

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

Holy Eucharist Service
Year C RCL
May 15th, 2022
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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THE WORD OF GOD

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The Holy Gospel John 13:31-35

SERMON: "The New Commandment"
by The Rev. Dr. Nathanael Saint-Pierre
(John 13:31-35)

The Nicene Creed
Prayer Of The People Lutheran Core
The Confession & Absolution
The Peace

THE OFFERTORY

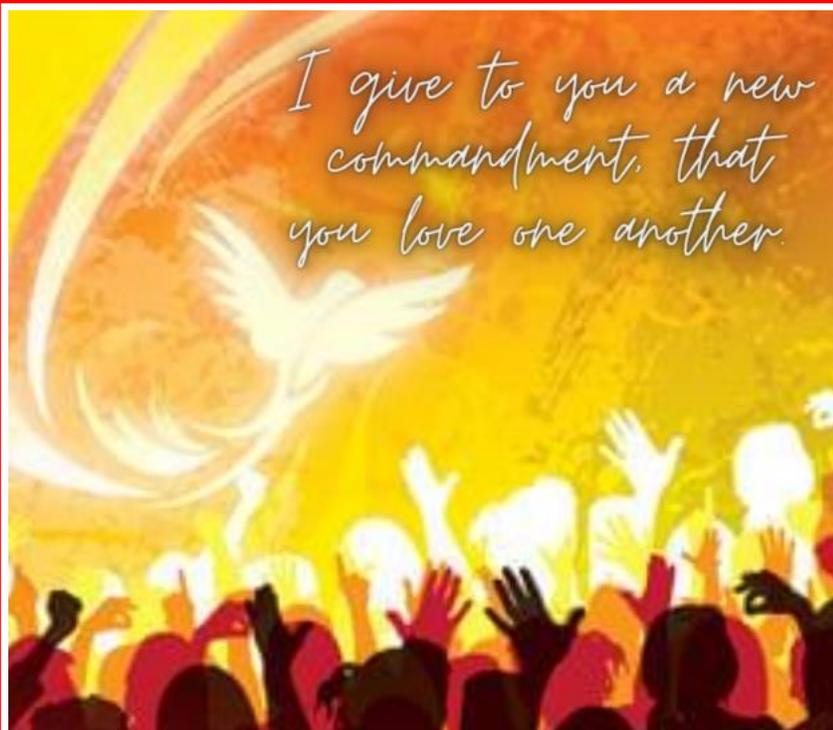
Offertory Hymn: Lead Me, Guide (Three Stanzas Sung)
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THE HOLY COMMUNION:

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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

Mission Statement

St. Augustine's Church is a Christ-centered ministry where 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:

ARIA

FLOR PEETERS

THE WORD OF GOD

BCP p. 355

The people standing, the Celebrant says

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People Jesus is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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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BCP p. 225

Merciful God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Ministry of the Word

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

THE FIRST READING

Acts 11:1-18

The Jewish followers of Jesus discover through Peter's testimony that God has blessed the Gentiles with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and therefore has opened salvation to every person under heaven. They rejoice greatly in this new revelation.

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles:

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?" Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.' But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.' But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.' This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At

that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.' And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?" When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

People ***Thanks be to God***

THE RESPONSE

Psalm 148

Laudate Dominum

BCP p. 805

¹ Hallelujah!

Praise the LORD from the heavens; *
praise him in the heights.

² **Praise him, all you angels of his; ***
praise him, all his host.

³ Praise him, sun and moon; *
praise him, all you shining stars.

⁴ **Praise him, heaven of heavens, ***
and you waters above the heavens.

⁵ Let them praise the Name of the LORD; *
for he commanded, and they were created.

⁶ **He made them stand fast for ever and ever; ***
he gave them a law which shall not pass away.

