

Season of Lent

22nd February 2026

Led by Andrew Owens & Mike Holroyd

Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship

We gather together to worship God....

One: We are on a Lenten journey;
ALL: From a wilderness to a garden,
One: From longing to discovering,
ALL: From waiting to birthing.
One: God of transformation and new life,
ALL: We offer you our worship & praise.

Hymn: Jesus calls us CH4 510

Jesus calls us here to meet him
As, through word and song and prayer,
We affirm God's promised presence
Where God's people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps the Promise
Praise the One who calls us friends
Praise the Spirit who among us
To our hopes and fears attends.

Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all.
Sharer of our flesh and frailness
Saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his Holy Human story
Tell his tales that all may hear
Tell the world that Christ in glory
Came to earth to meet us here.

Jesus calls us to each other
Vastly different though we are;
Creed and colour, class and gender
Neither limit nor debar.
Join the hand of friends and stranger;
Join the hand of age and youth
Join the faithful and the doubter
In our common search for truth.



*Into the seed
by
Jan
Richardson*

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Opening Prayer with movement

One: Holy One

In times of wilderness and uncertainty

ALL: Love and hope surround us.

*(action: *arms circle round, cross in front of body and lower)*

One: In times of abundance and clarity

ALL: Love and hope surround us. (action*)

One: In times of growth and change

ALL: Love and hope surround us. (action*)

We unite our prayers together in the Lord's Prayer or Jesus Prayer, using a form of words which are worshipful for us...

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: Over my head CH4 575

Over my head, I hear music in the air;

over my head, I hear music in the air;

over my head, I hear music in the air;

there must be a God somewhere.

Cantor: Oh, when the world is silent,

All: I hear music in the air;

Cantor: oh, when the world is silent,

All: I hear music in the air;

Cantor: oh, when the world is silent,

All: I hear music in the air;

there must be a God somewhere.

And when I'm feeling lonely,
and when I'm feeling lonely,
and when I'm feeling lonely,
there must be a God somewhere.

Now when I think on Jesus,
now when I think on Jesus,
now when I think on Jesus,
there must be a God somewhere.

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Readings read by Moira Holmes

John 11:1 to 45

11 Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ²Mary was the one who anointed the Lord with perfume and wiped his feet with her hair; her brother Lazarus was ill. ³So the sisters sent a message to Jesus, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." ⁴But when Jesus heard it, he said, "This illness does not lead to death; rather it is for God's glory, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it." ⁵Accordingly, though Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, ⁶after having heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. ⁷Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." ⁸The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now trying to stone you, and are you going there again?" ⁹Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Those who walk during the day do not stumble, because they see the light of this world. ¹⁰But those who walk at night stumble, because the light is not in them." ¹¹After saying this, he told them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I am going there to awaken him." ¹²The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will be all right." ¹³Jesus, however, had been speaking about his death, but they thought that he was referring merely to sleep. ¹⁴Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. ¹⁵For your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." ¹⁶Thomas, who was called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. ¹⁸Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, ¹⁹and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. ²⁰When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. ²¹Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. ²²But even now I know that God

will give you whatever you ask of him.”²³ Jesus said to her, “Your brother will rise again.”²⁴ Martha said to him, “I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day.”²⁵ Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,²⁶ and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”²⁷ She said to him, “Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.”²⁸ When she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary, and told her privately, “The Teacher is here and is calling for you.”²⁹ And when she heard it, she got up quickly and went to him.³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet come to the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ The Jews who were with her in the house, consoling her, saw Mary get up quickly and go out. They followed her because they thought that she was going to the tomb to weep there.³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved.³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep.³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!”³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it.³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.”⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?”⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.”⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

⁴⁵Many of the Jews therefore, who had come with Mary and had seen what Jesus did, believed in him.

Sermon & Meditation by Mike Holroyd

Prayers of the People by Lewis Reay

Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow
Praise God all creature here below
Praise God above, You heavenly host

Notices

Hymn: In the bulb there is a flower CH4 727

In the bulb there is a flower;
in the seed, an apple tree;
in cocoons, a hidden promise:
butterflies will soon be free!
In the cold and snow of winter
there's a spring that waits to be,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
seeking word and melody;
there's a dawn in every darkness
bringing hope to you
and me.
From the past will come the future;
what it holds, a mystery,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning;
in our time, infinity;
in our doubt there is believing;
in our life, eternity.
In our death, a resurrection;
at the last, a victory,
unrevealed until its season,
something God alone can see.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
TLC Lent Retreat	Sat 21 st Feb	10am -1pm	St Columba's by the Castle	Finding Water in the Wilderness - A Lent Retreat. A time to 'pause' at the beginning of Lent
Sunday Worship	Sun 22 nd Feb	11am	AUC & Online	Andrew is leading and Mike is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 22 nd Feb	12 noon	Online	
Coffee Social: Come OUT with Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Sun 22 nd Feb	1.30- 3pm	Coffee Saints Little King St, Edinburgh EH1 3AR (Opposite the side entrance of John Lewis)	Chance to meet, chat and get to know each other over a cuppa. New people always very welcome. Look out for the Rainbow flag on our table
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 25 th Feb	7.30- 8.30p m	Online	<i>Matt 4:1-11</i> Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thu 26 th Feb	12- 1pm	Online	<i>Matt 4:1-11</i> Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Sunday Worship	Sun 1 st Mar	11am	AUC & Online	Deanna is leading and Helen M Mee is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 1 st Mar	12 noon	Online	
Remembering Space	Sun 1 st Mar	1.30- 2.30p m	AUC	A sacred time to gather, remember, and share stories of those we grieve. Join for lunch at 1pm if you wish. More information from moira.holmes@augustine.org.uk

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