

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER – 19 APRIL 2026

### ORDER OF SERVICE

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



**INTROIT** MP 109

Crown him with many crowns

### **GREETING AND WELCOME**

Alleluia! Christ is risen

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

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.**

**Gloria (Sung)**

**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

Krest re Hauhele  
Krest re Hauhele  
Krest re Hauhele

Morena re Hauhele  
Morena re Hauhele  
Morena re Hauhele

### **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

**Risen Christ, you revealed yourself to the disciples and calmed their fears: meet us in our uncertainties and walk with us into the new life you bring; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

### **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:** Acts 2:14a,36-41

**PSALM:** 116:1-4, 11-18

I love the Lord because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;

**Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.**

The cords of death encompassed me  
the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I was in anguish and sorrow.

**Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord I beseech you deliver me!'**

How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?

**I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.

**Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
is the death of his faithful ones.**

O Lord I am your servant  
the servant and the son of your handmaid:  
you have unloosed my bonds

**I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people,

**In the courts of the house of the Lord:**

**even in your midst O Jerusalem  
Praise the Lord.**

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.**

**THE SECOND READING:** 1 Peter 1:17-23

**GRADUAL HYMN:** MP 502      O let the Son of God enfold you

**GOSPEL:** St. Luke 24:13-35

**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**

### **PRAYERS - FORM B** (APB p 112)

#### **THE PEACE**

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then they were glad when they saw the Lord.

The peace of the risen Christ be with you.

**Peace be with you.**

#### **OFFERTORY HYMN:** MP 367    Jesus is Lord

#### **THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS**

Source of all life, the heaven and earth are yours, yet you have given us dominion over all things. Receive the fruits of our labour offered in love; in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 EUCHARISTIC PRAYER FOR THE SEASON OF EASTERTIDE**

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 our 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 out human nature. He lived and died as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God most high over 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.

And now we give you thanks for his glorious resurrection, for on the day he rose from the dead he encountered two disciples on the road to Emmaus, opened the scriptures to them but they did not recognise him. Then he revealed himself to them as he broke bread with them in their home.

So 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord! As a mother tenderly gathers her children you embraced a people as your own and invite us now to celebrate as you did with those who had walked with you and witnessed your concern and love for all people.

In the upper room with his friends on the night before he died, Jesus took bread and gave thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying 'Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.' At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said: 'Take this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Almighty God, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory and we rejoice that he prays for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts from your creation that they may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. Shine through the darkness of our doubt and sorrow that the light of his risen presence may brighten the path before us.

By him, with him, and in him, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Almighty God, in songs of everlasting praise:

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

**Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (Said in a language of your choice)

**THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

The bread which we break  
is it not a sharing of the body of Christ?



Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you and all whom you love and prayer for today and always. **Amen**

(Adapted from <https://lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu/prayer/>)

**RECESSIONAL HYMN:** MP 486

Now thank we all our God

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia

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