



The Anglican Parish of  
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> June 2020

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Proper 7



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Online Service of  
**Praise, Prayer & Proclamation**

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*Welcome*

*Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman*

*Organ Prelude* *O Jesu Christ, meines Lebenslicht, op.55 – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)*

*(Variations 1 & 3 on the hymn tune for 'Take up your cross')*

*Opening Sentence:*

*sung by Cantor*

Those who find their life will lose it,  
and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

Matthew 10:39

*The Greeting*

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another in all wisdom and as you sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs with gratitude in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Colossians 3.16-17

*The following thanksgiving is said*

Blessed are you, Sovereign God, creator of all,  
to you be glory and praise for ever.  
You founded the earth in the beginning  
and the heavens are the work of your hands.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
and in these last days you have spoken to us  
in your Son Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.  
As we rejoice in the gift of your presence among us  
let the light of your love always shine in our hearts,  
your Spirit ever renew our lives  
and your praises ever be on our lips.

**Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## 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.**

Gracious God,  
we who were baptised into Christ Jesus were baptised into his death:  
we pray that, as you raised him from death,  
so by the power of the Holy Spirit we may live the new life to your glory,  
knowing ourselves to be dead in sin but alive for you in Jesus Christ;  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading*

*Reader: Jessie Klug*

Jeremiah 20.7-13

O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, "Violence and destruction!" For the word of the Lord has become for me a reproach and derision all day long.

If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. For I hear many whispering: "Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. "Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him."

But the Lord is with me like a dread warrior; therefore my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. O Lord of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the Lord; praise the Lord! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

*Hear the word of the Lord:*

**thanks be to God.**

- 7 For your sake have I suffered reproach:  
and shame has covered my face.
- 8 I have become a stranger to my family:  
an alien to my own mother's children.
- 9 Zeal for your house has eaten me up:  
and the taunts of those who taunt you have fallen on me.
- 10 I afflicted myself with fasting:  
and that was turned to my reproach.
- 16 Let not the flood overwhelm me or the depths swallow me up:  
let not the Pit shut its mouth upon me.
- 17 Hear me, O Lord, as your loving-kindness is good:  
turn to me, as your compassion is great.
- 18 Do not hide your face from your servant:  
or I am in trouble - O be swift to answer me!
- 19 Draw near to me and redeem me:  
O ransom me because of my enemies!

*New Testament Reading*

*Reader: Rev'd Bill Crossman*

Matthew 10.24-39

“A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master.

If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! “So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known.

What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

“Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

“Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.

Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

*Hear the word of the Lord:*

**thanks be to God.**

### *Organ Acclamation*

*O Jesu Christ, meines Lebenslicht (var.2), op.55 – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)*

*(based on the hymn tune for 'Take up your cross')*

### *The Sermon*

*Rev'd Bill Crossman*

### *Organ Reflection* *O Gott, du frommer Gott, op.65/50 – Sigfrid Karg-Elert (1877-1933)*

*Oh God, you faithful God, fount of all gifts,  
without whom nothing exists that is, source of all we have:  
give me a healthy body and grant that in such a body  
there may abide an unbroken soul, and a pure conscience.*

### *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*

Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love.

Joel 2.13

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, confident in God's forgiveness

**Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### *The minister declares God's forgiveness*

God who has called us is faithful,  
and will not remember our sins.

Your sins are forgiven,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Live by the Spirit's transforming power,  
and forgive as you have been forgiven. **Amen.**

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

### *The Intercessions*

*Leader: Eleanor Reid*

Almighty God, your son Jesus Christ has promised that you will hear us when we ask in faith: receive the prayers we offer.

Loving and merciful God, you care for your people and all your children are precious in your sight; we pray for peace and shared prosperity. We pray for those around the world who, like the disciples, are persecuted for their faith. We pray for the people who have been forgotten and are struggling in the current crisis: for refugees, prisoners, and those in countries with health care systems that cannot handle the crisis. We pray especially for your people in Yemen, as they struggle through civil unrest, famine, an epidemic of cholera, and coronavirus.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Loving and merciful God, we give thanks for this land and the diversity of its peoples. As we remember those who have lost their lives due to systemic racism in our nation, we pray for peace for their families, and forgiveness for allowing this behaviour to continue. We pray that our nation may be enriched by the wisdom of its Indigenous peoples. Lord, give wisdom to those who have authority and responsibility, that they may act with compassion and good judgment.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Loving and merciful God, you offer your people redemption and fullness of life; we pray for your church, for all baptised into Christ. We pray for the churches of Australia, for leaders, teachers and theologians; for the clergy and people of this parish. We pray for the church-led programs and organisations providing essential care and support during the covid crisis. We pray for charity and unity among all Christians, that together we may proclaim your gospel of love, free of fear of persecution or judgment.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Loving and merciful God, you are good and forgiving, and you abound in steadfast love for your people: we pray for our community. We pray for our families, our neighbours and our friends, for all whom we meet in our daily lives, for the hungry, the homeless, and all without work as they navigate a changing world. As we return to our normal ways of life, we pray for a community that values and cares for all its members, that all may live in dignity and hope.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Loving and merciful God, you are filled with compassion and when we lament, you hear our cries: we pray for those in need. We pray for all who are lonely or sad, for those in grief or despair; for the sick and the dying and for all who care for them. We uphold Del, Rosemary, Elizabeth and their families to you at this time of sadness. We pray for courage in our own troubles, and compassion and generosity, that we may respond to the needs of others.

*God of grace, **hear our prayer.***

Loving and merciful God, you deliver your people from death and promise us the joys of everlasting life; we give thanks for the witness of all who have died in your love. We give thanks today for the life of Brian Foster; for the many lives that he touched as he lived out his faith in you. Help us to love you above all else, that, united with Brian and all your saints, we may be raised to a joyful resurrection and live with you forever.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

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.**

HE 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*

May the God of peace equip you with everything good for doing his will,  
working in you what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for  
ever and ever; 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*

Dear sisters and brothers, let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord:  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*Postlude*

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 642 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

*Those who always trust and hope in God  
will be wonderfully sustained through every cross and sadness.  
Whoever trusts in almighty God has not built on sand.*

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymns:

**Praise to the holiest in the height**

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAAz\\_iWp6vE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TAAz_iWp6vE)

**O Jesus, I have promised**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ua4lnTffDmO>

Anthems:

**Prevent us, O Lord**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30clXtzRyAw>

**I waited for the Lord – Felix Mendelssohn**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=taoRYOKFN7Y>

**Other excellent weekly resources:**

**ABC Classic FM - For the God who sings with Stephen Watkins**

Sundays 10pm-midnight or on demand:

<https://www.abc.net.au/classic/programs/for-the-god-who-sings/>

**VIRTUAL EVENSONG from Trinity College Cambridge**

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCn7d1iCH8cbdKfgFqueckig>

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