

Fourth Sunday in Lent

Holy Eucharist Service
Year B RCL
March 10th, 2024
10:00 AM

St. Augustine of Hippo

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York



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By The Rev. Dr. Nathanael Saint-Pierre
(John 3:14-21)

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For God so loved the world
that He gave His only
begotten Son,
that whoever believes in
Him should not perish
but have
everlasting life.
John 3:16

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WEEKLY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS SUNDAYS

10:00 AM Eucharist

2:00 - 4:00 PM Pastoral Visitations

TUESDAYS

8:00 PM Phone Line Prayer

Bible Study (Off during Summer & Christmas)

Mission Statement

St. Augustine's Church is a Christ-centered ministry in which everyone is invited and welcome. We are a loving Christian body that seeks to enhance spirituality and community.

BCP (Book of Common Prayer)

LEVAS (Lift Every Voice and Sing)

Hymnal 1982

OSOP (One Song of Praise)

EOW (Enriching Our Worship)

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE: CHILDREN OF THE HEAVENLY FATHER

ROBERTA BITGOOD

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP P. 355

Celebrant Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.
All God's mercy endures for ever. Amen

When appointed, the following hymn or some other song of praise is sung or said, all standing

KYRIE ELEISON

#237 (LEVAS)

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
Have mercy upon us

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

All God be with you.
 And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

The Celebrant says the Collects.

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Gracious Father, whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world: Evermore give us this bread, that he may live in us, and we in him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Ministry of the Word

One or more of the lectionaries provided readings for the day, or other selected passages of Scriptures are read. A Gospel reading must be read.

THE FIRST READING

Numbers 21:4-9

As they wander in the wilderness, the people become impatient with Moses and resentful of God. They are punished for their disobedience, but God heals them when they repent.

A reading (lesson) from the Book of Numbers:

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
All Thanks be to God.*

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 107 :1-3,17-22 *Confitemini Domino*

BCP Pg. 646-647

- 1 Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, *
and his mercy endures for ever.
- 2 Let all those whom the LORD has redeemed proclaim *
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

- 3 He gathered them out of the lands; *
from the east and from the west,
from the north and from the south.
- 17 **Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; ***
they were afflicted because of their sins.
- 18 They abhorred all manner of food *
and drew near to death's door.
- 19 **Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, ***
and he delivered them from their distress.
- 20 He sent forth his word and healed them *
and saved them from the grave.
- 21 **Let them give thanks to the LORD for his mercy ***
and the wonders he does for his children.
- 22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

*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 EPISTLE

Ephesians 2:1-10

Faith is a gift from God that cannot be earned. By God's grace, our faith empowers us to do the work God intends for us.

A reading (lesson) from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians:

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in

kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

All Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN: JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME

HYMNAL 620

1- Jerusalem, my happy home,
When shall I come to thee?
When shall my sorrows have an end?
Thy joys when shall I see?

THE GOSPEL

John 3:14-21

Jesus teaches that all who place their trust in him receive forgiveness of their sins and inherit everlasting life.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to John.

All **Glory to you, Lord Christ**

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But

those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.”

The Gospel of the Lord
All Praise to you, Lord Christ

2- Thy saints are crowned with glory great;
They see God face to face;
They triumph still, they still rejoice
In that most happy place.

THE SERMON:

THE PRICE OF OUR REDEMPTION: THE VENOM OF LOVE

by The Rev. Dr. Nathanael Saint-Pierre
(John 3: 14 – 21)

*I have studied, but I need your strength. I have prepared, but I need your power,
I'm willing, and I want to, but only you can make me able
Silently now I wait for thee, ready my God thy will to see
Open mine eyes and illumine me. Spirit divine*

Opening: Have you accepted Jesus as your (personal) Savior? What does that mean for you? What do you think you can do to save yourselves? Please! Share with me. Can you live without failure or sin? In order to save yourself, can you go to church more, fast, and starve yourself? Can you pray for your way in to salvation?

Situation: I hope you have read the whole chapter 3 of John and opened yourselves to the context of the pericope we use as our gospel text for today.

John presents Jesus in a conversation with Nicodemus, a Pharisee and a member of the ruling council, who did not want to be viewed as interested in Jesus in broad daylight and came to question Jesus at night. Nicodemus asked Jesus, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him.” Jesus replied, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again.” It seems Jesus captured that Nicodemus was seeking his way to the kingdom. “How can someone be born when they are old?” Nicodemus

asked. “Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother’s womb to be born!” Jesus replied, “You are Israel’s teacher and do not understand these things?” and Jesus went on to teach Nicodemus about the kingdom. During that teaching, Jesus invited Nicodemus to let go of what he thought he knew to understand that **redemption is God’s initiative**. “For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.” this might be the most well-known verse of the bible, but it was meant to transmit a clear message.

