

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Proper 28

Holy Eucharist Service
Year A RCL

November 19th, 2023

10:00 AM

St. Augustine of Hippo

A Parish of the Episcopal Diocese of New York



The St Augustine's Echo

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By The Rev. Dr. Nathanael Saint Pierre

(Matthew 25:14-30)

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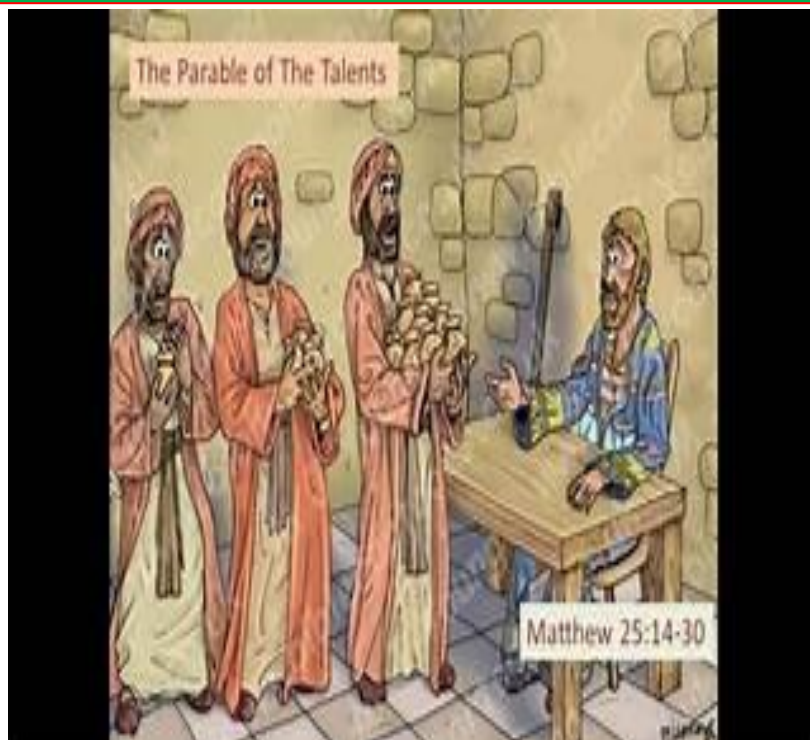
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WEEKLY SERVICES AND PROGRAMS SUNDAYS

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.

HOLY EUCHARIST RITE II

PRELUDE: Verses from the Gloris

Francois Couperin

THE WORD OF GOD

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The people standing, the Celebrant says.

Celebrant Blessed be God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit
People *And Blessed be God's kingdom now and for ever. Amen.*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you 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.

A hymn, psalm, or anthem may be sung. The people standing,

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

S280 (1982 HYMNAL)

***Glory to God in the highest and peace to God's 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.***

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Celebrant says to the people

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

The Celebrant says the Collect.

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Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18

Zephaniah prophesies that there will be consequences to the people's sin. Persistent disobedience will not be disregarded.

A reading (lesson) from the Book of the Prophet Zephaniah:

Be silent before the Lord GOD! For the day of the LORD is at hand; the LORD has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests. At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, "The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm." Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste. Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them. The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there. That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements. I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung. Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

People

Thanks be to God.

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 90:1-8, (9-11), 12 *Domine, refugium*

BCP Pg. 717-718

1 Lord, you have been our refuge *
from one generation to another.

2 Before the mountains were brought forth,
or the land and the earth were born, *
from age to age you are God.

3 You turn us back to the dust and say, *
"Go back, O child of earth."

4 For a thousand years in your sight are like yesterday when it is past
and like a watch in the night.

5 You sweep us away like a dream; *
we fade away suddenly like the grass.

6 In the morning it is green and flourishes; *
in the evening it is dried up and withered.

7 For we consume away in your displeasure; *
we are afraid because of your wrathful indignation.

8 Our iniquities you have set before you, *
and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.

9 [When you are angry, all our days are gone; *
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

10 The span of our life is seventy years,
perhaps in strength even eighty; *
yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow,
for they pass away quickly and we are gone.

