

Season of Wholeness

25th October 2026

Led by Sian Joyner & Kate Owens



*Getting
Grounded
by
Jan Richardson*

Welcome & Gathering

Call to worship:

One: The Holy One is here amongst us;
ALL: Ground of our being
Guide of our hope
Spirit of our inspiration
One: Holy One we worship you
ALL: and raise our voices in praise....

Hymn: Sing for God's glory CH4 172

Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,
warming the earth's exultation.

Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,
searing the darkness of fear and despair that could find us,
touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,
reaching out gently to find us.

Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,
offering freedom's transfusion.

Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,
who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
in them we see the new creation to be,
spirit of love made flesh for us.

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Prayer

Introduce Focusing Movement:
ALL: Source, (hands at stomach)

Guide (*hands at heart*)
and Inspiration (*hands at head*)
Holy God three in One, we worship you. (*hands open*)

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 – Sian Joyner

Hymn: Ubi caritas CH4 801

Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas,
Deus ibi est.

(Where there is charity and love, God is there.)

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Readings read by Tom Murray

Leviticus 19:1-2 15-18

19The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: 2Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy.

15You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. 16You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. 17You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will

incur guilt yourself. 18You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Matthew 22:34-46

34When the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, 35and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. 36“Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?” 37He said to him, “‘You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ 38This is the greatest and first commandment. 39And a second is like it: ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.”

41Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: 42“What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?” They said to him, “The son of David.” 43He said to them, “How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying, 44‘The Lord said to my Lord, “Sit at my right hand, until I put your enemies under your feet”’? 45If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?” 46No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Reflection by Kate Owens

Meditation by Stephen Ziffo

Prayers of the People by Alex Peden

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: We sing a love CH4 622

We sing a love that sets all people free,
that blows like wind, that burns like scorching flame,
enfolds like earth, springs up like water clear:
come, living love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, unflinching, unafraid

to be itself, despite another's wrath,
a love that stands alone and undismayed:
come, strengthening love, live in our hearts today.

We sing a love, that, wandering, will not rest
until it finds its way, its home, its source,
through joy and sadness pressing on refreshed:
come, pilgrim love, live in our hearts today.

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Blessing & Sung Amen

What's on @ AUC this week?

Event	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Sunday Worship	Sun 25 th Oct	11 am	AUC & Online	Blended Sunday Worship Service with Sian leading and Kate preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 25 th Oct	12 noon	Online	
Post Service Refreshments and Chat	Sun 25 th Oct	12-12.40 pm	AUC	All are welcome to share in refreshments and chat after the service.
Coffee Social: Come OUT with Our Tribe (LGBTQI+)	Sun 25 th Oct	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 are always very welcome. Look out for the Rainbow flag on our table
Contextual Bible Study	Wed 28 th Oct	7.30-8.30 pm	Online	Matthew 23:1-12 Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Contextual Bible Study	Thu 29 th Oct	12-1pm	Online	Matthew 23:1-12 Email centre.manager@augustine.org.uk for the Zoom link
Sunday Worship	Sun 1 st Nov	11 am	AUC & Online	Blended Sunday Worship Service with Laurence leading and Andrew preaching
Post Service Zoom Social	Sun 1 st Nov	12 noon	Online	
Post Service Refreshments and Chat	Sun 1 st Nov	12-12.40 pm	AUC	All are welcome to share in refreshments and chat after the service.

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