

# St. Augustine's

In The Woods



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Year B - Rite I

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## Holy Eucharist Rite I

Welcome and Announcements    The Rev. Canon Joan Anthony

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

*P Presider:* Alleluia! Christ is risen!

*People:*        **The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Collect For Purity

**Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

*Presider:*    The Lord be with you.

*People:*       **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider:*    Let us pray.

O Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know thy Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leadeth to eternal life; through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

First Reading    Acts 8:26-40

*Reader:*        A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

An angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem

to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth." The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

*Reader:* The Word of the Lord.

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

Psalm 22:24-30

24 My praise is of him in the great assembly; \*

I will perform my vows in the presence of those who worship him.

**25 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the LORD shall praise him: \***

**"May your heart live for ever!"**

26 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD, \*  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

**27 For kingship belongs to the LORD; \*  
he rules over the nations.**

28 To him alone all who sleep in the earth bow down in worship; \*  
all who go down to the dust fall before him.

**29 My soul shall live for him; my descendants shall serve him; \*  
they shall be known as the LORD'S for ever.**

30 They shall come and make known to a people yet unborn \*  
the saving deeds that he has done.

The Epistle        1 John 4:7-21

*Reader:*        A Reading from the First Letter of John.

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: 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 atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives 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 Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*Reader:*        The Word of the Lord

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

*Please stand as able.*

The Holy Gospel    John 15:1-8

*Presider:*      The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

*People:*        **Glory be to thee, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

*Presider:*      The Gospel of the Lord.

*People:*        **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

*Please be seated.*

Sermon     The Rev. Dorian McGlannan

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.**

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing in the mighty acts of God who has delivered his people from sin and death through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,  
Let us lift our voices and pray,

*Leader:* Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us give thanks to God for the multitude of blessings he showers upon us:  
For our lives and for those whom we love,  
For the beauty of this home God has created for us,  
For our families and our friendships,  
Let us give thanks to the God of Life.

*Thanksgivings may be given either silently or aloud.*

*Leader:* Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

Let us pray for the Church, that it may carry forward the redemptive work of God:  
For our clergy and our bishops,  
For the many lay people who serve the church,  
And those who serve the world through the church.  
For those gathered in person and through the wonders of technology in worship  
and prayer.

In this Easter season which brings joy to all Christian believers, may we commit  
ourselves to work toward the unity of the church, that Christ's body may be one  
and so we pray:

*Leader:* Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

For all the brave men and women working and living in harm's way, both in this  
country and around the world, that they be protected and strengthened.

*Leader:* Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

For our nation and the divisions that separate us.

*Leader:* Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

Honoring the gift of Christ's risen body, may we rise to serve all those whose  
needs keep them from seeing themselves as the image of God;

*Prayers for all those in need, in ill health or wanting in any way,  
either silently or aloud.*

That the hope born of Easter give them peace, acceptance and renewal, and that  
through their struggles they may come into closer communion with the God who  
redeems and restores.

*Leader:* Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

For the repose of the soul of Meade Brown Sr., father of Meade Brown, Jr.

*Leader:* Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

For all who have died and for all who grieve, that in Christ who triumphs over  
death they may find light perpetual and blessed assurance.

*Prayers for all who have died, either silently or aloud.*

For all gathered together, that we, like Mary and Peter and John, may see the tomb empty, and joyfully believing, walk in newness of life.

*Leader:* Risen Lord,

*People:* **Hear our Prayer.**

*Leader:* My sisters and brothers, is there anything else for which we should pray?

*Silence*

*Leader:* Holy One, our needs are known to you before we ask: Help us to ask that which accords with your will; and those good things which we dare not, or in our blindness cannot ask, grant us for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Peace

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

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

The Offertory

*Presider:* O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer I

*Presider:* The Lord be with you.

*People:* **And with thy spirit.**

*Presider:* Lift up your hearts

*People:* **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*Presider:* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:* **It is meet and right so to do.**

*Presider:* It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God, who dost bid thy faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by thy Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which thou hast prepared for those who love thee. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and saying:

**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.**

*Presider:* All glory be to thee, O Lord our God, for that thou didst create heaven and earth, and didst make us in thine own image; and, of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to take our nature upon him, and to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption. He made there a full and perfect sacrifice for the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death and sacrifice, until his coming again.

