

05 SEPTEMBER 2021
HOME SERVICE GUIDE
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Season of Creation: Week 1
Economy: God's rule for our common home

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



Welcome & Greeting

The Angelus prayer from Archbishop Thabo

God bless the world,
Give it wisdom at this time,
Grant us relief and release,
Be with those who are ill,
And bless the carers fighting this pandemic,
For Jesus Christ's sake. Amen

INTRODUCTION

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

Call to Worship

How wonderful, O Lord, are the works of your hands!
The heavens declare your glory; the arch of sky displays your handiwork.

In your love you have given us the power to behold the beauty of your world robed in all its splendour.

The sun and the stars, the valleys and hills, the rivers and lakes all disclose your presence. The roaring breakers of the seas tell of your awesome might; the beasts of the field and the birds of the air speak of your wondrous will.

In your goodness you have made us able to hear the music of the world. You are in our midst. A divine voice sings through all creation.

**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**

Kyrie Eieison

You delight in creation, its colour and diversity. Yet we have misused the earth and plundered its resources for our own selfish ends.

Lord, have mercy
Lord have mercy

You have showered us with blessings, but we have been grudging towards others and lacking in generosity in word and deed

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Penitence

Lord, you have given us a world full of rich resources to feed us all and to provide us with all that the body and mind could need. Yet the poor are still with us, deprived of food, of home, of education and dignity; deprived of healing and of hope. Forgive our

inhumanity. Forgive our selfishness and greed Forgive our church life and our home life Forgive us for leaving Christ unfed, unhoused, without healing and without hope. Forgive us and bring ourselves and our possessions back to you. In Christ's 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**

Collect: Season of Creation: Week 1

God, Creator of our common home, your boundless love includes everyone. Open our hearts and minds to your generous will that we may proclaim Christ's love and justice through words and actions. May we serve the needs of our neighbours within the Community of all Creation and may justice flow down like rivers. 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.

First Reading: Proverbs 22: 1-2, 8-9, 22-23

Psalm: Psalm 125

Second Reading: James 2: 1-17

Hymn/Song:* MP 619 **Such love*

Such Love, Pure As The Whitest Snow
Such Love, Weeps For The Shame I Know
Such Love, Paying The Debt I Owe
O Jesus, Such Love

Such Love, Stilling My Restlessness
Such Love, Filling My Emptiness
Such Love, Showing Me Holiness
O Jesus, Such Love

Such Love, Springs From Eternity
Such Love, Streaming Through History
Such Love, Fountain Of Life To Me
O Jesus, Such Love

Gospel: Mark 7: 24-37

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

**We are not alone, we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who works in others and us through the Spirit.
We trust in the Creator.
We are called to be,
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and to resist injustice,
to seek out models for hope and peace
We are not alone.**
(United Church of Canada)

Prayers of the Church

God of all hopefulness, we bring before You our concerns for the world and her people.
Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the Creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for parents around the world who reach out in hope for their children. We pray for justice: when they struggle to provide food for their families; when they cannot find a place to make a home for their children. Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for those who find themselves on the margins of their societies. We pray for justice: that they might confront centres of power with the experience of life on the margins; that they might be allowed to contribute to the welfare of society; that we may all be enriched by the insights and wisdom they bring to our communities. Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for our common home and all who seek to ensure its wellbeing.
We pray for justice: that all nations of the world will work together for the common good of each person and our planet; that conservation will enable habitats to flourish while meeting the needs of local communities; that we each understand the impact we have upon the earth and adjust our lifestyle accordingly.
Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

We pray for ourselves,
Disturb us and disquiet us with a passion for justice.
Challenge us to grasp a vision of Your new world and motivate us to act to birth it into being.
Enable us to pass on the gift of hope, so others are empowered to continue the journey of faith. Gracious God, we turn to You,

For You are the source of our hope and the creator of the Kingdom.

(Scottish Eco-congregation 2018 adapted)

The Peace (APB p 115)

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." (James 2: 8)

The love and peace of the Lord be with you always.

Peace be with you.

The Presentation of Gifts (APB p116) ***Use Your Home-Made Collection Boxes.***

Lord we thank you for all give to us. Out of your provision we bring this offering today, praying that you will bless it and guide us to use it well to build up your Kingdom here.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer

Said in 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.**

Invitation to Communion

**As the grain once scattered in the fields
And the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
Are now reunited on this table in bread and wine;
So, Lord may your whole Church soon be gathered
together from the corners of the earth**

(Church of England, Common Worship)

Spiritual Communion prayer (APB p 516)

One who is unable to receive the Sacrament physically may make a spiritual communion, and be certain that Christ comes to them in this way as surely as he does in the Sacrament.

Jesus, may all that is you flow into me.

May your body and blood be my food and drink.

May your passion and death be my strength and life.

Jesus, with you by my side enough has been given.

May the shelter I seek be the shadow of your cross.

Let me not run from the love which you offer

But hold me safe from the forces of evil.

On each of my dyings shed your light and your love.

Keep calling to me until that day comes when, with your saints, I may praise you forever. Amen.

Conclusion (APB p 129)

Give thanks to God for God is gracious

God's mercy endures for ever.

Loving Father, your Son gave us this meal as an act of remembrance of him, and then gave his very self for our salvation. We thank you for the nourishment we receive at your table and pray that the strength we receive here, might give us the courage to share our very selves with those in need; through the Lord who shared himself for our sake.

Amen

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.

A 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**

God the Creator has blessed you with all that you need in this life: Go into the world with courage that you might be the channels through which the Lord can bring relief to others; and the blessing of the Creator God, the Eternal Father, the Risen Son and the Promised Holy Spirit bless you that you might be a blessing to others today and always. **Amen**

Dismissal (APB 129)

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