- ⁷ Praise the LORD from the earth, *
you sea-monsters and all deeps;
- ⁸ **Fire and hail, snow and fog, ***
tempestuous wind, doing his will;
- ⁹ Mountains and all hills, *
fruit trees and all cedars;
- ¹⁰ **Wild beasts and all cattle, ***
creeping things and winged birds;
- ¹¹ Kings of the earth and all peoples, *
princes and all rulers of the world;
- ¹² **Young men and maidens, ***
old and young together.
- ¹³ Let them praise the Name of the LORD, *
for his Name only is exalted,
his splendor is over earth and heaven.
- ¹⁴ **He has raised up strength for his people**
and praise for all his loyal servants, *
the children of Israel, a people who are near him.
Hallelujah!

*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

Revelation 21:1-6

The future of perfect joy is revealed to John: complete restoration and union between God and humanity, no brokenness or pain, and all will be redeemed.

A reading from the Revelation to John:

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and

crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

All Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE MUSIC: I COME WITH JOY TO MEET MY LORD

THE GOSPEL

John 13:31-35

Love without killing, without marginalization, without malice, this is the hallmark of the servants of God.

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

All Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At the last supper, when Judas had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, Lord Christ

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

Eucharist Prayer A
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SERMON: THE NEW COMMANDMENT

By *The Rev. Dr. Nathanael Saint-Pierre*
(*John 13:31-35*)

*I have studied, but I need your strength. I have prepared, but I need your power.
I am willing, and I want to, but only you can make me able.
Silently now, I wait for you, ready, O Lord, your will to see.
Open our eyes and illumine us, Spirit divine!*

Opening: Dear sisters and brothers in Christ, what does the word “new” trigger in you when you hear it? What does it mean to you when you use it? For many, every time we hear the word “new”, it triggers our fear, extreme anxiety, and mistrust. We are so inclined to think materially that when we say “new”, we think about something replacing the old. We don’t want to change... We prefer the status quo...

Situation: But today, it is Jesus saying: “I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

Complication: How did the disciples understand Jesus giving them a new commandment? What did giving a new commandment mean for Jesus? How do we understand Jesus giving us a new commandment? Should we throw the books of Exodus and Leviticus in the garbage? Does that mean that the old commandments are no longer valid?

Resolution: (Trouble in the text) The Torah and the Talmud were very central to the life of Israel from the time of Moses through Jesus’ era. Jesus saw how difficult it was for people to abide by this body of Jewish civil, ceremonial law, and legend comprising the Mishnah and the Gemara. From the way God was defined as demanding sacrifices through the code of conduct that was demanded, Jesus had to redefine God and the way we enter into a relationship with God. He needed to provide a different way, a new commandment by which his disciples/followers would be recognized.

(Trouble in our time) We, modern disciples of Jesus, have continually fallen far short in our love for one another as well as in our love for those outside the community of faith. Theological and ethical arguments often descend into personal attacks and name-calling; personal interests often

trump the common good of the community; those in need of compassion find judgment instead. Despite Christ's sacrifice, we keep weaponizing the Bible to exclude those whose lifestyle and behavior go against our culture, our vision, and with whom we disagree.

We so often draw lines about whom we will love and whom we will be tempted to cast in the role of "less loving" in our lives. This happens in the hearts and minds of both individuals and the church. Jesus could not be clearer or bolder: It is not by our theological correctness, not by our moral purity, not by our impressive knowledge that everyone will know that we are his disciples. It is quite simply by our loving acts: acts of service and sacrifice, and acts that point to the love of God for the world made known in Jesus Christ.

Grace in the text: The movement Jesus invited his disciples to join was a movement of social transformation, a movement that stood with the marginalized no matter the margins in which they were pushed. It is God taking the initiative to sacrifice Godself, not humans that must bid for atonement. God is the first who so loved the world, that in Jesus, became flesh so to become love incarnate. It is love that prevented Jesus from making a case about Judas when the latter left the room to go sell Jesus. Instead, Jesus called the eleven who were still in the room with him to take a NEW allegiance. It is not to a God who takes an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth that we bear allegiance. It is not a God without mercy who makes us pay for our iniquities with whom we are in a relationship. Jesus redefined not only God's identity but human's identity for his disciples then and for us. What is new is that God was so often depicted as a blood lover demanding sacrifice, it took Jesus to reveal that God is loving, God is forgiving, and God is merciful. Jesus told the disciples that there is space in the room for love even in the midst of suffering, separation, and betrayal.