For in the night in which he was betrayed, he took bread; and when he had given thanks to thee, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat, this is my Body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, he took the cup; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for all, for the remission of sins. Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me."

Wherefore, O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy people do celebrate and make, with these thy holy gifts which we now offer unto thee, the memorial thy Son hath commanded us to make; having in remembrance his blessed passion and precious death, his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; and looking for his coming again with power and great glory.

And we most humbly beseech thee, O merciful Father, to hear us, and, with thy Word and Holy Spirit, to bless and sanctify these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be unto us the Body and Blood of thy dearly-beloved Son Jesus Christ.

And we earnestly desire thy fatherly goodness to accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, whereby we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies. Grant, we beseech thee, that all who partake of this Holy Communion may worthily receive the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son Jesus Christ, and be filled with thy grace and heavenly benediction; and also that we and all thy whole Church may be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory be unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All: 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 Communion of the People

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

*In unity with those here present and those at home, we are invited to pray together:*

**In union, blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day, we long to offer you praise and thanksgiving, for creation and all the blessings of this life, for the redemption won for us by your life, death, and resurrection, for the means of grace and the hope of glory, and particularly for the blessings given us. We believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament, and, since we cannot at this time receive communion, we pray you to come into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all our hearts, ours souls, and our minds. Let nothing separate us from you; let us serve you in this life until, by your grace, we come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace. Amen.**

**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.**

*All persons are welcome at God's table. Please follow the Presider's direction.*

*Please stand.*

## Post-Communion Prayer

*Presider:* Let us pray

**All: Almighty and everliving God, we most heartily thank thee for that thou dost feed us, in these holy mysteries, with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of thy Son, our Savior Jesus Christ; and dost assure us thereby of thy favor and goodness towards us; and that we are very members incorporate in the mystical body of thy Son, the blessed company of all faithful people; and are also heirs, through hope, of thy everlasting**

**kingdom. And we humbly beseech thee, O heavenly Father, so to assist us with thy grace, that we may continue in that holy fellowship, and do all such good works as thou hast prepared for us to walk in; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with thee and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.**

### Easter Blessing

*Presider:* The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, the great Shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

### Dismissal

*Presider:* Alleluia! Alleluia! Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

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

### 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, Julie Bird, Joy & Craig Johnson, Sylvia Brooksbank, David Roe, Paul Louden, Lydia Coats, Colleen Corbett, Deacon Dennis & Linda McManis, Kris Jaeger, Lisa Rohlfing, Debby Denno, Katie Reid, Diana Lindsey, Levi Doss, Amanda King, Carole Halsan, Debbie Wright, Peter Martin, 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, Tim Smith, Audrey Taie & family, all of the people at Maple Ridge, Elliot Kearns & family, Austin Skubi, Ana Kinkaid, Suzy Palmer, Mark Halloran, John Meyer, Talia Petosa, Gary Smith, Ruth Epstein, Dannette Masterson, Cary Dial, Jill Uhacz, Vickie Russo, Rick Schutte, Jim Ramler, Christen Herman, Dean Muncey, John Meyer, Lance Lidral, Laura Whiteway, Carol Ryan, Dale, Johanna, Trevor Arnold, Alicia Rose, Michael Bonn, Bruce Carpenter, Lynda Dial, Marlene Angeles, Melisa Doss, Phyllis Kind, Pete & Nettie Snyder, Diana Klein, Marion Beaumont, and Nancy Paris.

### 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

David Rickert Vollan - Physical Therapist

Allison Wortman - Nurse at Virginia Mason Hospital, Seattle

Hillary Yeomans - Home Healthcare Worker

Karen Fay - Psychiatric Nurse, VA Hospital, Seattle

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 - Vascular Access Team at Swedish First Hill  
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  
Lesa Bjork, RN, ICU Harborview  
Michela Mattens, Nurse, Providence Everett  
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