

The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 19 April 2020

Easter 2



Online Service of Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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Welcome

Fr. Michael

Organ Prelude

Christ lag in Todesbanden (v.1) - H. Scheidmann (1596-1663)

Christ lay in the bonds of death, handed over for our sins.

He is risen again and has brought us life.

For this we rejoice and praise God singing: Alleluia, Alleluia.

Opening Sentence:

sung by Cantor

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

The following thanksgiving is said together

**Gracious God, we humbly thank you
for life and health and safety,
for freedom to work, leisure to rest,
and for all that is beautiful in creation and human life.
But, above all, we praise you for our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
for his death and resurrection;
for the gift of your Spirit;
and for the hope of sharing in your glory.
Fill our hearts with all joy and peace in believing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

The following prayer and the Collect of the Day are said in preparation for the reading and teaching of Scripture

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Almighty and eternal God,
the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt:
may we, who have not seen, have faith
and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The New Testament Reading

1 Peter 1.1-12

Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, who have been chosen and destined by God the Father and sanctified by the Spirit to be obedient to Jesus Christ and to be sprinkled with his blood: May grace and peace be yours in abundance.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith - being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire - may be found to result in praise and glory and honour when Jesus Christ is revealed.

Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied of the grace that was to be yours made careful search and inquiry, inquiring about the person or time that the Spirit of Christ within them indicated when it testified in advance to the sufferings destined for Christ and the subsequent glory.

It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in regard to the things that have now been announced to you through those who brought you good news by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven - things into which angels long to look!

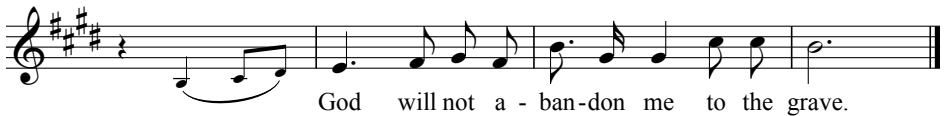
Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm 16

Music – John Tuttle

RESPONSE



℟: *God will not abandon me to the grave.*

- 1 Preserve me, O God, for in you have I taken refuge.
- 2 I have said to the Lord, You are my lord:
and all my good depends on you.

℟: *God will not abandon me to the grave.*

- 3 As for those who are held holy on the earth:
the other gods in whom people delight,
- 4 though the idols are many that they run after:
their offerings of blood I will not offer,
nor take their name upon my lips.

℟: *God will not abandon me to the grave.*

- 5 The Lord is my appointed portion and my cup:
you hold my lot in your hands.
- 6 The share that has fallen to me is in pleasant places:
and a fair land is my possession.

℟: *God will not abandon me to the grave.*

- 7 I will bless the Lord who has given me counsel:
at night also he has instructed my heart.
- 8 I have set the Lord always before me:
he is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

℟: *God will not abandon me to the grave.*

- 9 Therefore my heart is glad and my spirit rejoices:
my flesh also shall rest secure.
- 10 For you will not give me over to the power of death:
nor suffer your faithful one to see the Pit.
- 11 You will show me the path of life:
in your presence is the fulness of joy,
and from your right hand flow delights for evermore.

℟: *God will not abandon me to the grave.*

The Gospel Reading

John 20.19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Hear the word of the Lord:
thanks be to God.

Organ Acclamation *O filii et filiae (var.3) – Jean-François Dandrieu (1682-1738)*

The Sermon

Rev'd Bill Crossman

Organ Reflection

Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, BWV 709 – J.S.Bach

*Lord Jesus Christ! Turn to us, and send your Holy Spirit:
with help and grace may he rule in us and lead us on the path to truth.*

CONFESSION OF SIN

Invitation to the Confession

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Christ our Passover Lamb has been offered for us, therefore we come to celebrate the festival.

Let us now confess our sins to almighty God.

**Heavenly Father,
you have loved us with an everlasting love,
but we have broken your holy laws
and have left undone what we ought to have done.
We are sorry for our sins
and turn away from them.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
forgive us, cleanse us and change us.
By your Holy Spirit,
enable us to live for you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

God desires that none should perish,
but that all should turn to Christ, and live.
In response to his call we acknowledge our sins.
God pardons those who humbly repent,
and truly believe the gospel.
Therefore we have peace with God, through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Christ died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 6.10-11

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Intercessions

God calls us to draw close and examine the wounded hands and feet of the Risen One and to know the depth of his love for us. Let us therefore approach the throne of God in confidence as we pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

God our Father, as Jesus entered the locked room to show his disciples the beginning of a new world, so enter our hearts and move us to strengthen our faith in Jesus as the Risen One. Confirm in us the reality and significance of the resurrection, and free us from all manner of fears and phobias, particularly during our present time of unknowing. Give us courage and hope in the face of uncertainty, knowing that this could be a gateway to new resurrected life for those who trust in Christ.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Be with your church throughout the world so that its preaching and works of love may continue to testify to our Lord's resurrection and bring peace and hope to all who live in fear. We pray for all clergy and leaders in the life of our church, that they may, at this difficult and challenging time show to all the love and generosity of Christ as they bring comfort, care and worship in new and different ways to those in their charge.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Bring peace to all parts of the earth. Where nations are struggling to overcome the magnitude of the outbreak of coronavirus and those with COVID-19, whether in hospitals, in their homes or on the streets, visit and bring true healing and comfort. We pray for researchers seeking to find a vaccine. Especially we pray with thanksgiving for all medical and hospital staff who have placed their lives in great danger to bring comfort and solace to all in need.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Wherever homes are disrupted by anger and bitterness, domestic violence and isolation and wherever relationships are distorted and dulled, visit and bring peace and harmony. As we learn to live in this new way that has been asked of us for our own safety, keep us mindful of those we love, who at this time we cannot visit. We pray for all who are charged with maintaining order, that all may remain in safety.

*Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.***

Visit and comfort the sick and suffering, dear Lord. Heal and strengthen weak bodies, calm and reassure confused and fearful minds. We pray for those we know with particular needs including

Support them all with your great love and mercy, and be with those others known to us and those known only to you

Lord, in your mercy... **hear our prayer.**

We pray these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is risen from the dead, and who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, who taught us to pray:

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

The Priest says:

Before God and your brothers and sisters in the Faith, you must affirm that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living and all that is false and unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his everlasting kingdom.

Amen.

The Priest continues:

Will you by God's grace, strive to live as a disciple of Christ loving God with your whole heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your life's end?

I will, with God's help.

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe in God the Son?

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church

**This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prayer

Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,
feeding us with your word,
and encouraging us in our meeting together.

**Take us and use us to love and serve you and all people,
in the power of your Spirit
and in the name of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, Alleluia, Alleluia:

In the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!

Organ Postlude

Fugue in G, BWV 541 - J.S.BACH (1685-1750)

MUSIC LINKS:

Blessed be the God and Father – S.S.Wesley (St Paul's Cathedral, London)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dw8ArQtixXM>

This joyful Eastertide – Charles Wood (King's College, Cambridge)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5tipsbcfuB4>

O Sons & Daughters – Jean Tisserand OFM

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uz9akqofziE>

EASTER DAY 2020 - Organ Recital from Washington Cathedral

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qN4cZdjO_r4

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