

ST. AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH



**CELEBRATION SERVICE
THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II
The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 13, 2020
10:45 A.M.**

*You are welcomed whether you are a guest or a member,
and we invite you to join us in our worship of God.*

This Service Bulletin contains all that you will need to worship with us this morning.

If you have a prayer request, please email them into the church.

Please note that this worship service will be recorded and live streamed.

If you wish, you may remain out of the camera's view by sitting in the Chapel (stained glass window area).

We want to honor and respect your privacy.

Welcome to St. Augustine of Canterbury Episcopal Church!

We are delighted that you have chosen to worship with us during this Season after Pentecost.

For many Christians the weeks after Pentecost are called Ordinary Time, “ordinary” meaning in regular rows or ranks undistinguished from another. This is the character of Ordinary Time, the days after Pentecost, the largest part of the church year, and most of our life. It is not a time of celebration that draws into wonder nor a time of crisis that causes one to change. Ordinary Time is a time of being. However, it must be said that this time is not without character and color, for during this season of the year we explore what it means to live in the eternal day that is ours through baptism into Christ’s eternal life. In this post Pentecostal season, we explore what it means to be children of God, to be in Christ, and to be on fire with the Spirit.

Like all of God’s creation, we are surrounded by the lush green that is present. It is a bountiful time of being. In these moments, we rest in the knowledge that we are transformed and empowered people experiencing the presence of the Spirit through the Word proclaimed and the Sacraments shared.

It is with that awareness we live lives in tune with the present and filled with God’s love toward all around us. Only then will our lives take on the vibrant green of the season, of ordinary life and yet deeply alive!

If this is your first time in the Episcopal Church, everything you need to follow worship is in this Worship Guide. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to ask any member around you for help.

Again, welcome to you and your family.

Blessings,

Fr. Joseph C. Alsay +
Rector

ST. AUGUSTINE'S WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, Sept. 20 **Fifteenth Sunday of** **Pentecost**

- 10:45am: Holy Eucharist, Rt.2,
Ministry Fair video

Tuesday, Sept. 22

- National Voter Registration day

Wednesday, Sept. 23

- ECW Bake Sale deadline for
orders

2020 MINISTRY FAIR

THEME: INVEST IN THE FUTURE OF ST. AUGUSTINE...INVEST IN YOURSELF! MATTHEW 20:1-16

This year, our annual Ministry Fair will be featured via a special video during the 10:45am service on September 20th. Members will be able to sign up for any ministry at St. Augustine, but that Sunday, ten specific ministries will be spotlighted by video. They'll include Altar Guild, Usher Team, Greeter Team, Intercessors/Lectors, Acolytes, Video/Tech Team, Eucharistic Visitors, Music Team, Outreach, and a new ministry - Here I Am, Send Me! Stay tuned to the announcements for more Ministry Fair details, or email memberengagement@sac-okc.org.

ECW BAKE SALE

With everything that has been going on and the cancellation of the Canterbury Faire, the ECW has decided to do a bake sale. The proceeds that they make during the Canterbury Faire go to assisting the women and families at Jesus House. This year they will be selling a limited amount of baked goods and also a "bakeless" option for those who would like to donate but are not interested in ordering any baked goods. Go to our announcements page of our website to view the full menu, sac-okc.org/announcements, and contact Patsy when you are ready to place your order. Orders will be taken until September 23rd. All baked goods will be available for contactless pickup on October 4th.

NATIONAL VOTER REGISTRATION DAY

St. Augustine's is partnering with the national Episcopal Church to encourage every American to plan to vote and vote faithfully! Election season is upon us in the U.S., and now is the time to make sure you – and those in your community – are ready. This year, many states have updated how voters can cast their ballot with no-excuse absentee ballots, early voting, and other measures to allow Americans to vote safely in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic. National Voter Registration Day is Tuesday, September 22nd. As a part of your civic duty we encourage you to go out and vote! Make sure you are registered to vote by Tuesday September 22nd. For more information and resources visit: <https://nationalvoterregistrationday.org/> or <https://episcopalchurch.org/posts/ogr/plan-your-vote>

SPECIAL SERVICE WILL CELEBRATE ANIMAL FRIENDS

On Sunday, October 4th from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. we will have a modified version of our Annual Blessing of Pets at St. Augustine's. This year, due to the COVID-19 restrictions, we will offer a "Bark-N-Bless" drive-through blessing for all of our feathered, finned, and furry friends. As always, we encourage you to invite someone to this exciting St. Augustine's event!

+ THE GATHERING RITE +

Prelude: “Adagio”

C.R. Kern

Welcome & Announcements

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

We are an enthusiastically welcoming and inviting Christian community committed to the unity of all people with God through Christ.

