

# THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - 16 FEBRUARY 2025

## ORDER OF SERVICE

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



**INTROIT HYMN: SOF 12**      All over the world.

### **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

**Holy and righteous God, you set before us life and death: grant us grace in the face of many temptations to seek the mind of Christ, and choose eternal life; 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:** Jeremiah 17:5-10.

**PSALM: 1**

Blessed is the man who has not walked in the counsel of the ungodly:  
Nor followed the way of sinners, nor taken his seat amongst the scornful.

**But his delight is in the law of the Lord:  
And on that law will he ponder day and night.**

He is like a tree planted by the streams of water:  
That yield its fruit in due season.

**Its leaves also shall not wither:  
And look whatever he does it shall prosper.**

As for the ungodly, it is not so with them:  
They are like the chaff which the wind scatters.

**Therefore, the ungodly shall not stand up at the judgement:  
Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.**

For the Lord cares for the way of the righteous:  
But the way of the ungodly shall perish.

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 15:12-20.

**GRADUAL HYMN:** SOF 51    Breathe on me breath of God

**Breathe on me, breath of God  
Fill me with life anew;  
That I may love what thou dost love  
And do what thou wouldst do.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God,  
until my heart is pure,  
until my will is one with Thine  
to do and to endure.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God  
Till I am wholly Thine;  
Until this earthly part of me  
Glows with thy fire divine.**

**Breathe on me, breath of God  
So shall I never die,  
But live with thee the perfect life  
Of thine eternity.**

**THE GOSPEL:** St. LUKE 6:17-26.

**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**

Blessed are those who trust in the Lord (Jermiah 17:7).

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

**OFFERTORY HYMN: SOF 493** Seek ye first the kingdom of God.

## **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 THIRD 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**

Holy God, it is our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks through your beloved Son, Jesus Christ

He is the Word through whom you have made the universe, the Saviour you sent to redeem us. By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh and was born of the Virgin Mary. For our sake he opened his arms on the cross; he put an end to death and revealed the resurrection. In this he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks because today you have gathered us together at this eucharistic feast, so that we may be renewed in love, joy and peace.

And so we join the angels and the saints in proclaiming your glory as we say:

**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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the fountain of all holiness. Let your Spirit come upon these gifts to make them holy, so that they may become for us the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

Before he was given up to death, a death he freely accepted, he took bread and gave you thanks. He broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, 'Take this, all of you, and eat it: this is my body which will be given up.'

When supper was ended, he took the cup. Again, he gave you thanks and praise, gave the cup to his disciples, and said 'Take this, all of you, and drink from it: this is the cup of my blood, the blood of the new and everlasting covenant. It will be shed for you and for all so that sins may be forgiven. Do this in memory of me.'

So we proclaim the mystery of faith

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

In memory of his death and resurrection, we offer you, Lord God, this life-giving bread, this saving cup. We thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. May all of us who share in the body and blood of Christ be brought together in unity by the Holy Spirit.

Lord, remember your Church throughout the world; make us grow in love, together with *N* our bishop, and all the clergy and the people. Remember our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of rising again; bring them and all the departed into the light of your presence.

Have mercy on us all; make us worthy to share eternal life with Mary, the virgin mother of God, with the apostles, and with all the saints who have done your will throughout the ages. May we praise you in union with them, and give you glory through your Son, Jesus Christ.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour is yours, almighty God, for ever and ever.

**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.**

**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**

