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## May 07, 2023 - Holy Eucharist - *Book of Alternative Services* 5th Sunday of Easter

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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**

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says  
 the Lord; no one comes to the Father, but  
 by me. John 14.6

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

Opening Hymn #73 (GB) Jesus the Christ said

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 7:55-60-

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

The Psalm - Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

31:1 In you, O LORD, I seek refuge; do not let me ever be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me.

**31:2 Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily. Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me.**

31:3 You are indeed my rock and my fortress; for your name's sake lead me and guide me,

**31:4 take me out of the net that is hidden for me, for you are my refuge.**

31:5 Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

**31:15 My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.**

31:16 Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

Helper of the helpless, comfort of the afflicted, may your servants who stand in the midst of evil find strength in the knowledge of your presence,

and praise you for the wonders of your love; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. **Amen.**

2nd Reading - 1 Peter 2:2-10 -

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

**Thanks be to God.**

Gradual Hymn - #283 (CP) insert verse 2h By all your saints still striving

The Gospel - John 14:1-14 - **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.*

Holy God,  
you have called us to follow in the way of your risen Son,  
and to care for those who are our companions,  
not only with words of comfort, but with acts of love.  
Seeking to be true friends of all,  
we offer our prayers 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.**

Guide us in the path of discipleship, so that, as you have blessed us, we may be a blessing for others, bringing the promise of the kingdom near by our words and deeds. **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 #389 (CP) O God of font and altar

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

Gracious God, you show us your way and give us your divine life. May everything we do be directed by the knowledge of your truth. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the risen 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**

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 Of 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**

God of love, in this eucharist we have  
 heard your truth and shared in your life.  
 May we always walk in your way, in the  
 name of Jesus Christ the 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 -#24 (GB) I am the light of the  
 world

Dismissal - **Rev Wilson Akinwale**

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.**  
**Alleluia!**