11 Who regards the power of your wrath? *
who rightly fears your indignation?]

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

THE EPISTLE

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

The Thessalonians, and we ourselves, are called to live according to God's perspective of creation rather than the temptation to the sleepiness of this world.

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

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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

All Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE: SEEK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD

HYMNAL 711

1- Seek ye first the kingdom of God

And its righteousness;

And all these things shall be added unto you.

Allelu, Alleluia!

Refrain:

Alleluia, Alleluia!

Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus tells the parable of the talents, of those whom much has been given, much will be expected.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.
All **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "It is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a

harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.’ But his master replied, ‘You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

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

2- Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
Allelu, Alleluia!

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia!
Alleluia, Allelu, Alleluia!

A sermon, or meditation, or conversation or a period of silence may follow the readings.

THE BLAME GAME
by The Rev. Dr. Nathanael Saint-Pierre
(Matthew 25:14 – 30)

*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: Are you one of those who are never satisfied with the gifts you receive? Would you like more or different gifts or even the gifts your neighbor receives? Are you, like me, questioning what God has given to you and are afraid to use them or playing the blame game?

Situation: Although the Lukan version reports that ten servants received one pound each (Luke 19:12-27) to do the Master's business, Matthew's Jesus mentions only three servants to his listeners in today's story. Each received according to his ability. The first received five times as much as the last, but each received a significant amount. A talent is equal to about 6,000 denarii. Since one denarius is a common laborer's daily wage, a talent would roughly equal 20 years' wages for the average worker. Five talents, the amount entrusted to each one of the servants, is comparable to one hundred years' worth of labor, an astronomical amount of money.

What each of the servants decided to do with the talents they received was different. One traded and made a profit; the second also generated a benefit for the master, but the third, paralyzed by the gossip in the community about the master and by his fear (some would call that laziness), dug a hole and put the money there for safekeeping. Upon the master's return, everyone was held accountable for his actions.

Complication: What did faithfulness look like when waiting for the Matthean community? What does faithfulness look like in a time of waiting for us? Was Jesus the master who wanted to expand his dominion and reap benefits? Is Jesus the enslaver who demands productivity from those who believe in him?

Resolution: It is common in Matthew to meet stories in which the transactional nature of relationships is evident. To get something, one must do something; when given something, one must do something in return. But this text should not be translated as a promotional tool for the prosperity gospel. This story is part of an eschatological section of Matthew's Gospel describing the reality of a community asking itself how to wait for the return of its master. What should they be doing with the treasure entrusted to them by Jesus? This treasure is the good news they

have received from Jesus. Should they bury it underground? Should they risk their lives to spread it?

The Matthean community existed during the time of the Roman Empire's occupation. To be followers or disciples of Jesus and proclaim him as Lord was risky business. Those who believed in Jesus faced two challenges after his execution/crucifixion and resurrection: Roman imperialism, in which the emperor was the godly figure, and Jewish tradition, which considered Jesus as a heretic or idolatry by a group of enlightened. The Matthean Jesus used the word master to describe the landowner, the lord, heading away for an unpredictable journey. Some translations use the word slaves to name the intendant at the landowner's service.

Today's church faces the same kinds of challenges when it comes to responding to our call. The world is in turmoil. We see violence and injustice all around us. Children are bombed. Civilians are killed. Whole cities are wiped off the map for the empire's expansion. Believers have seen apocalyptic images but do not know what to make out of them. What we believe was a thing of the past -- despite how confident we are saying we want to dismantle racism -- White Supremacy is alive and well. Who is going to voice that Jesus preached a different gospel? Surely not the hypocrites who support the violence unconditionally. Definitely not those who benefit from weapon marketing. The Church should, but the fear of being labeled as antisemitic or too political prevents it from voicing what God is for all to hear: love.

