



The Anglican Parish of  
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

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Easter 3



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## Online Service of Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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*Welcome*

*Fr. Michael*

*Organ Prelude*

*Christ lag in Todesbanden (v.2) - 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*

Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 2.38-39

*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.**

O God, your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

*The First Reading*

*Acts 2.14a, 36-41*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, "Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified."

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, "Brothers, what should we do?"

Peter said to them, "Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him."

And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, "Save yourselves from this corrupt generation." So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

*Hear the word of the Lord,*

**thanks be to God.**

- 1 I love the Lord, because he heard my voice:  
the voice of my supplication;
- 2 Because he inclined his ear to me:  
in the day that I called to him.
- 3 The cords of death encompassed me,  
the snares of the grave took hold on me:  
I was in anguish and sorrow.
- 4 Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
'O Lord, I beseech you, deliver me !'
- 11 How shall I repay the Lord:  
for all his benefits to me?
- 12 I will take up the cup of salvation:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 13 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people.
- 14 Grievous in the sight of the Lord:  
is the death of his faithful ones.
- 15 O Lord, I am your servant,  
your servant and the child of your handmaid:  
you have unloosed my bonds.
- 16 I will offer you a sacrifice of thanksgiving:  
and call upon the name of the Lord.
- 17 I will pay my vows to the Lord:  
in the presence of all his people,
- 18 In the courts of the house of the Lord:  
even in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

*The New Testament Reading*

1 Peter 1.13-25

Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct, for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy."

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with

perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish.

He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Though him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart.

You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. For “All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower, of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord endures forever.” That word is the good news that was announced to you.

*Hear the word of the Lord,*  
**thanks be to God.**

*Gospel Acclamation*

*sung by Cantor*

*cf. Luke 24:32*



The image shows a musical staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody consists of quarter notes and half notes, with some notes beamed together. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the staff, aligned with the notes. There are two fermatas above the first and second phrases of the melody.

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us:  
may our hearts burn with love when you speak.

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*The Gospel Reading*

Luke 24.13-35

On that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him.

But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’

Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them.

When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, ‘The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!’ Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord,*  
**praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Organ Acclamation*                      *Erscheinen ist der herrliche Tag, BWV 629 – J.S.Bach*

*The glorious day has appeared, a day of unrestrained joy,  
Christ, our Lord, triumphs today; all his enemy have been taken captive.  
Hallelujah!*

*The Sermon*                                      *Fr Michael*

*Organ Reflection*      *Ach bleib bei uns, Herr Jesu Christ, BWV 649 – J.S.Bach*

*O stay with us Lord Jesu, for it is almost evening;  
may your radiant light and holy word dwell in us always.*

*Affirmation of Faith*

**We believe in one God,  
who made and loves all that is.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ,  
God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was born, lived, died and rose again,  
and is coming to call all to account.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,  
who calls, equips and sends out God's people,  
and brings all things to their true end.**

This is our faith, the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## 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*

*Leader: Dr. Chris Andrews*

In these times when we may not understand events in the world around us, we are called to pray, in faith, to You our God. We pray secure in the certainty of a loving God, whose Son lived amongst us and shared all depths of human life and experience.

**Most loving God**, through Your dear Son, we pray for our world, thrown into a crisis of health at this time. We rely on Your presence and comfort.

We ask that You will be with all those who hold power. We ask that Your wisdom may guide them, and that our world may be led with humility to the best end for all Your people. We ask for sensitivity and compassion on the part of our leaders. May they may act with the best of human understanding and advice; and when our understanding is exhausted, may they rest on, and trust in, Your guiding presence alone.

*Ever present Lord, **Hear our prayer.***

**God of all nations**, be present with Your people in this land, from Your ancient peoples to those new to our shores. We ask for the everlasting arms of sustenance and protection You have promised.

We ask You to bless those in authority, from federal and state leaders, to those making decisions for our local community. We also ask courage and humility for the leaders of our own community. May they lead with firmness and fairness, for the continued blessing of all Your people. We pray for all those providing care at this time, who mirror Your love. Visit those conducting research, and reveal Your knowledge to them as may be best for us, and for the benefit of us all.

*Great God of our home, **hear our prayer.***

**Our Saviour Lord and God:** we thank You that we have celebrated Easter and the great message it brings. We are overcome by the sacrifice of Your Son, who brought meaning to our lives by His earthly sharing of this life.

When Your purpose is a mystery to us, redouble our desire to draw closer to You, strengthen our faith, and increase our prayers, so that our faith may overcome our lack of understanding, and that we may continue to live relying only on You.

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*Source of All Strength and Wisdom, **Hear our prayer.***

**God of All People,** receive to Yourself those who have died in this current pandemic. Grant them rest and peace in Your arms. We uphold those known to us, just as we uphold those known to others, and also those who have no one to remember them. We pray for all those who have entered Your presence into Your gracious love and peace.

*God of sustaining presence, **Hear our prayer.***

**God of all relationships,** we uphold all those who have gone before us, and are now in Your presence. We rejoice in those who have taught and sustained us and been our examples. We rest in peace knowing that their reward is with You.

*God of all history, **Hear our prayer.***

We rely on You, Great Lord, using the words Your Son taught us:

### *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.**



## 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:  
**In the name of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

### *Postlude*    *Sollt ich meinem Gott nicht singen?*, op.78/17 – S. Karg-Elert (1877-1933)

*Should I not sing to my God? Should I not be grateful?  
For in all things I see his goodness to me.  
Surely there is nothing but tender love in his faithful heart,  
which eternally lifts and carries all who serve him.  
All things have but their day, but God's love abides for ever.*

#### MUSIC LINKS:

**I love the Lord** (Ps.116) – **Jonathan Harvey** (Royal Holloway)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Krv0F3jNgM8>

**Abendlied** – **Joseph Rheinberger** (Gospel: 'Stay with us Lord Jesus')

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=501y0tnOXOc>

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