Complication: What was Nicodemus's mindset regarding salvation? What is our mindset regarding redemption? What was Jesus' message to Nicodemus and his disciples? What is Jesus’ message to us today?

Resolution: The tradition in the mindset of the Jews, including Nicodemus, was that their relationship with God was transactional. Someone who respected the law of God was rewarded. Someone who disobeyed the law of God was punished. Death was a punishment, the consequence of breaking the law of God. The Messiah was coming to teach them how to seal the deal with God. The notion of being born again was a new and strange concept for Nicodemus and his contemporaries. They were so much living in the physicality of things that Nicodemus naively asked Jesus if he must go back into his mother’s womb and reenter the world. For someone with such a literal understanding, that was the only possibility. That’s why Jesus had to use a different concept, known by the Jews, to bring Nicodemus to understanding. The image of the snake was familiar in Jewish folklore. Although the law said that no image must be made of things on earth, in heaven, or underground and worshiped, it is reported in the Book of Numbers that during the wilderness crossing, the people, impatient, complained against God and Moses. In retribution, God sent terrible serpents to bite the people and kill them. God instructed Moses to make a serpent of bronze so that when the people repented, anyone bitten by a snake could look at the serpent on the pole and be healed. Maybe that’s where the symbol of pharmacology came from. God is always leading God’s people.

It must be different for us living after Jesus’ resurrection and under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We should have received the memo of why Jesus died on the cross, but we still adhere to tradition. We still believe, -- and some of us preach -- that we can do something to be awarded redemption. We do

good; we are saved. If we do badly, we are doomed. The trouble with that understanding is, then, what about grace? We have been programmed to believe that God can only love us under certain conditions and if we meet God's requirements. We still hold to the truth that God is a vindictive being, holding everyone accountable for our bad moves. God has a tally sheet with every single failure, and when comes the day of judgment, Jesus will publicly embarrass and humiliate the sinners.

Particular churches play on the fear of judgment, the fear of embarrassment, and the fear of hell to prey on the believers. It is not that we must be such a liberal church that we should promote a life of debauchery without a moral compass. But we must not use people's guilt to make them pious. The church's role is not to fix people. Only God can. The church's role is to proclaim the good news (gospel) that Jesus came and paid our redemption with the cross.

Indeed, Jesus paid for the redemption of humankind. Jesus taught Nicodemus that to be born again is the action of the Holy Spirit in God that reclaimed ownership of every human life. The bronze serpent had no power but the power of God to give back life and immortality to those bitten by the evil snakes of dissatisfaction and complaint. Jesus compared his persona to the snake on the pole. "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life." **The Son of Man is also the Son of God, the gift of a loving God to a world bitten by evil snakes and infected with the venom of hatred.** The invasion of Rome and subjugation of Israel was the venom of hatred in action. Reducing people to the status of slaves was the venom of hatred in action. Caesar proclaiming himself a god and imposing a tax on people was the infection of the venom of hatred and ambition. **Jesus came as the antidote, making himself a snake, a snake inoculating the venom of love.**

Jesus remains in our modern world, the snake inoculating the venom of love. We are experiencing a pandemic of hatred in our communities, country, and world. Envy, jealousy, and a desire for power and control are the symptoms of this pandemic. Sometimes, too focused on our ego, we don't seek to serve God in every human being. We seek to be served. The voice of Jesus is not using the power of the powerful. Overpowered by so many noises, we can't hear Jesus in the silence of the weak and the powerless. But Jesus is there, dying on the

cross for all and being the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. Jesus is not the judge or the prosecutor. He is the defense attorney. Jesus is still inviting us to be born anew and become children of God through the power of the Holy Spirit. Jesus paid the price, so we don't have to question every action without the assurance of God's love. When we are assured of God's love, we duplicate that love. If our father is love, we are love, like father, like child.

Celebration: See, I knew a boy who grew up without a father. He always thought he was doing something wrong. Seeing his mother working hard to juggle with the many curve balls life thrown at her was painful. He did not feel his father's love and thought he could never love. Every time he started relationships that were becoming serious, he fled and ran away... Love was too serious a business for him to invest in. Instead of seeking love, he ran away from it. Instead of enjoying love, he made it a nightmare for those who loved him. The absence of a father created insecurity so much that he considered himself damaged goods.

