



The Anglican Parish of
CHRIST CHURCH ST LUCIA

Sunday, 13th September 2020

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Proper 19



Online Service of
Praise, Prayer & Proclamation

<https://youtu.be/lyULLDpRNfw>

Welcome

Fr. Michael

Organ Prelude

Vater unser in Himmelreich, BWV 683 – J.S.Bach (1685-1750)

(Luther's hymn setting of the Lord's Prayer)

Opening Sentence:

sung by Cantor

If you, O Lord, should note what we do wrong, Lord, who could stand?
But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

Psalm 130: 3-4

The Greeting

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly as you teach and admonish one another with 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 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, you call your church to witness that in Christ we are reconciled to you:
help us so to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may turn
to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Reader: TBA

Genesis 50.15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?'

So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.'

But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

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

Psalm 103 8-13

sung by Cantor

Chant – H. Walford Davies

- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy:
slow to anger and of great goodness.
- 9 He will not always be chiding:
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins:
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.

- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth:
so great is his mercy over those that fear him;
- 12 As far as the east is from the west:
so far has he set our sins from us.
- 13 As a father is tender towards his children:
so is the Lord tender to those that fear him.

New Testament Reading

Reader: TBA

Matthew 18.21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’

And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’

Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place.

Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.”

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

Acclamation

Mein erste Geschäft sei Preis – C.H. Rinck (1770-1846)

My first response is praise and thanks

The Sermon

Fr. Michael

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.

**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

Merciful and gracious God, you are slow to anger and abound in steadfast love. For all people: hear now the prayers we offer.

We pray for your sick and wounded world, that a vaccine may be found for COVID 19 and that reconciliation between races and nations may begin. Where there is suspicion, bring trust; where there is hostility, bring peace; where there is injury, bring justice.

*Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world,
and in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the healing of your wounded church, for an end to divisions and a growth in co-operation and ecumenism. Where there is error, bring truth; where there is hurt, bring forgiveness; where there is exclusion, bring welcome.

*Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world,
and in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

We pray for the healing of our wounded community, for the well-being of all who are disregarded and forgotten. Where there is neglect, bring concern, where there is hardship, bring relief, where there is despair, bring hope.

*Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world,
and in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

We pray for your wounded people, for ease from suffering for those ill in body, mind or spirit. Where there is pain, bring comfort; where there is sorrow, bring consolation; where there is abuse, bring repentance and care.

*Forgiving God, help us to bring your reconciling love to the world, and in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.***

We pray with thanksgiving for your good and faithful people who have brought your reconciling love through the ages. Help us to follow in their footsteps. May we with all the saints be found acceptable in your eyes and enter your eternal presence.

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

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, go in peace to love and serve the Lord:
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Postlude Fuga from Sonata VI in d, op.65/6 - Felix Mendelssohn (1809-47)

MUSIC LINKS:

Hymn:

Just as I am

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cZ66ztl1N10>

Anthem:

Blessed be the God and Father – S.S. Wesley

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=389leQkiGgk>

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