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Welcome **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices - **Cassandra**

The Gloria

Opening Sentence **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

Have you believed, Thomas, because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe. John 20.29

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.

Opening Hymn we are called to follow Jesus #18
 (GB)

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

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

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

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;

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 and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

1st Reading - Acts 2:14a, 22-32- **Brittany Perkins**

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm - Psalm 16

16:1 Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

16:2 I say to the LORD, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

16:3 As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

16:4 Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

16:5 The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

16:6 The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

16:7 I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

16:8 I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

16:9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

16:10 For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

16:11 You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Gracious God, we bless your holy name for the heritage you have given us. Show us the path of life, that we may follow it in hope, and come to know the joy of the resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

2nd Reading - 1 Peter 1:3-9 - **Brittany Perkins**

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Gradual Hymn - God, when I stand #125 (GB)

The Gospel - John 20:19-31 - **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.

O God, your Son remained with his disciples after his resurrection, teaching them to love all people as neighbors.
As his disciples in this age, we offer our prayers on behalf of the universe in which we are privileged to live and our neighbors with whom we share it.

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 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 - 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 -this is the threefold truth #99
(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 - Rev Wilson
Akinwale

God of grace, you have freed us from our
sins and made us a kingdom in your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord. Accept all we offer
you this day, and strengthen us in the new
life you have given us, through 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
for the glorious resurrection of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord;
for he is the true paschal lamb
who has taken away the sin of the world.

By his death he destroyed death,
and by his rising to life again
he has won for us eternal life.
Therefore, joining our voices
with the whole company of heaven,
we sing our joyful hymn of praise
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**

**Lamb of God You Take Away The Sins
 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 **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

Father, we have seen with our eyes and
 touched with our hands the bread of life.
 Strengthen our faith that we may grow in
 love for you and for each other; through
 Jesus Christ the risen 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.**

Sunday School

Closing Hymn - come, ye faithful, raise the strain
 #215 (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.**
Alleluia!