

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church

The Season After PENTECOST

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FEAST OF ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

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Augustine of Hippo (/ɔːˈɡʌstɪn/ *aw-GUST-in*, US also /ˈɔːɡəstiːn/ *AW-gə-steen*,^[22] Latin: *Aurelius Augustinus Hipponensis*; 13 November 354 – 28 August 430),^[23] also known as **Saint Augustine**, was a theologian and philosopher of [Berber](#) origin and the bishop of [Hippo Regius](#) in [Numidia](#), [Roman North Africa](#). His writings influenced the development of [Western philosophy](#) and [Western Christianity](#), and he is viewed as one of the most important [Church Fathers of the Latin Church](#) in the [Patristic Period](#). His many important works include *The City of God*, *On Christian Doctrine*, and *Confessions*.

According to his contemporary, [Jerome](#), Augustine "established anew the ancient Faith".^[a] In his youth he was drawn to the [Manichaean faith](#), and later to the [Hellenistic philosophy](#) of [Neoplatonism](#). After his conversion to

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Welcome and Announcements

Rev Allison Cornell

Entrance Rites *The people stand as they are able.*

Opening Acclamation:

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

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

Presider & People:

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.

Gloria: *Hymnal 1982 #390 Praise to the Lord vs 1 & 4*

**1. Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
The king of creation
O my soul praise him
For he is thy health and salvation
Join the great throng
Psaltery organ and song
Sounding in glad adoration**

**4. Praise to the Lord O let all that
is in me adore him
All that hath life and breath
come now with praises before him
Let the amen
sound from his people again
Gladly forever adore him.**

The Collect:

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

All: Lord God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: Help us, following the example of your servant, Augustine of Hippo, so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whose service is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Word of God —*(Please be seated for the reading of the lessons)*

First Lesson: Wisdom 16:20-26

Instead of these things you gave your people food of angels, and without their toil you supplied them from heaven with bread ready to eat, providing every pleasure and suited to every taste.

For your sustenance manifested your sweetness towards your children;
and the bread, ministering to the desire of the one who took it,
was changed to suit everyone's liking.

Snow and ice withstood fire without melting,
so that they might know that the crops of their enemies
were being destroyed by the fire that blazed in the hail
and flashed in the showers of rain;
whereas the fire, in order that the righteous might be fed,
even forgot its native power.

For creation, serving you who made it,
exerts itself to punish the unrighteous,
and in kindness relaxes on behalf of those who trust in you.
Therefore at that time also, changed into all forms,
it served your all-nourishing bounty,
according to the desire of those who had need,
so that your children, whom you loved, O Lord, might learn
that it is not the production of crops that feeds humankind
but that your word sustains those who trust in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Psalm 87:

**1 On the holy mountain stands the
city he has founded; *
the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of
Jacob.**

**2 Glorious things are spoken of you, *
O city of our God.**

**3 I count Egypt and Babylon
among those who know me; *
behold Philistia, Tyre, and
Ethiopia:
in Zion were they born.**

**4 Of Zion it shall be said,
"Everyone was born in her, *
and the Most High himself shall
sustain her."**

**5 The Lord will record as he enrolls
the peoples, *
"These also were born there."**

**6 The singers and the dancers will say,*
"All my fresh springs are in
You."**

Second Lesson: Hebrews:12:22-29:

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson:

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to
John (14:15-5)

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Thomas said to Jesus, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will

do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments.”

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

SERMON

Nicene Creed *(Traditional)*

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.

Prayers of the People: Form VI— *The Leader and People pray responsively*

Leader: In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

People: 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.

Leader: For the just and proper use of your creation;

People: 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 reconciliation with Native American people

For healing and justice with all who share this land.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

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

For Michael, our Presiding Bishop, and Jennifer, our Bishop; and for all bishops 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, aloud or silently)

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, aloud or silently)

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 may have a place in your eternal kingdom. *(people remember those who have died)*

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

In the Anglican Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *The Diocese of Ijesha North – The Church of Nigeria*

In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer, we pray for *St. Luke's at the Mountain, in Phoenix.*

We also pray for the first peoples of this land, especially the Apache and Tohono O'odom peoples who call this area their home.

Lord, bless and keep them.

Deacon: We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.
(a short pause)

All: Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Presider: 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.**

Presider: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

(The people exchange greetings of peace with each other)

Offertory

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

Doxology #380 vs 3 *(Peoples' offerings are brought to the altar)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him all creatures here below

Praise him above ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving - *BCP Rite II Prayer C*

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider:

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise.

People: **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

By your will they were created and have their being.

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation.

But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight.

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

By his blood, he reconciled us. By his wounds, we are healed.

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope, to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Insert JS # 189 Holy Holy Holy

Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord God of hosts. Heav-en and
earth are full, are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na! Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is
he who comes, who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

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The Presider continues

And so, Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit (+) to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, 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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving:

We celebrate his death and resurrection, as we await the day of his coming.

Lord God of our Fathers: God of Sarah and Abraham, Rebekah and Isaac, Rachel and Jacob; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us. Deliver us from the presumption of coming to this Table for solace only, and not for strength; for pardon only, and not for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

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

, (Traditional) **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.

