

Season of Pentecost

5th July 2026

Led by Fiona Bennett & Sian Joyner



Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here; the transforming flame of God is amongst us:

ALL: Warming our imaginations with vision

One: Refining our hearts with hope

ALL: Forging our world with justice and joy

One: Spirit of God,

ALL: With all that is in us, we raise our voices to praise you...

Tongues as of fire
by
Jan Richardson

Hymn: O the life of the world CH4 141

Oh, the life of the world is a joy and a treasure,
Unfolding in beauty the green growing tree,
The changing of seasons in mountain and valley,
The stars and the bright restless sea.

Oh, the life of the world is a fountain of goodness
Overflowing in labour and passion and pain,
In the sound of the city and the silence of wisdom,
In the birth of a child once again.

Oh, the life of the world is the source of our healing.
It rises in laughter and wells up in song;
It springs from the care of the poor and the broken
And refreshes where justice is strong.

So give thanks for the life and give love to the Maker,
And rejoice in the gift of the bright risen Son.
And walk in the peace and the power of the Spirit
Till the days of our living are done.

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Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:

One: The transforming Spirit of God is:

ALL: Strengthening us in faith (*hands open*)

Nurturing us in hope (*hands at head*)

Uniting us in love (*hands clasped at heart*)

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: Story of St Augustine

Hymn: Don't be afraid my love is stronger CAYP 72

Don't be afraid,

My love is stronger,

my love is stronger

than your fear.

Don't be afraid,

My love is stronger

and I have promised,

promised to be

always near.

John L Bell, Graham Maule
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Readings read by Kathleen Ziffo

Psalm 145:8-14

8The Lord is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

9The Lord is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made.

10All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord, and all your faithful shall bless you.

11They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power,

12to make known to all people your mighty deeds, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures throughout all generations. The Lord is faithful in all his words, and gracious in all his deeds.

14The Lord upholds all who are falling, and raises up all who are bowed down.

Matthew 11:16-19 & 25-30

16“But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 17‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’ 18For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; 19the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

25At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; 26yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. 27All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 28“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. 29Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

Reflection by Dr Sian Joyner

Meditation

Offering & Dedication

Praise God from whom all blessing flow

Praise God all creature here below

Praise God above, You heavenly host

Music: Louis Bourgeois, c. 1510-1561.

Words: Thomas Ken, 1637-1711

Praise Maker Christ and Holy Ghost

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,

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Cradles our Lord
Food for the good of us all.

Closing Response

One: Together we are nourished by Jesus' life.

ALL: We go to share his life and love.

Notices

Hymn: Now let us from this table rise CH4 675

Now let us from this table rise
Renewed in body, mind and soul;
With Christ we die and rise again,
His selfless love has made us whole.

With minds alert, upheld by grace,
To spread the word in speech and deed
We follow in the steps of Christ,
At one with all in hope and need.

To fill each human house with love,
It is the sacrament of care;
The work that Christ began to do
We humbly pledge ourselves to share.

Then grant us grace, Companion-God,
To choose again the pilgrim way,
And help us to accept with joy
The challenge of tomorrow's day.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 5 th July	11 am	AUC & Online	Blended worship with Fiona leading and Sian preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 5 th July	12 noon	Online	
Belonging - Exploring Church Membership	Sun 5 th July	3- 5:30 pm	AUC & Online	<p>What is Church Membership about? This session is for people interested in exploring what it means to... Be the world-wide body of Christ, Be the URC and Be AUC, this session is an opportunity for information, discussion and reflection.</p> <p>To register and for more information please contact Fiona (minister@augustine.org.uk)</p>
Contextual Bible Study is on break until Wednesday 2nd September				
Sunday Worship	Sun 12 th July	11 am	AUC & Online	Interactive worship with Carol leading and Fiona preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 12 th July	12 noon	Online	
Soup lunch	Sun 12 th July	12 – 12:30 pm	AUC	
AUC Church Meeting	Sun 12 th July	12:30 -2pm	AUC	<p>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)</p>

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