Grace for today: That is why love becomes so central to our salvation. It is by love that Jesus initiated salvation without hesitation, lending his hands to the disinherited and the damned of the earth. **Jesus did not abolish the law. Jesus accomplished the law so that humans are no longer saved by their own doings and means. Humans are saved by the sacrificial love of Christ.**

When you hear people insisting about Sabbath, the Ten Commandments, and Leviticus, when you feel a verse being used as a bullet to gun you

down, do not argue with them. We are just not following the same leader. While Jesus was respectful of the law, he knew not to let himself be enslaved by the law. While Jesus was a faithful Jew, he knew and taught that **compassion is a fruit of universal love**, but indifference is not an excuse for respect for the law. In his parable of the good Samaritan, Jesus pointed to those who were indifferent to the needs of someone suffering and glorified a Samaritan who practiced the law of universal love before the textual and rigid law as taught by hypocrites and manipulators. Today, the laws of the land still promote dispossessing women of rights over their own bodies. Today, the laws of the land still promote individuality over collectivity. But it belongs to us to stand with the oppressed in love and express our concerns for the needs of the marginalized.

Celebration: The fear of NEW and of change is innate in human beings. But I must share with you that new is never started from scratch. No matter how new your car is, it will have tires until a technology being developed for many years (so not new) allows it to fly. It is Lavoisier, a French philosopher, who said: “Rien ne se perd, rien ne se crée, tout se transforme (**Nothing is lost, nothing is created, everything is transformed**).” Change is inevitable; nothing remains the same as the second before. We may not capture the change, but change is happening. If you want to know who invented the ball just watch the sun and the moon and realize that nothing is really new until we become aware of it. (It is a matter of awareness.) Jesus did not abolish the law, because it is necessary to know what the price is that was paid for us to be redeemed. Have you been to a store during a sale and seen the original price tag still glued on the product now discounted? Without the old tag, the buyer wouldn't know the original price of the item and compare it with the discount. Without the law, grace is not just free, it is meaningless. **We understand the significance of grace only when we can evaluate the impossibility of remaining faithful to the law.** The new commandment is built on the basis of the old. Love is just emphasized.

Now sisters and brothers the cost of our salvation is LOVE. Don't leave this church with ashes on your face or because you know two or three verses of the Bible by heart and pretend that we are Christians. It is by the way we show love to one another that we can demonstrate that Christ lives in us and us in him. That's what is NEW! **Amen.**

THE 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,
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

Let us pray to our risen Savior on behalf of the Church, the world, and one another.

A brief silence

Lord Jesus, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End, the Resurrection and the Life! You bestow, here and now, a vision of that new creation, in which sin and death are no more. Our words falter. We truly are “lost in wonder, love, and praise.” To you alone, blessed Jesus, be the glory!

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

Fill your whole Church with the Holy Spirit. Make it constant in faith, bold in witness, joyful in worship, patient in adversity, cheerful in service, rich in compassion, and radiant with holiness. Through it, lead many, as you led Cornelius and his household, to life, salvation, and fellowship with all who love you.

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

Embrace, equip, and encourage those who are persecuted on account of you - in Nigeria, Afghanistan, and elsewhere. Do not let us ignore their suffering, but rather find ways to assist and defend them.

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

Stir up the Spirit’s power in this congregation. Make us burn with love for you and for our neighbors. Give us that joy which the world cannot give. Help us share that joy with all who need it most.

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

Bless all elementary and middle school children with joy, love of learning, and kindly hearts. Protect them from bullies and abusers, from the world’s

alluring dangers and hidden threats; and from everything that would darken their hearts or hide your face.

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

We pray for all who stand in harm's way on behalf of others. Help them to do their jobs faithfully, bravely and well. Bring them home in safety when their service is completed. Speed the day when there is no more warfare, pain, or death, and all your people may live at peace with you and with each other.

