

***St. Augustine's
Family Service***

26 October 2003

**ARE YOU COMING TO THE
BANQUET ?**

Welcome

Sentence for today from *Revelation* chapter 3 verse 20 :

Listen ! I stand at the door and knock; if any hear My voice and open the door, I will come into their house and eat with them, and they will eat with Me.

*Please stand for the hymn
which we shall sing twice.*

This is the day.

**This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made,
that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice, we will rejoice
and be glad in it,
and be glad in it.**

**This is the day
that the Lord has made;
We will rejoice and be glad in it;
This is the day,
this is the day that the Lord has
made.**

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Leader Lord God, thank You for Your invitation to become part of Your family. Help us to accept Your offer.

People **Help us, Lord.**

Leader Thank You for Your blessings that You shower upon the members of Your family.

People **Thank You, Lord.**

Leader Thank You, Jesus, for Your life here on earth, for Your willingness to die on the Cross, and for Your resurrection.

People **We praise You, Jesus.**

Leader Thank You for the forgiveness that we receive from You when we turn to You in repentance.

People **Thank You, Lord.**

Leader Thank You, especially, for the love, joy and peace that You pour upon Your people.

People **Thank You, Lord.**

Leader Help us to share Your wonderful blessings with those around us.

People **Help us, Lord.**

A b o u t t h e b a n q u e t

Please sit for the story of the banquet, taken from Luke chapter 14 verses 12–23, which can be found on Page 1150 of the Church Bibles.

Please stand for the hymn I cannot come.

Chorus :

I cannot come.

I cannot come to the banquet, don't trouble me now.

I have married a wife, I have bought me a cow.

I have fields and commitments that cost a pretty sum.

Pray, hold me excused, I cannot come.

1. A certain man held a feast on his fine estate in town,
he laid a festive table and wore a special gown.
He sent invitations to his neighbours far and wide,
but when the meal was ready, each of them replied :

Chorus

2. The master rose up in anger, called his servants by name,
said, "Go into the town, fetch the blind and the lame,
fetch the peasant and the pauper, for this I have willed,
my banquet must be crowded, and my table must be filled."

Chorus

3. When all the poor had assembled, there was still room to spare,
so the master demanded, "Go, search ev'rywhere,
to the highways and the byways, and force them to come in.
My table must be filled before the banquet can begin."

Chorus

4. Now God has written a lesson for the rest of mankind :
If we're slow in responding, He may leave us behind.
He's preparing a banquet for that great and glorious day;
When the Lord and Master calls us, be certain not to say :

Chorus

Please sit for the play

Are you going ?

Please stand for the psalm.

Refrain :

The Lord is my shepherd, therefore can I lack nothing.

The Lord is my shepherd :

therefore can I lack nothing.

**You, Lord, make me lie down in green pastures,
and lead me beside the waters of peace.**

Refrain

**You revive my spirit,
and guide me in right pathways for Your name's sake;
though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will
fear no evil,
for You are with me, Your rod and Your staff are my comfort.**

Refrain

**You spread a table for me in the sight of my enemies;
You have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is overflowing.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Refrain

P r e p a r i n g f o r t h e b a n q u e t

Please sit as we prepare for the banquet –

and remain seated for the play

Where's the free banquet ?

.... continued

Please remain seated for the introduction of the blessings :

Lamp :	Your word is a lamp to guide me, and a light for my path.	<i>Psalms 119 v 105</i>
Heart :	For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not die, but have eternal life	<i>John 3 v 16</i>
Crucifix :	For by the blood of Christ we are set free – that is, our sins are forgiven.	<i>Ephesians 3 v 7</i>
Burden :	Jesus said, “Come to Me all who are weary and burdened and I will give you rest.”	<i>Matthew 11 v 28</i>
Red cross :	For I am the Lord who heals you.	<i>Exodus 15 v 26</i>
Hot water bottle :	The Lord says, “I am the One Who comforts you.”	<i>Isaiah 51 v 12</i>
Pillow, poster :	I will lie down and sleep in peace, for you alone, O Lord, make me dwell in safety.	<i>Psalms 4 v 8</i>
Picture :	I know that Your goodness and mercy will be with me all my life.	<i>Psalms 23 v 6</i>
Food :	He provides food for those who honour Him.	<i>Psalms 111 v 5</i>
Seed :	Give to others, and God will give to you – a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be given to you.	<i>Luke 6 v 38</i>
Owl :	If any of you lack wisdom, you should ask God, and it will be given to you.	<i>James 1 v 5</i>
Picture :	The joy of the Lord is your great strength.	<i>Nehemiah 8 v 10</i>
Dove :	Jesus said, “My peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you.”	<i>John 14 v 27</i>

The banquet

Please stand for the hymn

My beloved is mine and I am His

1. My beloved is mine and I am His

**His banner over me is love
My beloved is mine and I am**

**His
His banner over me is love
My beloved is mine and I am**

**His
His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love.**

3. He lifts me up to heavenly places

**His banner over me is love
He lifts me up to heavenly places**

**His banner over me is love
He lifts me up to heavenly places**

**His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love.**

2. He brought me to His banqueting table

**His banner over me is love
He brought me to His banqueting table**

**His banner over me is love
He brought me to His banqueting table**

**His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love.**

4. I'm safe and secure in the rock of all ages

**His banner over me is love
I'm safe and secure in the rock of all ages**

**His banner over me is love
I'm safe and secure in the rock of all ages**

**His banner over me is love
His banner over me is love.**

Message



After the banquet

Please sit for the play After the free banquet

Please sit or kneel for the hymn Just as I am
which we shall sing as a prayer.

1. Just as I am, without one plea
but that You died to set me free,
and at Your bidding 'Come to
me !'
O Lamb of God, I come.
2. Just as I am, without delay
Your call of mercy I obey –
Your blood can wash my sins
away
O Lamb of God, I come.
3. Just as I am, though tossed
about
with many a conflict, many a
doubt,
fightings within and fears
without,
O Lamb of God, I come.
4. Just as I am, poor, wretched,
blind !
Sight, riches, healing of the
mind –
all that I need, in You to find :
O Lamb of God, I come.
5. Just as I am ! You will receive,
will welcome, pardon, cleanse,
relieve :
because Your promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come.
6. Just as I am ! Your love
unknown
has broken every barrier down :
now to be Yours, yes, Yours
alone,
O Lamb of God, I come.
7. Just as I am ! Of that free love
the breadth, length, depth and
height to prove,
here for a time and then above,
O Lamb of God, I come.

Those who would like to come before God and receive His blessings are invited to come and take one or more of the blessings (Bible verses) from the table.

Together we pray :

**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**

Giving thanks

Please stand for the hymn Praise God from whom all blessings flow
which we will sing twice

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
praise Him, all creatures here below,
praise Him above, you heavenly host –
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost**

Those taking part :

Names omitted

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

Christmas Services Carol Service and BBQ December 14th at 5pm.

Christingle Service December 24th at 7pm.

Our first Family Service next year : February 29th 2004 at 10am.

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.