

**Season of Epiphany  
LGBT+ History Month  
1st February 2026  
Led by Helen Mee & Jo Clifford**



**Welcome & Gathering**

**Call to worship**

One: The Holy One is here amongst us;  
ALL: Source of Wisdom  
One: Guide of Vision  
ALL: Weaver of Insight,  
One: Is shining love and hope into our lives and world.  
ALL: We lift our voices in worship & praise.

*You have known me*  
*Jan Richardson*

**Hymn: Let us build a house CH4 198**

Let us build a house where love can dwell  
and all can safely live,  
a place where saints and children tell  
how hearts learn to forgive;  
built of hopes and dreams and visions,  
rock of faith and vault of grace;  
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,  
and words are strong and true,  
where all God's children dare to seek  
to dream God's reign anew.  
Here the cross shall stand as witness  
and as symbol of God's grace;  
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where love is found  
in water, wine and wheat:  
a banquet hall on holy ground,  
where peace and justice meet.

Here the love of God, through Jesus,  
is revealed in time and space,  
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:  
All are welcome,  
all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

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## **Opening Prayer with movement**

ALL:

Above us (arms above)  
Below us (arms down)  
Within us (hands clasped at heart)  
The light of love is shining.

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form of words on the screen which are most worshipful for you...  
Source of Life,

Father and Mother of us all:  
Creation honours you!  
May your Realm of Justice & Joy  
Sustain our hope and come on earth.

With the bread we need for today, feed us.  
In the hurts we absorb from one another,  
forgive us.  
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.  
From trials too great to endure, spare us.  
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.  
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love, now and for ever. Amen

### **Time for all ages**

#### **Hymn: Singing we gladly CH4 257**

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.*

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.*

*Those who are travelling the road of life*

*sow seeds of peace and love. X2*

*Come, bringing hope into a world of fear,  
a world which is burdened down with dread,  
a world which is yearning for a greater love  
but needs to be shown the true way.*

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.*

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.*

*Those who are travelling the road of life*

*sow seeds of peace and love. X2*

*Come, bringing joyfully in both your hands  
some kindling to light the path of peace,  
some hope that there is a more human world  
where justice and truth will be born.*

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.*

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.*

*Those who are travelling the road of life*

*sow seeds of peace and love. X2*

*Whenever hatefulness and violence  
are banished for ever from our hearts,  
then will the world believe the day is near  
when sadness and pain shall find their end.*

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord together.*

*Singing, we gladly worship the Lord.*

Those who are travelling the road of life  
sow seeds of peace and love. X2

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## Readings

### **Micah 6:1-8**

6Hear what the Lord says: Rise, plead your case before the mountains, and let the hills hear your voice. 2Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and you enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 3“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me! 4For I brought you up from the land of Egypt, and redeemed you from the house of slavery; and I sent before you Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5O my people, remember now what King Balak of Moab devised, what Balaam son of Beor answered him, and what happened from Shittim to Gilgal, that you may know the saving acts of the Lord.”

6“With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before him with burnt offerings, with calves a year old? 7Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil? Shall I give my firstborn for my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul?” 8He has told you, O mortal, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

5When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 5“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 6“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 7“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 9“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

## Reflection by Jo Clifford

## Music for meditation by Phil Thornton

### Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow  
Praise God all creature here below  
Praise God above, You heavenly host  
Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

### Communion

#### Hymn: Come to the table of grace

Come to the table of grace  
Come to the table of grace  
This God's table it's not yours or mine  
Come to table of grace.

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One: We unite in prayer with followers of Jesus since the earliest times as we say:

God be with you  
ALL: And with your spirit  
One: Lift up your hearts  
ALL: We lift them to God  
One: Let us give thanks to God  
ALL: It is right to give our thanks and praise

One: Holy Loving God,  
For the universe you have crafted in all its variety and mystery  
ALL: We praise and thank you  
One: For the gift of Christ Jesus; vulnerable healer & guide  
ALL: We praise and thank you  
One: For your Salvation; love crucified and resurrected.  
ALL: We praise and thank you  
One: With people everywhere, past present and yet to come  
ALL: We praise and thank you.

One: We offer you our thanks as we sing together...

#### Hymn: God bless to us our bread CH4 763

God bless to us our bread,  
And give bread to all those who are hungry  
and hunger for justice to all who are fed.  
God bless to us our bread.

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## **Song: This is the body of Christ CH4 799**

Broken that we might be whole.  
This cup as promised by God,  
True to God's Word,  
Cradles our Lord  
Food the good of us all.

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*Bread is distributed*  
Once all are served:  
One: The bread of Life – let us share in it together  
All eat

*Wine is distributed*  
Once all are served  
One: This Cup is the cup of Blessing – let us share in it together  
All drink

After sharing

Peace  
Celebrant: Let us share Christ's Peace with each other in words spoken with  
our mouths and with our hands

*Closing Response*  
One: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.  
ALL: We go to share his life and love.

## **Notices**

### **Hymn: For everyone born a place at the table CH4 685**

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,

*And God will delight*  
when we are creators of justice and joy.

*Yes, God will delight*  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

For trans, woman, man, a place at the table,  
revising the roles, deciding the share,  
with wisdom and grace, dividing the power,  
for trans, woman, man, a system that's fair,

And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy.  
Yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,  
And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy.  
Yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

For all who are Queer, a place at the table,  
a covenant shared, a welcoming space,  
a rainbow of race and gender and colour,  
For all who are Queer, the chalice of grace,  
And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy.  
Yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,  
And God will delight  
when we are creators of justice and joy.  
Yes, God will delight  
when we are creators of justice,  
justice and joy!

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**Blessing & Sung Amen**

## What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 1st Feb	11am	AUC & Online	Helen is leading and Jo is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 1st Feb	12 noon	Online	
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 4th Feb	7.30-8.30pm	Online	<i>Matt 5:1-12</i> Email <a href="mailto:minister@augustine.org.uk">minister@augustine.org.uk</a> for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thu 5th Feb	12 noon - 1pm	Online	<i>Matt 5:1-12</i> Email <a href="mailto:minister@augustine.org.uk">minister@augustine.org.uk</a> for the Zoom link
Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Thu 5th Feb	7.30-9pm	Online	Our Tribe is a monthly gathering for LGBTQI+ Christians, allies and explorers to explore a topic and worship together. See the information and link to join in the online notices.
Sunday Worship	Sun 8th Feb	11am	AUC & Online	Sian is leading and Bob is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 8th Feb	12 noon	Online	
AUC Church Meeting	Sun 8th Feb	12.30-2pm	AUC	Everyone is welcome to attend. If you are not a church member or associate member, but would like to receive papers for the meetings in advance, please email the Church Secretary Linda <a href="mailto:secretary@augustine.org.uk">secretary@augustine.org.uk</a>
Neurodivergent Affirming Space (NDAS)	Sun 8th Feb	12.30-3pm	AUC (Studio)	A space to meet other neurodivergent people, to be heard and feel supported. We will start with an hour of food and relaxation, then an opportunity to chat with others or do your own thing, a focused discussion and finish with a mindful moment and prayer.

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