



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 17 May 2020

Easter 6



Online Service of Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

<https://youtu.be/E7bamXtWiJ8>

Welcome *Fr. Michael*

Organ Prelude *Lobe den Herren – G.J.Walther (1684-1748)*

*Praise to the Lord, the mighty King of Creation!
My soul's health and salvation!
Gather around, awaken your psalters and harps,
let the songs of praise be heard.*

Opening Sentence: *sung by Cantor*

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus promises,' and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.'

John 14.23

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, you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond our understanding:
pour into our hearts such love for you,
that, loving you above all else,
we may obtain your promises that exceed all we can desire;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The First Reading

Reader: Rev'd Bill Crossman

Acts 17.22-32

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "Men of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD.

Now what you worship as something unknown I am going to proclaim to you. "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

From one man he made every nation of men, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he determined the times set for them and the exact places where they should live. God did this so that men would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.' "Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone - an image made by man's design and skill. When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, 'We will hear you again about this.'

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

RESPONSE



Be joy-ful in the Lord, all you lands.

℟: *Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands.*

7 O bless our God, you peoples:
and cause his praises to resound,

8 Who has held our souls in life:
who has not suffered our feet to slip.

9 For you have proved us, O God:
you have tried us as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the net:
you laid sharp torment on our loins.

11 You let our enemies ride over our heads,
we went through fire and water:
but you brought us out into a place of liberty. **℞esp**

12 I will come into your house with burnt-offerings:
and I will pay you my vows,

13 The vows that opened my lips:
that my mouth uttered when I was in trouble.

14 I will offer you burnt-offerings of fattened beasts,
with the sweet smoke of rams:
I will sacrifice a bull and the flesh of goats. **℞esp**

15 Come then and hear, all you that fear God:
and I will tell what he has done for me.

16 I called to him with my mouth:
and his praise was on my tongue.

17 If I had cherished wickedness in my heart:
the Lord would not have heard me.

18 But God has heard me:
he has heeded the voice of my prayer.

19 Praise be to God:
who has not turned back my prayer,
or his steadfast love from me. **℞esp**

Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it.

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.” Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. “Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened.”

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behaviour in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

It is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive by the Spirit, through whom also he went and preached to the spirits in prison who disobeyed long ago when God waited patiently in the days of Noah while the ark was being built.

In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also - not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a good conscience toward God.

It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand - with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

Hear the word of the Lord,

thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

sung by Cantor

Jn. 14:23

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

If you love me keep my word,
and my Father will love you, and we will come to you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Gospel Reading

Reader: Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman

John 14.15-21

“If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

“I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live.

On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you.

They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Organ Acclamation Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend, BWV 632 – J.S.Bach

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

The Sermon

Rev'd Bill Crossman

Organ Reflection

Es ist das Heil uns kommen her, op.65/3 – Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Salvation has come to us full of grace and kindness
Works help no more, they shall not protect us.
Faith looks to Jesus Christ, who has done enough for all of us.
He has become the mediator.*

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

APBA p.154

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: Kym Reid

Lord God, you have promised to be with us for ever; teach us to rejoice in your presence, free us from all anxiety, help us to know you are always with us, that we may work with you and to your glory. Hear the prayers we offer.

Spirit of justice and truth, grant to all who serve in public life, wisdom and skill, imagination and energy. We pray at this time for State and Territory leaders, especially our own Premier. Give them wisdom and courage as they work to ensure the safety of the communities for which they have responsibility; balancing health, economic and social concerns with Federal government positions addressing the whole nation. Help us to keep your commandments to love you and love one another, committing ourselves to the common good, that our land may be a secure home for all its peoples.

For your love and goodness, we give you thanks, O God.

We give thanks for the good news of salvation for all people and pray for your church and its work in the world. We pray for Christians who are struggling in lonely or difficult places, for all who feel forsaken, for all longing to know your love, for all who seek to do your will and fulfil your commandments to love you and love one another.

For your love and goodness, we give you thanks, O God.

Lord, in you we live and move and have our being, for we are your children and you are not far from any one of us. We thank you for the fellowship of the communities in which we live, worship and work. We thank you for the gifts that have enabled technologies with which we can be close to one another while physically distant. May your peace fill our communities, our relationships and spread throughout our world. Help us to keep your commandments to love you and love one another.

For your love and goodness, we give you thanks, O God.

We give thanks that you are the God who brings mercy and wholeness. We pray for all who have no knowledge of you, for all whose lives are empty of your love. We bring before you all who live in darkness, in sickness, in sorrow, in need and pray that they may know your strength. Send people to care for them and give strength for all. Help us to understand when we are being sent; help us to keep your commandments to love you and love one another.

For your love and goodness, we give you thanks, O God.

Lord God, as you have gone before us and prepared a place for us, lead us until we come fully into your kingdom and you reveal yourself to us. We thank you for loved ones and friends who have gone before us, now abiding in you.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord 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.**

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!

Organ Postlude

Lobe den Herren, op. 67/24 – Max Reger (1873-1916)

Praise to the Lord, the mighty King of Creation!

My soul's health and salvation!

Gather around, awaken your psalters and harps,

let the songs of praise be heard.

MUSIC LINKS:

Gospel:

If ye love me - Thomas Tallis

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

HYMN:

O thou who camest from above

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T1NLdF1L6-8>

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