

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY - 26 JANUARY 2025

ORDER OF SERVICE

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



INTROIT HYMN: EH 476

Rejoice the Lord is King

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

Amen

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 Spirit, Jesus began his ministry in your power: descend on us today, that we who are Christ's body will accept our calling as he did; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Father, 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: Nehemia 8:1-3; 5-6, 8-10.

PSALM: 19

The heavens declare the glory of God:
And the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

**One day tells it to another:
And night to night communicates knowledge.**

There is no speech or language:
Nor are their voices heard.

**Yet their sound has gone out through all the world:
And their words to the end of the earth.**

There has he pitched a tent for the sun:
Which comes out as a bridegroom from his chamber and rejoices as a strong man to run his course.

**It's rising is at the end of the heavens, and it's circuit to their farthest bound:
And nothing is hidden from it's heat.**

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul:
The command of the Lord is true and makes wise the simple.

**The precepts of the Lord are right and rejoice the heart:
The commandment of the Lord is pure and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever:
The judgements of the Lord are unchanging and righteous every one.

**More to be desired are they than gold even much fine gold:
Sweeter also than honey than the honey that dips from the comb.**

Moreover, by them is your servant taught:
And in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can know his own unwitting sins?
O cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Keep your servant also from presumptuous sins lest they get the mastery over me:
So shall I be clean and innocent of great offence.

**May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight:
O Lord my strength and my redeemer.**

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 12:12-12-31a..

GRADUAL HYMN: SOF 379 Majesty

Majesty, worship his majesty;
Unto Jesus be glory,
Honour and praise.
Majesty, kingdom, authority
Flow from his throne unto his own:
His anthem raise.
So exalt, lift up on high
The name of Jesus;
Magnify, come glorify
Christ Jesus the King,
Majesty, worship his majesty,
Jesus who died, now glorified,
King of all kings.

THE GOSPEL: St. Luke 4:14-21.

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

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor (St Luke 4:18)

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

OFFERTORY HYMN: SOF 390 Meekness and majesty

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

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus
until you come in glory.**

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 (Sung)

**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: 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. Amen.

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 772
MP 446

Holy, Holy, Holy, Holy
Let it be to me according to your word

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 405 Now thank we all our God.

DISMISSAL

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