DECLARACIÓN DE NUESTRA MISIÓN

Somos una comunidad Cristiana que da la bienvenida con entusiasmo y acogedor, comprometida con la unidad de toda la gente con Dios a través de Cristo.

Sacred Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

Please stand at the sound of the bell and face the entrance doors.

Opening Acclamation

Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Gathering Song: “Get Together”

Words and Music by Chet Powers

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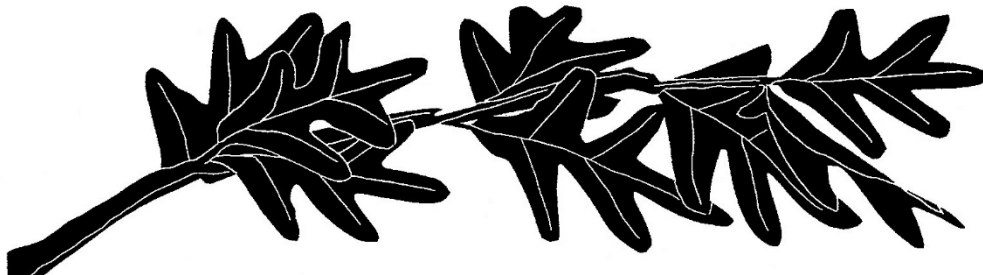
Salutation and Collect of the Day

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**



+ THE LITURGY OF THE WORD +

Please be seated.

Children's Moment

All children are invited to remain with their families

The Lesson: Genesis 50:15-21

Lector A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Lector The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Acclamation: "Forgive our Sins as We Forgive"

Words: Rosamond E. Herklots

Tune: *Detroit*, from *Supplement to Kentucky Harmony*, 1820

Please remain standing.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he

would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

Priest The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Please be seated.

Sermon

The Reverend Joseph Alsay

Sacred Silence

At this time you are invited to reflect, meditate, pray or engage in another silent activity.

Please stand at the sound of the meditation bowl.

Nicene Creed

**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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He 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.**

Please remain standing.

Prayers of the People – Form VI

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God; we pray for the ministries of those churches in the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Andrew's, Grove, Center for the Assistance of Infants and Families (CAIF) Ministry for Education & Welfare of Young Children, and for our companion Diocese of Uruguay.

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Poulson our Bishop; and for all bishops, for Father Joseph, Father Tony, Deacon Robby, Deacon-Intern Todd, and other ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

For those with medical issues: *Ayla Yeakley, Emily Fields, Kyle Lawson, Dawn Toney, Elveta Culton, Elizabeth Myers, Manny Hardy, Sammie Kenyon, John Myers, Judy Reeder, Jack Austerman, Austin Estes, Gayla Schwenke, Maria & Lary Candido, Julio Bega Morua, Pat Current, Nancy Howard, Sharon Feland, Dick Hackley, Drue Eliot, Donny Trammell, Dicheal Talley, Anita Poole, Myrna Gray, Camilla Nicole Manning, Tom Current, Rick & Randy Pair, Ann Chambers, Nicole Pair, Franz Lauffer, Evelyn Thrower, Don Moon, Bill Kerr, Janice Wilson, Joice Thompson*

For those with other needs or concerns: *Chelsea Williams, John Vanek, Pete Shipman, Kelly Smith, Family of Austin Estes, Mark Mintor, Chelsea Hurt, Domenica Lovera & Family, Willa Mae Rowley, Andrew Sterling, Debbie Sterling, Russell Paine, Brandon Riggs, Valerie Lewis, Cornerstone Counseling, Jada Miles Smiley, Travis, Kristen, Lee, Evin Cole, Matthew Trammell, Tony Harris, Dennis, Jason & Traci Eliot, Aimeeann Vanek, those needing the services of the Guild of St. George, St. Francis Community Services, the Infant Crisis Services, residents of the Jess Dunn, Joseph Harp and Davis correctional facilities; the Lionwood Senior Living Center, the Harbor and Gatewood Homes for the mentally impaired, the Jesus House, and for all people of the world in these times of worry and illness.*

For those in the military: *J.R. Singleton, Bryce Singleton, Derek Gabelsberg, Cody Branson, Ryan Natale, Rylee Natale, Brody Campbell, Justin Jones, Christopher Rosentreter, Sam Carter, Caleb Mitchell, Aaron Long, Terry Caraway, Reed Hall, Zach Renfro, Rev. Octavia Lindsey, McKenna McCullough, Noel Puryear, Keaton Latner, Kaleigh Hensch, Andrew Long, Kayleigh Henson, Freddie Kegler, Jay Jordan, William VanSant, Nick Coleman, Rebecka Blaire, Kyle Belt, Andrew Stiendl, James Roberts, John Andrews, Thomas Andrews, Chase Biel Weishaupt, Perry Harding, Nate Phillips, Ashley Adkins, Matt Lake, Derek Wolf, our troops at home and abroad and their families.*

Hear us, Lord;
For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings.