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

Fill this world with your goodness and righteousness, until every creature, person, nation, and tribe shouts praises to your name for the abundant life that only you can give. Teach the rulers of the nations - and the leaders of commerce, technology, education, medicine, and law - to seek truth; to delight in wisdom; to deliberate and decide with justice; and to act with generosity and humility. And teach everyone to live in peace and fellowship with one another.

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

Wipe away the tears, and take away the suffering, of all whose need is great. Especially we plead on behalf of: *Barbara Allie, Ms. Mack, Stephanie, Denise, Marie Anne, Nimrod, Vernestine, Laverne, Minnie, Valerie Scott, Deacon Adeline Smith, Deacon Philomé Previl, Martha Postel, Gloria McCoy, Susan Brown, Keiffer Williams, Angela Frorup, Harry Ross Moseley, The Reverend Yvan François, Valburg Krauser, Idella Richards and family, Kevin Green, Sharifa Sena, Daniel American, Robert Horton, Gwendolyn Murphy, and Evelyn Kirnon.* Give them, and all who love them, a measure of your Kingdom's joy and peace.

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

Lord Jesus, you are the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end of all things. You are the light and life of all who

died trusting in you. Keep us in fellowship with them, through the bond of your Spirit. By the same Spirit, raise up all whom you have redeemed. Lead us into your Father's presence as a holy community: your family, joy, and treasure forever.

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

We express our gratitude for the life of those celebrating a birthday this week, especially Latwin Garcia, Millie Curry, Belinda Brown, Shawnese Williams, Ernest Cox Jr., Florence Taylor, and Alvira Vargas. 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 life.

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

Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen from the dead and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, 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

BCP pg.360

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 HYMN: LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

**I am weak, and I need Thy strength and power
To help me over my weakest hour;
Let me through the darkness Thy face to see,
Lead me, O 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, O Lord, lead me.**

**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, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)**

**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, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)**

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

Celebrant **God be with you.**

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant **Lift up your hearts.**

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

Celebrant **Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**

People **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

BCP pg. 379

But chiefly are we bound to praise you for the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; for he is the true Paschal Lamb, who was sacrificed for us, and has taken away the sin of the world. By his death he has destroyed death, and by his rising to life again he has won for us everlasting life.

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

#S125 (1982 HYMNAL)

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 dándote 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 dándote 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 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 Mary, the God bearer, John the divine, Augustine and 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 say,

THE LORD'S PRAYER

LEVAS 264

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 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**

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

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

AGNUS DEI

LEVAS 270

People and Celebrant

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; Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION HYMN: THIS JOYFUL EASTERTIDE

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

May God, who has brought us out of bondage to sin into true and lasting freedom in the Redeemer, bring you to your eternal inheritance. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Announcements

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!

CLOSING HYMN: IN CHRIST THERE IS NO EAST OR WEST

POSTLUDE: BYE AND BYE WM. FARLEY SMITH

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** on **Tuesdays** at **8:00PM** · Dial **(212) 673-5300** 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.

Important Information:

GET VACCINATED

Dear Church Family:

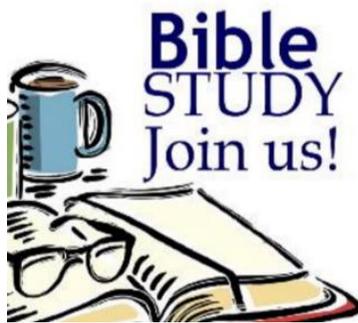
WE CAN *Adapt.*
WE WILL *Thrive.*

Beginning October 3rd, with the health and safety of our dear family and friends, St. Augustine's Church, in full compliance with the Diocese and the NYC vaccination policies, will be enforcing Covid-19 vaccinations.

We are requiring our church members, staff, and guest to be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 to attend in-person services/events, or to present a negative covid test.

We will also continue to follow CDC recommendations for masks, social distancing and provide hand sanitizer. We thank you all for your resilience, dedication, understanding, and compassion. If you need more information, please call our office at 212-673-5300 or email us at info@staugnyc.org

Healing Service/Bible Study



Dear Praying Family: Healing Prayer/Bible Study has moved to Tuesday's at 8:00pm.

