



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 23rd August 2020

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 16



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

<https://youtu.be/GDDvU5sDUqE>

Welcome *Rev'd Canon Libbie Crossman*

Organ Prelude *Wär Gott nicht mit uns, BuxWV 222 - Dietrich Buxtehude (1637-1707)*

*If God had not been on our side at this time, now may Israel say,
we would have had to lose heart. (Ps. 124)*

Opening Sentence: *sung by Cantor*

Jesus said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

Matthew 16.15-16

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, for your righteous acts have been revealed.

Revelation 15.3–4

The following thanksgiving is said together

**Heavenly Father,
we come to worship you,
albeit in this unconventional and separated way.
May our worship be sincere and genuine.
May we worship not only because we feel we should,
but because we feel we want to.
Please take from everyone participating in this recorded service anything
which would come between us and you.
And when we leave, may we take our worship with us so that the whole of
our lives may become acts of worship as we praise you in all we say and do
and are; through Jesus Christ, the life of the world. 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, fount of all wisdom,
in the humble witness of the apostle Peter
you have shown the foundation of our faith:
give us the light of your Spirit,
that, recognising in Jesus of Nazareth the Son of the living God,
we may be living stones for the building up of your holy Church;
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: Kym Reid

Isaiah 51.1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song.

Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

- 1 I will give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart:
even before the gods will I sing your praises.
- 2 I will bow down toward your holy temple and give thanks to your name:
because of your faithfulness and your loving-kindness, for you have
made your name and your word supreme over all things.
- 3 At a time when I called to you, you gave me answer:
and put new strength within my soul.
- 4 All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O Lord:
for they have heard the words of your mouth;
- 5 And they shall sing of the ways of the Lord:
that the glory of the Lord is great.
- 6 For though the Lord is exalted, he looks upon the lowly:
and he comprehends the proud from afar.
- 7 Though I walk in the midst of danger,
yet will you preserve my life:
you will stretch out your hand against the fury of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.
- 8 The Lord will complete his purpose for me:
your loving-kindness, O Lord, endures for ever;
do not forsake the work of your own hands.

New Testament Reading

Reader: Rev. Bill Crossman

Matthew 16.13-20

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.”

He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.”

And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

Organ Acclamation *Epilogue (Austria) - June Nixon (b.1950)*

The Sermon *Rev. Bill Crossman*

Organ Reflection *Adagio – Vivace from Sonata IV in e, BWV 528 - J.S.Bach*

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.

**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 is slow to anger and full of compassion,
forgiving all who humbly repent
and trust in his Son as Saviour and Lord.
God therefore forgives you in Christ Jesus,
in whom there is no condemnation. **Amen.**

THE MINISTRY OF PRAYER

The Intercessions

Leader: Kym Reid

Lord God, we present ourselves, our souls and bodies, to you. You give us life, you give us love, you give us yourself. Transform us by your love, that we may know and do your will, that we may live and work to your praise and glory through Jesus Christ, King of glory.

We pray for the unity of your church, that we may work together for the good of all. We give thanks for the gifts you have given to us; let us use them to your glory. We pray especially for all who exercise the gifts of ministry, teaching and healing.

*Your loving-kindness, Lord, endures forever. **Hear our prayer.***

We pray for all people, that our talents and abilities may be able to be used. Bless each of us in our vocation and work. At this time of economic and social uncertainty, we remember those who have been made redundant, and the unemployed. We remember all whose talents are not being used and whose attempts to work have been thwarted. Help us to remember that –

*Your loving-kindness, Lord, endures forever. **Hear our prayer.***

Bless our homes with holiness and hospitality, with cheerfulness and kindness, with generosity and with goodness. We pray for our loved ones, our neighbours and our friends, the communities to which we belong and the places where we find ourselves led.

*Your loving-kindness, Lord, endures forever. **Hear our prayer.***

We pray for those known to us who are suffering in body, mind or spirit. We pray for those feeling isolated and those searching for a place to plant their feet in the world. We pray for all who find making relationships difficult. We remember the lonely, and those who have been rejected or betrayed. We pray

for all who are in trouble, need, sickness or any other adversity. Help us to be sensitive to their need.

*Your loving-kindness, Lord, endures forever. **Hear our prayer.***

We give thanks for all who have been strengthened by their faith, for the lives of those who have died in faith. We give thanks for the example of those who have gone before us, remembering especially Olga Jackson and praying for her family at their time of sadness & loss. Lord, grant us, with them, a share in your heavenly kingdom.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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 of Dismissal

Gracious and loving God, we have joined together in worship today to listen, learn and pray. Although we've been unable to meet our friends, young and old, we commend them to your care until we can be together again. We've come to hear more about Jesus and to share with others what we already know. Father that's why we've come to church – and come gladly. As we leave our time together, help us to be the church-your people, living in your world.

**The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Postlude

Prelude in e, BWV 533 – J.S.Bach

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymn:

Ye that know the Lord is gracious

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

Anthem:

Behold, the Tabernacle of God - William Harris

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=EHDO_6n2ih4

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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