



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 5th July 2020

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 9



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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Welcome Fr. Michael

Organ Prelude Fuga super 'Kommt her zu mir' - J.M.Bach (1648-94)

"Come to me", says God's Son, "all you who are burdened and heavily laden"

Opening Sentence: sung by Cantor

'Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,' says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Matthew 11: 28-29

The Greeting

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.
Declare God's glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

Psalm 96: 2-3

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, your Son Jesus Christ has taught us that what we do for the least
of his brothers and sisters we do also for him:
give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, who gave up his life
and died for us; yet lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Reader: Kym Reid

Zechariah 9.9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on
a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall
command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the
River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your
prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of
hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Psalms 145: 8-14

sung by Cantor

Chant – E.J.Hopkins

- 8 The Lord is gracious and compassionate:
slow to anger and of great goodness.
- 9 The Lord is loving to every one of us:
and his mercy is over all his works.
- 10 All creation praises you, O Lord:
and your faithful servants bless your name.

- 11 They speak of the glory of your kingdom:
and tell of your great might,
- 12 That the whole earth may know your mighty acts:
and the glorious splendour of your kingdom.
- 13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom:
and your dominion endures through all generations.
- 14 The Lord upholds all those who stumble:
and raises up those that are bowed down.

New Testament Reading

Reader: Tom Van Den Boss

Matthew 11.15-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Organ Acclamation

Prelude in Eb, op.55/57 – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)

The Sermon

Fr. Michael

Musical Reflection *He shall feed his flock (from 'Messiah') – G.F.Handel*

*He shall feed his flock like a shepherd:
and He shall gather the lambs with his arm, and carry them in his bosom,
and gently lead those that are with young.*

*Come unto Him all ye that labour,
Come unto Him, ye that are heavy laden, and He will give you rest.
Take his yoke upon you and learn of Him,
for He is meek and lowly of heart:
and ye shall find rest for your souls.*

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: KymReid

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

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

Von Gott will ich nicht lassen, BuxWV 221 – Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)

*I will not abandon God, for God does not abandon me,
God leads me along right pathways, that I may not stray.
He offers me his hand. He takes good care of me
by day and by night, where ever I may be.*

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymns:

Praise to the Lord, the almighty

<https://youtu.be/lXhxbEjfxcc>

Anthem:

My eyes for beauty pine - Elizabeth & Thomas Coxhead

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oD08_HrrzrQ

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