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Welcome **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

name;
 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices - Cassandra

The Collect of the Day **Cassandra**

Opening Sentence **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

I am the light of the world, says the Lord; those who follow me will have the light of life. John 8.12

Almighty God, through the waters of baptism your Son has made us children of light. May we ever walk in his light and show forth your glory in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever..
Amen

Opening Hymn -amazing grace #352 (CP)

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**

1st Reading -1 Samuel 16:1-13 - **Brittany Perkins**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm -Psalm 23

23:1 The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

23:2 He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters;

23:3 he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

23:4 Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for you are with me; your rod and your staff-- they comfort me.

23:5 You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

23:6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

Glory to you, Jesus Christ, our good shepherd. In the waters of baptism you give us new birth, at your table you nourish us with heavenly food, and in your goodness and mercy, you guide us beyond the terrors of evil and death to your Father's home to dwell in eternal light. Glory to you forever. **Amen.**

2nd Reading -Ephesians 5:8-14 - **Brittany Perkins**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

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Gradual Hymn - my shepherd is the living Lord #75 (GB)

The Gospel - John 9:1-41- **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.

My brothers and sisters:
reconciled to God by the mercy of Christ,
we pray with confidence for the needs 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.

Through Christ you make us a new creation, O God, for with him we pass from sin to the new life of grace.

Accept our prayers in the warm embrace of your compassion, and welcome all people to the festive banquet of your table,

where we may rejoice in your love and celebrate the inheritance you have given to us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 -awake, O sleeper #745 (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

God of light, your Word brings to us a
new vision of your glory. Accept our
offering of praise and thanksgiving,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Preface
of Lent
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 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,
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.**

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
to share in the body of Christ.

**We, being many, are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.**

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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the World
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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**

Father, through your goodness we receive your Son in word and sacrament. May we always have faith in him, Jesus Christ the Lord. **Amen.**

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 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.**

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 - every move I make (INSERT)

Dismissal - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**