The Healing service will now include bible study. One chapter of the bible every week. We welcome comments, questions, and/or observations. When we study God's word, we grow together spiritually.

For those of you who wish to join us, follow the instructions below:

1. Call (212) 673-5300 or call forward is not active (727) 731-4158. If you want to volunteer for reading, sing a song, ask a question, or offer a reflection on any of the texts selected for the day.
2. On your computer, phone, or tablet by clicking on the following link: <https://join.freeconferencecall.com/rector29>. Select "Use Computer
3. Audio" when prompted.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CAREGIVER NEEDED FOR THE ELDERLY:

For information, please contact Bernard Mack at 412.638.7639

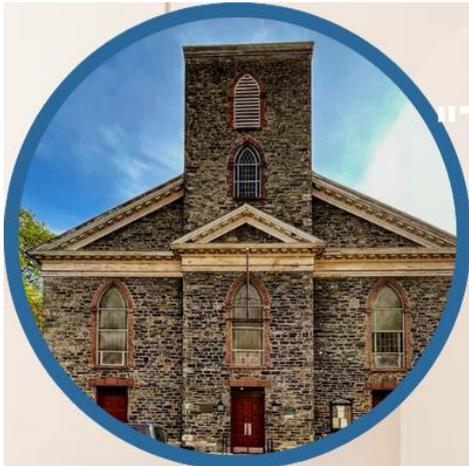


SPECIAL PERFORMANCE:

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

She will be performing on May 22nd and June 19th.

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



Restoring The Remnant
"TRIUMPHANT TALKS"
"HEALING DURING
THE COVID-19
CRISIS"
Thursday, May 19, 2022
St. Augustine's Parish Hall
292 Henry St.
5:30pm - 8:30 pm
In person activities,
storytelling, trauma informed
resources, and refreshments
Free and Open to the Public

Eucharist Prayer A
The Fifth Sunday of Easter
Year C, RCL
May 15th, 2022

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Prayers: Lester Allen, Carline Aupont, Sandra Brown, Juan Cosme, Minnie Curry and family, Stanford Daly, Diane Ellis, Vernestine Exum, Sanford Exum and Family, Iris Faulkner, Evelyn Fleming, Faith and Grace Garfield, Mildred Hancock, Bernice Henry, Joyce Johnson, LaVerne 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 Prével, The Winfield family, Idella Richards and family, Kevin Green, Sharifah Sena and family, Daniel American, Robert Horton, Gwendolyn Murphy, and Evelyn Kirnon.

Armed forces: David Mason, Jr

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

5th Raymond Saltes, William Walker; **6th** Ryan Brown; **7th** Susan Brown, Amber Semper, Annie Walker; **8th** Karim Davies **9th** Wanda Piniero, Lance Bradley, Carey Harris; Alicia Cabrera **12th** James Newlin; **15th** Latwin Garcia; **16th** Millie Curry; **17th** Belinda Brown; **18th** Shawnese Williams; **19th** Ernest Cox, Jr.; **20th** Florence Taylor; **21st** Alvira Vargas **22nd** Kevin Green; **24th** Michael Garcia Jr., Danielle Hallal; **26th** Earl Taylor; **27th** Sarah Ingram Banks **28th** Tamika King; **29th** Robin Williams; **31st** Annie Garcia

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 Daley, Tyrone Wong, Romania 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, Hellen Bradley. Charlene Cox, Ethel Moore, Kenneth Johnson, Christine (Chrissy) Harvin, Velda Alleyne, Robert Exum, Vatisa Davis, Willie Manning, William Allen, Norberta Mieleles, Clyde Davis Winfield, Anne Louise Luxana, James During.

We pray for Justice and Peace in all lands. Especially: Venezuela, Afghanistan, Africa, The Caribbean, China, Darfur, France, Haiti, the Holy Land, India, Iraq, Japan, Kenya, Lebanon, Niger, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Ukraine, This Nation, and the United Nations.

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