Jesus is speaking to this boy and all of us today. Jesus says, "Forgive yourself and love others because you are loved. God so loved you that God sent me to your rescue. You're mistaken if you think you can do something to save yourself. I save. That's my name. I am not the snake that fooled Eve and Adam. I am the snake who died on the cross to heal you. Stop feeling guilty. Start feeling worthy because you are. I would not have paid the price for your redemption if you were not. No more sacrifice is needed. You don't need a lamb. You don't need a goat. Hey, priest, you definitely don't need to offer a bull! All you need is to surrender all to me. Surrender your weaknesses (yes, I know you have more than one); surrender your impossibilities, failures, and fakeness. Be yourself. I know you from the inside out. I know your imperfections. I made you. You are not a mistake. Your father left, but I was always by your side. I am the one with the power to cure you. Let me infect you with the venom of love, and you'll be immune. You will become highly contagious to propagate my message of love everywhere to kings and vagabonds. Do not sit! Stand and go tell your story! Go tell everyone the price of your redemption." **Amen!**

THE NICENE CREED

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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 became truly human.
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 worshiped 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE: *(Lutheran Core)*

The Leader and People pray responsively

A brief silence

Dear Father, we know the words by heart: “For God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son.” Kindle your Holy Spirit in us, so these words burn bright and pure therein. Let them shine through all our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Form the Church into the perfect image of your beloved Son. Through its witness, let all people know of your great love for them. Lead them to believe in you and receive everlasting life.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lift up your faithful persecuted Church as a sign of your saving love in a sin-darkened world.

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

Bless the people of this congregation. Center our hearts in your love, given to us in Jesus. Help us to show his love others.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We fervently pray that you will raise up pastors, teachers, missionaries, and evangelists whose hearts burn with the desire to share the Gospel with those who do not know you.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Teach the leaders of the nations the ways of wisdom, integrity, and humility. Do not let them be seduced by power and praise. Fill them with a hunger for justice; a love of mercy; and a desire to work for peace among all people.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Ease the burdens of those who stand in harm's way on behalf of safety, health, and freedom. Make them wise, brave, honest, and good. We also pray that you would give prudence, common sense, and a dash of humility to each of us, to make their jobs a little easier.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

As the Israelites looked upon the bronze serpent and were healed, grant that all who suffer may look upon the Cross of Christ and find healing, forgiveness, and life. Today we pray for Barbara Allie, Ms. Mack, Stephanie, Denise, Oland, Marie Anne, Nimrod, Minnie, Valerie Scott, Deacon Adeline Smith, Deacon Philomé Previl, Martha Postel, Gloria McCoy, Susan Brown, Harry Ross Moseley, The Reverend Yvan François, Valburg Krauser, Idella Richards, her son Kareem and family, Sharifa Sena, Gwendolyn Murphy, Melvin Green, Elisabeth Martinez, Yvonne Ward, Gloria Gooden, Jason Smith, Alvira Vargas, Alexis Frorup, Gwendolyn Frorup, Wanda Pineiro, Yvonne Smith, Eileen Youngberry, Annette Harewood, and Imani Cholongani. Restore them to our fellowship. Bestow upon us all the joy of your salvation. Grant a double portion of your Spirit to Annette, Pamela, Pauline, Marie and William.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise you, Father, for receiving into eternal life those who loved Jesus in their mortal life. Keep our minds and hearts firmly fixed on him, too. Let us journey safely through the wilderness of this world into the blessedness and joy of your Promised Land.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We express our gratitude for the life of those celebrating a birthday this week, especially: Bennette Dickerson, Yvette Winfield, David Willis, Alan Taylor, Maurice Johnson, Ariel Richards, Benjamin Johnson and Taylor Sistrunk. Look upon them with favor, we pray, as they begin another year. Grant that they may grow in wisdom and grace and strengthen their trust in your goodness all the days of their lives.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For these things, and for whatever else is needful, dear Father, we pray in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor

**God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.**

**We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.**

**We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf.**

**Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.**

The Bishop when present, or the Priest, stands and says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

THE PEACE

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All stand. The Celebrant says to the people

Celebrant The peace of God be always with you.
People And also with you.

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

If you are offering your gift at the altar, and there remember that your sister or brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your sister or brother, and then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

OFFERTORY HYMN: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

LEVAS 194

1- I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Help me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

Refrain:

Lead me, guide me along the way;
For if You lead me, I cannot stray;
Lord, let me walk each day with Thee.
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me.

