

2023 Mid-Year Retreat

Evening Liturgy: The Confessions of St. Augustine





Opening Prayer:

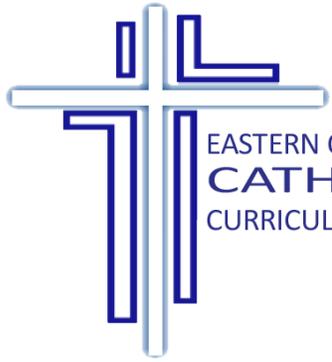
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-St. Augustine

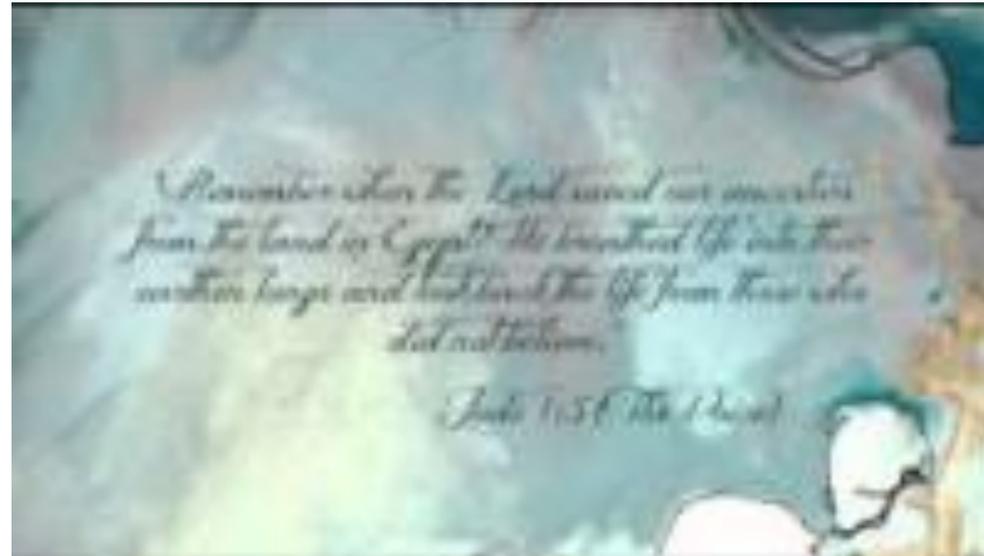


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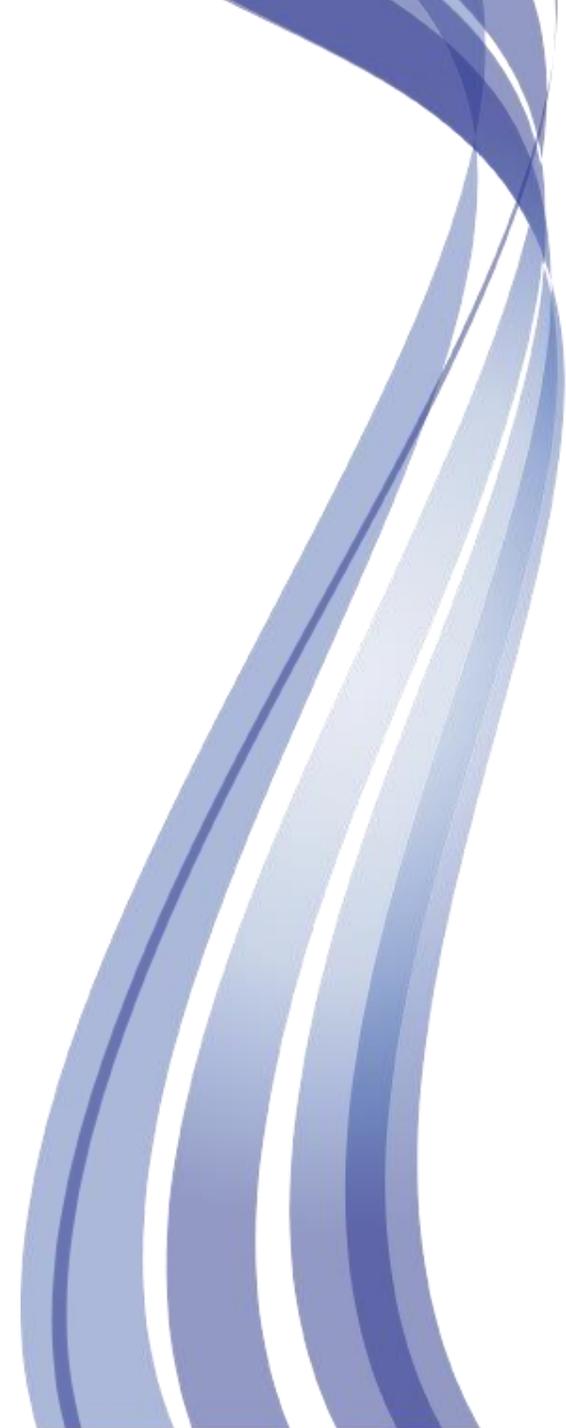
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Great Are You Lord (All Sons & Daughters)





