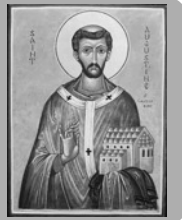


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This tradition of Jubilee is the framework for God's promise of salvation, yet in Jesus, something new begins. Jesus not only announces God's salvation, he brings this salvation about in his person. Jesus is Yahweh's Anointed One, filled with the Spirit of God. The Kingdom of God is now at hand made present in Jesus, in his life, death and resurrection. Jesus will send the Holy Spirit so that the Kingdom of God can be fulfilled. The Holy Spirit is Jesus' gift to the Church. The Holy Spirit enables the Church to continue the mission of Jesus.



When we do what Jesus did – bring glad tidings to the poor, liberty to captives, healing the sick and freedom to the oppressed – we serve the Kingdom of God.

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