If some people might be tempted to identify the master as God, let me be quick to say that God is NOT a slave master. **God invites us to serve him, but God does not enslave anyone.** Even more important is for me to affirm that God is not a harsh man, reaping where he did not sow and gathering where he did not scatter seed. It is dangerous to try to make this parable about describing the nature of God. God is God, not a man. God is love, not a capitalist businessman. The Bible never describes Jesus, God incarnate, as a man looking for his own gain. Jesus was a provider to the needy. Jesus was the healer of the sick, the restorer of the broken, and the redeemer of the lost. Jesus performed healing on the Sabbath day to teach his disciples what faithfulness to God really meant. Faithfulness to God is

not blind obedience; it is consistency. Faithfulness to God was not for Jesus to wait until resurrection. Faithfulness to God was to do God's will when challenging, to question the temple's practices and the hypocrites' rituals. The Matthean Jesus was working while waiting.

Yes, today, that story applies to us. It is not because we expect Jesus to return that we must be idle while waiting. Jesus is with us, still expecting us to transform the unjust structures of our world.

God still gives today. Not the same amount for each servant. God's job is to provide, leaving us to share our gifts with God's creation. While God expects us to take risks, God will never ask back what God gives. The church must be brave enough to take risks because God will not ask us what we do with God's gift. God is not obsessed with benefits and profits. In the parable for today, what upset the master was not the fact that one servant buried the gift he received underground. It was the denigration of the master by the servant. How can a person accept a deal with another when he knows the latter is a profit grabber and a dishonest investor? Too often, when it comes to receiving, we don't question the integrity of the giver. When we are held accountable, we have harsh criticism for the giver.

Celebration: A woman was married to a government official. The guy constantly bought expensive gifts for her. She never questioned her husband and always went out telling her friends how she was spoiled. She received flowers, went to expensive restaurants, and was offered precious metals and expensive jewelry.

One day, FBI agents showed up at her house, handcuffed her, and took her away. She pretended that she never knew her husband was a thief. He ran around with other women. He was violent towards her. He even raped her. But she was so afraid. She never told anyone about it. She stayed with him to protect her life. She shifted all the blame onto her husband, not realizing it was a test. Her husband was behind her arrest and wanted to see what she would say under pressure.

Faithfulness is not tested in easy times when all is well. Faithfulness is tested when life is rough and during the storm. It is so easy to throw someone under the bus and have them be blamed. It is so easy to call people names. Today's gospel is a reminder that Christians are to be vigilant and active at all times. Unexpectedly, the master will come and hold us accountable. Seeking excuses for our inactivity will not account for it. There'll be no need to play the blame game. **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 PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE (LUTHERAN CORE)

The Leader and People pray responsively

Let us approach the Throne of Grace, there to pray for the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence is kept.

Father, thank you for entrusting to us the treasures of your Kingdom and the gifts of your Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your confidence in us - for commending wise risk taking and condemning fearful inaction. Give us grace to be faithful stewards of your bounty, to your glory and for the good of your people.

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

Give your Church pastors, bishops, and theologians who faithfully proclaim your Word of Law and Gospel. Make the Church shine with the holiness and humility of Jesus, guiding many to seek his promised forgiveness and salvation.

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

Let the faithful witness of your suffering Church be a beacon of hope for all who love Christ, and into an urgent warning to all who hate him. We can scarcely comprehend the suffering of our persecuted sisters and brothers. Give us the willingness to defend and provide for them as we can, and to adorn their sacrifices with our smaller acts of faith and love.

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

Make this congregation into a “Discipleship Boot Camp!” Teach us to practice taking risks in your service. Make us bold in granting forgiveness - or asking for it. Make us brave in talking about the hope that is in us. Make us fearless in shining the light of Jesus’ love into sin-darkened lives. Make us ingenious in easing the burdens of others for whom he gave his life.

