

# THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - 23 FEBRUARY 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**

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. 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

**Merciful Lord, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; 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***

**THE FIRST READING:** Genesis 45:3-11; 15.

**PSALM:** 37: 1-11; 40-41

Do not vie with the wicked:  
or envy those who do wrong.

**For they will soon wither like the grass:  
And fade away like the green leaf.**

Trust in the Lord and do good:  
And you shall dwell in the land, and feed in safe pastures.

**Let the Lord be your delight:  
And he will grant you your heart's desire.**

Commit your way to the Lord:  
Trust Him and He will act.

**He will make your righteousness shine as clear as the light:  
And your innocence as the noonday.**

Be still before the Lord, and wait patiently for Him:  
Do not be vexed when a man prospers, when he puts his evil purposes to work.

**Let go of anger and abandon wrath:  
Let not envy move you to do evil.**

For the wicked shall be cut down:  
But those who wait for the Lord shall possess the land.

**In a little while the ungodly shall be no more:  
You will look for him in his place, but he will not be found.**

But the meek shall possess the land:  
And enjoy the abundance of peace.

**Deliverance for the righteous shall come from the Lord:  
He is their strength in time of trouble.**

The Lord will help them and deliver them:  
He will save them from the ungodly and deliver them, because they come to Him for refuge.

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:** 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50.

**GRADUAL HYMN:** SOF 399 My peace I give to you

**My peace I give to you,  
It's a peace the world cannot give,  
It's a peace the world cannot understand:  
Peace to know, peace to live,  
My peace I give unto you.**

**My joy I give to you,  
It's a joy the world cannot give,  
It's a joy the world cannot understand:  
Joy to know, joy to live,  
My joy I give unto you.**

**My love I give to you,  
It's a love the world cannot give,  
It's a love the world cannot understand:  
Love to know, love to live,  
My love I give unto you.**

**THE GOSPEL:** St. LUKE 6:27-38.

**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**

Christ is our peace; he has reconciled us to God in one body, by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

**OFFERTORY HYMN:** SOF 664 Beauty for brokenness.

## **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 FOURTH EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**

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**

We give you thanks and praise, almighty God, through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Redeemer. He is your living Word, through whom you have created all things.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh of the Virgin Mary and shared our human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

In fulfilment of your will he stretched out his hands in suffering, to bring release to those who place their hope in you; and so he won for you a Holy people.

He chose to bear our griefs and sorrows, and to give up his life on the cross, that he might shatter the chains of the evil one, and banish the darkness of sin and death. By his resurrection he brings us into the light of your presence.

Now with all creation we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name:

**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.**

Holy and gracious God, accept our praise, through your Son our Saviour, Jesus Christ; who on the night he was handed over to suffering and death, took bread and gave you thanks, saying, 'Take, and eat: this is my body which is broken for you.' In the same way he took the cup, saying, 'This is my blood which is shed for you. When you do this, you do it in memory of me'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

**Christ has died**

**Christ is risen**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection, we offer you this bread and this cup, giving thanks that you have made us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

We ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon the offering of your holy Church. Gather into one all who share in these sacred mysteries, filling them with the Holy Spirit and confirming their faith in the truth, that together we may praise you and give you glory through your Servant, Jesu Christ.

All glory and honour are yours, Father and Son, with the Holy Spirit in the Holy church, now and for ever.

**AMEN**

### **The LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven,  
Hallowed be thy name;  
Thy kingdom come;  
Thy will be done;  
On earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread,  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
As we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation;  
But deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
The power and the glory,  
For ever and ever.  
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  
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 41  
SOF 549

Be still and know that I am God.  
The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases.

## **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 32 At the name of Jesus.

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**