

12 NOV 2023
HOME SERVICE GUIDE
TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Remembrance Sunday, those who died in war.

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



GREETING AND WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

The Lord is here, a Holy and jealous God.

We will serve the Lord our God and obey him. (Keith Griffiths, Word and Worship)

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 God's Name, now and forever.

GLORIA

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

COLLECT FOR PURITY (APB P 105)

Let us pray

**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

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.**

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

**Immanent God, you call us to be vigilant: may we live each day with a clear intention
to be children of the light so that when you call us forth to greet Christ we may
follow him to eternal light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with
you and the Holy Spirit, one God, 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 (APB p 107)

THE FIRST READING: Joshua 24:1-3a,14-25

PSALM: Psalm 78: 1-7

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18

GRADUAL HYMN: MP 950 (v 1, 3, 4 & 7) Thy way not mine O Lord

Thy way, not mine, O Lord,
however dark it be;
lead me by thine own hand,
choose out the path for me.

I dare not choose my lot;
I would not if I might:
choose thou for me, my God,
so shall I walk aright.

The Kingdom that I seek
is thine; so let the way
that leads to it be thine,
else I must surely stray.

Not mine, not mine, the choice
in things or great or small;
be thou my guide, my strength,
my wisdom, and my all.

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 1-13

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 D

THE PEACE (APB p 115)

Listen to the words of our Saviour Jesus Christ, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you.'

May the peace of the Lord be with you always

Peace be with you.

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS (APB p116) Use Your Home-Made Collection Boxes.

**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.**

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.**

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 the Lord for the Lord is gracious
The Lord'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**

FINAL BLESSING

May God, who gives us the desire to serve him, keep us steadfast in our serving. May the love and peace of Christ actively inform our choices and bring hope to others; 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 (Adapted from Keith Griffiths, Word and Worship)

DISMISSAL (APB 129)

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