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

We pray for all who have been richly blessed with skills of mind and hand, and gifts of imagination and wise judgment. Guide them in using their gifts to your glory and for the benefit of others. We also pray for those whose talents seem meager; who are afraid to use them; or are convinced they are worthless. Give them the grace to value what you have given them, and to use all their resources to their utmost. Help all of us to risk much as we seek to please you, help our neighbor, and heal our world. Remind us that you have prepared for us joys that are infinitely greater than any treasure we lay at your feet.

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

Give teachable minds and willing hearts to the leaders of the nations. Remind them that they must give you an account of their stewardship of power, authority, and talents. Do not let them squander these gifts through hard hearts, rivalries, misuse, or disuse. Give to each of us the gifts of kindness, humility, and generosity, so that all our lives may be touched by happiness and brightened by hope.

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

Great gifts are needed by those who risk their lives to protect the lives and liberty of others. Abundantly grant them all they need, dear Lord. Use their skills to bring calm in chaos, and justice in troubled places. Shield their loved ones from fear; and bring them home safely and soon.

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

We beseech you to come speedily to the rescue of all who cry out for healing of body, mind, heart or spirit - including: Barbara Allie, Ms. Mack, Stephanie, Denise, Oland, Marie Anne, Nimrod, Laverne, 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, Robert Horton, Gwendolyn Murphy, Melvin Green, Elisabeth Martinez, Yvonne Ward, Gloria Gooden, Jason Smith, Alvira Vargas, Alexis Frorup, Gwendolyn Frorup, Wanda Pineiro, Yvonne Smith and Eileen Youngberry. Deliver them from their afflictions, and restore them to the fellowship of all who care for them. Grant a double portion of your Spirit to Annette, Pamela, Pauline, Marie and all who minister to the sick.

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

Keep in your sheltering arms all those who have died trusting in your promises. And as you have called us to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown, we pray: Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us, until you bring us home, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

We express our gratitude for the life of those celebrating a birthday this week, especially: Nickia Smith, Durell Smith, Pamela Dawson, Josette Cikley, Marisa O'Neal, Chantel Felician, Lisa Winfield, Ludan Garricks, Jeffrey Winfield Jr., Margarita Guzman, Yoruba Guzman, Olivia Chak, Edward Riley, Adalio Troutman, Nazir Darden, Susan Daly and Rasheima Silvia. 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, **please hear our prayer.**

Hear our prayer; and graciously grant all that glorifies you and benefits our poor broken world, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

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

Offertory

*Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to
God. (Ephesians 5:2)*

OFFERTORY HYMNS: PRAISE AND WORSHIP

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!**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING: EUCHARISTIC PRAYER A

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.**

The people stand or kneel.

Proper Preface

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**For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and
called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**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

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Celebrant and People

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of mercy and grace,
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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

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.

[En la noche en que fue entregado al sufrimiento y a la muerte, nuestro Señor Jesucristo tomó pan; y dándose gracias, lo partió y lo dio a sus discípulos, y dijo: "Tomen y coman. Este es mi Cuerpo, entregado por TODOS. Hagan esto como memorial mío"]

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 ALL. 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".]

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for ALL for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

The Celebrant continues

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

[“Santifícalos con tu Espíritu Santo, y así serán para tu pueblo el cuerpo y la sangre de tu Hijo, la santa comida y la santa bebida de la vida nueva en

él que no tiene fin. Santifícanos también, para que recibamos fielmente este santo sacramento y seamos perseverantes en tu servicio en paz y unidad. Y en el día postrero, llévanos con Maria la madre de Dios, Juan el divino, Agustino y todos tus santos al gozo de tu reino eterno.”]

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

[“Todo esto te pedimos por tu Hijo Jesucristo: 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. Amén.”]

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEVAS 264

People and Celebrant

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 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 and 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 heart. 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

LEVAS 268

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

AGNUS DEI

LEVAS 270

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

Have mercy on us

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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; 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: THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD LEVAS 203

Refrain:

There is a balm in Gilead
to make the wounded whole
There is a balm in Gilead
to heal the sin-sick soul.