2- Help me tread in the paths of righteousness;
Be my aid when Satan and sin oppress.
I am putting all my trust in Thee,
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

3- I am lost, if you take your hand from me;
I am blind, without Thy Light to see;
Lord, just always let me Thy servant be,
Lead me, Oh Lord, lead me. [Refrain]

THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The people remain standing. The Celebrant, whether bishop or priest, faces them and sings or says

<i>Celebrant</i>	God be with you.
<i>People</i>	And also with you.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Lift up your hearts.
<i>People</i>	We lift them to the Lord.
<i>Celebrant</i>	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
<i>People</i>	It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Then, facing the Holy Table, the Celebrant proceeds

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

PROPER PREFACE

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Through Jesus Christ our Lord; who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

SANCTUS ET BENEDICTUS

Celebrant and People

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.
The people stand or kneel.

Then the Celebrant continues

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it or lay a hand upon it; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing wine to be consecrated.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Después de la cena tomó el cáliz; y dándose gracias, se lo entregó, y dijo: "Beban todos de él. Esta es mi Sangre del nuevo Pacto, sangre derramada por TODOS para el perdón de los pecados. Siempre que lo beban, háganlo como memorial mío."

Therefore according to his command, O Father

Celebrant and People

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Mary, John, Augustine, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

Por él, y con él y en él, en la unidad del Espíritu Santo, tuyos son el honor y la gloria, Padre omnipotente, ahora y por siempre. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to sing,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

People and Celebrant

**Our Father, which 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 debts, As we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.**

During this time of COVID, we invite those at home to say the following prayer

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people desire to receive you but cannot physically do so, we remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. We beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. Cleanse and strengthen our sisters and brothers who cannot be here in person with your grace, and let them never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept. Then may be said

FRACTION ANTHEM

**Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore, let us keep the feast.**

AGNUS DEI

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy on us
Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us Peace**

Facing the people, the Celebrant says the following Invitation

The Gifts of God for the People of God. and may add Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

*The ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the people.
The Bread and the Cup are given to the communicants with these words*

COMMUNION HYMN: AMAZING GRACE

LEVAS 181

- 1- Amazing grace how sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found,
was blind, but now I see.
- 2- Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
and grace my fears relieved;
how precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed!
- 3- The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.
- 4- Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come:
'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.
- 5- When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to
sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

After Communion, the Celebrant says

Let us pray.

Celebrant and People

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. You have united us with Christ and one another, and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit; that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

The peace of God, which is beyond all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be upon you, and remain with you always. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

DURING LENT: We hope to study together the Jesus Movement.

<https://www.episcopalchurch.org/jesus-movement/>

Discussing this week:

SUNDAY MARCH 10:



GOOD FRIDAY: Together with DeWitt Reformed Church and other Churches in the neighborhood, “Seven Last Words” at 12:00 Noon

PALM SUNDAY: Eucharist at 10:00 AM starting with procession in the streets together with St. Mary’s RC Church from Corner of Madison and Gouverneur.

EASTER: Eucharist at 10:00 AM



Rosalinde Block,

Gospel singer, musician, artist, writer, and performer will honor our sanctuary with her music and voice once a month.

We thank her for her last performance and hope to see her soon.

To learn more about Rosalinde, please visit her website at

WWW.rosalindeblock.com

Soup Kitchen

CLOSING HYMN: GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

LEVAS 189

1- Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is Thy faithfulness!
Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided:
great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2- Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest;
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. [Refrain]

3- Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! [Refrain]

POSTLUDE: PSALM XIX

BENEDETTO MARCELLO

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation with these words

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People **Thanks be to God.**

We are happy that you have come to worship with us. If you have no church home, we invite you to unite with us. Please complete one of the Parish Census Forms, located on the table in the back of the church. If you have joined via Facebook, please drop us a message with your info. We will be in touch with you very soon. However, if you are just passing through, we are honored by your presence, and we wish you Godspeed as you complete your journey.



St. Augustine's Church is committed in servicing our church family and community as always by staying connected while being apart.

We invite any suggestions for programs or ideas that we can do while following CDC guidelines. Please email us, we would love to hear from you.

Please Join Us for: The **St. A's Prayer Line and Bible Study** on **Tuesdays** at **8:00PM**· Dial **(212) 673-5300** or **(727) 731-4158** between 7:45—9:00 PM.

Need Prayer?

Call the church office and request that your name be added to our prayer list. Let us know when you are available so we may visit you or pray with you over the phone.

If you are celebrating a special occasion; a birthday, anniversary, etc. please let us know so we may pray with you and share in your celebration.

We are accepting Articles and Advertisements to publish in St Augustine's echo.

