

*St. Augustine's
Family Service*

31 August 2003

CHANGED BY GOD

Welcome

God can enter our lives

Please stand for the hymn Be Thou my Vision

1. Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, through the day or the night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.
2. Be Thou my Wisdom, be Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.
3. Be Thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight,
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower;
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.
4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always :
Thou and Thou only, the first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.
5. High King of heaven, after victory won,
May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heaven's Sun !
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

Please sit or kneel for prayers.

Leader Thank You that You have made it possible for each one of us to invite You to be part of our lives :

People **We thank You, Lord God !**

Leader Thank You that when we accept Your invitation, You can enter every part of our lives and make it better :

People **We thank You, Lord God !**

Leader Thank You, Lord God, for the times when we feel especially close to You :

People **Thank You, Lord God !**

Leader Help us to respond to Your call :

People **Help us, Lord God !**

Leader Thank You, Lord God, for Your wonderful gifts to us :

People **Thank You, Lord God !**

Leader Help us to use Your gifts to serve others :

People **Help us, Lord God !**

Leader Teach us to be generous in all things :

People **Teach us, Lord God ! Amen.**

Please sit for the play :

Changed lives

Please stand for the hymn

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God

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Please sit.

God speaks to us

Long ago – God calls Isaiah to be a prophet :

Please remain sitting for the reading from Isaiah Chapter 6 verses 1-8, which can be found on Page 751 of the Church Bibles.

*Please remain sitting for the play : **Not the railway station !***

Now :

Testimony ●●●●●

Please stand for the hymn To get a touch from the Lord, which we shall sing twice.

To get a touch from the Lord is so real;
To get a touch from the Lord is so real;
If you draw near to Him,
He will draw near to you –
To get a touch from the Lord is so real.
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Jesus is coming, is coming again;
Hallelujah, hallelujah,
Jesus is coming again.

The Pentecost experience

Long ago – The Holy Spirit comes at Pentecost :

Please sit for the reading from Acts Chapter 2 verses 1-13, which can be found on Page 1205 of the Church Bibles.

Now :

Testimony ●●●●●

– ending with an invitation to meditate silently on the following prayer :

Lord Jesus Christ, I want to belong to You from now on.

I want to be freed from the dominion of darkness and the rule of Satan, and I want to enter into Your kingdom and be part of Your people.

I will turn away from all wrongdoing, and I will avoid everything that leads me to wrongdoing.

I ask You to forgive all the sins that I have committed.

I offer my life to You, and I promise to obey You as my Lord. I ask You to baptise me in the Holy Spirit and I open myself to receive every gift that You desire to give me.

Please remain sitting or kneeling as we sing the hymn Spirit of the living God twice, as a prayer.

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J e s u s w i t h u s n o w

*Please sit for the story **The Bike Ride** by Charles Swindoll*

Please kneel for the prayers, ending with the singing of The Lord's Prayer :

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name;
Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth, as in heaven;
Give us today our daily bread;
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us;
Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil;
For the Kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours, now and for ever. Amen

Please stand for the collection hymn

Come down, O Love divine

During this hymn a voluntary collection will be received.

**1. Come down, O Love divine,
Seek Thou this soul of mine,
And visit it with Thine own ardour glowing;
O Comforter, draw near,
Within my heart appear,
And kindle it, Thy holy flame bestowing.**

**2. Oh, let it freely burn,
Till earthly passions turn
To dust and ashes in its heat consuming;
And let Thy glorious light
Shine ever on my sight,
And clothe me round, the while my path illuming.**

**3. Let holy charity
Mine outward vesture be,
And lowliness become mine inner clothing;
True lowliness of heart,
Which takes the humbler part,
And o'er its own shortcomings weeps with loathing.**

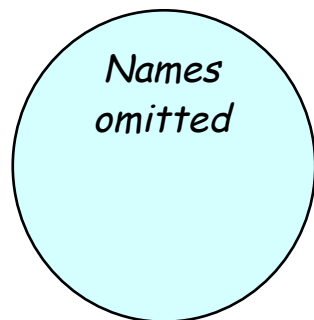
**4. And so the yearning strong,
With which the soul will long,
Shall far outpass the power of human telling;
For none can guess its grace,
Till he become the place
Wherein the Holy Spirit makes His dwelling.**

Please remain standing for the Blessing

Blessing

Those taking part :

Organists
Overheads
Seeker
Scoffer
Christian
Isaiah
Head Seraph
Britomart
Bike Rider



We invite you to join us for a cuppa in the Hall (behind the church) at the end of this service.

Next Family Service date for this year : October 26th at 10am.

Christmas Services :

Carol Service and Barbecue : December 14th at 5pm

Christingle Service : December 24th at 7pm.

If anyone would like to take part in any of these services please 'phone ●●●●● (●●●●) at least two weeks before the date of the service.

Kids' Club for Primary School children meets in the Hall 3:15pm – 4:15pm each Tuesday during term time. All children are welcome.

The **Youth Alpha** programme is currently being run at Holy Trinity Church on Thursdays at 7:30pm. For more details 'phone ●●●●● (●●●●).