2- If you cannot preach like Peter,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus,
And say He died for all. Ref.

1- Sometimes I feel discouraged.
and think my work's in vain.
But then the Holy Spirit
revives my soul again. Refrain

3- Don't ever be discouraged,
For Jesus is your friend.
And if you lack for knowledge
He'll ne'er refuse to lend. Ref.

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 passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessings of God almighty Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you always. **Amen.**

Announcements

CLOSING HYMN: Leaning on the Everlasting Arms

LEVAS 196

1. What a fellowship, what a joy divine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
What a blessedness, what a peace is mine,
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Refrain:

Learning, learning,
Safe and secure from all alarms;
Learning on Jesus, Learning on Jesus,
Learning, learning.

- 2- Oh, how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way,
Leaning on the everlasting arms;
Oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. Ref.
- 3- What have I to dread, what have I to fear,
Leaning on the everlasting arms?
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near,
Leaning on the everlasting arms. Ref.

Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the congregation with these words

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ. Alleluia! Alleluia!
People Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE: NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD S. KARG-ELERT

Please visit our newly revamped website. It is the work of two of our talented members: Cynthia Lully at cynthia.lully@gmail.com and Khylee McBryde at khyleemcbryde08@gmail.com

Congratulations to our web designers.



Rosalinde Block,

St Augustine's welcomes Gospel singer, musician, artist, writer, and performer, Rosalinde Block, who honors our sanctuary with her amazing music and voice.

She will be performing on November 26th. 2023.

To learn more about Rosalinde, please visit her website at www.rosalindeblock.com

It's time to give thanks

*Join us for
Thanksgiving
Dinner*



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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 vibrate 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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Armed forces: David Mason, Jr

We ask God's blessings for those celebrating their birthdays in November especially:

1st Selina Harris, Makeda Dawson-Davis; **2nd** Dominique Harris; **3rd** Ludmilla Morris, JoAnn Davis, David Nelson, LaVerne Johnson; **4th** Beverly Pena; **5th** Sheila Knight; **6th** Kadija Brown, Shawnte Ellison; **7th** Gene Seymour, Joseph McDaniel; **8th** Carmalita Archibald, Stephen Harris, Walter Hanks; **9th** Eleanor Daly, LaQuan Woody, Nia Dawson; **10th** Derek O'Neal, Ayesha Richardson, Allure Evans; **11th** Kathleen Taylor, John Sena, Bookard Kashia, Nyajah Pierce; **12th** James Hornsby, James Winfield Jr., Rosemary O'Shansky, Francisco Brown, Jeniece Jones; **13th** Ajamu Abraham, Joseph Thompkins; **14th** Brittney Holloman, Atiyah Lloyd; **15th** Tiarra Williams; **18th** Samaya Winston, Skyy Winston, Hector Archibald, Steven Miles, Isaac Johnson, Ashala Kelly, Aaron Davis; **19th** Carol Daglow; **20th** Nickia Smith; **21st** Durell Smith, Pamela Dawson, Josette Cikley; **22nd** Marisa O'Neal; **23rd** Chantel Felician, Lisa Winfield, Ludan Garricks, Jeffrey Winfield Jr., Margarita Guzman, Yoruba Guzman; **25th** Olivia Chak, Edward Riley, Adalio Troutman, Nazir Darden; **26th** Susan Daly, Rasheima Silvia; **27th** Cleary Freeman, Christopher Guardiola; **28th** Catherine Baez; **29th** Sabrina Campbell, Monika O'Neal; **30th** Andrew Taylor, Natasha Herring

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, Ellen 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, Iris Faulkner, Evelyn Fleming, Evelyn Kirnon, Stanford Daly, Ronise Shanay Cox-Clark, Margaret Sinclair Wade, Daniel American, Annie Garcia, Dorothy Charley,

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