St. Augustine's Family Service 18 June 2006

ACTS OF PRAYER

Welcome

Please stand for two action hymns –

Ev'ry minute of ev'ry day

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I can talk to God

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Please sit for

Jean's story

A for ADORATION



Please stand to sing the hymn

How great Thou art

1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the works Thy hand hath made; I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder; Thy power throughout the universe displayed;

Chorus:

Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art. Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to Thee, How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

2. When through the woods and forest glades, I wander, I hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees, When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze;

Chorus

3. But when I think that God, His Son not sparing, Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in, That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing He bled and died to take away my sin;

Chorus

4. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart, Then I shall bow in humble adoration, And there proclaim, "my God, how great Thou art."

Chorus

MARY and MARTHA

Please sit for the reading from

Luke's Gospel, Chapter 10, verses 38 to 42. (*It's on page 1143 in the Church Bibles.*)

Words of love and adoration

Quietly remain sitting for the hymn

Father we adore you

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Narrator: Jesus, remind us to spend some time each day loving and

adoring You.

ALL: Remind us daily to love and adore You, Lord Jesus. Amen.

C FOR CONFESSION



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"If we claim to be sinless, we are self-deceived and strangers to the truth.

If we confess our sins,

God is just and may be trusted to forgive our sins and cleanse us from every kind of wrong." (1 John 1.8,9)

"Love the Lord Your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength and love your neighbour as yourself." (Mark 12.30,31)

Words opposite to love and adoration

Narrator : Together we say :

ALL: We come seeking forgiveness for all we have failed to

be and do as members of Christ's body.

Narrator : In God there is forgiveness.

ALL: Loving and all-seeing God,

forgive us where we have failed both to support one

another and also to be what we claim to be.

Forgive us where we have failed to serve You; and where our thoughts and actions have been contrary to

Your intentions. We ask Your pardon.

Narrator : God forgives us; be at peace. **Amen**.

T FOR THANKSGIVING



Paul and Silas in prison

A reading from

the book of Acts, Chapter 16 , verses 21 to 26

(It's on page 1228 of the Church Bibles.)

Please stand to sing

Give thanks with a grateful heart

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Please sit for Jean's story continued

Please sit or kneel for prayer.

We invite each one of you to join us now in "thank You" prayers, just a phrase or short sentence spoken out loud.

Narrator: Thank You, God, that You hear our prayers.

ALL: Thank You, Lord, for everything. Amen.

S FOR SUPPLICATION



Please stand to sing the hymn "What a friend we have in Jesus".

- 1. What a friend we have in Jesus, All our sins and griefs to bear; What a privilege to carry Everything to God in prayer! O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear, All because we do not carry Everything to God in prayer!
- 2. Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere? We should never be discouraged; Take it to the Lord in prayer! Can we find a friend so faithful, Who will all our sorrows share? Jesus knows our every weakness; Take it to the Lord in prayer!
- 3. Are we weak and heavy laden,
 Cumbered with a load of care?
 Precious Saviour, still our refuge,
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 Do your friends despise, forsake you?
 Take it to the Lord in prayer!
 In His arms He'll take and shield you,
 You will find a solace there.

God's traffic lights

STOP, WAIT, GO.

Silent prayer, followed by the Lord's Prayer:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, in 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 to sing the hymn

Prayer is the soul's supreme desire.

- 1. Prayer is the soul's supreme desire expressed in thought or word; the burning of a hidden fire, a longing for the Lord.
- 2. Prayer is the simplest sound we teach when children learn God's name; and yet it is the noblest speech that human lips can frame.
- 3. Prayer is the secret battleground where victories are won; by prayer the will of God is found and work for Him begun.

4. Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air, our watchword at the gates of

death;

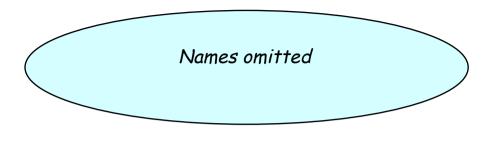
we enter heaven with prayer.

- Prayer is the church's glorious song, our task and joy supreme; we name our Lord in every tongue, and praise is all our theme.
- 6. Jesus by Whom we come to God; the true and living Way, the humble path of prayer you trod,
 Lord, teach us how to pray.

Please remain standing for the Blessing.

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

Those taking part:



Forthcoming Family Service dates for 2006, all Sundays at 10 a.m.:

July 30th, September 13th, October 29th.

Christmas services

5pm Sunday December 10th: Carol service and Barbecue;

7pm Sunday December 24th: Christingle service

Please write these dates in your diary now; we would love you to join us!

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.