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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 730 - 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*

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

Romans 8.38-9

*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.**

O God, the fount of wisdom,  
you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price:  
grant us your spirit's gift of discernment,  
that, in the midst of the things of this world,  
we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom,  
and may be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer.  
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Old Testament Reading*

*Reader: Jessie Klug*

1 Kings 3:5-12

At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, "Ask what I should give you." And Solomon said, "You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart toward you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today.

And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted.

Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?"

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, "Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

*Hear the word of the Lord:*

**thanks be to God.**

- 129 Wonderful are your commands:  
and therefore my soul keeps them.
- 130 The unfolding of your word gives light:  
it gives understanding to the simple.
- 131 I open my mouth and draw in my breath:  
for I yearn for your commandments.
- 132 O turn to me and be merciful to me:  
as is your way with those who love your name.
- 133 Order my steps according to your word:  
that no evil may get mastery over me.
- 134 Deliver me from my oppressors:  
that I may keep your precepts.
- 135 Make your face shine upon your servant:  
and teach me your statutes.
- 136 My eyes gush out with streams of water:  
because they pay no heed to your law.

*New Testament Reading*

*Reader: Fr. Michael*

Matthew 13.24-30, 36-40

"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

When Jesus had finished these parables, he left that place. He came to his hometown and began to teach the people in their synagogue, so that they were astounded and said, "Where did this man get his wisdom and these deeds of power?

Is not this the carpenter's son? Is not his mother called Mary? And are not all his sisters with us? Where then did this man get all this?" And they took offence at him.

But Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honour except in their own country and in their own house." And he did not do many deeds of power there, because of their unbelief.

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

*Organ Acclamation*      *Vater unser in Himmelreich, BWV 636 – J.S.Bach*

*Our Father in heaven - help us to pray not only with our lips, but from our heart.  
Holy is your name – may your word sustain us protect us.*

*The Sermon*                      *Fr. Michael*

*Musical Reflection*      *Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten, BWV 647 – J.S.Bach*

*Those who follow and hope always in God  
will be wonderfully sustained through every trial and sadness.  
Who trusts in God has not built on sand.*

*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.**

Jesus is able for all time to save those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.

Hebrews 7.25

## THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

*The Intercessions*

*Leader: Helen Clarke*

God you have taught us to pray to you in times of sorrow and in times of joy, hear our prayers for your world and for your Church.

Almighty and merciful God lover of the human race, healer of all our wounds. In whom there is no shadow of death save us in this time of crisis. Grant wisdom and courage to the leaders of all nations, for all who govern or administer law, for all whose decisions shape the fate of others and the well-being of this planet.

Watch over all medical workers as they tend the sick and work for a cure. Grant us O God, your wisdom and grace, as we turn to you and rejoice that we are not alone in times like these. You are our Anchor and Strength.

*Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We pray for your church, for all who preach the gospel and minister in your name, for respect for ancient truths and openness to new insight.

When we feel no need for you, when our lives are devoid of meaning, help us to find our salvation in you, that the longings of our hearts may be satisfied.

*Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

God of generosity and love, hear our prayers for the community in which we live; for our families, for our friends, for our neighbours and for ourselves: for the destitute, the homeless and those with no one to love them; for the elderly, the infirm, the disabled and the disfigured; the mentally ill and all who are made outcasts in society. Help us to build a community that is welcoming and caring.

*Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

God of tenderness and compassion, hear our prayers for all in need or distress: for the bruised and the bleeding, the sick and the dying, for the confused, the despairing and all who want to end their lives; for the lonely and all who grieve the loss of loved ones; for all who find it hard to expose their own need. Help us to bring consolation to the sad and relief to those in pain.

*Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

We give thanks to all who have found their peace in you. Help us to grow in understanding, that we may distinguish fleeting pleasures from those things of everlasting worth and, with your saints of every age, give all we have to find in you our eternal treasure.

*Christ Jesus, intercede for us, and, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.***

Accept our prayers for the sake of your Son 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*      *In dich hab' ich gehoffet, Herr, BWV 712 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

*In you have I put my hope, Lord;  
sustain me in your faithfulness, my God.*

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#### MUSIC LINKS:

Hymn:

**O Thou Who Camest From Above**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=R3UYybc7Xa0>

Anthem:

**Jesu, the very thought of Thee – Paul Halley**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=K24eUpAbTto>

**Other 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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