Prayer:

Lord our God, we pour out our praise to You, for You are truly great: You give us life, you give us love, and you give us hope. You are healer and restorer of our hearts. Provide us with what we need most at this time, for you are good. Amen.

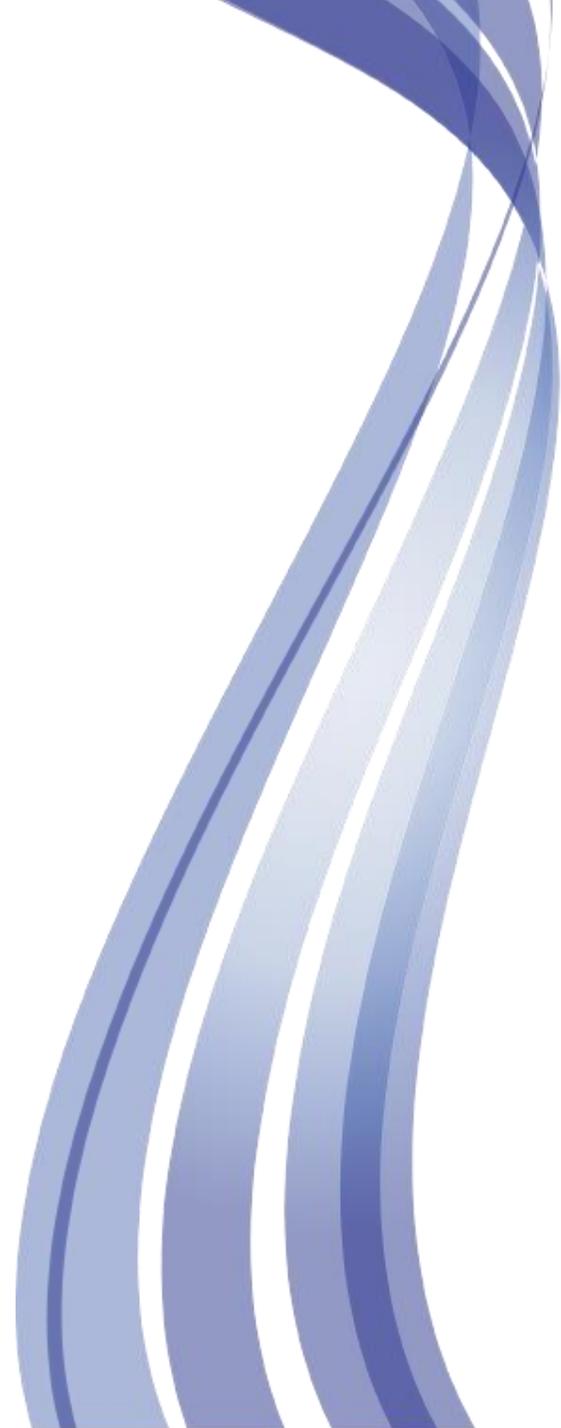


Grant me to know and understand, Lord, which comes first. To call upon you or to praise you? To know you or to call upon you? Must we know you before we can call upon you? Anyone who invokes what is still unknown may be making a mistake. Or should you be invoked first, so that we may then come to know you? But how can people call upon someone in whom they do not yet believe? And how can they believe without a preacher?

