

19 NOV 2023
HOME SERVICE GUIDE
TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Mission Sunday

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



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 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

Generous God, you endow us with gifts for the good of creation: make us trustworthy in all things, that we may share with Christ the work of your kingdom; 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: Judges 4: 1-7

PSALM: Psalm 123

THE SECOND READING: 1 Thessalonians 5: 1-11

GRADUAL HYMN: EH 435 Lord of our life and God of our salvation

**Lord of our life, and God of our salvation,
star of our night, and hope of every nation,
hear and receive thy church's supplication,
Lord God Almighty.**

**See round thine ark the hungry billows curling,
see how thy foes their banners are unfurling;
Lord, while their darts envenomed they are hurling,
Thou canst preserve us.**

**Lord, thou canst help when earthly armour faileth,
Lord, thou canst save when deadly sin assaileth;
Lord, o'er thy church nor death nor hell prevailleth:
Grant us thy peace, Lord.**

**Grant us thy help till foes are backward driven,
grant them thy truth, that they may be forgiven,
grant peace on earth, and, after we have striven,
Peace in thy heaven.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 25: 14-30

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 A

THE PEACE (*APB p 115*)

“...put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation...
encourage one another and build up each other...” (1Thessalonians 5: 8,11)

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.

**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.**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (In a language of your choice)

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

Holy God, you equip us as children of light with the hope of salvation, and you protect us by your love. Grant us grace to build up and encourage one another and make us trustworthy stewards of your gifts; 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.