

09 JANUARY 2022
HOME SERVICE GUIDE
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST

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***

***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 (APB P 105)

**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**

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Christ, have mercy
Christ, have mercy

Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

Penitence (APB: Pg.106)

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.

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.**

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 of the day

Creator God, our soul's delight, your voice thunders over the waters, liberating the future from the past; speak your affirming word that we may share in the baptism of Jesus Christ, drink from his cup and serve the world in his name; 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.

The Word of God (APB p 107)

The First Reading: Isaiah 43: 1-7

Psalm: Psalm 29

The Second Reading: Acts 8: 14-17

Hymn/Song: SOF 511 Spirit of the living God

Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me
Spirit of the living God
Fall afresh on me
Fill me anew
Fill me anew
Spirit of the Lord
Fall afresh on me

Gospel Reading: Luke 3:15-17,21-22

Sermon

The 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.**

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

The Peace (APB p 115)

“You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” (Luke 3: 22).

May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

Peace be with you

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

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 Lord's Prayer (APB 126) Said

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name
your kingdom come your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive
those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. 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.*

**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**

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**

Final Blessing

The descending Spirit of God has entered into us. May we joyfully profess the faith of our baptism in word, thought and deed; 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.