



The Anglican Parish of  
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 10 May 2020

Easter 5



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## Online Service of Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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*Welcome*                      *Fr. Michael*

*Organ Prelude*              *Christ ist erstanden (v.1), BWV 627 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

*Christ is risen, first born of the dead, therefore we all rejoice,  
Christ will to be our comfort. Lord have mercy.*

*Opening Sentence:*      *sung by Cantor*

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the Lord. 'no one comes to the Father except through me.'

John 14.6

*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.**

Everliving God, APBA p.513  
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:  
give us grace to love one another,  
to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### *The First Reading*

Acts 7.55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. “Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!”

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

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

### *Psalm 31 (1-5, 17-18)*

*sung by Cantor*

Chant – Edgar Day

- 1 To you, Lord, have I come for shelter:  
let me never be put to shame.
- 2 O deliver me in your righteousness:  
incline your ear to me and be swift to save me.
- 3 Be for me a rock of refuge, a fortress to defend me:  
for you are my high rock and my stronghold.

- 4 Lead me and guide me for your name's sake:  
bring me out of the net that they have secretly laid for me,  
for you are my strength.
- 5 Into your hands I commit my spirit:  
you will redeem me, O Lord God of truth.
- 17 All my days are in your hand:  
O deliver me from the power of my enemies  
and from my persecutors.
- 18 Make your face to shine upon your servant:  
and save me for your mercy's sake.

*The New Testament Reading*

1 Peter 2.11-25

Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul. Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honourable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.

For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish. As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil. Honour everyone. Love the family of believers. Fear God. Honour the emperor.

Slaves, accept the authority of your masters with all deference, not only those who are kind and gentle but also those who are harsh. For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.' When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*Hear the word of the Lord,*

**thanks be to God.**



I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;  
no one comes to the Father, except through me.  
**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

*The Gospel Reading*

John 14.1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.”

Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?”

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”

Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?”

The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

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

*Organ Acclamation*      *Christ ist erstanden (v.2), BWV 627 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

*Had he not arisen, the world would have perished.  
Since he is risen, we praise Jesus Christ and the Father.  
Lord have mercy.*

*The Sermon*              *Fr. Michael*

*Musical Reflection*      *Andante (from Violin Sonata I in b), BWV 1014 – J.S.Bach*

Christopher Wrench (org), Richard Clegg (vln)

*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: Dell Ponsonby*

Jesus said to Thomas "I am the way, and the truth, and the life".

During this time of uncertainty, we pray for those who are leading and guiding our nation. Give to all who bear this responsibility, wisdom to know your will. In all their deliberations we pray they will show regard for your laws and respect for human rights. As images are brought to our homes every day, help us not to forget those who suffer in silence.

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

Whilst COVID-19 stops us from gathering in one place, we give you thanks for the resources of technology which enable us all to participate in worship from a distance. As we face the challenges of social distancing, we thank you for all leaders of churches and all who minister in your name. Help them to be creative as they imagine how to minister your word to us all.

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

Father we give you thanks and praise that you are the centre and source of our being: the provider of all we have.

We pray for this community and confess our own failings and lack of love and compassion. Fill our hearts with love, gratitude and generosity, especially at this time of isolation when so many are in need.

Help us to see only the good in each other and forgive all grievances. May we live, work and pray as one body in Christ.

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

Father we bring to you the needs of those whose lives are shadowed by suffering, praying especially for those whose sickness has no cure; those whose sadness finds no comfort and those whose loneliness can never be filled. Give strength to those in pain and give hope and patience to those who are recovering. Comfort those who are distraught and mourn their loved ones who have died during the pandemic. Be close to those who are concerned for their loved ones who are sick, and who cannot visit them.

Protect all the doctors, nurses, health workers and volunteers who are on the front line of this pandemic and who are risking their lives to save others. Support them and grant them strength and health.

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

We give you thanks for your faithful servants of every age, and we remember those who have died recently. We pray for their families and we remember those known personally to us whom we have loved and see no more.

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

Father God your love has given us free will, teach us to choose your will as ours, as we pray together the words your Son has 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*

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Go forth into the world in peace;  
be of good courage;  
hold fast that which is good;  
render to no one evil for evil;  
strengthen the fainthearted;  
support the weak;  
help the afflicted;  
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,  
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;  
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*      *Christ ist erstanden (v.3), BWV 627 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

*We all now rejoice, for Christ will be our comfort. Lord have mercy.*

Cantor & Violin: Richard Clegg

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Gospel Reading

**Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life – Vaughan Williams**

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**Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life – Harold Friedell**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6dLm7RdkMFs>

HYMN:

**Christ is made the sure foundation**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cR9NHXnbxIU>