-St. Augustine



[Here I Am, Lord \(Chris Bray\)](#)





Prayer:

Lord, cast away any doubt that we may have in our hearts. Help us come to know you more. As we hear you calling us to you, lead us, knowing that we are here, and we come to do Your will. Help us, in turn, lead others closer to you. Amen.



But Scripture tells us that those who seek the Lord will praise him, for as they seek they find him, and on finding him they will praise him. Let me seek you then, Lord, even while I am calling upon you, and call upon you even as I believe in you; for to us you have indeed been preached. My faith calls upon you, Lord, this faith which is your gift to me, which you have breathed into me through the humanity of your Son and the ministry of your preacher.

-St. Augustine



Seek Ye First (Shout)

Seek Ye First

Shout

Seek ye first the kingdom of God; And His righteousness;
And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you; Seek, and ye shall find.
Knock and it shall be opened unto you. Allelu, Alleluia!

You shall not live by bread alone, but by every word
That proceeds from the mouth of God. Hallelu, Hallelujah!

And if the Son shall set you free, you shall be free indeed.
You shall know the Truth and the Truth shall set you free, Hallelu, Hallelujah!

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and he shall direct your paths.
In all your ways, acknowledge Him, Allelu, Alleluia!



Prayer:

Holy Spirit, give us the wisdom to seek the Kingdom of God and the righteousness of God. All of the things we need in life should pale in comparison to Your goodness and greatness and glory. Thank You for the promise that if we seek You first, you will add what is needed. Amen.

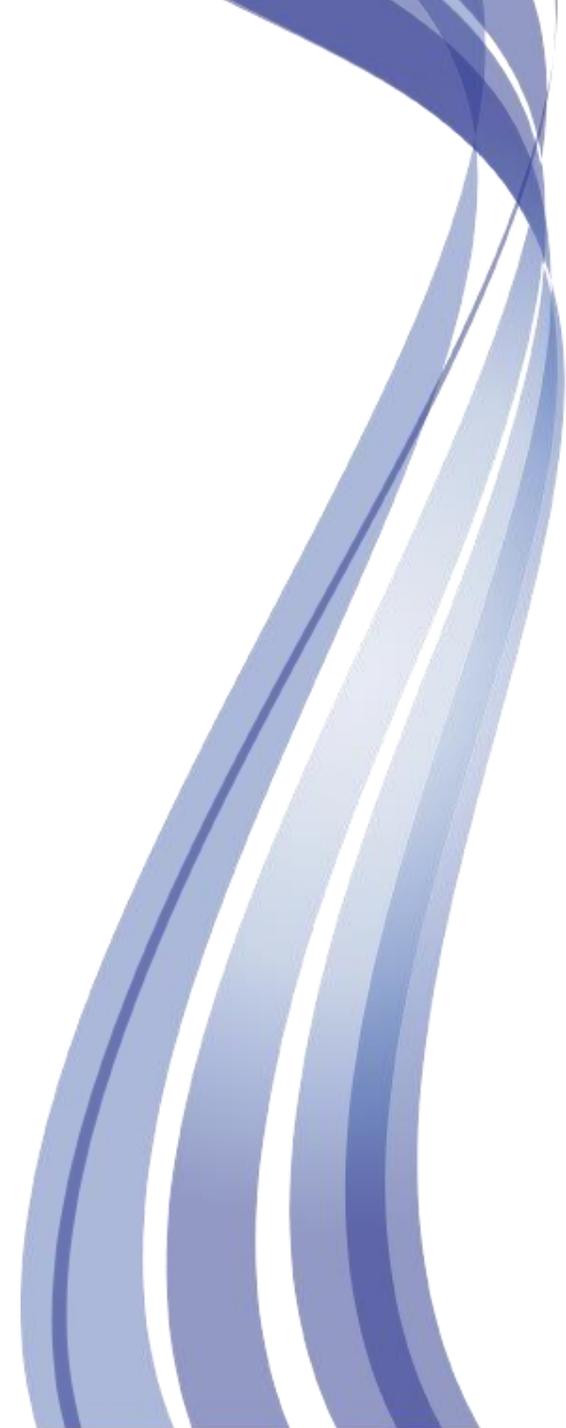


How shall I call upon my God, my God and my Lord, when by the very act of calling upon him I would be calling him into myself? Is there any place within me into which my God might come? How should the God who made heaven and earth come into me? Is there any room in me for you, Lord, my God? Even heaven and earth, which you have made and in which you have made me – can even they contain you? Since nothing that exists would exist without you, does it follow that whatever exists does in some way contain you?