During our worship, please remember to put your phone on vibe or silent. But we invite you to use them if you want to record the entire (or part of) the service, take pictures, post video on Facebook, Instagram, Pinterest or Twitter.

Let your friends know you are at St Augustine's. We are a Tech-Friendly Church.

Moving Forward: Fr Nat's hope and prayer are that we can get together as one community to be God's people and presence on the LES. He is asking for your prayers in this important new way and new normal of our lives, He wants you to know that every day he prays for you all.

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2025

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Ms. Olivia Chak, *Clerk*

2026

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Ms. Wanda Pineiro

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2027

Ms. Shilynn Jackson

Ms. Judith Mercado

Shut-Ins/Homebound: Sadie Mack, Barbara Allie.

Prayers: Lester Allen, Carline Aupont, Sandra Brown, Juan Cosme, Minnie Curry and family, Diane Ellis, Sanford Exum and Family, Iris Faulkner, Evelyn Fleming, Faith and Grace Garfield, Mildred Hancock, Bernice Henry, Joyce Johnson, Laura Harvin, Valburg Krauser, The Krauser Family, James Leung, Hattie Mitchell and Family, Daryl Moore, Marissa Nicolo, James Rainge, Lawrence Rainge, James Robinson-Parran, Beverly Rosario, Oland Saltes, Sandra Slater, Yvonne Ward, Gladys Saint-Pierre, Noelia Gonzalez, The Rev. Rosalind Brathwaite, Jayvon Cotton, Sarah Banks, Alix Cangé, Carl Johnson, Rev. Dr. Errol Harvey, The Rev. Dr. Lynn A. Collins, Ruth Caraballo, Angie Abreu, Christina Combs-Harris and Family, Rauha Amupolo (Cynthia Luly's mother), The Rev. Nathanael Saint-Pierre, Christine Dubiel; Ramona Olan (Maya's mother), The Reverend Yvan Francois, The Reverend Deacon Adeline Smith, The Reverend Deacon Philomé Prévél, The Winfield family, Idella Richards and family, Kevin Green, Sharifah Sena and family, Gwendolyn Murphy, Evelyn Kirnon and Elisabeth Martinez.

Armed forces: David Mason, Jr

We ask God's blessings for those celebrating their birthdays in March. Especially.

4th TreVon Johnson; **10th** Bennette Dickerson, Yvette Winfield; **11th** David Willis; **12th** Alan Taylor; **15th** Maurice Johnson; **17th** Ariel Richards, Benjamin Johnson, Taylor Sistrunk; **20th** John Newlin; **21st** Jayden Pena Bowe; **24th** Gwendolyn Winfield Pereira; **27th** Nia Winfield; **29th** Beverly Rosario.

If you would like to add your name to the monthly birthday list, please email us at rector@staugnyc.org

We pray for those who have died: Doadie Brown, Ronald Brown, Isa Coker, Robert and Mittie Frances Combs, Percy Daglow Sr., Wanda Daley, Frances Diaz, Harry & Dorothy Fiyalko, Luis Garcia, Etta Green, Dorothy Henderson, Inez Kikuchi, Cheryl Krauser, Vernell Langley, Diane McDowell, Geraldine Newkirk, Evelyn Newlin, Jacynth Orridge, Hector Peña, Alice Saltes Richards, Dorothy Rodriguez, Nancy Scott, Alma Suarez, Eleanor Suriel, Sylvia Fergusson-Sylvah and Romulus Sylvah, Harriett Marshall-Taylor, Isaac & Gwendolyn Pinder-Taylor, Donald Williams, Esther Juanita Dawson, Lucille Williams, Minnie Williams, Rev. Deacon Nydia Flores, Florence Taylor, John Joseph, Marlene Ward-Torain, Edward Phillips (Father Tally), Edward "Tyler" Tyler, Sandra Garcia-Combs, Maybelle Daly, Tyrone Wong, Romenia Jirmson, Marion C. Blackett-Legall, Raquel Rodriguez- Algarin, Leola West, Lula Moore, Rev. Deacon Edgar Hopper, Rodger Taylor, Ivan Krauser, Ruth Naomi Strother, Hellen Daley, Sylvan Stoner, Ellen Bradley. Charlene Cox, Ethel Moore, Kenneth Johnson, Christine (Chrissy) Harvin, Velda Alleyne, Robert Exum, Vatisa Davis, Willie Manning, William Allen, Norberta Mies, Clyde Davis Winfield, Anne Louise Luxana, James During, Angela Roberts, Evelyn Kirnon, Stanford Daly, Robert Horton.

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