

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS - 29 DECEMBER 2024

ORDER OF SERVICE

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



INTROIT HYMN: SOF 408 O come all ye faithful

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

**Almighty God,
You wonderfully created us in your own image
And yet more wonderfully restored us;
As Jesus Christ came to share our humanity
so may we share the life of his divinity;
who is alive and reigns with you
in the unity of 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

THE FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 2:18-20,26.

PSALM: 148.

SECOND READING: Colossians 3:12-17.

GRADUAL HYMN: SOF 443 Open our eyes, Lord

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him
And say that we love him;
Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen;
Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

Open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus,
To reach out and touch him
And say that we love him;
Open our ears, Lord,
And help us to listen;
O open our eyes, Lord,
We want to see Jesus.

THE GOSPEL: John 1:1-14

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 B

THE PEACE

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which you were called in one body
(Colossians 3:15).

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: SOF 529 The first Nowell

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
His 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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, to give you thanks, holy God through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him you have created us in your image; through him you have freed us from sin and death; through him you have made us your own people by the gift of the Holy Spirit.

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

Hear us, Holy God, through Christ your Son our Lord, and grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood.

Who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.'

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying, 'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again.

Therefore, Holy God, proclaiming his saving death and resurrection and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate with this bread and this cup his one perfect sacrifice.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and grant that we who eat this bread and drink this cup may be renewed by your Spirit and grow into his likeness.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom and in whom, all honour and glory be yours, Holy God, now and for ever.

Amen

The Lord's Prayer (Auld lang syne)

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as in heav'n.
Give us today our daily bread,
And forgive us our sins
as we forgive each one of those
who sin against us.**

**And lead us not to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory**

**Let all the people say, "a-men'
In every tribe and tongue;
Let ev'ry heart's desire be joined to see
Thy Kingdom come.
Let every hope and every dream be born in love again;
Let all the people sing with one voice;**

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 155 Hark, the herald angels sing

DISMISSAL

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