

# St. Augustine's

In The Woods



An Episcopal Church serving Whidbey Island

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A Greening Congregation



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## The Holy Eucharist Rite Two

Prelude      Bridegroom      *Peter Cutts (b. 1937)*

Prayer for those Celebrating Birthdays

*Presider and People:* **Watch over these your children, O Lord, as their days increase; bless and guide them wherever they may be. Strengthen them when they stand; comfort them when discouraged or sorrowful; raise them up if they fall; and in their hearts may your peace which passes understanding abide all the days of their life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Prayer for those Celebrating Wedding Anniversaries

*Presider:* God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Spirit, bless, preserve, and keep you; the Lord mercifully with his favor look upon you, and fill you with all spiritual benediction and grace; that you may faithfully live together in this life, and in the age to come have life everlasting. **Amen.**

Acclamation

*Presider:* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

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

Collect of the Day

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And also with you.**

*Presider:* Let us pray.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

First Reading      Isaiah 25:1-9

*Reader:*                      A reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy

in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

## Psalm 23

1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

## The Epistle Philippians 4: 1-9

*Reader:* A Reading from Paul's Letter to the Philippians.

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

*Reader:* Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people

*People:* **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn:H645

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

*St. Columba*



1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good-ness  
 2 Where streams of liv-ing wa-ter flow, my ran-somed  
 5 Thou spread'st a ta-ble in my sight; thy unc-tion  
 6 And so through all the length of days thy good-ness



1 fail-eth nev-er; I noth-ing lack if  
 2 soul he lead-eth, and where the ver-dant  
 5 grace be-stow-eth; and oh, what trans-port  
 6 fail-eth nev-er: Good Shep-herd, may I



1 I am his, and he is mine for ev-er.  
 2 pas-tures grow, with food ce-les-tial feed-eth.  
 5 of de-light from thy pure chal-ice flow-eth!  
 6 sing thy praise with-in thy house for ev-er.

The Holy Gospel Matthew 22: 1-14

*Presider:* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

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

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. "But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

*Presider:* The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon            The Rev. Canon Joan Anthony

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:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made 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.  
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.**

The Prayers of the People

*(The Prayers this week were written by Brian Reid)*

Holy One, receive our thanks for the Church in every land, and especially for our Episcopal Church. Remember all the faithful who serve you here, our interim Joan, our bishop Greg, our Presiding Bishop Michael, and Justin Archbishop of Canterbury that we all walk together on the path as strong instruments of ministry and powerful voices of praise. Gracious God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

*Pause*

Holy One, people living in the United States, and even people living abroad, are anxious about the upcoming election. We know you understand the needs, the fears, and the rage people have. God of peace, we ask that hate and violence don't stand by. We ask that you cultivate in our hearts, grace. Turn our fears and rage into hope and empathy. Gracious God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

*Pause*

For those who wield earthly power, that they may recognize in the disciples of Jesus, children of God anxious to serve in building up the earthly city. For all who have voted or will vote next month. Help us hold this privilege and responsibility with care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that to vote is an act of faith. Gracious God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

*Pause*

Attend with your deep compassion, O Lord, those who suffer in mind, body or estate for the spirit of healing. We pray for everyone who has been affected by this severe virus. Many mourn the loss of loved ones and many more are terrified as they see or have seen their friends and family become sick through the virus. This week we learned that the President, the First Lady, and some of his staff have tested positive for the virus. May politics be put aside as we pray for their health at this time. Gracious God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

*Pause*

We pray for those who sleep on the streets. Our economy has made it so that large numbers of Your children are left vulnerable and exposed. Give us your Spirit to help support them and organizations that are also supporting them as Christ did. Gracious God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

*Pause*

God of justice, we pray for the earth, your creation entrusted to our care: For the animals and birds, the mountains and oceans, and all parts of your creation that have no voice of their own. Stir up in us a thirst for justice that protects the earth and all its resources, that we may leave to our children's children the legacy of beauty and abundance that you have given us. God of justice,

**Hear our prayer**

*Pause*

All Knowing God, remember also those who have no one else to pray for them. Gracious God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

*Pause*

Most Merciful God, to those who have died give rest eternal and to those who grieve, give the assurance of your abiding love. Remember those killed in war, both foreign and domestic, and those who we name now.

*Pause*

Gracious God in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer**

*Pause*

My sisters and brothers, what else must we ask of God?

*Pause*

Holy One, to whom our needs are known before we ask: Help us to ask only what accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us through our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*Silence*

Confession of Sin

*Presider:* Let us confess our sins to God.

