



The Parish Churches of S Philip
and S Augustine and S Matthew
with S Mary the Virgin Newcastle

Liturgy of the Word and Spiritual Communion for S Augustine Of Hippo

Notes

This service is intended for use on Sundays and some feast days. It is a version of the Liturgy of the Word, which turns on the Our Father into an act of spiritual communion, undertaken in the words of the Anima Christi.

The bulk of the service inheres in the readings and the intercessions. These will be sent out each week.

The Te Deum is included at the end, since it is said at the end of the Office on Sundays outside Lent and Advent. I have used the Tudor version, since the words have a greater umph.

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

In sorrow for our sins and with faith in His mercy, let us turn to the Lord, for with Him there is mercy and plenteousness redemption.

We have sinned through our thoughts and through our thoughtlessness: Kyrie eleison.

We have sinned through our words and through our silence: Christe eleison.

We have sinned through our deeds and through our inaction: Kyrie eleison.

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Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

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.

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.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

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.

The Intercessions follow; these will include petitions from the weekly cycle; and may include the Covid 19 prayer in the notes; at the end:

These and the prayers of my Christian community I lay before God in union with our Lady, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints:

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.

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.

In place of receiving Holy Communion, you should use the prayer over the page:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, refresh me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within Thy wounds, hide me.
Do not permit me to be separated from Thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me,
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee;
For ever and ever. Amen.

It is appropriate that a time of reflexion follows. If, like the Vicar, you have a mind that easily lured by the frivolous and ephemeral, you might use the following to help stay on task:

The City of the World...loves its own power.
The rulers of this city, and the people they rule,
Are dominated by the desire for domination.
They seek power to be in control.

Those who are oppressed
Seek power to oppress those
Who have oppressed them.
They strive for success, security,
And an orderly life.

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The City of God, in contrast,
" has God as the object of its love.
The citizens of the City of God
live with lives of charity and service toward all.
They live with hope as pilgrims in the world."

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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.

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WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers
therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge
thee;

The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.
When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not
abhor the Virgin's womb.
When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst
open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the
Father.
We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.
We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast
redeemed with thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory
everlasting.
O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.
Govern them : and lift them up for ever.
Day by day : we magnify thee;
And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.
Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.
O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.
O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.
O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.
Amen.