Year A – Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Friday, August 28, 2026

Collect for Augustine of Hippo, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Old Testament

Isaiah 62:6-12

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6 I have set watchmen on your walls, O Jerusalem; They shall never hold their peace day or night.
You who make mention of the LORD, do not keep silent, 7 And give Him no rest till He establishes
And till He makes Jerusalem a praise in the earth. 8 The LORD has sworn by His right hand And by
the arm of His strength: 'Surely I will no longer give your grain As food for your enemies; And the
sons of the foreigner shall not drink your new wine, For which you have labored. 9 But those who
have gathered it shall eat it, And praise the LORD; Those who have brought it together shall drink it
in My holy courts.'

10 Go through, Go through the gates! Prepare the way for the people; Build up, Build up the highway!
Take out the stones, Lift up a banner for the peoples! 11 Indeed the LORD has proclaimed To the end
of the world: 'Say to the daughter of Zion, 'Surely your salvation is coming; Behold, His reward is
with Him, And His work before Him.' ' 12 And they shall call them The Holy People, The Redeemed
of the LORD; And you shall be called Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

New Testament

Hebrews 12:22-24, 28-29

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22 But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, to an
innumerable company of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are
registered in heaven, to God the Judge of all, to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 to Jesus the
Mediator of the new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaks better things than that of
Abel.

28 Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom which cannot be shaken, let us have grace, by which
we may serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear. 29 For our God is a consuming fire.

Officiant: **The Word of the Lord.**

The People: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

John 14:6-15

Deacon: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you. Or And with your spirit.*

Deacon: *May the Lord be on our minds, on our lips, and on our hearts as we hear His Holy Gospel. The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Saint John.*

People: *Glory to You, Lord Christ.*

Deacon: *We are reading from John's Gospel chapter 14, beginning at verse 6.*

6 Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through
Me. 7 If you had known Me, you would have known My Father also; and from now on you know
Him and have seen Him.' 8 Philip said to Him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us.' 9
Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who
has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

10 Do you not believe that I am in the Father, and the Father in Me? The words that I speak to you I
do not speak on My own authority; but the Father who dwells in Me does the works. 11 Believe Me
that I am in the Father and the Father in Me, or else believe Me for the sake of the works themselves.
12 Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and
greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father. 13 And whatever you ask in My name,
that I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son.

14 If you ask anything in My name, I will do it. 15 If you love Me, keep My commandments.

Psalm 87

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1 His foundation is in the holy mountains. 2 The LORD loves the gates of Zion More than all the
dwellings of Jacob. 3 Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God! *Selah* 4 I will make mention
of Rahab and Babylon to those who know Me; Behold, O Philistia and Tyre, with Ethiopia: 'This one
was born there.' '

5 And of Zion it will be said, 'This one and that one were born in her; And the Most High Himself
shall establish her.' 6 The LORD will record, When He registers the peoples: 'This one was born
there.' *Selah* 7 Both the singers and the players on instruments say, 'All my springs are in you.'

**At the end of the Psalms this is sung or said*

*Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: **
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

After the Gospel reading, the deacon can elevate the book and says:

Deacon: ***The Gospel of the Lord.***

People: *Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ.*