***All:* 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.**

Absolution

***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.**

The Peace

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

***People:* And also with you.**

The Offertory

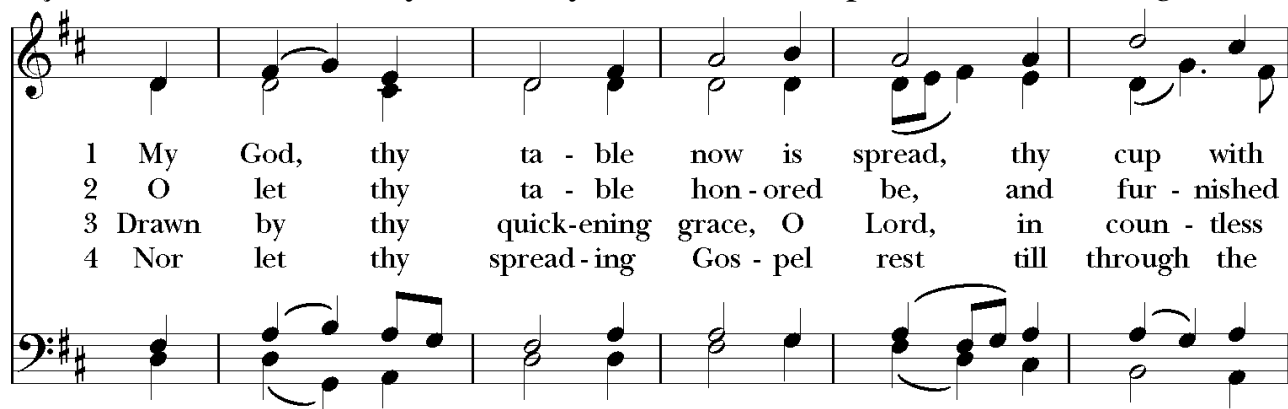
May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Romans 15:13.



Hymn:H321

My God, Thy Table Now is Spread

Rockingham



1 My God, thy ta - ble now is spread, thy cup with  
2 O let thy ta - ble hon - ored be, and fur - nished  
3 Drawn by thy quick - ening grace, O Lord, in coun - less  
4 Nor let thy spread - ing Gos - pel rest till through the



love doth o - ver - flow; be all thy chil - dren  
well with joy - ful guests; and may each soul sal -  
num - bers let them come and gath - er from their  
world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall



thith - er led, and let them thy sweet mer - cies know.  
va - tion see, that here its sa - cred pledg - es tastes.  
Fa - ther's board the Bread that lives be - yond the tomb.  
all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.

## The Great Thanksgiving – Eucharistic Prayer 1

*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.**

It is truly right, and good and joyful, to give you thanks, all-holy God, source of life and fountain of mercy.

You have filled us and all creation with your blessing and fed us with your constant love; you have redeemed us in Jesus Christ and knit us into one body. Through your Spirit you replenish us and call us to fullness of life.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of the universe and giver of life. You formed us in your own image and called us to dwell in your infinite love. You gave the world into our care that we might be your faithful stewards and show forth your bountiful grace.

But we failed to honor your image in one another and in ourselves; we would not see your goodness in the world around us; and so we violated your creation, abused one another, and rejected your love. Yet you never ceased to care for us, and prepared the way of salvation for all people.

Through Abraham and Sarah you called us into covenant with you. You delivered us from slavery, sustained us in the wilderness, and raised up prophets to renew your promise of salvation. Then, in the fullness of time, you sent your eternal Word, made mortal flesh in Jesus. Born into the human family, and dwelling among us, he revealed your glory. Giving himself freely to death on the cross, he triumphed over evil, opening the way of freedom and life.

On the night before he died for us, Our Savior Jesus Christ took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, 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."

As supper was ending, Jesus 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 poured out for you and 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:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Remembering his death and resurrection, we now present to you from your creation this bread and this wine. By your Holy Spirit may they be for us the Body and Blood of our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant that we who share these gifts may be filled with the Holy Spirit and live as Christ's Body in the world. Bring us into the everlasting heritage of your daughters and sons, that with Augustine, and all your saints, past, present, and yet to come, we may praise your Name for ever.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

**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

*Presider:* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Holy things for holy people.

