening Sentence **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name. Philippians 2.8–9

Opening Hymn - this is the day #40 (GB) (palm parade)

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.

**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 Collect of the Day **Cassandra**

Let us pray.

Almighty and everliving God,  
in tender love for all our human race  
you sent your Son our Saviour Jesus  
Christ  
to take our flesh  
and suffer death upon a cruel cross.  
May we follow the example of his great  
humility,  
and share in the glory of his  
resurrection;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the  
Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. **Amen**

1st Reading -Isaiah 50:4-9a - **Brittany Perkins**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm -Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

**118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."**

118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

**118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.**

118:21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

**118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.**

118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

118:25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

**118:26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

118:27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

**118:28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.**

118:29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Holy and mighty God, your Son's triumph over sin and death has opened to us the gate of eternal life. Purify our hearts that we may follow where he has gone and share in the radiance of his glory. We ask this for the sake of our risen Lord. **Amen.**

2nd Reading - Philippians 2:5-11- **Brittany Perkins**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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Gradual Hymn - tell me the stories of Jesus #112 (GB)

The Gospel - Matthew 21:1-11- **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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 - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

Affirmation of Faith - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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.*

Caught between joy and despair,  
 we yearn for the fulfillment of God's  
 desire  
 beyond the brokenness and neediness  
 of this life.

We offer thanksgiving for God's  
 presence with us  
 and petitions for the transformation  
 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.**

Life-giver, Pain-bearer, Love-maker,  
 day by day you sustain the weary with  
 your word  
 and gently encourage us to place our  
 trust in you.  
 Awaken us to the suffering of those  
 around us;  
 save us from hiding in denials or taunts  
 that deepen the hurt;  
 give us grace to share one another's  
 burdens in humble service. **Amen.**

Confession & Absolution - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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 - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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

Offertory Hymn - Christ is made the sure foundation #747 (WOV) (INSERT)

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 - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

Gracious God, the suffering and death of Jesus, your only Son, makes us pleasing in your sight. Alone we can do nothing, but through his sacrifice, may we receive your love and mercy. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer 2 - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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 fulfillment 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;

We break this bread,  
**Communion in Christ's body once broken.**

Let your Church be the wheat  
which bears its fruit in dying.

**If we have died with him,  
we shall live with him;  
if we hold firm,  
we shall reign with him**

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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World

Grant Us Peace  
Grant Us Peace

Prayer after Communion **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

God our help and strength, you have  
satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic  
food. Strengthen our faith, that through  
the death and resurrection of your Son,  
we may be led to salvation, for he is  
Lord now and forever **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 **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 - lift high the cross #602 (CP)

Dismissal - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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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.**