-St. Augustine



[God of Wonders \(City on a Hill\)](#)

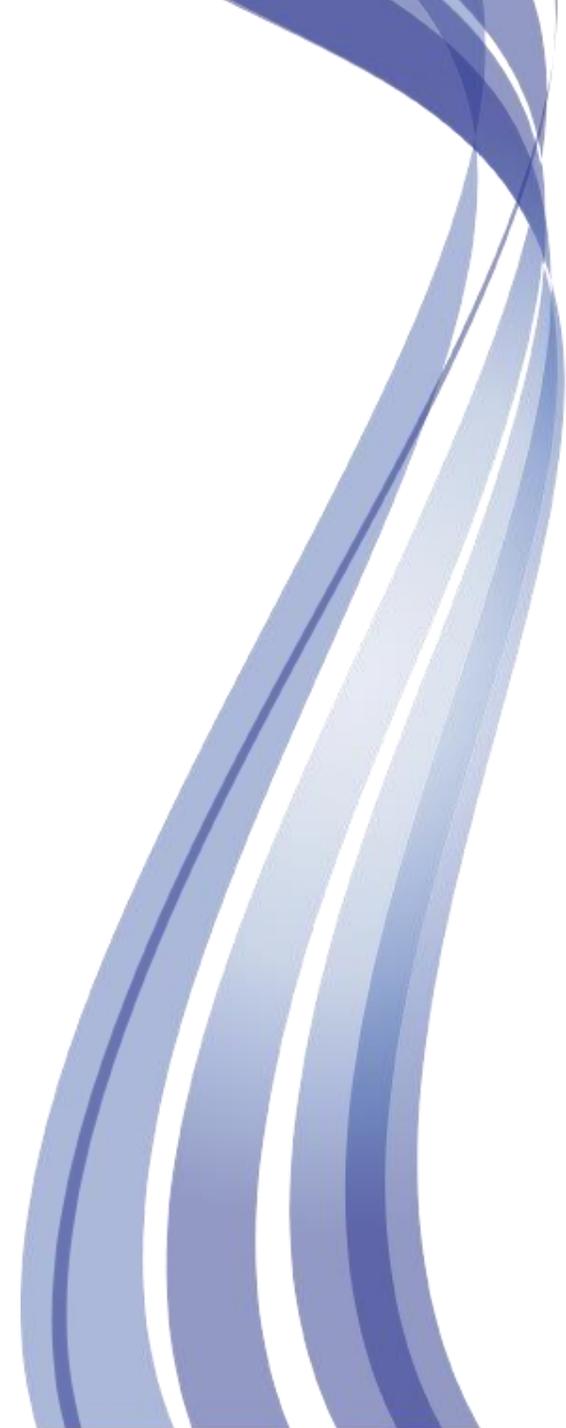




Prayer:

Lord of all creation, help us to find room for you in the busyness of our lives. Let the marvelous creation that surrounds us be a reminder of the wonders of your majesty. Precious Lord, reveal your heart to us, for you are holy. Amen.

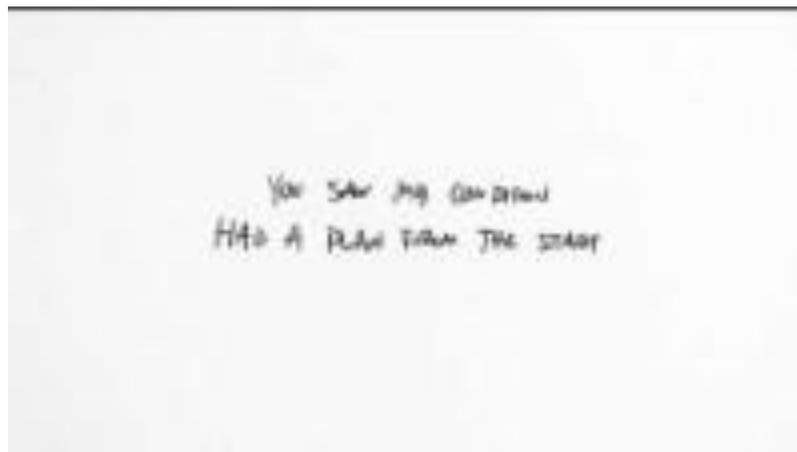
Alleluia - Mass of Restoration (Josh Blakesley)



