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## September 03, 2023 - Holy Eucharist - *Book of Alternative Services* **Season of Pentecost**

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### Welcome

### Notices -

### Opening Sentence

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our hearts, that we may know what is the hope to which he has called us. See Ephesians 1.17, 18

Opening Hymn#500 (CP) sister let me be your servant

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

**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

Let us pray.

Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of your name, increase in us true religion, nourish us in all goodness, and of your great mercy keep us in the same; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

1st Reading -Exodus 3:1-15

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm -Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b

105:1 O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**105:2 Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

105:3 Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**105:4 Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually.**

105:5 Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**105:6 O offspring of his servant Abraham, children of Jacob, his chosen ones.**

105:23 Then Israel came to Egypt; Jacob lived as an alien in the land of Ham.

**105:24 And the LORD made his people very fruitful, and made them stronger than their foes,**

105:25 whose hearts he then turned to hate his people, to deal craftily with his servants.

**105:26 He sent his servant Moses, and Aaron whom he had chosen.**

105:45b Praise the LORD!

God of our salvation, through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, you have fulfilled your promise to our ancestors in the faith to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen**

2nd Reading - Romans 12:9-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn - #621 (CP) before the world began

The Gospel - Matthew 16:21-28

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,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### Prayers for the Community

*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 #226 (CP) through the Red Sea  
brought at last

#### 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 -

Merciful God, receive all we offer you this  
day. Give us grace to love one another  
that your love may be made perfect in us.  
We ask this 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.**

**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

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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Of the World  
Have Mercy on Us**

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

**Grant Us Peace  
Grant Us Peace**

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you renew us at your table  
with the bread of life. May your holy food  
strengthen us in love and help us to serve  
you in each other. We ask this in the  
name of 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

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 #494 (CP) not for tongues of  
heaven's angels

Dismissal -

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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!**

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