

**28 NOVEMBER 2021**  
**HOME SERVICE GUIDE**  
**FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

*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**

***Blessing of the Advent Wreath***

*O God, by whose Word all things are sanctified, pour forth Your blessing upon this wreath and grant that we who use it may prepare our hearts for the coming of Christ and may receive from You abundant graces. We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

***Amen***

Today, on this first Sunday of Advent, we light the first candle in our Advent wreath, which is purple and symbolizes hope. It is sometimes called the "Prophecy Candle" in remembrance of the prophets, especially Isaiah, who foretold the birth of Christ. It represents the expectation felt in anticipation of the coming Messiah. The purple colour symbolizes royalty, repentance, and fasting. **(Prophecy or Hope Candle)**

***Lighting of the Advent Candle:***

Dear Jesus, we light this first candle to remind us that you are the hope in our messy world. This Advent, help us slow down, listen to your voice, and focus on what's really important. We place our hope in you as we prepare our hearts to celebrate your birth on Christmas.  
***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**

### ***Collect for Purity (APB p105)***

**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 (APB p106)**

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 neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

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

(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.**

**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**

**Almighty Father, your Son came to us in humility as our Saviour and at the last day he will come again in glory as our judge: give us grace to turn away from darkness to the light of Christ that we will be ready to welcome him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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.**

**First Reading:** Jeremiah 33: 14-16

**Psalm:** Psalm 25: 1-10

**Second Reading:** 1 Thessalonians 3: 9-13

**Hymn/Song: MP 102      Come Thou long expected Jesus**

Come, Thou long expected Jesus,  
born to set Thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us,  
let us find our rest in thee.

Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.

Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a King,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now Thy gracious kingdom bring.

By Thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by Thine all sufficient merit,  
raise us to thy glorious throne.

**Gospel:** Luke 21: 25-36

**Sermon**

*The Nicene Creed (APB p108)*

**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.**

*Prayers of the Church - Form D (APB p 115)*

**The Peace (APB p 115)**

“There will be signs ... so be ready all the time. Pray that you will be strong enough to escape all these things that will happen. And pray that you will be able to stand before the Son of Man.” (Luke 21: 25, 36)

May the peace and hope of “the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory” be always with you.

**Peace be with you.**

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

Our Father and Eternal God, bless us as we bring these tithes and offerings to you and use them for your plans and redemptive purposes in the world. We pray this in Jesus name, to him, with you and the Holy Spirit, one blessed God. **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.

***Prayer of preparation:***

***Almighty and everlasting God***

***we approach the sacrament of your only begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ;  
as sick, we come to the physician of life;  
as unclean, to the fountain of mercy;  
as blind, to the light of eternal splendour;  
as needy, to the Lord of heaven and earth;  
as naked, to the King of glory. Amen***

***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.*

***Soul of Christ, sanctify me.***

***Body of Christ, save me.***

***Blood of Christ, refresh me.***

***Water from the side of Christ, wash me.***

***Passion of Christ, strengthen me.***

***O good Jesus, hear me;***

***Within your wounds hide me.***

***Let me never be separated from you.***

***From the malicious enemy, defend me.***

***In the hour of my death, call me, and bid me come to you  
that with your saints I may praise you forever and ever. Amen.***

**Conclusion (APB p 129)**

Give thanks to God for God is gracious  
**God's mercy endures for ever.**

**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**

**Blessing**

Christ came to bring us salvation and has promised to come again. May we be always ready to welcome him; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you, and all whom you love and pray for today and always. Amen

**Dismissal (APB 129)**

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