Birthdays this week: *Ed Sturm, Charles Pollard, Marcia Frensley, Marc Dillard, Robby Trammell, Frank Stone, Jeannie Haas, Joe Jackson, Max Cloud.*

Anniversaries: *Mark and Marsha Tygret.*

We will exalt you, O God our King;
And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they might have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions.

Deaths: *Todd Jones*

Lord let your loving-kindness be upon them

Who put their trust in you.

Confession of Sin

Let us most humbly confess our sins unto the Almighty God.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Absolution

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

Please stand.

Peace

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The congregation is invited to follow the ancient tradition of honoring one another with a solemn bow.

+ THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARISTIC MEAL +

Please be seated.

Offertory Sentence

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God.

Ephesians 5:2

During the "Offering in Song", please feel free to place your offering in one of the four receptacles placed around the Nave.

Offering in Song: "They'll Know we are Christians"

Words and Music by Peter Scholtes
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arr. Scott Chard

Please stand.

Eucharistic Prayer

Common Worship, Church of England

Presider The Lord is here.

People **His Spirit is with us.**

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them to the Lord.**

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

People **You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

Presider In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

People **He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

Presider On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

People **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.**

Presider At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

People **Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.**

Presider As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

People **As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

Presider With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Sanctus

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.

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

The Lord's Prayer

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,

and the power, and the glory,

for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Presider 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.

Communion Distribution

All are welcome to receive the Holy Meal at the Lord's Table.

For Communion, please remain at your pew and the Presider will come and commune you.

Please note that gluten-free bread is available for those who request it.

To receive bread, hold your palms upward, remove your mask, consume the bread, then replace the mask around your nose and mouth.

If you wish to only receive a blessing, cross your arms over your chest.

Communion Meditation: “Draw Me Close”

Words and Music by Kelly Carpenter
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“Lord, be the Morning”

Words: Robert Wilkie
Music: Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
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+ THE SENDING RITE +

Please stand.

Post-Communion Prayer

Common Worship, Church of England

Presider Let us pray.

God of our pilgrimage, you have led us to the living water: refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Presider The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you forever.

People **Amen.**

Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Voluntary: “Prelude and Fughetta”

Healey Willan

The congregation will be directed by the ushers to exit the Nave, via the side chapel door.

We ask that you please keep your masks on, until you are outside.

Thank you for your cooperation.

+ MINISTERS OF THE LITURGY +

Today, Sunday, September 13, 2020, 10:45 A.M. - The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Presider/ Preacher: The Reverend Canon Tony Moon

Assisting Priest: The Reverend Joseph C. Alsay

Crucifer: Amy Hinojosa

Lector: Valerie Lewis

Staff Musicians: Scott Chard, Guy Nembhard, Karena Van Horn

Organist: John Stephen Potter

Greeters: Jeanne Lowrey & Janet Mills

Ushers: Ricky Womack, George Lauffer and Mark Williams

Cameras: Chris O'Leary & Josh Eliot

+ OUR STORY +

Formal mindfulness meditation is the practice of sustaining one's attention to the body, breath, sensations, or whatever arises in each moment. Mindfulness is a translation of the Pali (a unique language of the Indian subcontinent that was used to write many Buddhist and Hindu documents) term *sati* (sometimes translated as "to remember"). Many psychologists believe that rumination and worry contribute to depression and anxiety, while the practice of mindfulness is an effective reducer of rumination, worry, as well as drug addiction and pain. Mindfulness meditation is practiced sitting with one's eyes closed either cross-legged on a cushion or in a chair with the back straight. The meditator's focus is on the abdominal excursions during breathing or the feel of breath within the nostrils. Desirable physiological and psychologic changes can be monitored scientifically in a person employing mindfulness meditation. Henry Thoreau's writings from Walden Pond offer a uniquely American slant to mindfulness observations. Mindfulness-based stress reduction was developed at the University of Massachusetts Medical Center using a combination of mindfulness meditation, body awareness, and yoga to help people become more mindful producing the beneficial effects of stress reduction, relaxation, and improvements to their quality of life.

If you have a liturgical question or an inquiry about anything that transpires during or around our worship service, please forward the question you would like researched to: gghaas@aol.com. Please note whether we can credit you as the source of the question.

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