

Season of Easter

12th April 2026

Led by Carol Joyner & Deanna McCartney



Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship

One: As Winter sleeps and Spring awakens,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: As a seed dies and a shoot is born,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: As Jesus dies and Christ becomes,

ALL: God weaves new life from death.

One: Holy Source who weaves new life,

ALL: We give you thanks and praise!

Where God grows
By
Jan Richardson

Hymn: Love is the touch CH4 115

Love is the touch of intangible joy;

love is the force that no fear can destroy;

love is the goodness we gladly applaud:

God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the lilt in a lingering voice;

love is the hope that can make us rejoice;

love is the cure for the frightened and flawed:

God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the light in the tunnel of pain;

love is the will to be whole once again;

love is the trust of a friend on the road;

God is where love is, for love is of God.

Love is the Maker, and Spirit, and Son;

love is the kingdom their will has begun;

love is the pathway the saints all have trod:

God is where love is, for love is of God.

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Opening Prayer with movement

ALL: The Source of Life, holds us (*hands clasped*)
The Guide of living, leads (*hands making a cross*)
The Spirit of re-birth, transforms us (*hands in butterfly*)
Holy Three-in-One, we worship you.

We unite our prayers together in the Jesus' Prayer or Lord's Prayer using the form or words which are most 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: We are the church CH4 204

I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the Church together.
The Church is not a building, the Church is not a steeple.
The Church is not a resting-place, the Church is a people!

I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the Church together.
We're many kinds of people with many kinds of faces:
all colours and all ages, too, from all times and places.

I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the Church together.
I count if I am ninety, or nine, or just a baby;

there's one thing I am sure about and I don't mean maybe:

I am the Church! You are the Church!
We are the Church together!
All who follow Jesus, all around the world,
yes, we're the Church together.

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Readings read by Jim Kerr

Psalm 16

1Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

2I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you."

3As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

4Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

5The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

6The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

7I bless the Lord who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

8I keep the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

10For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

11You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

John 20:19-31

19When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained." 24But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." 30Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Reflection by Rev Deanna McCartney

Meditation by Stephen Ziffo

Prayers of the People by Gill Laurence

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

Notices

Hymn: Christ is risen while earth slumbers CH4 430

Christ has risen while earth slumbers,
Christ has risen where hope died,
as he said and as he promised,
as we doubted and denied.
Let the moon embrace the blessing;
let the sun sustain the cheer;
let the world confirm the rumour.
Christ is risen, God is here!

Christ has risen for the people
whom he loved and died to save;
Christ has risen for the women
bringing flowers to grace his grave
Christ has risen for disciples
huddled in an upstairs room.
He whose word inspired creation
is not silenced by the tomb.

Christ has risen to companions
former friends who fear the night,
sensing loss and limitation
where their faith had once burned bright.
They bemoan what is no longer,
they expect no hopeful sign
till Christ ends their conversation,
breaking bread and sharing wine.

Christ has risen and forever
lives to challenge and to change
all whose lives are messed or mangled,
all who find religion strange.
Christ is risen. Christ is present
making us what he has been –
evidence of transformation
in which God is known and seen.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 12 th Apr	11am	AUC & Online	Carol is leading and Deanna is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 12 th Apr	12 noon	Online	
AUC Church Meeting	Tues 14 th Apr	7.30p m	Online	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 (secretary@augustine.org.uk)
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 15 th Apr	7.30- 8.30p m	Online	Genesis 32:22-32 Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thu 16 th Apr	12- 1pm	Online	Genesis 32:22-32 Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Sunday Worship	Sun 19 th Apr	11am	AUC & Online	Kathleen is leading and our Synod Moderator Lindsey Sanderson is preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 19 th Apr	12 noon	Online	

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