



13The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 6th September 2020

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 18



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

<https://youtu.be/zPjRy2FmotM>

Welcome

Rev. Canon Libbie Crossman

Organ Prelude

Interlude in the form of a canon – William Harris (1883 - 1973)
(today is the Anniversary of Harris' death)

Opening Sentence:

sung by Cantor

'Where two or three are gathered in my name,' says the Lord, 'I am there among them.'

Matthew 18: 20

The Greeting

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!
By his great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

1 Peter 1.3

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 prayers and 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.**

Go before us, O Lord, and further us with your continual help, that in all our works, begun, continued, and ended in you, we may glorify your holy name, and finally, by your mercy, obtain everlasting life; 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.**

Living God, you made your Church to grow through the zeal, courage, and unflinching witness of your servants martyred in New Guinea: give to us and all your people such steadfast faith in your good purposes that we may serve faithfully wherever you have stationed us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Reader: TBA

Ezekiel 33.7-11

So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, ‘O wicked ones, you shall surely die’, and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: ‘Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?’ Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Hear the word of the Lord:

thanks be to God.

- 33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes:
and I will honour it to the end.
- 34 Give me understanding, that I may keep your law:
that I may keep it with my whole heart.
- 35 Guide me in the path of your commandments:
for therein is my delight.
- 36 Incline my heart to your commands:
and not to selfish gain.
- 37 Turn away my eyes from looking on vanities:
as I walk in your way give me life.
- 38 Make good your promise to your servant:
the promise that endures for all who fear you.
- 39 Turn aside the taunts that I dread:
for your judgements are very good.
- 40 Lord, I long for your precepts:
in your righteousness give me life.

New Testament Reading

Reader: TBA

Matthew 18.10-20

“Take care that you do not despise one of these little ones; for, I tell you, in heaven their angels continually see the face of my Father in heaven.

What do you think? If a shepherd has a hundred sheep, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go in search of the one that went astray? And if he finds it, truly I tell you, he rejoices over it more than over the ninety-nine that never went astray. So it is not the will of your Father in heaven that one of these little ones should be lost.

“If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses.

If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.

Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.”

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

Acclamation *Liebster Jesu, wir sind hier (var.2) – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)*

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

The Sermon *Fr. Michael*

Musical Reflection *God be in my head – Henry Walford Davies (6 Sept 1869-1941)*
(today is the Anniversary of Davies' birth)

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: Rev. Canon Libbie Crossman

Almighty God, we remember before you this day the blessed martyrs of New Guinea, who, following the example of their Saviour, laid down their lives for their friends; and we pray that we who honour their memory may imitate their loyalty and faith.

We thank you for your servants, Henry Holland, Henry Mathews, John Barge, Bernard Moore, and Vivian Redlich whom you called to serve as Priests and to minister your word and sacrament among your people in PNG and give their lives for your sake.

Stir up the hearts of all ordained ministers to serve you well in all circumstances and to hold high your light of truth and love like them, and give us courage to witness to our faith.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

God of hope and love, your servants Margery Brenchley and May Hayman gave loving hope of healing and health to the sick. Bless all doctors and nurses in their work; guide and strengthen us to be your instruments of hope to the hopeless, the helpless, the suffering and the poor.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

We see in your servants, Mavis Parkinson and Lilla Lashmar, the loving concern for children's education; help us in our time to give loving care to our children and all students in our care, so that they may grow in wisdom and truth.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

You call people in different ministries to build your Church. We thank you for your servant, John Duffill, whose keen desire to help you well as a carpenter, carrying his share of the cross and laying down his life with others, is an example for us. Lord, guide and strengthen us in all that you call us to do – to be faithful and devoted to you and to each other.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Thank you for Leslie Gariadi and Lucien Tapiedi for their example of faithfulness, support and companionship to all they worked lived and prayed with. Help us to be true to each other and to you in faith and love.

God of grace, hear our prayer.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord and grant us, like the martyrs of Papua New Guinea, the courage to witness to our faith as we pray the prayer that Jesus taught us.

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

God give you grace to follow the Martyrs of New Guinea and all the Saints in faith and hope and love, 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 *Finale (Andante) from Sonata VI in d, op.65/6 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)*

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymns:

God is here!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QbkNXq71iis>

Who true valour see

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BVIM4_gan4E

Anthems:

Prevent us, O Lord – William Byrd

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=30clXtzRyAw>

Draw us in the Spirit's Tether – Harold Friedell

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gLzRNzp3VQI>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H06zmZVZ1K0>

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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