



Saint Matthew's Church
Big Lamp ~ Summerhill Street
Newcastle

Text of the Mass for S Augustine of Hippo (28th August) 2026

As the priest enters the church, the following is sung:

1. O matchless beauty of our God
So ancient and so new,
Kindle in us Your fire of love
Fall on us the dew!
2. How late we came to love You, Lord,
How strong the hold of sin!
Your beauty speaks for all that is;
Your likeness pleads within.
3. You called and cried, yet we were deaf;
Our stubborn wills You bent;
You shed Your fragrance and we caught
A moment of its scent.
4. You blazed and sparkled, yet our hearts
To lesser glories turned,
Your radiance touched us far from home,
Your beauty in us burned!
5. And should our faith grow weak and fall,
Tried in the wilderness,
Let beauty blossom out of ash
And streams of water bless!

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6. O matchless beauty of our God
So ancient and so new,
Enfold in us Your fire of love
Anoint us with Your dew!

S Augustine of Hippo 354 - 432
Tr Colin Thompson b 1945
Music: Oxford New
"Mr Coombes" ?d 1769
Published in Isaac Smith's Psalmody 1770

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Jesus is the Good Shepherd: in every generation He raises up overseers to shepherd the people of God that He has ransomed with His own Blood. We are sinners: let us call to mind the times when we have failed to hear His voice and not followed where He has led.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples: Christe eleison.

Christe eleison.

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross: Kyrie eleison.

Kyrie eleison

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord opened his mouth in the assembly: and filled him with the spirit of wisdom and understanding; and clothed him in a robe of glory. I have found David, my servant: I have anointed him with my holy oil. Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Lord opened &c

*During the **Gloria in excelsis**, the Altar, the symbol of God's Presence, may be honoured with incense.*

Glory be to God on high.

And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.

We praise Thee, we bless Thee,

we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,

we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,

O Lord God, heavenly King,

God the Father almighty.

O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:

O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,

that takest away the sins of the world,

have mercy upon us.

Thou that takest away the sins of the world,

receive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right

hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.

For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;

Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,

art most high,

+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray:

Merciful Lord, Who turned Augustine from his sins to be a faithful bishop and teacher: grant that we may follow him in penitence and discipline till our restless hearts find their rest in You: through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages world without end. Amen.

Amen.

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

Beloved, let us love one another; for love is of God, and he who loves is born of God and knows God. He who does not love does not know God; for God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the expiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No man has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his own Spirit. And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. So we know and believe the love God has for us. God is love, and he who abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

How shall young people cleanse their way ♦ to keep themselves according to your word?

With my whole heart have I sought you; ♦ O let me not go astray from your commandments.

Your words have I hidden within my heart, ♦ that I should not sin against you.

Blessed are you, O Lord; ♦ O teach me your statutes.

With my lips have I been telling ♦ of all the judgements of your mouth.

I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies ♦ than in all manner of riches.

The Gospel book is carried to the Lectern:

Alleluia, alleluia! You have only one Father and He is in Heaven: you have only one teacher - the Christ. Alleluia!

Christ's Presence in the words of the Gospel may be honoured with incense.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

Jesus said to His disciples, "you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brethren. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called masters, for you have one master, the Christ. He who is greatest among you shall be your servant; whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

A homily may follow.

Let us pray for Wisdom to give voice to our prayers in the midst of this holy assembly:

Saint Augustine searched tirelessly for the Truth; and his writing has helped the Church in her continuing quest to know the God we serve. We ask God to inspire the Church in this land, the bishop, priests and people of this diocese, the monastic order, which bears Augustine's name; and all the leaders and theologians of the Church in our pilgrimage towards all Truth: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Saint Augustine, through his writing, has influenced the course of world history. At this time we remember those caught up in the troubles and miseries of our world. We ask God to hold the peoples of earth in His love that migrants may be kept safe, tyrannies may fall, poverty and disadvantage fade and conflict be resolved: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

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Saint Augustine's childhood was difficult in many ways as was his short-lived experience of fatherhood. We ask God to come to the help of all those who struggle in their own families: parents who feel overwhelmed by the challenges of childcare; and children whose parents are neglectful, abusive or inadequate. We pray for the work of the Children's Society, for the Family Lives organisation, foster parents, the Social Services and all who support those who cannot cope: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Saint Augustine formed a number of close friendships, but others of his relationships were less than ideal. We ask God to strengthen all whose relationships cause them hurt or harm; and those who live under the dark clouds of loneliness and alienation: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Saint Augustine suffered from chronic bouts of ill-health, both physical and mental. We ask God to comfort all who endure sickness, disease, injury, mental illness; we pray for people who care for others in hospital or at home; and those who have nobody to pray for them by name: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

Saint Augustine has taken his place in Heaven. We ask God to shine His Light of life eternal on all who have died. Among them we think this evening of the victims of conflict, natural calamity and war; and with them we remember Patricius, Augustine's father, Adeodatus, his son, and the unnamed concubine with whom Augustine shared some of his life: Lord, in Your mercy ... [hear our prayer](#).

In union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine, Saint Monica and all the saints, we ask that God in His Wisdom will guard and keep His creation, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

[Amen](#).

Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly: teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; that you may learn the ways of peace.
The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

And with thy spirit.

Amen.

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As the bread and wine are brought to the Altar and prepared for the Mass, the following is sung:

The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree; and spread abroad like a cedar in Libanus.