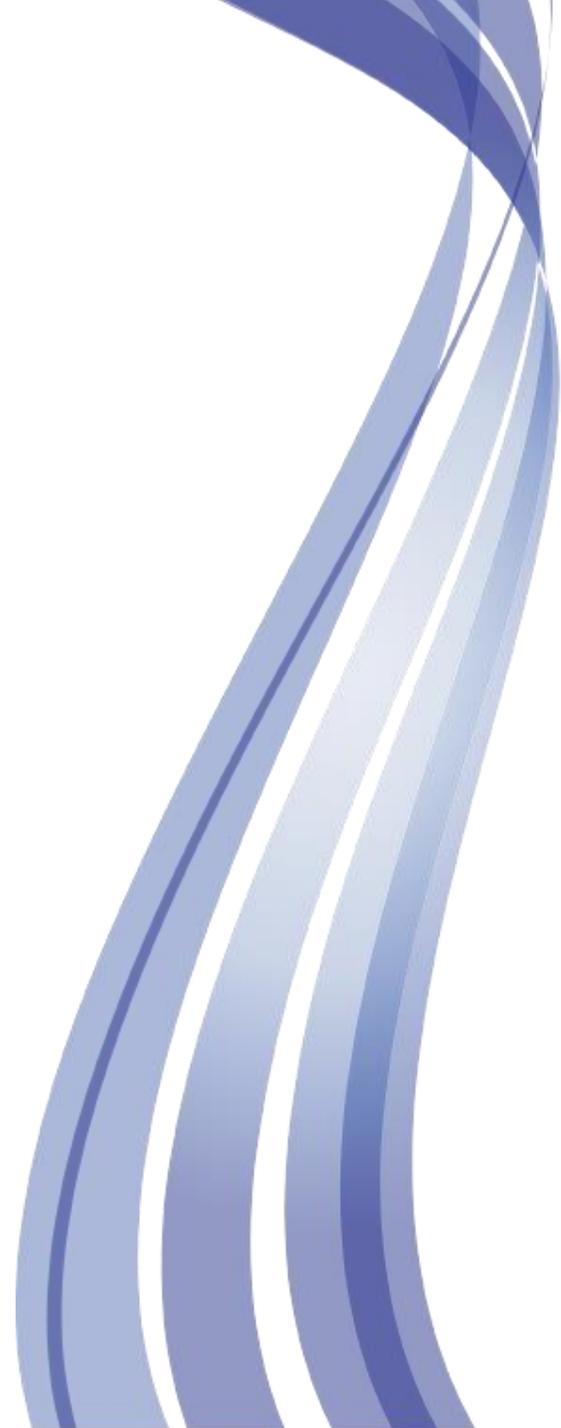


Alas for me! Through your own merciful dealings with me, O Lord my God, tell me what you are to me. Say to my soul, I am your salvation. Say it so that I can hear it. My heart is listening, Lord; open the ears of my heart and say to my soul, I am your salvation. Let me run towards this voice and seize hold of you. Do not hide your face from me: let me die so that I may see it, for not to see it would be death to me indeed.

-St. Augustine



[Run to the Father \(Cody Carnes\)](#)





Prayer:

God our saviour, open the ears of our hearts, for you are our salvation. Let us run to you, falling into grace, running to life from death, our merciful redeemer. Amen.

Closing Prayer:



1
Breathe in me,
O Holy Spirit,
That my thoughts
may all be holy.

2
Act in me,
O Holy Spirit,
That my work,
too, may be holy.

3
Draw my heart,
O Holy Spirit,
That I love
but what is holy.

4
Strengthen me,
O Holy Spirit,
To defend
all that is holy.

5
Guard me, then,
O Holy Spirit,
That I always
may be holy.


**HOLY
SPIRIT
PRAYER**
By St. Augustine

