

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER 4 MAY 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

A very warm welcome to everyone who has joined us for our worship service this morning.



INTROIT HYMN: MP 731

We love the place O God.

GREETING AND WELCOME

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Praise the Lord
Praise him you servants of the Lord

Blessed be God, Father Son and Holy Spirit
Blessed be his name, now and for ever.

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King
Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father
Lord God, Lamb of God
You take away the sin of the world:
Have mercy on us;
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
Receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy one
You alone are the Lord
You alone are the most high
Jesus Christ
With the Holy Spirit
In the glory of God the Father.
Amen.

Let us pray

COLLECT FOR PURITY

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open all desires known and from whom no secrets are hid: 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

PENITENCE

Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself." On these two commandments depend all the law and prophets.

CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins (firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with our neighbour).

(Silence may be kept)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you through our own fault in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have left undone. For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your Name. Amen

ABSOLUTION

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on you, pardon your sins and set you free from them; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

Merciful God, whose love will not let us go: restore in us the power of your calling that we may boldly fulfil the tasks you set before us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit is worthy of blessing and honour, glory and power, for ever and ever. Amen.

OUR PARISH PRAYER

Lord our God, thank you for calling St Augustine's to be your church in our city. Help us to welcome you in all people, to praise you in prayer and worship, to love you, through serving this parish and the community, to travel and grow in faith together, to be a community of love and service in our world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRAYER

God of grace and God of love, we thank you for these our children. Help them to focus their hearts and minds now on what they are about to learn. Inspire and guide

our Sunday school teachers as they teach and lead these children in the way of your love and grace. Thank you for your faithfulness and loving kindness. Amen

THE WORD OF GOD

THE FIRST READING: Acts 9:1-6.

PSALM: 30.

I will exalt you O Lord, for you have drawn me up from the depths:
And have not suffered my foes to triumph over me.

**O Lord my God I cried to you:
And you have made me whole.**

You have brought me back O Lord from the land of silence:
You save my life from among those who go down to the pit.

**Sing praise to the Lord all you His faithful ones:
And give thanks to His Holy name.**

For if in His anger is havoc, in His good favour there is life:
Heaviness may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning.

**In my prosperity I said, "I shall never be moved:
Your goodness O Lord has set me on so firm a hill."**

Then you hid your face from me:
And I was greatly dismayed.

**I cried to you, O God:
And made my petition humbly to my Lord.**

"What profit is there in my blood if I go down to the pit:
Can the dust give you thanks or declare your faithfulness?"

**"Hear, O Lord, and be merciful:
O Lord be my helper."**

You have turned my lamentation into dancing:
You have put off my sackcloth and girded me with joy.

**That my heart may sing your praise and never be silent:
O Lord my God, I will give you thanks for ever.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son:
And to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning:
Is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

SECOND READING: Revelation 5:11-14.

GRADUAL HYMN: SOF 419

O let the son of God enfold you.

O let the Son of God enfold you,
with His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul,
O let Him have the things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus name.

Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus,
Come and fill your lambs.

THE GOSPEL: St. John 21:1-19.

NICENE CREED (APB p 108)

We believe in one God
the Father, the Almighty
maker of heaven and earth
Of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ
the only Son of God
eternally begotten of the Father
God from God, Light from Light
true God from true God
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord the giver of life
who proceeds from the Father and the Son
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

SERMON

THE PRAYERS – FORM A.

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among His disciples and said, “Peace be with you.” Then were they glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the Lord be with you always. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Peace be with you. Alleluia, Alleluia.

OFFERTORY HYMN: SOF 772

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of
your own do we give you. Amen**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given, and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine' to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever

EP09 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE

Based on Unity in Worship – Services prepared by the Church Unity Commission and approved by ACSA

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 God 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 most high over 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 the evil one and banish the darkness of sin and death.

And now we give you thanks for his glorious resurrection, for on the day he rose from the dead he encountered two disciples on the road to Emmaus, opened the scriptures to them but they did not recognise him. Then he revealed himself to them as he broke bread with them in their home.

So now, with all creation, we raise our voices 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children you embraced a people as your own and invite us now to celebrate as you did with those who had walked with you and witnessed your concern and love for all people.

In the upper room with his friends on the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying 'Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.'

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said: 'Take this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Almighty God, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory and we rejoice that he prays for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts from your creation that

they may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. Shine through the darkness of our doubt and sorrow that the light of his risen presence may brighten the path before us.

By him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Almighty God, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen**

The Lord's Prayer (Afrikaans)

**Ons vader wat woon in die hemel, geheilig sy u Naam,
Laat u ryk kom, u wil geskied,
soos in die hemel so ook op die aarde.
Gee ons vandag ons dag se brood
en vergeef ons al ons skulde, net soos ons vergewe die wat teen ons sondig.
Laat kom ons nie in die versoeking, maar verlos ons van die Bose.
Want U is die ryk en die sterkte en die ere,
vir ewig en ewig, amen.
Vir ewig en ewig,
Amen**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

**We, who are many, are one body
for we all partake of the one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us your peace.**

THE COMMUNION

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table, but you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shared for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**COMMUNION HYMNS: MP 622
MP 37**

Take, eat, this is my body.
As the deer pants for the water.

PRAYERS

CONCLUSION

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

God's mercy endures forever

**Father almighty we offer ourselves to you
as a living sacrifice in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Send us out into the world in the power of the Holy Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

PRAYER FOR AFRICA

**God, bless Africa
protect our children
transform our leaders
heal our communities
restore our dignity
and give us peace;
for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen**

PRAYER FOR A NEW BISHOP

God our Father, the giver of every good gift, graciously regard the needs of your church, and guide with your heavenly wisdom the minds of those responsible for choosing a bishop for this diocese: send us a faithful pastor to feed your flock and to lead us into the way of holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

NOTICES

FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: SOF 261

I want to walk with Jesus Christ.

DISMISSAL

**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia, Alleluia.**