Here, while the Cherubim within the veil, adore the blest, life-giving Trinity, we in earth's worship echoing their part, hymn the thrice-holy in their company. So let all earthly cares be laid aside, that we may welcome Him Who draweth nigh, the King of Glory entering His courts, girt by the hidden armies of the sky. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

1. Light of the minds that know Him:
May Christ be Light to mine;
My Sun is risen in splendour,
My Light of Truth divine;
My Guide in doubt and darkness,
My true and living Way,
My clear Light ever shining
My Dawn of Heaven's day.

2. Life of the souls that love Him:
May Christ be ours indeed;
The living Bread from Heaven
On Whom our spirits feed;
Who died for love of sinners
To bear our guilty load,
And make of life's brief journey
A new Emmaus road.

3. Strength of the wills that serve Him:
May Christ be strength to me,
Who stilled the storm and tempest,
Who calmed the tossing sea;
His Spirit's power to move me,
His will to master mine,
His Cross to carry daily
And conquer in His sign.

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4. May it be ours to know Him
That we may truly love,
And loving, fully serve Him
As serve the saints above;
Till in that home of glory
With fadeless splendour bright,
We serve in perfect freedom
Our Strength, our Life, our Light.

Words: Timothy Dudley Smith b 1926

Based on a prayer by

S Augustine of Hippo 354 - 430

Music: Meirionydd

Later form of a melody

by W Lloyd 1785 - 1852

*The preparation of the Altar continues; incense may be used to honour
the place where Christ will become present. At the end:*

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness, the power and the glory and the victory
and the majesty. All that is in Heaven and earth is Thine:

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own do we give Thee.

God of Truth, receive all we offer this day. May we share in the
Wisdom of Your eternal Word made known at this Eucharistic table.
We ask this in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The priest begins the great prayer of thanksgiving:

The Lord be with you.

And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts;

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is indeed right and just,

Our duty and our joy,

Always and everywhere to give You thanks,

Father most holy, almighty and eternal God,

Through Your Son our Saviour.

Today we celebrate the life of Augustine,

The Bishop and Doctor of Your Church,

Who counted all worldly gain as loss

For the sake of knowing Christ his Lord.

He taught of the Love which binds Your Being as Trinity;

The Love poured into our hearts through the Spirit given to us,

That we may hate what is evil and hold fast to what is good;

The Love which makes us holy and draws us to Yourself,

Joining us with angels and archangels

And with all the company of Heave,

To proclaim Your great and glorious Name,

For ever praising You and saying:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high.

+ Blessed is He that cometh in the Name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his Apostles
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

The priest holds up the consecrated Host for the people to see.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, 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 many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

The priest holds up the chalice of consecrated wine for the people to see.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

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

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Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
By Whom and with Whom and in Whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

Instructed by saving precepts and taught by divine example, we are bold
to say:

Our Father,
*Who art in Heaven,
hallowed by 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,
the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.*

We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.
*Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

The priest holds up the consecrated elements and invites people to receive Holy Communion:

+ Behold the Lamb of God; behold Him, Who takes away the sin of the world; happy are they who are called to His Supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive You; but only say the Word and my soul will be healed.

A faithful and careful servant whom the Lord has set over His household: to give them their food in due season.

Holy Communion follows.

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

2. O happy harbour of the saints,
O sweet and pleasant soil!
In you no sorrow may be found,
No grief, no care, no toil.

3. Your gardens and your gallant walks
Continually are green;
There grow such sweet and pleasant flow'rs
As nowhere else are seen.

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4. There trees forevermore bear fruit
And evermore do spring;
There evermore the angels sit
And evermore do sing!

5. Jerusalem, Jerusalem,
God grant that I may see
Your endless joy, and of the same
Partaker ever be!

Words: Anon based on the writings of S Augustine of Hippo

Music: Albano

Vincent Novello 1781 - 1861

After Holy Communion:

Christ is your only Teacher and all of you are brothers.

Let us pray:

God of Truth, Whose Wisdom set her table and invited us to eat the bread and drink the wine of the Kingdom: help us to lay aside all foolishness and to live and walk in the way of insight, that we may come with Augustine to the eternal feast of Heaven: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Notices may follow.

God grant you grace to be good servants of Christ Jesus, nourished on the words of faith and on the sound teaching that you have followed; and the + blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Mass is ended. Go in the Peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

The Angel of Lord brought the tidings to Mary;
and she conceived by the Holy Ghost.

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee:

Blessed art thou amongst women and blessed is the fruit of thy womb,
Jesus.

Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners now and at the hour of
our death. Amen.

Behold the handmaid of the Lord;

be it unto my according to Thy Word.

Hail Mary &c

The Word was made flesh;

and dwelt among us.

Hail Mary &c

Pray for us, O holy Mother of God;

that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

Let us pray.

Pour forth Your Grace into our hearts, we beseech You O Lord, that
as we have known the Incarnation of Your Son, Jesus Christ, by the
message of an angel, so by His + Cross and Passion, we may be
brought to the glory of His Resurrection; in and through the same
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of Heaven, to earth come down,

Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,

All Thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu, Thou art all compassion,

Pure unbounded love Thou art;

Visit us with Thy salvation,

Enter every trembling heart.

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Come, almighty to deliver,
Let us all Thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never,
Never more Thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
Serve Thee as Thy hosts above,
Pray, and praise Thee, without ceasing,
Glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish then Thy new creation,
Pure and spotless let us be;
Let us see Thy great salvation,
Perfectly restored in Thee,
Changed from glory into glory,
Till in Heaven we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee,
Lost in wonder, love and praise.

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