



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 9th August 2020

10th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 14



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

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Welcome

Fr. Michael

Organ Prelude

Hymn Prelude on Repton – Wesley Jordan (b.1945)

Dear Father, Lord of humankind (TIS 598)

Opening Sentence:

sung by Cantor

They cried out in fear, but Jesus spoke to them and said, 'Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.'

Matthew 14.26-27

The Greeting

Gracious and loving God, who has filled the world with beauty:
open our eyes to behold your gracious hand in all your works;
that rejoicing in your whole creation we may learn to serve you with gladness;
for the sake of him through all things were made, your son Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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.**

Mighty God and ruler of creation, give new strength to our faith,
that we may recognise your lost presence even when all hope seems lost.
Help us to face our trials with serenity
as we walk with Christ through the stormy seas of life
and come at last to your eternal peace...
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: Eleanor Reid

1 Kings 19.9-18

At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat

of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.

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

Psalm 85:8-13

sung by Cantor

Chant – George Cooper

- 8 I will hear what the Lord God will speak:
for he will speak peace to his people,
to his faithful ones, whose hearts are turned to him.
- 9 Truly his salvation is near to those that fear him:
and his glory shall dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth are met together:
righteousness and peace have kissed each other;
- 11 Truth shall flourish out of the earth:
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The Lord will also give us all that is good:
and our land shall yield its plenty.
- 13 For righteousness shall go before him:
and tread the path before his feet.

New Testament Reading

Reader: Fr. Michael

Matthew 14.22-36

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray.

When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them.

And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?"

When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word throughout the region and brought all who were sick to him, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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

Organ Acclamation *In dich hab' ich gehoffet, BWV 640 - J.S.Bach (1685-1750)*

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

The Sermon *Fr. Michael*

Musical Reflection The Call – R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958)

*Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life: Such a Way, as gives us breath:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife: Such a Life, as killeth death.*

*Come, my Light, my Feast, my Strength: Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Feast, as mends in length: Such a Strength, as makes his guest.*

*Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart: Such a Joy as none can move:
Such a Love, as none can part: Such a Heart, as joys in love.*

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

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.

**God the Father, maker of heaven and earth,
have mercy on us.**

**God the Son, redeemer of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**God the Holy Spirit, giver of light and life,
have mercy on us.**

**For accepting life yet living it without you,
for living without concern for others,
for tolerating oppression, injustice and wrong,
for disobeying your will and commandments,
for refusing to love and forgive others,
for turning the world to our own purposes and desires,
forgive us, Lord.**

**That in all things we may hold to your will and purpose,
Lord, hear us. Amen.**

The minister declares God's forgiveness

O God, you have searched us out and known us,
and all that we are is open to you.

We confess that we have sinned:
we have used our power to dominate
and our weakness to manipulate;
we have evaded responsibility
and failed to confront evil;
we have denied dignity
to ourselves and to each other,
and fallen into despair.

We turn to you, O God;
we renounce evil;
we claim your love;
we choose to be made whole.

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Intercessions

Leader: Eleanor Reid

Let us pray to the Lord, who rules all things in heaven and on earth.

Merciful God, we bring you our prayers for your world and its people: for those caught in war and conflict; for those still striving for civil rights and equality; and for all health, aid, and relief workers. As you came long ago to your disciples in the storm, come today to your people, that we may take heart from your presence.

*Merciful God, **hear our prayer.***

We bring to you our prayers for your church: in places where it faces persecution, in places where it is marginalised and ignored, and in places where it cannot gather to praise you. We pray for the Anglican church in Rwanda, the Diocese of Canberra-Golburn, the Parish of Rochedale, Brookfield Centre for Christian Spirituality, St Aidan's Anglican Girls' School, and all who minister in your name. As you came long ago to your disciples in the storm, come today to your people, that our faith may be rekindled by your presence.

*Merciful God, **hear our prayer.***

We bring to you our prayers for our community: for the homeless, the elderly, those who cannot care for themselves, our families and friends, and all with whom we share our daily lives. As you came long ago in a gentle whisper to Elijah, come today to your people, that we may draw strength from your presence.

*Merciful God, **hear our prayer.***

We bring to you our prayers for all who are in need: for all without family and friends; for all who mourn the loss of those they love; for all who are afraid, confused or without hope; for the sick and all who care for them. We pray especially for Anni and Ferdinand, Caitlin, Julia, Darrel, Marianne, Jane, Jarman, Gwenda, David, and Derek. As you came long ago in a gentle whisper to Elijah, come today to your people, that our terrors may be calmed by your presence.

*Merciful God, **hear our prayer.***

We bring to your our prayers for all who have died in the faith: for those of this parish who have gone before us to your heavenly presence. As you came long ago to your prophets and disciples in their times of trouble, come to us when we are tossed about in the tempests and troubles of life, that, with your faithful people of every age, we may come to find in your presence a place of everlasting peace and joy.

*Merciful God, **hear our prayer.***

We ask these things in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, 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

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
give honour to all; love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
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, go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude

Andante con moto (Sonata V in d), op.65/5
- Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

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MUSIC LINKS:

Hymn:

Dear Lord and Father of mankind

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Anthem:

Lift thine eyes & He watching over Israel – Felix Mendelssohn

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=oe8ejYHS9pk>

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