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Welcome

The Gloria

Notices -

Gloria (clap, clap), Gloria (clap, clap),
 In excelsis Deo

Opening Sentence

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 In excelsis Deo

A new commandment I give to you, that
 you love one another as I have loved you.
 John 13.34

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

Opening Hymn #78 (GB) out of deep unordered
 water

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

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

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;
 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

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you call your Church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you. Help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn to you; 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 14:19-31

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

The Psalm - Psalm 114

114:1 When Israel went out from Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of strange language,

114:2 Judah became God's sanctuary, Israel his dominion.

114:3 The sea looked and fled; Jordan turned back.

114:4 The mountains skipped like rams, the hills like lambs.

114:5 Why is it, O sea, that you flee? O Jordan, that you turn back?

114:6 O mountains, that you skip like rams? O hills, like lambs?

114:7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the LORD, at the presence of the God of Jacob,

114:8 who turns the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a spring of water.

Source of all life, you have brought us to new being through the waters of baptism. May your love shown in our lives become a wonder and a

beacon of hope to the whole human family. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen

2nd Reading - Romans 14:1-12

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the church.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn - #8 (GB) help us accept each other

The Gospel - Matthew 18:21-35

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 #657 (CP) loving spirit

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 -

Holy God, accept all we offer you this day.
 May we who are reconciled at this table
 bring wholeness to our broken world. We
 ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the
 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**

**Grant Us Peace
Grant Us Peace**

Prayer after Communion

God of peace, in this eucharist we have been reconciled to you and to our neighbours. May we who have been nourished by holy things always have the courage to forgive. We ask this 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

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 #466 (CP) how clear is our
vocation lord

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 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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