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May 21, 2023 - Holy Eucharist - *Book of Alternative Services* **Ascension Sunday**

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Welcome **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

The Gloria

Notices - Cassandra

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

Opening Sentence **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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

Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, to the close of the age.

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

Opening Hymn Opening #405 (CP) alleluia no. 1

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

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

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

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

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.

Glory Father and Son,
 Glory Holy Spirit,
 To you we raise our hands up high,
 We glorify your name.

The Collect of the Day **Cassandra**

Let us pray.

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another and walk in the way of his commandments, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

1st Reading -Acts 1:1-11- **Brittany Perkins**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 47

47:1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

47:2 For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.

47:3 He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

47:4 He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah

47:5 God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

47:6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.

47:7 For God is the king of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm.

47:8 God is king over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.

47:9 The princes of the peoples gather as the people of the God of Abraham. For the shields of the earth belong to God; he is highly exalted.
Almighty God,

your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of his peace, and bring the whole of creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever **Amen**

2nd Reading - Ephesians 1:15-23 - **Brittany Perkins**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - Gradual #380 (CP) o worship the king

The Gospel - Luke 24:44-53 - **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.

We offer our prayers on behalf of our neighbors whose needs are known to us.

We pray both for the sisters and brother we know and for those who are strangers.

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.

Open our minds to understand the scriptures, O God, so that when sin cripples our hope, we may discover the freedom of your forgiveness; when suffering and death overtake our lives, we may know the joy of the risen Christ; and when we feel abandoned, we may comprehend the power of the promised Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. **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 Offertory #619 (CP) fairest lord
Jesus

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**

Eternal God, our Saviour Jesus Christ has
promised to be with us until the end of
time. Accept all we offer you this day, and
renew us in his transfigured life; for the
sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 give you thanks and praise
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who after his glorious resurrection
appeared to his disciples,
and in their sight ascended into heaven
to prepare a place for us;
that where he is, there we might also be,
and reign with him in glory.

Therefore we praise you with angels and
archangels and with all the company of
heaven,
who for ever sing this hymn
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.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, 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 **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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 **Rev Wilson
Akinwale**

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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**Lamb of God You Take Away the Sins
 of the World**

**Grant Us Peace
 Grant Us Peace**

Prayer after Communion **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

Eternal Giver of love and power,
 your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all
 the world to preach the gospel of his
 kingdom.

Confirm us in this mission, and help us to
 live the good news we proclaim; through
 Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

Closing Hymn -Closing #245 (CP) o lord most
 high, eternal king

Dismissal - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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 we are grateful for your gifts and
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 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!**

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