

TRINITY SUNDAY 31 MAY 2026

ORDER OF SERVICE

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



INTROIT HYMN: MP 237

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty

GREETING AND WELCOME

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

Creator God, for the times we do not listen to your voice and disrespect the works of your hands

Lord, have mercy

Lord Jesus, for the times we fail to trust in your love and follow your example

Christ, have mercy

Holy Spirit, for the times we do not recognise your wisdom and presence

Lord, have mercy

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

God of unchangeable power, you have revealed yourself to us as Father, Son and Holy Spirit: keep us firm in the faith that we may praise and bless your Holy name, for you are one God, living and reigning in glory now and for 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: Genesis 1:1 – 2:4a.

PSALM: 8.

O Lord our Governor:
How glorious is your name in all the earth.

**Your majesty above the heavens is yet recounted:
By the mouths of babes and sucklings.**

You have founded a strong defence against your adversaries:
To quell the enemy and the avenger.

**When I consider your heavens the work of your fingers:
The moon and stars which you have set in order.**

What is man that you should be mindful of him:
Or the son of man that you should care for him?

**Yet you have made him little less than a god:
And have crowned him with glory and honour.**

You have made him the master of your handiwork:
And have put all things in subjection beneath his feet.

**All sheep and oxen:
And all the creatures of the field.**

The birds of the air and the fish of the sea:
And everything that moves in the pathways of the great waters.

**O Lord our Governor:
How glorious is your name in all the earth.**

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: 2 Corinthians 13:11-:13.

GRADUAL HYMN: MP 181 God forgave my sin

THE GOSPEL: St. Matthew 28:16-20.

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

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THE PEACE

Peace be to the whole membership of St Augustine's, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. Grace be with all who have an undying love for our Lord Jesus Christ (Ephesians 6:23-24).

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

Peace be with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: MP 238

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy.

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion
over all things. Receive the fruits of our labour offered in love; in the name of Jesus
Christ our Lord.**

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

THIRD EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and praise

Holy God, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ

He is the Word through whom you have made the universe; the Saviour you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit, he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because you have revealed your glory as the glory of your Son and of the Holy Spirit: three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour, yet one Lord, one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

And so, we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, 'Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up.'

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said 'Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

When we eat this bread and drink this cup

we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus

until you come in glory.

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Lord God, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with *N* our bishop, and all the clergy and the people. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (Auld Lang Syne)

Our Father who art in heaven,

Hallowed be thy name.

Thy Kingdom come,

Thy will be done

On earth as in heav'n.

Give us today our daily bread

And forgive us our sins

**As we forgive each one of those
Who sin against us:**

**And lead us not to the time of trial
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the kingdom
The power and the glory.**

**Let all the people say a-men in every tribe and tongue;
Let ev'ry heart's desire be joined to see
Thy kingdom come.
Let every hope and every dream be born in love again:
Let all the world sing with one voice;
Let the people say,
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: grant 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.

Amen.

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 723
MP 139

We come as guests invited.
Father we adore you.

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.**

Amen.

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.

NOTICES

FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: MP 468

My God how wonderful thou art.

DISMISSAL

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