The Breaking of the Bread

Fraction Anthem Insert JS #194 Lamb of God

*Lamb of God, you take a - way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us. world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion:

Presider: The gifts of God for the people of God.

(All are invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion in this church. The bread is gluten free and it is real wine. To intinct/dip your bread into the wine, please go to the left communion rail. To drink a sip from the cup of wine, please go to the right communion rail. If you do not wish to receive the bread and wine, you may choose either rail and then cross your arms over your chest and receive a blessing instead.)

Birthdays, Anniversaries, Healing Prayer, Travelers, Gratitude Sharing

Post Communion Prayer *The people stand as they are able.*

Presider Let us Pray

All: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Benediction/Blessing:

Presider: May the peace which surpasses all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. And the blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you now and always. **Amen.**

Dismissal:

Deacon: People of St. Stephen's, what does God call us to do?

People: We are called to love and serve.

Deacon: *Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in God's Spirit.
Alleluia! Alleluia!*

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia, (Alleluia!)**

Continued from front:

Christianity and baptism in 386, Augustine developed his own approach to philosophy and theology, accommodating a variety of methods and perspectives.^[24] Believing the [grace of Christ](#) was indispensable to human freedom, he helped formulate the doctrine of [original sin](#) and made significant contributions to the development of [just war theory](#). When the [Western Roman Empire](#) began to disintegrate, Augustine imagined the Church as a spiritual [City of God](#), distinct from the material Earthly City.^[25] The segment of the Church that adhered to the concept of the [Trinity](#) as defined by the [Council of Nicaea](#) and the [Council of Constantinople](#)^[26] closely identified with Augustine's [On the Trinity](#).

Augustine is recognized as a saint in the [Catholic Church](#), the [Eastern Orthodox Church](#), the [Lutheran churches](#), and the [Anglican Communion](#). He is also a preeminent Catholic [Doctor of the Church](#) and the patron of the [Augustinians](#). His memorial is celebrated on 28 August, the day of his death. Augustine is the [patron saint](#) of brewers, printers, theologians, and a number of cities and dioceses.^[27] His thoughts profoundly influenced the medieval worldview. Many [Protestants](#), especially [Calvinists](#) and [Lutherans](#), consider him one of the theological fathers of the [Protestant Reformation](#) due to his teachings on [salvation](#) and [divine grace](#).^{[28][29][30]} [Protestant Reformers](#) generally, and [Martin Luther](#) in particular, held Augustine in preeminence among early [Church Fathers](#). From 1505 to 1521, Luther was a member of the [Order of the Augustinian Eremites](#).

In the [East](#), his teachings are more disputed and were notably attacked by [John Romanides](#),^[31] but other theologians and figures of the Eastern Orthodox Church have shown significant approbation of his writings, chiefly [Georges Florovsky](#).^[32] The most controversial doctrine associated with him, the [filioque](#),^[33] was rejected by the Eastern Orthodox Church.^[34] Other disputed teachings include his views on original sin, the doctrine of grace, and [predestination](#).^[33] Though considered to be mistaken on some points, he is still considered a saint and has influenced some Eastern Church Fathers, most notably [Gregory Palamas](#).^[35] In the [Greek](#) and [Russian Orthodox churches](#), his feast day is celebrated on 15 June.^{[33][36]}

The historian [Diarmaid MacCulloch](#) has written: "Augustine's impact on Western Christian thought can hardly be overstated; only his beloved example, [Paul of Tarsus](#), has been more influential, and Westerners have generally seen Paul through Augustine's eyes."^[37]

[Life](#)

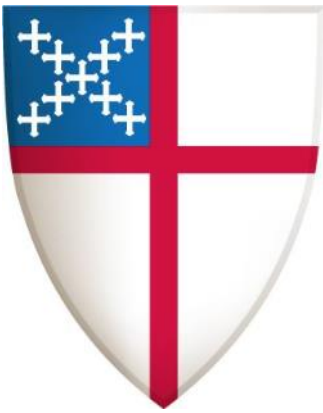
[Background](#)

Augustine of Hippo, also known as *Saint Augustine* or *Saint Austin*,^[38] is known by various [cognomens](#) throughout the many denominations of the Christian world, including *Blessed Augustine* and the *Doctor of Grace*^[20] ([Latin](#): *Doctor gratiae*).

[Hippo Regius](#), where Augustine was the [bishop](#), was in modern-day [Annaba](#), [Algeria](#).^{[39][40]}
Childhood and education

Saint Augustine Taken to School by Saint Monica, by [Niccolò di Pietro](#), 1413–15

Augustine was born in 354 in the [municipium](#) of [Thagaste](#) (now [Souk Ahras](#), Algeria) in the [Roman province of Numidia](#).^{[41][42][43][44][45]} His mother, [Monica](#) or Monnica,^[b] was a devout Christian; his father Patricius was a [pagan](#) who converted to Christianity on his deathbed.^[46] He had a brother named Navigius and a sister whose name is lost but is conventionally remembered as [Perpetua](#).^[47]



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