

THE BAPTISM OF CHRIST - 12 JANUARY 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

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



INTROIT HYMN: SOF 559 To God be the glory

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

**Morena re Hauhele
Morena re Hauhele
Morena re Hauhele**

**Kreste re Hauhele
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Kreste re Hauhele**

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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

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.

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 43:1-7.

PSALM: 29

Ascribe to the Lord you sons of heaven:

Ascribe to the Lord glory and might'

**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to His name:
O worship the Lord in the beauty of His holiness.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:

The God of glory thunders, the Lord upon the great waters.

**The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:
The voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees:

The Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

He makes them skip like a calf:

Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.

The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:

The voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert; the Lord whirls the desert of Kadish.

**The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees and strips bare the forests:
In His temple all cry, "Glory."**

The Lord sits above the water-flood:

The Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.

**The Lord will give strength to His people:
The Lord will give to His people the blessing of peace.**

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: ACTS 8:14-17.

GRADUAL HYMN: 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.

THE GOSPEL: St. Luke 3:15-17, 21-22.

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 C.

THE PEACE

The Lord will give strength to His people:
The Lord will give to His people the blessing of peace (Psalm 29:10).

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: SOF 830 I the Lord of sea and sky.

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 SECOND 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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and joy, at all times and in all places, to give thanks and praise, Holy father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your only son our Lord.

For He is the living Word; through Him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

Through Him you have freed us from the slavery of sin' giving Him to be born as a man and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted Him to your right hand on high.

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

And now we give you thanks, because in coming to dwell among us as the Word made flesh, he revealed the radiance of your glory, and brought us out of the darkness into your marvellous light.

Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ; and as we follow His example and obey his command, 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 memory 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 sin. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died
Christ is risen
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember this offering of himself made once for all upon the cross, and proclaim His mighty resurrection and glorious ascension. As we look 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 as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love, and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Him, and with Him, and in Him, by the power of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in sings of everlasting praise:

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

Amen

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

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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God:
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins:
Have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world:
Give us your 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 573
SOF 518

We break this bread
Take eat this is my body

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 717 Fill your hearts with joy.

DISMISSAL

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