



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 28th June 2020

Peter & Paul

(29 June)



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

<https://youtu.be/70cjYH5qie0>

Welcome Fr. Michael

Organ Prelude Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)

A mighty stronghold is our God, a strong shield and defence.

Opening Sentence: sung by Cantor

Peter says to Jesus, 'Lord, you know everything, you know that I love you.'

John 21.17

The Greeting

Great and marvellous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty. Just and true are your ways, King of the ages. Who will not hear you, O Lord, and bring glory to your name? For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you, or your righteous acts have been revealed.

Revelation 15.3–4

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.**

Almighty God, whose apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their deaths as in their lives; grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now for ever and ever. **Amen.**

First Reading

Reader: Karen Sundar

Acts 12.1-11

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him. The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

- 1 He has founded it upon a holy hill:
and the Lord loves the gates of Zion
more than all the dwellings of Jacob.
- 2 Glorious things shall be spoken of you:
O Zion, city of our God.
- 3 I might speak of my kindred in Egypt or in Babylon:
in Philistia, Tyre or Nubia, where each was born.
- 4 But of Zion it shall be said:
many were born in her,
he that is Most High has established her.
- 5 When the Lord draws up the record of the nations:
he shall take note where everyone was born.
- 6 And the singers and the dancers together:
shall make their song to your name.

*Second Reading**Reader: Rhonda Faragher*

2 Timothy 4.6-18

As for me, I am already being poured out as a libation, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. From now on there is reserved for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that day, and not only to me but also to all who have longed for his appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas, in love with this present world, has deserted me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for he is useful in my ministry. I have sent Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also the books, and above all the parchments. Alexander the coppersmith did me great harm; the Lord will pay him back for his deeds. You also must beware of him, for he strongly opposed our message. At my first defence no one came to my support, but all deserted me. May it not be counted against them!

But the Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the message might be fully proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil attack and save me for his heavenly kingdom. To him be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

Gospel Acclamation

sung by Cantor

Jn. 21.17



Lord, you know all things: you know that I love you.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

The Holy Gospel

Reader: Tom Van Den Bos

John 21.15-22

When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my lambs.’ A second time he said to him, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’ He said to him, ‘Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Tend my sheep.’ He said to him the third time, ‘Simon son of John, do you love me?’

Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, ‘Do you love me?’ And he said to him, ‘Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.’

Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep. Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.’

(He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, ‘Follow me.’

Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, ‘Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?’ When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, ‘Lord, what about him?’ Jesus said to him, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!’

This is the Gospel of the Lord,

praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Organ Acclamation

Allein Gott in der Höh’ sei Her – Max Gulbins (1862-1932)

All glory be to God on high

The Sermon

Fr. Michael

Organ Reflection Vorspiel zu 'Meinen Jesum laß ich nicht' – J.C. Kittel (1732-1809)

*I will not leave my Jesus, he gave himself for me.
My duty is to serve him, he is the light of my life.*

The Apostles' Creed

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

**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 again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**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.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Invitation to the Confession

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

Hebrews 12.1 2.13

Let us then run our race, laying aside every weight and bring our sins to the Lord in penitence and faith.

**Holy God, we have disobeyed your commandments,
we have resisted your call,
we have failed to live by your generous love.
We are sorry for all our sins,
and ask you to forgive us,
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: Chris Andrews

Gracious Lord, we have celebrated your resurrection, your ascension, and the coming of your powerful Spirit to be a companion to and leader of the churches, each as may be best for each. We pray with confidence to you, 'God with us', who shares our lives in both joy and pain.

Hear the prayers we ask, in these our times of need.

We pray for the nations of the world. More than ever we ask for peace and concord between nations. We ask for nation to cooperate with nation, that care and concern for all peoples may dominate our actions. Make us aware, gracious Lord, how each of us affects the other, and that conflicts diminish the reflection of Your love for all. May we be the agents that express your love, without favour, or intrusion of self, for all people.

We uphold the leaders of nations to your presence. May they, without fear or partiality, lead us to express that love for all. May we shun any thought of personal gain and shun the insularity which is the beginning of selfishness - the antithesis of your vision for a united humankind.

In our community we contact so many people – people who are our neighbours. You showed us that loving our neighbour is without thought to cost, stigma, criticism, or fear. Grant us, companion Lord, courage in the practice of this vision, so that we may care always, without counting the cost. And grant to our community leaders the vision, and means, to enable us to live in a community dedicated to this, your ideal.

We pray for our church as we seek to be your eyes and ears and hands dedicated to your will. May we study and discern your will. Grant us courage to express your will, and grant us energy to practice your will. Grant us the sense of those priorities which, first above all others, allow us to practice those things which advance your kingdom.

Bless our bishops, priests, and deacons, who assist us in our discovery, and who lead us and enable us in courage. Grant them a prayerful, holy, and sincere, relationship with your, for our truest empowerment.

We pause to remember all those we know who are in need - physically, mentally, socially or spiritually. Grant them the everlasting arms, and the knowledge of

your presence in compassion and peace. Grant us the quiet certainty to stand by our neighbours in distress, and the courage and certainty to be your compassion and comfort.

There are those who remain alone and unknown to us or any person in their need. Unknown and with hands lifted, we pause in prayer to ask your presence with them – those known only to you. Make us ever ready to be called to the unknown; prepare us to listen; prepare us to discern your leading; prepare us to act with courage at your behest.

For all those in distress, grant, dear Lord, your peace and tranquillity.

For all those who have been our examples and who have shown us the way to you, we give you humble and grateful thanks, good Lord. For those who have loved us and who we have loved, we give you humble and grateful thanks, good Lord.

For those who have passed to eternal rest, receive them, good Lord, to your presence. May they rise in glory.

We pray all these things in your name, Living Lord, forever praising you, thankful for your sharing our life upon earth.

We humbly sum up our prayers in the words that you 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

God give you grace to follow Peter and Paul and all the Saints in faith and hope and love, 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

Fugue in C, BWV 545 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymns:

Glorious things of thee are spoken

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

Will you come and follow me

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pnXOEUS7BBM>

The church's one foundation

<https://youtu.be/2ECY2lleRg8>

Anthems:

Te Deum (Collegium Regale) - Herbert Howells

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8S8T-SmH4cY> extra treat:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=THYA_dxqaE0

Tu es Petrus – James MacMillan

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rLVnhfYHyJ0>

VIRTUAL EVENSONG from Trinity College Cambridge

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

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

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

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