*Those experiencing this liturgy at home are invited to pray:*

**Come Lord Jesus, and dwell in my heart in the fullness of your strength; be my wisdom and guide me in right pathways; conform my life and actions to the image of your holiness; and, in the power of your gracious might, rule over every hostile power that threatens or disturbs the growth of your kingdom, who with the Father and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.**

*Silence is kept*

The Body of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

The Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep you in everlasting life. **Amen.**

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## The Blessing

May the blessing of the God of Abraham and Sarah, and of Jesus Christ born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

1 Sa - vior, a - gain to thy dear Name we raise  
 \*2 Grant us thy peace up - on our home - ward way;  
 3 Grant us thy peace through - out our earth - ly life;  
 4 thy peace in life, the balm of ev - ery pain;

with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;  
 with thee be - gan, with thee shall end the day:  
 peace to thy Church from er - ror and from strife;  
 thy peace in death, the hope to rise a - gain;

guard thou the lips from sin, the hearts from shame,  
 from harm and dan - ger keep thy chil - dren free,  
 peace to our land, the fruit of truth and love;  
 then, when thy voice shall bid our con - flict cease,

that in this house have called up - on thy Name.  
 for dark and light are both a - like to thee.  
 peace in each heart, thy Spi - rit from a - bove:  
 call us, O Lord, to thine e - ter - nal peace.

## Dismissal

Presider: Let us bless the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia!

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

Postlude St. Bartholomew's *David McKinley Williams (1887-1978)*

## Prayer List for St. Augustine's:

Eric Reid, Nancy Pendergast, Ianna King, Lorainne Bayes, Blythe Hewitt, Alex Roe, Andrea Roe, Beth & Mark Gearhart, Barbara Self, Barbara Houston, Kathryn Rickert, Lori Morrison, Fr Valery, Greg Murphy, Brian Van Wetter, Julie Bird, Joy & Craig Johnson, Sylvia Brooksbank, David Roe, Paul Loudon, Lydia Coats, Colleen Corbett, Dewey Martin, Deacon Dennis & Linda McManis, Kris Jaeger, Lisa Rohlfing, Debby Denno, Katie Reid, Diana Lindsey, Levi Doss, Amanda King, Jim Christiansen, Carole Halsan, Debbie Wright, Peter Martin, Pete & Nettie Snyder, Katrina, Nadia, & Derek, Marianne Tuttle & family, Chris Lubinski, Ed Klein, Roger Howarth, Tom Bauling, Sydney McCready, Vina Kazsmarcek, Ray Kazsmarcek, LaurieJean, Nancy Cox, Babs & Gary Stone, Margaret Schultz, Peggy Mitchell, Nancy Paris, Tim Smith, Audrey Taie & family, all of the people at Maple Ridge, Elliot Kearns & family, Austin Skubi, Lynn Willeford, Gavin Campbell, Ana Kinkaid, Suzy Palmer, Mark Halloran, John Meyer, Talia Petosa, Gary Smith, Janie Warren, Jonathan Morgan & Dana Bublitz, Ruth Epstein, Alice O'Grady, Fr. Alexander Tkachenko, Dannette Masterson, Cary Dial, Jill Uhacz, Diana Klein, Wally & Sally Campbell, Vickie Russo, Rick Schutte, Aaron Rude, and Jim Ramler.

## Prayers for people who work on the front lines:

**All those who are in the food supply chain, the farm workers, processors, delivery folks and the people in our local grocery stores**

Maureen Masterson - Compass Health

Renee Wilson, Nurse, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN

Cheyenne Wilson, Nursing Asst, Columbus Regional Hospital, Columbus, IN

Tommy Hanson - US Naval Hospital

Keith - Paramedic

Dawn Meyer, Psychologist, Seattle

Mark Taylor, Healthcare worker

Alysia Doss - ICU Nurse

Paulette Bishoff, Nurse

Christopher Doss, Home Health worker

Diana DiBiase, VA Hospital, Seattle  
Liviya Thoreson Whyte, Hospitalist Providence  
Lisa Dillon Lantz, Nurse  
Amber Halligan, ICU Nurse  
Sean Plattner - firefighter EMT  
Matt Idso, Scientist - Institute for Systems Biology  
Cricket Farr, Full Life Care, Seattle  
Amy Breuninger, Healthgiver  
Kenny Downs - Naval Air Station Whidbey Island  
Denny Huff, Firefighter  
April Wooderson - ER Nurse  
Brook Wooderson - Police Dept.  
Heather Wooderson - Police Dept.  
Candra Ramezani - Firefighter  
Lynsey Barker - Intubation nurse at Harborview, Seattle  
Austin Skubi - Social Worker - Providence, Everett  
The staff of Providence, Everett  
Karen Eaton - Social Worker UW Hospital  
Melissa Anthony EMT - Vancouver, WA fire department  
Peggy Sinclair E.R. nurse Port Townsend WA  
Staff at Careage, Coupeville, WA  
Marshall Corson, Cardiologist UW Hospital  
Kelly Jo Sandri, MD, Truman Hospital Missouri  
Lesla Bjork, RN, ICU Harborview  
Michela Mattens, Nurse, Providence Everett  
Debra Shreckenghost, ICU Nurse  
Larry Laissue - President Kyocera N.W. IT and document support for essential services  
Andy Laissue - Assistant Manager Safeway, Chico CA