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CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

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Online Service of  
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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*Welcome*

*Fr. Michael*

*Organ Prelude*

*Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier, BWV 731 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

*Dearest Jesus, we are here to listen to your word,  
direct our minds and desires to the teachings of heaven,  
may our earthly hearts be wholly drawn to you.*

*Opening Sentence:*

*sung by Cantor*

The words you have spoken are spirit and life, O Lord; you have the words of eternal life.

John 6.63, 68

*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 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.**

Bountiful God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word: by your  
holy spirit, help us to receive it with joy, and to live according to it, that we may  
grow in faith and hope and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and  
reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Heavenly Father, we commend to you all seafarers.  
Guard and protect them in danger and temptation;  
sustain them in loneliness;  
and support them in sickness and anxiety.

Bless all who minister to them.

Watch over those who are near and dear to them,  
and grant them the blessing of your presence.

These things we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading*

*Reader: Rev. Bill Crossman*

Isaiah 55.10-13

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until  
they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the  
sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it  
shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and  
succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills  
before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.

Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the  
myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall  
not be cut off.

*Hear the word of the Lord:*

**thanks be to God.**

- 8 You tend the earth and water it:  
you make it rich and fertile.
- 9 The river of God is full of water:  
and so providing for the earth, you provide grain for us all.
- 10 You drench its furrows, you level the ridges between:  
you soften it with showers and bless its early growth.
- 11 You crown the year with your goodness:  
and the tracks where you have passed drip with fatness.
- 12 The pastures of the wilderness run over:  
and the hills are girded with joy.
- 13 The meadows are clothed with sheep:  
and the valleys stand so thick with corn, they shout for joy and sing.

*New Testament Reading*

*Reader: Fr. Michael*

Mat. 13.1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path.

As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away.

As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing.

But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

*Organ Acclamation*      *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier– C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)*

*The Sermon*                      *Rev'd. Bill Crossman*

*Musical Reflection*      *Your word is a lamp – Ian McKinley (1929-2020)*

*Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light on my path.  
I have sworn an oath and solemn vow to keep your just decrees.  
I am cruelly afflicted; O Lord, revive me and make good your word.  
Accept O Lord, the willing offerings of my lips, and teach me your decrees.  
Every day I take my life in your hands, yet I do never forget your law.  
Evil men have set traps for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.  
Your instruction is my everlasting inheritance; it is the joy of my heart.  
I am resolved to fulfil your statutes, they are a reward that never fails.*

Psalm 119: 105-112 (NEB)

*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 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: Fr Michael*

Almighty God, Creator; all things, from the greatest to the smallest owe their origin to you. As we look at the sea in all its moods, and think of the life that it contains, we are reminded of how wonderful you are. We consider the mighty waves, and we remember your power; we think of the countless creatures who make their homes in or on or beneath the waves, and we wonder at your generosity; we think of rock pools, filled with life, and we marvel at your attention to detail. We think of the ocean depths, and we realise that there is no end to your knowledge and understanding. Yet even the sea, in all its variety and richness only gives us a glimpse of how marvellous you are in every possible way. Gracious God, for all that you are, and for all that you will be, we praise your Holy Name.

*Lord God, creator of all that is, **Hear our prayer.***

Gracious God, today, on Sea Sunday, we offer our prayers for those whose lives are affected by the sea. We pray for people whose work takes them to sea; for those in the different branches of naval forces; for those who transport goods by ship; for marine scientists who study the oceans; for those who catch fish for

their living. Be with them as they work, and keep them safe when the weather is bad and seas are rough.

*Lord God, creator of all that is, **Hear our prayer.***

We pray for those who give help when people get into difficulties at sea. For the lifesavers, and for air-sea rescue; for coast guards. We thank you for their courage, and ask that you will guard and guide them as they work for others in need.

*Lord God, creator of all that is, **Hear our prayer.***

Lord, the sea is a place full of beauty, but it has also been damaged by our greed and by our selfishness. People are not always careful about how they treat the sea; poisons are allowed to seep into it; rubbish endangers the plants and creatures that live in it. Be with those whose special work it is to make the sea clean, and show us how we can share and conserve this wonderful resource.

Lord God, creator of all that is, Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who go on holiday to the beach, especially those from our own congregation. Keep them safe on the beaches and in the sea; may they come back refreshed, and ready for new work and activity.

*Lord God, creator of all that is, **Hear our prayer.***

We pray now for ourselves. As we think of the sea, we ask that you will help us to value this wonderful resource, and to play our part in caring for it, so that those who come after us may also have their lives enriched by all that it can offer.

We offer these our prayers in the name of Jesus who called fishermen to be his friends, and who preached from a boat on the Sea of Galilee, and 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*

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*

*Fugue in g, BuxWV 149 – Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

#### MUSIC LINKS:

Hymns:

**Praise to the Lord, the almighty**

<https://youtu.be/lXhxbEjfxcc>

**Eternal Father, strong to save**

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

Anthems:

**Thou visitest the earth – Maurice Green**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-uSMbcGB6t0&feature=youtu.be>

**Thy word is a lantern unto my feet**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ey9MhPbK7Gg>

**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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