

EPIPHANY - 5 JANUARY 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

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



INTROIT HYMN: SOF 470 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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 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

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

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. 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**

THE COLLECT

Let us pray

O God, by the leading of a star you revealed your Son Jesus Christ to the gentiles; grant that your church may be a light to the nations, so that the whole world may come to see the splendour of your glory; through Jesus Christ, the Morning Star; 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.

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

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 60:1-6.

PSALM: 72:1-7, 10-14..

Give the king your judgement, O God:
And your righteousness to the son of a king.

**That he may judge your people rightly:
And the poor of the land with equity.**

Let the mountains be laden with peace, because of his righteousness:
And the hills also with prosperity for his people.

**May he give justice to the poor among his people:
And rescue the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor.**

May he live while the sun endures:
And while the moon gives light throughout all generations.

**May he come down like rain upon the new mown fields:
And as showers that water the earth.**

In his time shall righteousness flourish:
And abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.

**The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall bring tribute:
The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.**

All kings shall fall down before him:
And all the nations do him service.

**He will deliver the needy when they cry:
And the poor man who has no helper.**

He will pity the helpless and the needy:
And save the lives of the poor.

**He will redeem them from oppression and violence:
And their blood shall be precious in his sight.**

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**As it was in the beginning:
Is now and will be for ever.**

Amen.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 3:1-12.

GRADUAL HYMN: SOF 73 Come on and celebrate

**Come on and celebrate
His gift of love, we will celebrate
The Son of God who loved us
And gave us life.
We shout your praise, O King,
You give us joy nothing else can bring,
We'll give you our offering
In celebration praise.**

**Come on and celebrate,
Celebrate,
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.
Come on and celebrate,
Celebrate,
Celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King.**

THE GOSPEL: Matthew 2:1-12.

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

The gentile kings saw and believed. May all the peoples of the world believe enabling peace to reign by virtue of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
Peace be with you.

OFFERTORY HYMN: SOF 362 Lord, the light of your love is shining

THE PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

**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. Amen**

THE TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. For us it becomes the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine' to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. For us it becomes the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever

THE FIFTH EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here
God's Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give God thanks and praise

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation, to you be the glory and praise for ever! From the beginning you have created all things, and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. You make us in your image to reflect your glory into your world. You give us breath and speech that with all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own.

You taught them to hope for salvation, the joy of every longing heart. From them you raised up Jesus, our Saviour, the living bread, in whom all hungers are satisfied. He was born in the poverty of a stable to make known the riches of your kingdom. His birth was made known to the shepherds from the hills, and strangers from the East journeyed to bear witness that he was to bring good news to all people.

In the upper room with his friends on the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: 'Take, eat. This is my body given for

you.' At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said, 'Take this, all of you, this is my blood of the new covenant shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Holy God, we plead with confidence Christ's sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory and we rejoice that he prays for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts from your own creation; that they may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we break this bread and share this cup may we know the presence of your Word made flesh and be nourished to carry the message of salvation to all the world. By him, with him and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven we worship you, Almighty God, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Caribbean)

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
hallowed be thy name,
hallowed be thy name.**

**On earth as it is in heaven.
Hallowed be thy name,
Give us this day our daily bread,
Hallowed be thy name,
Hallowed be thy name.**

**Forgive us our trespasses
Hallowed be thy name,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
Hallowed be thy name,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Lead us not into temptation,
Hallowed be thy name,
but deliver us from all that is evil.
Hallowed be thy name,
Hallowed be thy name.**

**For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory**

**hallowed be thy name,
for ever and for ever and ever.
Hallowed be thy name,
Hallowed be thy name.**

**Amen, amen, it shall be so,
Hallowed be thy name.
Amen, amen, it shall be so.
Hallowed be thy name,
Hallowed be thy name.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The bread which we break
is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?

**We, who are many, are one body
for we all partake of the one bread.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
Grant us peace.**

THE COMMUNION

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord trusting in our own righteousness but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table but you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us.

Draw near and receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shared for you. Feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMNS: SOF 619 Ye holy angels bright
 SOF 330 Let us break bread together

PRAYERS

CONCLUSION

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.

God's mercy endures forever

**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**

NOTICES

FINAL BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN: SOF 393 Morning has broken

DISMISSAL

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