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May 1st, 2022 – 3rd Sunday of Easter

Welcome & Acknowledgement

(anything in **bold** we invite you to say with us)

Opening Sentence –

Lord Jesus, open to us the scriptures; make our hearts burn within us while you speak. Luke 24.32

Opening Hymn – The Church’s One Foundation
#525 CP

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
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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

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

1st Reading- Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church
Thanks be to God.

The Psalm for the day -- Psalm 30

I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up,
and did not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you
have healed me.**

O LORD, you brought up my soul from Sheol,
restored me to life from among those gone down to
the Pit.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones,
and give thanks to his holy name.**

For his anger is but for a moment; his favor is for a
lifetime. Weeping may linger for the night, but joy
comes with the morning.

**As for me, I said in my prosperity, "I shall never be
moved."**

By your favor, O LORD, you had established me as a
strong mountain; you hid your face; I was
dismayed.

**To you, O LORD, I cried, and to the LORD I made
supplication:**

"What profit is there in my death, if I go down to
the Pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your
faithfulness?"

**Hear, O LORD, and be gracious to me! O LORD, be
my helper!"**

You have turned my mourning into dancing; you
have taken off my sackcloth and clothed me with
joy,

**so that my soul may praise you and not be silent.
O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever.**

God our Father, glorious in giving and restoring life,
do not hide your face from your people overcome
with loneliness and fear; turn our mourning into
dancing and raise us up with your Son, that we may
rejoice in your presence for ever. **Amen**

2nd Reading -- Revelation 5:11-14

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Gradual Hymn - God you meet us #124 (GB)

The Gospel - John 21:1-19

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to John.

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Reflection Rev Deacon Wilson Akinwale

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.*

Let us pray:

Lord, when you came down to lift us up, you became human, that we might share in the divine, you died that we might rise to life immortal. Help us to live as those called to believe, serve and trust in you **Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Creator God, we pray for the world, where people hunger after justice, freedom and peace, but where people are hungry, homeless and destitute. In love and mercy, help us to feed and care for your lambs. **Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

God of peace, we remember before you continents, countries and places where there is violence and killing, massacre, mayhem, and warfare – in Darfur and Zimbabwe, Guatemala and Virginia City, Iraq, the Middle East, Sri Lanka and Burma, Chechnya, parts of Europe especially Ukraine and this country. Under the guidance of your Holy Spirit, help all people, and leaders with power and influence, to put aside bias and prejudice, so we may understand diversity is part of the richness of our common humanity, become more compassionate and cultivate the habit of caring and neighbourly love and service **Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Lord God, we pray for your church that we, your followers and friends may be filled with the spirit of the living God, bursting with new life and enabled to feed the physical, emotional and spiritual hunger of people around us.

We pray for those who seek the vocation to which you are calling them, that they may find in you and those around them the guidance they need. We pray for Wilson and our church Leadership in their ministry among us and this neighbourhood. Help us to tend your sheep. **Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer**

Holy Spirit, within our local communities, we remember those standing for election, that their policies may be wise, just and fair.

We pray for neighbours, friends and families, those ill in body and mind, anxious or afraid, depressed and despairing, those lonely, abused and grieving.

We ask for your blessing for those giving pastoral love and care, that all may be strengthened in spirit, healed in their minds and hearts and feel your comfort and love surrounding them.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer.

Loving God, we pray for those who have died and are now enfolded in the love and peace of your kingdom. Jesus Christ is the light of the world, a light no darkness can quench.

We commend to your everlasting care those who have died and those who mourn. We light our candles as a symbol of light and warmth, love and hope. Our world needs them all.

We remember Gerry and Murray and
In your light shall they see light
Lord in your mercy, Hear our Prayer.

Open our hearts to your power moving around us and between us and within us, until your glory is revealed in our love of both friend and enemy, in communities transformed by justice and compassion, and in the healing of all that is broken. **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,
**All 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 - More love to thee #81 (GB)

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

God our strength and salvation,
receive all we offer you this day,
and grant that we who have confessed your
name, and received new life in baptism,
may live in the joy of the resurrection,
through Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer 3

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.

Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
because you bid your faithful people
to cleanse their hearts
and to prepare with joy for the paschal feast;
that reborn through the waters of baptism
and renewed in the eucharistic mystery,
we may be more fervent in prayer
and more generous in the works of love.
Therefore we raise our voices to you in praise
to proclaim the glory of your name.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love
you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets;
and above all in the Word made flesh,
Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil,
and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us
out of error into truth,
out of sin into righteousness,
out of death into life.
On the night he was handed over
to suffering and death,

a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread;
and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples,
and said, " Take, eat:

this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine;
and when he had given thanks,
he gave it to them,

and said, "Drink this, all of you:
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Whenever you drink it,
do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,

**we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;**

and we offer our sacrifice
of praise and thanksgiving
to you, Lord of all;
presenting to you, from your creation,
this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God,

to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts,
that they may be the sacrament
of the body of Christ
and his blood of the new covenant.

Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,
that we, made acceptable in him,
may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit

In the fullness of time,
reconcile all things in Christ,
and make them new,
and bring us to that city of light
where you dwell with all your sons and daughters;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
the firstborn of all creation,
the head of the Church,
and the author of our salvation;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, almighty Father,
now and for ever. **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

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to a new life.

We were buried in your tomb.
All Now we share in your resurrection.

Live in us, that we may live in you.

The Communion

The Gifts of God for the People of God
Thanks be to God

Prayer after Communion

God of life,
bring us to the glory of the resurrection
promised in this Easter sacrament.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen
Lord. **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 -- Will you come and follow me
#430 (CP)

The Dismissal

*To all our donors 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 in all you do.
Amen.*

And now let us go to the world and keep
proclaiming the love of Christ that is shed on the
cross so that we may continue to keep His feast.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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